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UPDATE: YEAR ROUND HOMELESS SHELTER

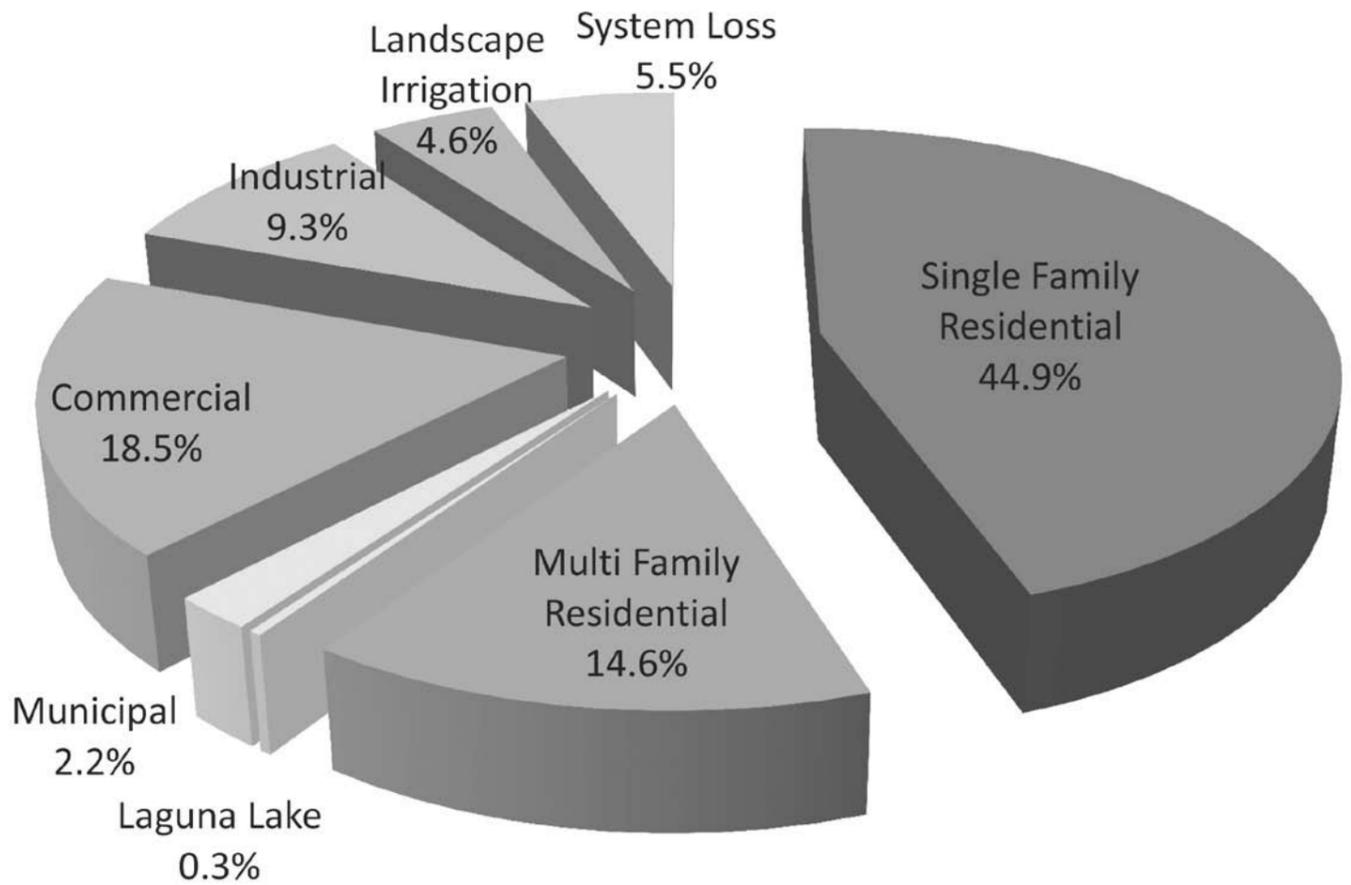
The real estate division of the County of Orange will bring consideration of a proposed purchase and sale agreement for 1000 N. Kramer Place, Anaheim at the 9:30am Tuesday, June 2nd meeting of the OC Board of Supervisors.

Board approval of the \$4.25 million agreement for office space, storage and a possible year-round homeless emergency center does not commit the county to a definite course of action. Any additional decisions about the use of the property would be brought back for consideration by the board.

If later approved as a year-round homeless shelter the location, in an industrial park, would replace the current partial-year use of the National Guard Armory on Brookhurst which is located in a residential neighborhood.

The board meets in the Hall of Administration (NW corner of Broadway and Santa Ana Blvd.) in Santa Ana.

Groups working with the homeless population, including the OC Human Relations Commission and the Fullerton Homeless Task Force, strongly support a year-round multi-service shelter as a critical solution to getting people off the streets, out of the parks and neighborhoods, and into a safe place where services they need can be centrally located to help them get their lives back on track.



The pie chart above shows the water used by various categories within the city. The Landscape Irrigation category is what industries use in outdoor watering. The Commercial category includes water to businesses and schools.

50% CUT BACK IN RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE WATERING

"Fullerton must save 2 billion gallons of water within the upcoming 9 months or face state fines of up to \$10,000 per day for going over the limit," said Fullerton Water Systems Manager Dave Schickling at the May 19th council meeting.

"The city must report its water use each month and the state will base fines on how many days the city went over the limit within the 9-month period."

Schickling presented the city's drought plan in response to Governor Brown's

April 1st order for 25% reduction in water use based on usage in 2013. For Fullerton this means a 28% cut back. In addition the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has announced a 15% cutback in water supplies to the city.

The city will be going into Phase III restrictions which include staggered outdoor watering allowed before 8am and after 6pm: even addresses, Tuesdays & Saturdays; odd addresses, Thursdays & Sundays.

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Fun Upcoming Events

• SAT, JUNE 6, 2PM: JOURNALIST & AUTHOR TRACY WOOD will speak at the Friends of Pollak Library CSUF on "The Toxic Mix of Corruption & War." Wood, as a UPI reporter, was one of the few women assigned to cover Vietnam. Free

• SAT, JUNE 6, 5PM-9PM: TASTE OF THE TOWN Beachside Bistro benefit for Assistance League philanthropies. Tickets: 714-526-5124 (under 12 Free)

• MON, JUNE 15, 10AM: FLAG DAY CEREMONY by Wilshire Wise Students Fullerton College Quad, 321 E. Chapman Ave, Fullerton. Free

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Tenants are Targets of Serial Towing Where They Live

According to Fullerton police records there were 357 late night tows from apartment complexes, and parking lots adjacent to apartment buildings, in the month of April. One example shows 21 tenant vehicles were towed from inside the gated Homestead Apartment complex in little over two and a half weeks - from May 1 through the pre-dawn hours of May 19. Why are tenants being targeted by the management of the places where they live?

On May 19, four Homestead tenants talked while waiting to retrieve their vehicles from To & Mo Towing. The four, noting that their receipts showed they had all been towed at 2:40am, speculated on whether there was a business arrangement between Arnel (the company which manages Homestead for billionaire owner George Argyros) and the tow company.

Certainly the complex located on Deerpark Drive and Yorba Linda Blvd. near Cal State Fullerton would be lucrative picking grounds for such an exclusive deal. Each of the 700 (one- and two-bedroom) units come with one designated parking spot and one hangtag parking pass. Many of the two-bed units are shared by four students. So, on any night there is the potential for two, of the four students per unit, to be forced to park in



Arnel Property Management authorizes a tow company to tow cars of the Homestead apartment complex tenants on Deerpark & Yorba Linda Blvd. in Fullerton.

one of the undesignated open parking spots within the complex gates - without the protection of the required parking tag.

West Coast Metro Patrol is hired by Arnel Management to patrol the Homestead complex - and is authorized by them to call To & Mo for towing of vehicles. The representative said that his company works as a "Courtesy Patrol," to attend to various complaints such as loud noise, unauthorized pool use, and parking violations. They refer any crime activity to police. He says it is a big complex so the parking patrol covers only part of the complex per night.

When Arnel Management was contacted by the Observer for an explanation of why they direct their security company to tow the vehicles of their own tenants, VP of Administration Rick Pinette said, "I know you probably have a few tenants who are upset about being towed but I'm not giving any formal statement on this."

While the West Coast Metro representative stated his company had absolutely no financial arrangement with any tow companies, both Arnel Management and To & Mo declined to comment on whether tow fees are shared.

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Our purpose is to inform Fullerton residents about the institutions and other societal forces which most impact their lives, so that they may be empowered to participate in constructive ways to keep and make these private and public entities serve all residents in lawful, open, just, and socially-responsible ways.

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PASSION FOR JUSTICE

by Synthia Tran

Injustice & Money

After ransacking the wealth of business owners in South Vietnam and transporting tons of gold across the border to repay the war debt to China and the Soviet Union, the government of Vietnamese Communist (VC) started robbing from the general public by exchanging and controlling the currency.

There was a lot of paper currency circulating on the market but not many good products to buy, so inflation was high. Precious merchandise like gold, diamonds, and jade changed hands on the black market for profit to avoid the watchful eyes of the government.

One evening, a government advisory warned that a tornado was coming the following day and that everyone should limit travel. The next morning they announced the new “money exchange.” People would have the opportunity to exchange 500 units of current VND (*Vietnamese Dong, the currency of Vietnam*) to 1 unit of the new VND, and the maximum allowance would be 1000 new VND for each family.

South Vietnamese people were in shock, dismay, and wondered what we would do with the money that we were not allowed to exchange? Some despondent people jumped to death from their high balconys with a big bag of money by their body.

One of our neighbors banged on our front door in the early morning and volunteered to exchange money for us because she didn't have much to exchange. We knew her as she was a classmate of my cousin, and father allowed her to use the area in front of our home to buy and sell merchandise so she could make a living. Father gave her some money hoping she would help exchange and bring back the new currency. To our surprise, she didn't come back, and we had no courage to ask for fear of prosecution by the government.

All food and necessities were rare so they were being distributed by rationing. For example, every government male worker was allowed to buy 18 kg of rice per month, and female workers were allowed 15 kg. The government reasoned that men must eat more than women.

For meat distribution, on the other hand, both men and women were entitled to buy 1 kg (2.2 lbs) of meat per month. There was a joke that this surgeon was about to operate on a patient when there was an announcement over

the loud speaker that “It's time to distribute meat”; he then put down his surgical equipment and rushed out of the door to collect his portion because his entire family relied on it for a whole month's nutrition!

Sugar, cooking oil, fabric, etc. were also being distributed similarly. For non-government people, there was a black market for everything – if you had the money.

After a year or so, with the black market, bribes, corruption, and paper money flooding the market, inflation skyrocketed. So the VC ordered the money exchange again. Currency was swapped three times in the period of about four years. The outside world knew nothing about it; even the younger generation in Vietnam was not aware.

It's also worth mentioning that healthcare and medication during this period were very poor, especially at the local level ward and district.

Diagnosis and treatment were free at that time but the doctors were North Vietnamese nurses who were promoted after only three years on the job.

I remember they prescribed the antibiotic Tetracycline for any illness we had: stomach aches, sore throat, flu, cold, etc. It amazes me how many of us are still alive and well today.

At the beginning of the “Revolution,” as the winners called it, the men who made a living by transporting people and merchandise by the tricycle called “xe xích lô”, looked up at the highrise buildings and said to each other that “We will live there, very soon.” To their disappointment, only government officials were allowed to live in the big buildings and nice houses. The tricycle men would continue to labor until they could no longer do it, and then they would rely on their children, relatives, charities, or become panhandlers to survive.

Poor people were fooled into supporting the communists. They were thinking of the ideal of communism, where everyone works hard and receives their fair share. They were wrong. They were treated with injustice all their lives along with current and future generations.

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Easy Way to Save Water

It goes without saying that it is important that we all save water. And, there is an easy way to do this. You can go to a hardware store and buy a showerhead which has a lever which turns the shower water off and on. Then, when you take a shower, you can wet down and then turn the water off using lever while you soap up and shampoo. After this, you can turn the water back on using the lever to rinse off. Of course, you can do this with a regular showerhead, but you waste more water doing it that way. This is because with a regular showerhead you have to spend time adjusting the hot and cold water knobs and even waiting for the water to heat back up again.

If you turn off the shower water using the lever on a showerhead with one, you can rinse off right after turning it back on with the lever because the temperature of the water will still be the same then as before you turned it off. This is because the lever turns the water off and on beyond where it is adjusted by the hot and cold water knobs.

Randy Cox Orange

A New Home for the Homeless

The OC Register and the Fullerton Observer have recently published a number of articles and letters about the proposed full-time (24/7) shelter for the homeless at 1000 N. Kraemer St. in Anaheim. These entries are a hodge-podge of reports from various writers that give very little information about the building and whether or not it would be acceptable.

There were several errors, such as the one the April 9 issue of the Register that stated that the Fullerton Armory gives shelter to 380 homeless persons per night. Having been a volunteer for 3 years at that shelter, I know that the real figure is 200, and at the armory in Santa Ana, is also 200.

The breath of fresh air we were waiting for just came along in Curtis Gamble's article in the Fullerton Observer, Early May addition. Curtis describes the building at 1000 N. Kraemer, even noting that one section is divided into about 24 rooms. He informed us that bus stops for lines 38, 129, 59 and 213 are only about 2 blocks away from the building's front door. He noted that there is easy access to the 91, 57, and 55 freeways and that inside the gates there is room to park up to 74 cars and trucks.

These are good features, but personally my preference would be shelters accommodating 50 people each in most every city in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Should we still call them homeless when they have their new full-time homes?

Joseph Weeks Anaheim

Xin Chao Ms. Tran

I have been following your writing in the Fullerton Observer with some interest. I am the leader of a group of 20 people at the First Presbyterian Church in Fullerton. We are interested in having you share your experiences in Vietnam, including how you left and came to the United States. I look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely Bob Bergstrom

Xin Chao Mr. Robert Bergstrom:

I am honored that you have invited me to address your group and I really appreciate your kindness in giving me the opportunity. However, I have decided to only share my experiences through the Observer until the day I complete my memoirs in book form. I hope you understand and will forgive me for declining your kind offer. Best Regards Synthia Tran

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<i>California leads the nation with 886 soldiers wounded and 252 dead in wars since 2001.</i>	
IN IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN	
• 139,272	Civilians killed by Violence www.iraqbodycount.org (5/29/2015)
• 4,491	US Soldiers killed in Iraq: (DoD 5/29/2015)
• 2,358	US Soldiers killed in Afghanistan (5/29/2015) www.icasualties.org
• 32,223	US Soldiers wounded (DOD reports) www.icasualties.org
• 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)
• \$1.6 Trillion	Cost of Wars Since 2001 www.costofwar.com (5/29/2015)
	(rounded down) (Iraq \$818 billion) (Afghanistan \$702 billion)
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OUT OF MY MIND

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IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN & THE FUTURE LIES AHEAD*

We're currently obsessing about what we'd have done "if only we'd known then what we know now" in Iraq. Were we lied to by Bush/Cheney? Did some just honestly get it wrong? Was all the intelligence wrong?

This re-litigation of how we got into Iraq is both long over-due and ill timed. It serves as a distraction from the lies we have been told by this administration and are being told today. Let me be clear, all governments try to control the news; they spin it so as to look good. However, distortion and spinning become fabrications and deceptions until growing into full-fledged lies.

But is lying too strong a word? You decide. There was an intentional conflation of weapons of mass destruction with nukes. Yes, it's literally true that we didn't want proof of WMDs to be a mushroom shaped cloud over one of our cities. But that wasn't a clear and present danger. We knew Saddam had no nukes but did have some chemicals. We let that conflation stand and still do. We've defined down to nearly meaninglessness WMDs. The Tsarnaev brother's terrible pressure cookers were charged as weapons of mass destruction. On that depreciated standard Saddam had WMDs. Truth or lie? Your call.

Sy Hersh raised questions with the official story of the killing of Osama Bin Laden. While his version may have problems, they're not nearly as serious as the self-evident absurdity of Obama's original version.

We flew two Blackhawk helicopters into Pakistan undetected by their military—despite having equipped them with the latest radar. We flew into Abbottabad, a mile from Pakistan's West Point, crashed a helicopter and no one showed up to investigate. Oh, that's right, the lights were out in the entire city by some strange coincidence. Ah, yes, there was an extra helicopter hovering about to rescue the folks if one bird happened to be disabled.

There was a firefight to get to Bin Laden—and while we killed him, his guards and possibly a wife, we all escaped unscathed. And still no mob gathered. Amazing.

When Pakistan scrambled its air defenses, they all flew east, believing, they said, that the intrusion came from India not Afghanistan. Again, advanced radar couldn't tell the direction of our copters?

We were extremely careful to identify Bin Laden's DNA and take pictures, but disposed of the body at sea and suppressed the photographic evidence.

No, I don't believe that Bin Laden is alive, but neither do I believe that Pakistan didn't know where he was or that no high-ranking Pakistanis sold him out. What I do believe is that we didn't get a straight story about Iraq from George W, nor did we get a straight story from Obama about Bin Laden or Iraq.

What's dangerous is if we don't use the past lies to inform the present, and deal with the future lies ahead.

Right now, we're not winning in Iraq. We don't have a reasonable prospect of winning in Iraq/Syria against ISIS. We're actively losing, and our government is

lying—lying as they did in Vietnam when we won every battle and body count, yet lost the war.

We've killed every "second in command" of Al Qaeda, of the Taliban and now of ISIS. Or maybe everyone we kill we promote to second in command, post mortem.

We just killed the well-known ISIS Emir of Oil, that no one in the intelligence community had heard of pre-mortem. Many analysts believe we were looking for someone else but had to settle with the corpse we had. The corpse's name may have been Abu Sayyaf, a Nom de Guerre, translating as Father of Sayyaf. This either means that he has a son

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named Sayyaf or his fighting name is literally Father of a Sword-maker. We killed him and took his wife, Om Sayyaf (Mother of a Sword-maker) captive. We say she'll be a great source of intelligence. Sure, the radical Sunni men of ISIS are known for confiding in their women.

This great kill is supposed to distract us from the fact that Ramadi has fallen to ISIS. Mosul has been in ISIS' hands for a year. We made 19 bombing runs in the 24 hours before Ramadi fell. The Iraqi government soldiers fled, once again leaving their American supplied guns, rockets, grenades and Humvees. We are the arms suppliers of ISIS and ought to boycott ourselves!

Our generals are lying, but it's their job not to look bad, nor to make the policy makers (Obama) look bad. Sec. of State Kerry is lying, but remember a diplomat is someone who is paid to lie for his country. "Oh a small tactical stumble, a slight reversal. Not what we wanted, but no big deal." Mosul, Fallujah, now Ramadi, are places we fought for and died for and now promise to fight for them again. Really? Why? Who?

ISIS is Sunni. Baghdad is Shiite. Iraqi Sunnis will not fight and die for their Shiite oppressors (whom we put in place) and the only nation willing to die killing ISIS is Shiite Iran. Sunnis cannot be "liberated" by Shiites. So whom shall we send to take back Mosul, Fallujah and Ramadi? Maybe Sunni Turkey will fight ISIS? Well, no. Turkey, our NATO ally, has been buying the stolen oil from ISIS and the late Father of a Sword-maker.

One way or another, we got into Iraq with poor intelligence. Presidents, we'll all agree, can't make good decisions without good information. Voters can't make intelligent decisions without good information. This is why we should call out the lies, all the lies, past, present and the future lies ahead.

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Water Conservation Yes - But Not By Turning in Neighbors

I do not like that the City of Fullerton, is now encouraging residents to report on neighbors as a water waster! They have set-up the Water Waster hotline. "If you notice that a neighbor is overwatering or has a water leak call the Water Waster hotline, at 714-738-6744 or email WaterConservation@cityoffullerton.com"

Shouldn't we focus on finding better solutions on how to reduce our water usage, not turn-in citizens just to 'fine' them.

My recommendations on how the city could be pro-active: (1) Publish a list of companies that can provide water-saving

devices for the home and lawn. (2) Create a Fullerton Beautification award for best looking landscape with 80% drought-tolerant plants (3) Publish best practices for reducing water usage and include in the water bills (4) the city should put back the water-friendly toilets at city hall (*they were there and then they went away*), and (5) lead by example and publish water usage reports and practices. If homeowners are expected to reduce water by 50%, so should our city.

We need to lead in water conservation through education not by turning in our fellow neighbors! Gary Graves Fullerton

If Conservation Doesn't Work Out - What's Plan B?

Now we have it! Our city has jumped from Phase I to Phase III in response to the governor's mandatory cut in water usage by 25% throughout the entire state.

As a Fullerton resident, I will do my best to comply with the city's demand. I was one of the early adopters of water conservation. I started saving water over three years ago by removing 1000 SF of grass and replacing it with cement and ground cover, which requires much less water. I have also stopped washing my car at home and go to a car wash where they recycle. I have applied for rebates to remove another 950 SF of turf in my back yard. My gardener just removed 250 SF of the ground cover, which grows out of control and will replace it with drought tolerant plants and rocks.

I replaced the faucets and the washing machine. To be honest, I don't like the new washer and if I had a choice, I would go back to the old washer in a heartbeat.

The city is fair not to order a cut across the board as many of us feared. We only need to reduce the outdoor watering to two days a week, no watering between the hours of 8am and 6pm, and all the leaks need to be repaired promptly or face a fine.

That's easy! I can do that without any problem even though my heart sinks knowing that the remainder of my front lawn will die under the summer heat. I can only hope and pray for El Niño to bring us rain, and hope my lawn will revive itself in the winter.

Now we just need to iron out some details: According to the proposal that was accepted by the City Council on May

19th, the two-day a week outdoor watering was assigned as follow: Even addresses should water on Wednesday and Saturday; odd addresses on Thursday and Sunday. However, I went on the city website today, and it says the outdoor watering days are Monday, Thursday, and Saturday. So which days are the right days? My brother just went on a trip with his family, and I told him to reschedule his sprinklers to water on Thursday and Sunday. If this is wrong, I hope the city won't give him a ticket because I will have to pay for it.

Using figures from the Pacific Institute, the average water usage for outdoor landscaping is 50% of the total. So by cutting the outdoor watering from 7 days to 2 days, as the proposal suggests we would be able to meet the 28% cut requirement.

Well, we may need to take a second look. Not many people water the lawn daily anymore. In fact, around my two-mile daily jogging path, I have seen a lot of brown front yards in the past couple of years, and the number is growing. A large number of home owners have already abandoned their yards to save water, so the 50% outdoor watering estimate may no longer be correct. Will cutting two days really save the amount we are hoping for?

My fear is that we will not be able to meet our quota. Then what? What is our plan B?

S. Dang Fullerton

Ed: The council will finalize the vote on the new ordinance at its June 2 meeting, after which the new watering days will be posted online.

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MAY 19 COUNCIL MEETING (NEXT MEETING JUNE 2)

Water Supply Shortage & Phase III Restrictions

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Water use in Fullerton is 60% residential. Of that residential use, 60% to 80% is used for outdoor watering. Residents will be required to cut outdoor water use in half. Violators will receive one written notice and then fines. The state allows fines of \$100 for 2nd time; \$300 for 3rd time; and \$500 for 4th time. If there are additional violations a flow restrictor can be installed. Residents can appeal a violation to the Energy Resource Management Committee.

According to directions from the state those with irrigated lots of 3-acres or more may apply for special plans. Other water

saving measures include: pools must be covered; no filling or draining of pools can take place within the next four months; no fountains except recirculating, no hosing off pavement, no runoff properties, no water at restaurants unless requested, no potable irrigation of turf on city owned property; no spray irrigation on new home construction and more.

As detailed in the Mid May *Fullerton Observer* pages 1 and 2, city parks will fall into three categories for water restriction from 10% to 85%.

Council passed the ordinance minus the Laguna Lake draining portion (*see discussion at right*) in a 4-1 vote (Whitaker, no). A final vote takes place June 2.

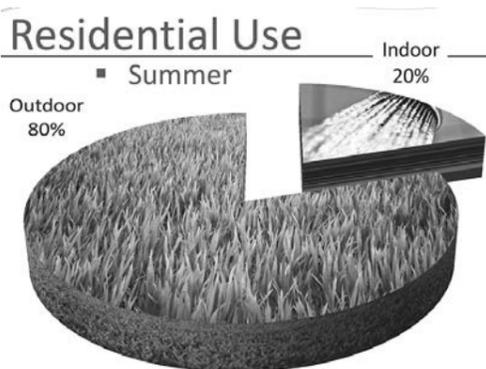
Is a 50% Cut Back on Landscape Watering Enough?

During the discussion of the conservation measures Councilmember Flory brought forth some calculations and questioned whether relying on reduction of landscape watering alone would be enough to meet the 2 billion gallon water savings goal.

Fullerton's 45,000 households use about 22,500 acre feet of water in total. The average household uses about a half an acre foot per year: 446 gallons per day, per household - with roughly 60% or 267 gallons of that amount per day going to landscape watering; up to 80% in summer (*but, possibly less per household for multi-family apartments*).

If each household cuts water use by 14.5 gallons per day, 2.1 billion gallons of water would be saved in a year citywide but only 1.6 billion in 9 months.)

The city has to cut water use by 2 bil-



1 acre foot = 325,851 gallons
 1/2 acre foot = 162,925 gallons
 45,000 x 162,925 = 7,331,625,000 gallons
 60% is used on outside watering
 60% of 7,331,625,000 = 4,398,975,000 gallons
 4,398,975,000/2 = 2,199,487,500 gallons
 2,199,487,500/45,000 = 48,877.5 gallons
 48,877.5/365 = 14.5 gallons per day/household

lion gallons within the next 9 months to meet the state mandate of a 28% reduction in water use.

Will restrictions in other categories be enough to take up the slack?

NO BUILDING MORATORIUM?

The new requirements do not include a building moratorium as has happened in Santa Barbara and Monticito, and as was suggested by several public speakers. New housing developments will instead fall under a Net Zero plan. This means that instead of a 28% cutback, new developments will be required to use less or the same water that was used on the property prior to development. This will be further discussed at an upcoming session.

LARGE INDUSTRIAL WATER USERS

The city's largest industrial water users are being asked to cut back by 28% if they can. Asked by the *Observer*, the city representative said he was not allowed to divulge who those large users are. Hopefully they do not include oil companies. At least one of Fullerton's largest water users is known. Kimberly Clark, which makes toilet paper, used 679 million gallons of water in 1990 (enough to serve 4,500 families) according to its own records. Its most recent 2010 Sustainability Report states it was cutting that level by nearly 350 million gallons per year through recycling, clarifying and then reusing waste water. (See <http://www.sustainabilityreport2010.kimberly-clark.com/planet/protecting-water-resources.asp#sthash.TAO1Gmnh.dpuf>)

MORE FAKE GRASS STARTING WITH LADERA VISTA JR. HIGH FIELD

Replacing city-owned grassy areas in parks and school fields used by the city for sports teams is being considered according to City Manager Joe Felz who said he had just met with Fullerton School District Superintendent Robert Pletka on the subject. That plan may start with a proposed \$4 million project to install artificial turf at the Ladera Vista Jr. High School field.

Councilmember Whitaker said converting more sports fields to artificial turf seemed a wise thing to do. "The city should lead on areas where grass can be replaced by artificial turf or zeroscape."

Councilmember Flory, while agreeing with the zeroscape idea, advised caution on covering the city in artificial turf, saying she would like to learn more about the down-side before adding more. She said she had recently read about some negative features of artificial turf including its tendency to heat up to very high temperatures on hot days and its ability to harbor viruses.

According to Director Schickling the grass replacement issues will be discussed separately and are not part of the ordinance being voted on June 2

Temporary Draining of Laguna Lake Proposed

A contentious part of the city water supply shortage plan, the draining of Laguna Lake, brought a chamber full of citizens to the May 19th council meeting to speak on the cons.

The reasoning behind allowing the lake to drain is that it has been leaking since its \$7 million renovation in 2006 (*\$5 million from the state and \$2 million from the city*). During that renovation it was decided that the man-made lake, which had never required a liner in the past, still wouldn't require one. However, it is now believed that the dredging of the bottom of the lake during the renovation may have uncovered a fissure of some sort, though divers sent down to track the water leak with blue dye were unable to find one.

Over the past five years the lake has been losing water at a rate of 50 gallons per minute (over 26 million gallons per year) presumably through this mysterious leak. More expensive MWD water is used to replace the loss because the feed from that water supplier is nearby.

According to Catherine Lancaster of North Fullerton Homeowners Association, the group which played a key role in getting the renovation of the lake started, there is no mystery. "The lake naturally drains into the Coyote Creek," she said. She said a building moratorium would save more water than would draining the lake. Commenting on the 50% landscape watering regulation she said that many property owners must continue to water their sloping properties or risk fire and slippage. She also suggested a fire-works ban be put in place during the drought.

Many public commenters including a

St. Jude nurse and doctor warned that draining the lake could trigger a massive uptick in West Nile Virus for which Orange County became famous as the epicenter last year with 282 confirmed cases and 8 deaths. The virus is spread by mosquitos.

St. Jude Heritage doctor Pauline Liang said that most people contracting the virus would just feel flu symptoms but that those with auto-immune conditions and the elderly could die from WNV. She suggested the city reach out to the elderly population with help in removing turf and that the difficult turf replacement application process on the BeWaterWise website be simplified. "Draining the lake is not a good idea," she added.

Mary Homme, who lives near the lake, said she is still in the recovery process from contracting WNV last year when she fell into a coma and was hospitalized for 4 months due to the virus. Her husband was also struck by the virus seven years earlier. "Mosquitos have been increasing," she said, "If you drain the lake you have to beware of a mosquito WNV outbreak."

According to the city, OC Vector Control can keep the danger down by spraying and introducing mosquito larva eating fish.

Expert Shakil Siddiqui said that a liner can be installed without draining the lake.

Elaine Mitchel objected to the Net Zero idea for new construction and suggested a building moratorium would save more water than draining the lake. There were many other comments mostly from residents opposed to the draining on grounds that it is a well used park and draining would cause health issues.

Other City Business

•**CIVIL AIR PATROL:** The Civil Air Patrol cadets dressed in uniforms with white gloves and carrying rifles brought and placed the American flag to the chambers. The Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the US Air Force, has over 5,000 squadrons with 70,000 members in the US. One squadron with 60 members is based at Fullerton Airport. According to Captain Goeggel the squadron helps with search and rescue missions when called upon, and teaches young people "leadership and how to follow." For more info visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com.

•**MEMORIAL DAY:** Ed Paul, coordinator for the American Veterans Association 77th annual Memorial Day ceremony at Loma Vista, invited volunteers to help place flags and remove, iron, and pack them away for next year. 600 volunteers help out each year. Call 714-871-2416 or visit www.avmfullerton.org for info.

•**SELECTIVE SERVICE:** Lt. (JG) Jason Morgan of the Navy Reserves said the Selective Service is seeking board members. Males ages 18-26 must register for the US Selective Service which is an insurance policy in the event that the draft is reinstated. They are trying to make sign up mandatory when you get a drivers license. Go to www.sss.gov for more info.

•**CLOSED SESSION REPORT:** The council voted unanimously to settle the case brought by Loretta Salas for \$30,000.

•**BLAKE FAMILY RECOGNIZED:** Mayor Sebourn and Mayor Protem Fitzgerald presented a certificate to James and Sarah Blake and their kids Jude, Jonah and Sofia. The family hosts a 4th of July Block Party each year. The kids came to a previous council meeting to make the case that block party fees were too much. They did such a fine job presenting their reasoning that council agreed at a subsequent meeting to drop the fees altogether. The 4th of July Block party held on Live Oak Ave. begins at 9am on July 4th. Public invited.

•**TROY HIGH SCIENCE OLYMPIAD RECOGNIZED:** The council recognized the Troy High Science Olympiad team students and faculty for their 10th time winning the national title. After the photo opp a 1/5th of the audience left the chambers and were replaced with those attending to speak about the possible draining of Laguna Lake. (see item at right)

•**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** After discussion an open-ended 5-year contract with a public relations firm was continued to June 2 when it will come back with more specifics. Public Works feels the city needs a professional consultant to handle getting information to businesses surrounding areas of large construction projects.

Councilmember Whitaker said, "Sounds like you are trying to sell the project when you just have to give accurate information so that businesses can inform their customers." He suggested using Fullerton's current public information officer and free media coverage through newspapers, radio and social media.

Council agreed that more specifics were needed on the hourly rate and cost of the 5-year contract before a decision is made.

•**FIRE INSURANCE AT GOLF COURSE:** Council agreed to a \$250,000 deductible necessary to be eligible for \$800,000 in insurance payments for the damages to an American Golf Course maintenance shed and its contents caused by the recent Brea Dam fire. The deductible will be paid back by the Brea Dam Fund. The cause of the fire is still under investigation but is not believed to be suspicious in nature.

•**GENDER ACCOMMODATIONS:** A \$234,000 contract will add bathroom, shower and sleeping accommodations for females at Fullerton's Main Fire Station. Station #4 will be done next year and then all fire stations will have accommodations for female firefighters and paramedics.

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TENANT TARGETS OF REGULAR TOWING BY THE APARTMENT COMPLEXES WHERE THEY LIVE

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All Homestead tenants must register their vehicle licence numbers with the management so that vehicles not belonging to tenants can be identified.

"At lease signing time," says the current manager, "tenants are told about the parking restrictions before they sign."

According to California Vehicle Code 22658 Section (a)(1) - tow companies may not tow a car unless permanent signs are posted at each entrance to the property. Although there were no permanent posted signs at Homestead prohibiting parking at the pre-dawn hours of May 19, a sign was erected at the main entrance later that day.

In addition, a notice printed on white typing paper was scotch-taped in four locations nearby the apartments of residents who had been towed May 19th. The current Homestead manager said that the notices were a courtesy reminder and placed at all 700 residences. However, based on a tour of the complex by an *Observer* reporter, this did not appear to be the case. A co-manager's statement that the permanent entrance sign had been up for about two months was false according to eye-witnesses. No permanent signs were posted on or near any of the open parking spaces within the complex.

The Fullerton Police Department is not involved in arranging towing on private property except in incidences of crime. However, all tow companies are required to notify police when they tow. They must state the reason for the tow and give the licence plate for a stolen vehicle check.

Those whose cars are towed must show the FPD proof of identity before retrieving their vehicle from the tow yard. This \$55 service (which includes the stolen vehicle check) is paid for by the owner of the car. To & Mo charges \$45 per day plus \$185 for the tow. So, the total cost to residents who pick up cars promptly is \$285 per incident.

One five-year resident said she had never had a problem being towed until

recently when management moved her to a different designated spot around the corner and further away from the pathway leading to her apartment. She said this was done after she complained about maggots and the unkempt condition of the trash can area adjacent to her original parking space.

In her case, parking is also a safety issue. Although she usually returns home in the daylight hours from her 12-hour shift as a nurse at a hospital, occasionally she is unexpectedly sent home early before dawn. She said she was too scared to walk from the newly designated carport spot in the darker part of the parking area and admitted parking in the closer, well-lit but unmarked spot near her apartment.

Unfortunately her son had the hang-tag and her car was towed. The manager at the time explained that open parking without a hangtag can only be used by residents for short periods of loading or unloading.

A month later she said she was again let off work early and returned home around 2:20am. She parked her car in the open unmarked parking spot closest to her apartment so she could cart her grocery bags into her apartment before moving to her new spot around the corner. Lugging the heavy bags while walking from the darker spot did not seem safe. But, when she returned to her car, it was gone.

She called Fullerton Police and Arnel Management. She found that her car had been towed from the location inside the gated apartment complex at 2:40am by To & Mo Towing.

When she questioned the new on-site manager about the most recent tow, she was told that loading and unloading was allowed, but that she had "only a few minutes to do it."

"It takes longer than that to walk to and from my apartment," said the nurse. "I don't have money to waste and would not have taken the chance of being towed again - but I believed I was OK because of what the former manager told me."



Above & Below: It was 2:20am and dark when she returned from work so she parked in the well-lit vacant unmarked spot (shown above) next to the pathway to her home to carry her groceries into the apartment. She planned to come back and move the car to her designated spot several rows away (below) but by then it was already towed.



HOMESTEAD PARKING RULES & REMINDERS

Attention Resident(s),

Please read carefully

This notice is intended to make you clear and offer a reminder on the parking rules here at the Homestead. Vehicles may be towed by West Coast Metro Parking at owner's expense if not followed.

1. Any vehicle parked in any open space without a hangtag permit clearly visible is subject to tow, whether registered or unregistered.
2. Guests are never allowed to park behind the gates
3. If you have only one registered vehicle, your one vehicle is always required to park in your one assigned carport
4. You may have a maximum of 2 registered vehicles, one must park in your carport and the second in an open space with your hangtag clearly visible.
5. If you acquire a new or replacement vehicle, you must notify on site management or West Coast Metro Parking immediately in order to register the vehicle before parking on the property
6. If your hangtag is lost, misplaced, or damaged you must immediately notify on site management to receive a replacement. A \$50 fee may apply.

*** If you need assistance with registered vehicles or have any questions during non-office hours you may reach West Coast Metro Parking 24 hours a day at 714-539-5900. ***

Thank You,
Homestead Management

Argyros' and Arnel Management were in the news in 2001 after making a \$1.5 million settlement (plus \$200,000 in civil penalties and \$150,000 in investigation and prosecution costs) in a class-action case of defrauding tenants. Arnel admitted no wrong-doing. That case was brought by the California State Attorney General against Argyros and Arnel alleging that the management company had unfairly kept the security deposits of potentially thousands of tenants. While originally investigated by the OCDA, the case was turned over to the state two months after it was revealed that the apartment owner Argyros had made major contributions to the campaign of OC District Attorney Tony Rackauckas and after Rackauckas ordered that the lawsuit against Argyros' and Arnel Management be withdrawn, saying he wanted more time to negotiate an out-of-court settlement.

POSSIBLE RESOURCES FOR TENANTS:

• **FairHousingOC.org** or 714-569-0823 may be able to help sort out tenant/landlord issues.

• **Legal Aid OC** Small Claims advisory program can be reached at (714) 571-5277 or visit www.ocsmallclaims.com. They can give answers to how to go about filing a small claims case and referrals to attorneys who can give advice.

Above:

A notice printed on typing paper was taped to just four locations around the 700-unit complex on May 19 after several tenants had their cars towed from the gated apartments where they live.



Above & Left:

Three typed notices were taped to the poles that separate a couple of carport parking spots and one was taped to a garbage enclosure





THE WILSHIRE BROTHERS

Henry Gaylord Wilshire and his brother William headed west from Ohio and eventually struck real estate gold. They landed in Los Angeles in 1884, where Henry purchased 35 acres at the western edge of town (now MacArthur Park). They headed to Long Beach after that, and when the Long Beach Hotel burned down and left them out in the cold, they made their way to Fullerton. As you know, their investment with the Amerige Brothers and the deal with George Fullerton lead the way, and a town was born.



5900 Wilshire THE SOUND

Henry Gaylord insisted the 4 blocks between Westlake and Sunset bear his name when he permitted a new street to bisect his property, so there you have it, two Wilshires, two streets, one radio show called 5900 Wilshire, and our adventure begins, right here, on the Miracle Mile. We noticed a fair resemblance of the radio show's namesake building to the progressive rock band Yes "Going for the One" album cover. That was appropriate and yes is always better than no.

Thanks to the support of 100.3FM "The Sound" GM Peter Burton, Program Director Dave Beasling and an invite from Promotions Director Chris Santoyo, Glenn Georgieff, founder of The Day of Music here in Fullerton and I were headed up to the 19th floor for an interview with Tina Mastramico.

But wait, as soon as Tina met us at the door and ushered us into the studio, here comes mid-day personality "Uncle Joe Benson", and we found ourselves being regaled in Uncle Joe's Garage just down the hallway. Joe interviews rock legends there and you can find them on www.thesoundla.com.

Meet Joe in person on June 21st and hear his son's band at the Museum Plaza too. Yea, you guessed it. The plaza is on Wilshire, of course.

At Right: Uncle Joe in his Garage

**FETE DE LA MUSIQUE
WORLD MUSIC DAY
JUNE 21**

THE SOUNDS ON WILSHIRE AVE

Tina was finally able to round us up and got the interview after all. If you want to check it out, listen to 100.3FM on Sunday June 14th at 7:30pm. Here is a snapshot from the interview of what we wanted the listeners to know, and of course, Observers too.

Glenn: "Fete de la Musique, also known as World Music Day, is an annual music festival taking place on June 21, the first day of summer, in 110 countries around the world. We have over 160 performances scheduled at over 30 venues all over the City of Fullerton, including The Museum Plaza, Hillcrest Park, in the lot behind Out of Vogue and Roadkill Ranch, Roscoes Deli, The Slidebar, churches, retail businesses, even porches and street corners."

Glenn experienced it first hand while in France, and came to the conclusion a couple of years ago that this event would work in Fullerton. "It was everywhere, it just permeated everything that was going on in the city that day."

Tina: "Mike, can you give us a little more information on what will be happening on Day of Music?"

Mike: "Leo Fender changed popular music with his innovations, his Stratocaster and Telecaster electric guitars, precision basses, amplifiers, and if people around the world have heard of Fullerton, it is likely because of that connection to Leo and the Fender connection to music all over the world. On our Main Stage, we will have Kats & Strats, one of our Mass Appeal performances, so anyone with any type of stringed instrument can participate."

We chose two very easy songs to play, "Smoke on the Water" and "Louie, Louie" and posted tutorials on our website www.thedayofmusic.com

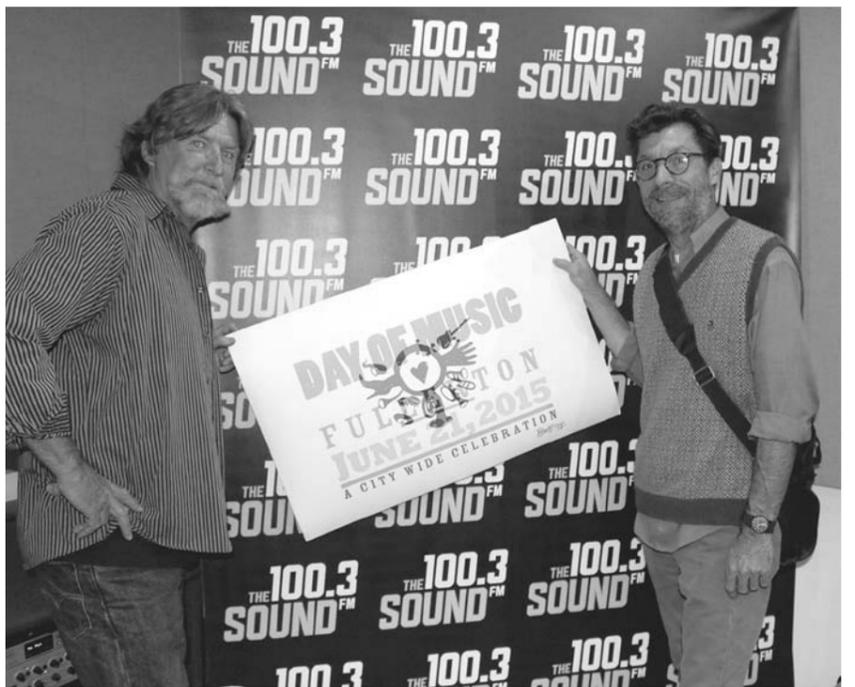
"This is something of a lark, but not a joke, and we hope everyone will follow the lead of the band on stage, Bubba and The Big Bad Blues, and right after that, local favorites Lit will lead the crowd in a performance of their huge hit "My Own

Worst Enemy". Next up, "The Jeremy Benson Band" will play, followed by an eclectic mix of performers and a special surprise act at sunset. This type of thing will happen all over Fullerton, all day long, and all of it will be FREE!



Above: Tina conducting the interviews you can hear on 100.3 FM on Sunday, June 14 at 7:30pm

Below: Mike Ritto and Glenn Georgieff at the radio station before the interview with Tina about Fullerton Day of Music coming up on June 21st.



**FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT SOUNDS
ON WILSHIRE
IN FULLERTON**

The best way to find out more is to go to the website, sign up, volunteer to help, or just check out the venues and plan your day with family and friends around town on June 21. This is something that will bring everyone together, young and old, no matter what type of music you like. Again, all of the venues provide music at no charge. We think everyone will remember this day for a long, long time and we hope it will become an annual event we all look forward to.

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ANSWER TO LAST ISSUE'S VINTAGE PHOTO

Question

On which of the four original corners of Spadra and Commonwealth did the hotel pictured at right sit?

Answer

The St. George Hotel was built on the Northeast corner in 1888



Thanks to Cherie Pape at the Fullerton Public Library History Room for the historic photos of Fullerton!

Police Seek Info on Shooting at Gilbert Park

Fullerton police responded to the 2100 block of W. Baker Ave. on May 26 at 10pm regarding shots fired in the area of Gilbert Park.

Officers arrived on scene and discovered two male victims on the east side of the park suffering from gunshot wounds. The first victim in his 20s was shot in the upper torso; the second victim, a juvenile was shot in the lower torso and legs. Both

victims were transported to the hospital and remain in stable condition.

The investigation is on-going and anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Phu at 714-446-1459.

Those wishing to provide information anonymously can do that by calling the Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1(885) TIP-OCCS or by visiting the website www.crimestopers.org

OUR TOWN CROSSWORD

"Fullerton Streets" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 19)

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ACROSS

- 1. Kaplan and Kapler
- 6. New tree support
- 11. I ending?
- 14. "___ which will live in infamy", December 7, 1941
- 15. Humped mammal
- 16. "Characters Welcome" network
- 17. Hater
- 19. French sea
- 20. Career training coll. in Anaheim
- 21. Hi-___ paper towels (Kimberly Clark product)
- 22. Wealthy non-female?
- 24. Sandwich order
- 27. Foot part
- 28. Ordinary riches?
- 33. Viper
- 36. Didn't have enough
- 37. "Sense and Sensibility" director Ang

- 38. Washer amount
- 39. "May I ___ to the price?"
- 41. Not working
- 42. "Sunny" Mexican beer
- 43. Concept
- 44. Like dishwater
- 45. Citrusy Olympian Jim?
- 49. Actor McKellen
- 50. Traffic jams
- 54. Ex-DA Garcetti and Ernie's pal?
- 58. Brit. record label
- 59. Old French coin of low value
- 60. "Barefoot Contessa" Garten
- 61. Skill at rowing
- 64. CD follower
- 65. Throat dangler
- 66. Otis Redding song, "___ Arms of Mine"
- 67. Genetic letters
- 68. Greet and seat
- 69. Tear up

DOWN

- 1. Full range
- 2. Farewell, in France
- 3. Place to wash up
- 4. LAX info.
- 5. Summon
- 6. Rift
- 7. La Brea ___ Pits
- 8. Love, in Latin America
- 9. French military cap
- 10. Voted in
- 11. Battered, as with fists
- 12. On the ocean
- 13. Mend, as socks
- 18. Barbershop request
- 23. Condo org.
- 25. Did great on a test
- 26. Water pipes
- 29. "Straight Outta Compton" group
- 30. "Scream" director Craven
- 31. Darjeeling and oolong
- 32. Actress Lamarr
- 33. In addition

- 34. Entrance
- 35. Spiritual leader of Tibet
- 39. Suffix with lemon or lime
- 40. Stage decor
- 41. One way to settle a gentlemen's quarrel
- 43. Type of rock formed from lava
- 44. Short distance races
- 46. Catch in the act
- 47. Kind of band
- 48. The Edsels hit, "___ Lama Ding Dong"
- 51. One-time coach on "The Voice"
- 52. Grace
- 53. Slangy hello to a talking horse?
- 54. Prepare for action
- 55. Aware of
- 56. Four-star review
- 57. Possible test answer
- 62. Tech. for higher quality computer graphics
- 63. "Be quiet!"

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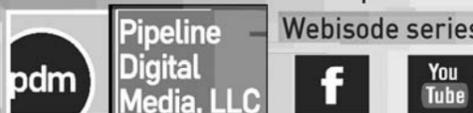
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Ladera Vista Jr. High eighth grader Michael Zhu (at right) won the Super-Champion tournament, thereby earning the "2015 Fullerton City Chess Champion" title. Above he plays Laguna Road 5th grader Anthony Kharrat, the youngest player in the Super-Champ field which featured the very best players regardless of grade. Tournament director Jon Darling at far left observes the game.

Fullerton City Chess Champs

Due to conflicts with other school events and vacations, the 10th annual Fullerton Host Lions tournament had lower than normal participation. However, competition was intense in all three of the tournaments held: 1st to 3rd grade, 4th through 8th grade, and the "Super-Champ" tournament which featured the very best scholastic players in Fullerton, regardless of grade.

Owen Tang, Andrew Song and Jonathan Hsing were crowned 1st, 3rd and 6th grade City Chess Champions.

LV 8th grader Michael Zhu won the Super-Champ tournament, and is the 2015 Fullerton City Chess Champion.

Sunny Hills 9th grader Isaac Kim, Acacia 5th grader Denny Lee, and Parks Jr. High 7th grader Julia Hsing placed second through fourth in the Super-Champ tournament.



Above: Julia Hsing playing a tough game with Denny Lee.



At Left: 1st through 3rd Grade winners line up to receive their trophies.



Front row: Maple Student Council Treasurer Larissa Casarez, Vice President Mariana Patino Ramos, and President Mia Camarena.

Back row: Cal-State Long Beach Librarian Susan Luevano, Maple Alumni Committee Chair Kitty Jaramillo, and committee member Mary Helen Duenas, independent contractor and para-legal Mike Juarez, retired Riverside City College EOPS Director Mike Carrillo, and Maple School Principal, Susan Mercado.

Maple School Career Day

The Maple School Career Day was held on Wednesday, May 13 at Maple School. The event is sponsored by the Maple Alumni Committee and the Maple School Student Council. Former Maple

students come back to share their careers, neighborhood experiences, life challenges and how they overcame to be successful. The presentations were made to the 5th & 6th grades. -BOBBY MELENDEZ

Fred Williams to Continue as NOCCCD Interim Chancellor through June 2016

The North OC Community College District Board of Trustees has extended the appointment of Fred Williams as Interim Chancellor through June 30, 2016. Mr. Williams has served in this capacity since March, succeeding Dr. Ned Doffoney, who retired in February.

Mr. Williams has served the district for over 20 years. Prior to being appointed interim chancellor, he served as vice chancellor of finance & facilities since 2004, and the district director of fiscal affairs, since 1994. The board ratified Williams' appointment during its May 26, 2015 meeting. "Throughout his career at NOCCCD, Mr. Williams has proven himself a wise and ethical leader in the community college arena," said board president M. Tony Ontiveros. "He has already made a tremendous impact on the district in his two months as interim

chancellor." A nationwide search for a permanent Chancellor has been extended.

New FC President

The board of trustees unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Greg Schulz as interim president of Fullerton College, beginning July 1, 2015. Dr. Schulz has spearheaded a number of innovations during his three-year tenure as the provost of the School of Continuing Education. He began his district career in 2000, serving as SCE's manager of admin services, interim district director of fiscal affairs, and dean of instruction and student services. Prior to becoming provost, he was the dean of Trades, Industrial and Career Technologies at Long Beach City College. Dr. Schulz replaces Dr. Rajen Vurdien, who has moved on to become president of Pasadena City College.

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KEEPING OR REMOVING WISDOM TEETH

Having one's wisdom teeth (third molars) removed before leaving for college used to be a rite of passage. Conventional wisdom held that, because they were often misaligned or impacted, it was best to remove these teeth soon after they emerged. More recently, however, the attitude toward wisdom teeth has become more complex. Instead of automatically extracting these teeth at the back of the mouth as part of a "better-safe-than-sorry" approach, dentists and maxillofacial surgeons are urging a more complete evaluation that helps avoid the risks of unneces-

sary surgery. If an exam reveals completely erupted, functional, painless, cavity-free teeth in healthy gum tissue, wisdom teeth may remain in place. Each case is different.

Just because your wisdom teeth aren't a source of pain doesn't mean there's nothing wrong. The teeth could be stuck or impacted. If it is deemed that wisdom teeth should be allowed to remain in the mouth, it is important to monitor them for changes that might indicate otherwise.

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Kids Rule! by Francine Vudoti



Francine in front of one of the vintage airplanes on exhibit at Airport Day.

PHOTO BY B. ANDIVA

Fullerton's Amazing Airport Day

I feel lucky, I live in Fullerton. We have a municipal airport. I checked the internet and our city is the only one with a municipal airport here in Orange County. I feel even luckier because we celebrate Airport Day every year. It is the day when people can get inside the airport and learn more about the airport and the planes. This year's Airport Day was held last May 9 and I went with my dad. It was a marvelous day. We went around checking out all the planes and helicopters. There were also fun toys that you could buy, helicopters that could take you for a ride, and you could get inside and sit on lots of amazing airplanes.

We explored the airfield. We saw planes that were old, important, and beautiful! There were phenomenal planes like those used in the World War, a police plane that can help the police capture criminals, a fire fighter

plane that can stop a fire, and a seaplane that can land on the sea. This is what makes Fullerton Airport special. It is not only used by people with private planes but it is also used by the California Highway Patrol, the Anaheim Police Department and the Orange County Fire Authority in flying and landing their planes and helicopters.

We tried to go for a helicopter ride but the line was long. Dad said we can just ride the seaplane when we visit Catalina Island this summer. I can't wait.

I really had fun on Airport Day. I will be attending this event again next year. For those who want to attend, it is held every second Saturday of May. See you next year!

Francine is a local 8-year-old student who enjoys writing and many other activities.

VIDEO OBSERVER by Emerson Little



The FOX Fullerton Theater sign lit for the first time in decades.

THE FOX LIGHTS UP

The restored Fox Fullerton sign was unveiled and lit for the first time in decades on Friday night, May 22, as part of the theater's 90th Birthday celebration.

In a pre-lighting ceremony, Foundation president Leland Wilson, along with Congressman Ed Royce awarded certificates of appreciation to many of the volunteers who have contributed time and money to the theater's restoration. The biggest cheer went out to the electrician in charge of restoring the sign's letters, Mike Hobbick.

After a brief countdown, the renovated "Fox" sign was lit! A line of visitors waiting for a tour of the interior stretched around the back of the building onto Chapman all the way to the corner of Harbor. Forty-nine people were let in at a time by tour guide Todd Huffman, who explained how the theatre is being restored to its pre-1955 condition. He gave a brief history of the building in the lobby, before letting everyone into the auditorium.

The Fox was originally dubbed the Alicia Court Theatre after the wife of C. Stanley Chapman, who financed the building. The same company that built the Egyptian Theater and Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood constructed the Fox. The theatre was later added to the National Register of Historic Places. It is estimated that the Fox could be completely restored and opened as a multi-purpose performing arts center within two years if funding can be found.

Those who took the tour saw a newly restored ceiling with original paint design and were treated to a dazzling light show incorporating two of the original chandeliers. Tours continued until 10pm and birthday cake was served.

Outside the Fox, vintage cars were on display and volunteer actors clad in 1920's outfits supplied by the Fullerton Civic Light Opera posed for photographs. On Saturday, a 1920's Speakeasy orchestra entertained guests, while flap-

pers staffed the bar and food was sold.

I've been asked to start the *Fullerton Observer's* first video column. I'll be creating videos of interest to Fullerton residents and will include links so that readers can see them.

I've been making videos since middle school. It all started when I took a video production class at Park's Junior High. Soon, I began to film ordinary things outside of class. My videos later developed into travel logs, where I recorded family road trips around California and other states.

After receiving a professional movie making program and completing a Media Concepts class at Troy High School, my videos have now become less amateurish and more meaningful. Over the years, I have uploaded these videos onto Youtube and now have over 100 videos, including fake previews for science-fiction and horror shows like *Doctor Who* and *Helix*.

The Fox event will start off the Video *Observer* column. Using my Panasonic DMC-FZ70 camera, I captured the historic moment of the Fox sign lighting on Friday and the action on Saturday. I used my Sony Movie Studio Platinum 13.0 program to edit footage of the two-day event into a video.

I tried to find appropriate music that corresponded with the Speakeasy theme and ended up using Duke Ellington's "Satin Doll" and Leon Redbone's "My Walking Stick." It took me a few hours to edit and upload the video to Youtube. You can view it at: https://youtu.be/HKLuHQ_pO9U



Emerson Little is a student at Troy High School interested in photography, film, art and literature.

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DIY Lawn Replacement

by Valerie Brickey

It all began last fall, with the removal of an old oak tree from the center of our backyard. That loss left us with 1,300 sq. ft. of sad-looking, unwanted grass. Wanting to utilize an outdoor space that is bigger than our house *and* use less water, I decided to get creative. My family brainstormed some ideas: my husband wanted to install turf and chalk it for a football field, my daughter wanted a rock garden with a pond, but my son drew up a plan for a mini-golf course with some added plants, mulch, stepping stones and pebbles. Full disclosure: I'm not a gardener or a golfer, but decided to give his idea a try.

I knew about the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) offering an incentive to remove turf and completed the online application in minutes. I was approved a couple of weeks later and was given a 3-month deadline to complete my project. My husband and I set a budget, with most of the money going to plants and ground cover. Now, came the hard part. I started by covering the grass with whatever I could find to choke it off: I used tarps and rugs and newspaper. The yard looked like a junkyard! I took the opportunity to repaint the neighbor's garage that borders our yard and stain the fence before I embarked on the grass. I was stalling, fearing the huge project I had committed to.

I began by raking up the dead grass stalks and pulling the roots out by hand. I got about 4 sq. ft. done that first day! The weather was unseasonably warm, but I only worked early in the morning and late at night. With each patch of grass I cleared I would cover it with weed tarp, which I secured with fabric pins hammered in with a rubber mallet. After 7 weeks, I had covered the entire lawn with the weed tarp. I used a total of 570 fabric pins and wore out three pairs of garden gloves!

At Costco, I chanced upon some outdoor rugs made in the USA from recycled material. They looked like 6'x9' green "turf." I bought all 5 of them and when I got them home, cut them in half to make 3'x9' "greens." I laid them out in the shape made from my son's drawing. I secured them with fabric pins and bought some rubber edging to line the course.



Before



After

I found plant hooks and LED lights at the Dollar Store that I put number stickers on and used as hole markers.

I shopped our local nurseries and the Fullerton Arboretum for drought-tolerant plants that I liked: lion's mane, purple and red salvia, potato bush, California poppies. I created a "salsa garden" in one patch of the yard, to grow tomatoes, onions, cilantro and peppers. I positioned (and re-positioned) potted plants around the "course," ensuring the best sun and shade for the plants. My friend, Leah Lopez, planted our Meyer lemon tree (*and helped out with lending her trusty van and tools!*). I bought 64 plants and herbs in all.

I tried to repurpose some underused items we already owned. I scoured our cluttered garage and found a fire pit, multiple sized pots, plant markers and mismatched stepping stones. I recovered two small fabric seats and dragged them into the yard.

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I wanted to create some height, and I found a wind sculpture and a metal obelisk to add some interest. I also moved a seating area (a bench, 2 chairs and an umbrella) we had on our patio into the yard.

We have good, sandy soil and I planted the plants with relative ease. Once the plants were in and the furniture arranged, I bought bags of mulch and pebbles; 55 bags of mulch and 30 bags of pea pebbles in total!

My project was done and just last week I met my deadline and got final approval from the MWD!

We're all in the backyard a lot now and even our dog and cat love lying (*and scratching in the cat's case*) on the "green." I no longer use the backyard sprinklers, instead I use buckets of water I've collected from washing the dishes and the shower. If I can do it, anyone can do it!

A Garden Party to Benefit Veterans

An amazing phenomenon has occurred on a vacant plot of land behind a Fullerton church. A fertile oasis of orderly garden plots, a whimsical children's garden, a vineyard and succulent demonstration garden have sprung up where just four years ago there were just assorted weeds.

The demonstration garden is a partnership between Episcopal churches and Habitat for Humanity OC and raises funds to bring needed improvements in the homes of limited income veterans.

The goal of the Veteran Home Repair Program administered by Habitat for Humanity is to help veterans stay in their homes, protect their investments, extend their independence and restore their dignity and pride in homeownership. Improvements in safety and accessibility include wheelchair ramps, making bathrooms accessible and safe with modification to fixtures and grab bars and more. For more info visit <http://www.habitatoc.org/MilitaryVeterans>

Even though volunteer man-power builds and repairs, building materials must be purchased, on average for about \$10,000 per home.

A Garden Party will be held to raise funds for the project on Saturday, June 13 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at the Emmanuel Community Demonstration Garden at 1145 W. Valencia Mesa Drive in Fullerton. There will be plenty of hors d'oeuvres, wine and non-alcoholic drinks. There will also be live music. The cost for tickets is \$20 (Free for kids under 12).

All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity Veterans home repair project. Call Bernice 714-449-9632 or Jane 714-961-6010 with questions.

The Demonstration Garden was started in 2007 by Gordon and Lorra Dickenson. They both possessed a passion for growing things and many years of gardening experience. It

took many people's contributions and effort to turn this dream garden into a reality. People have provided strenuous labor moving cement chunks and hay bales all the way to general maintenance, building, planting and patrolling for gophers plus donations by local businesses.



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Rethinking Landscaping

by Patrick McNelly

Our Fullerton community is faced with a serious challenge in the next year. Because of the four-year drought, the State of California has mandated that Fullerton must reduce our water use by 28% from what we used in 2013 or face possible fines of \$10,000 a day. The easiest (and yet the most challenging) way to reduce water use is to cut back on lawn watering by 50%.

But we love our lawns. The lush green grass in our neighborhoods and parks is part of our urban lifestyle. Here's some background about why we have lawns and why they are problem.

Historically, lawns first became popular among the gentry of Western Europe, where they were managed either as pasture or by labor-intensive hand sheering or scything. The modern lawn seems to be a deprecated form of the highly manicured English landscape gardens which became popular among the nobility in Britain in the 17th and 18th centuries. But wasn't until the 19th century with the invention and mass production of the lawnmower that lawns really took off in North America.

Today, American lawns occupy some 30-40 million acres of land. Lawnmowers to maintain them account for some 5 percent of the nation's air pollution – probably more in urban areas. Each year more than 17 million gallons of fuel are spilled during the refilling of lawn and garden equipment—more than the oil that the Exxon Valdez spilled.

Homeowners spend billions of dollars and typically use 10 times the amount of pesticide and fertilizers per acre on their lawns as farmers do on crops; the

majority of these chemicals are wasted due to inappropriate timing and application. These chemicals then run off and become a major source of water pollution. Last but not least, 30 to 60 percent of urban fresh water is used on lawns. Most of this water is also wasted due to poor timing and application, and overwatering.

When I taught composting workshops at the Fullerton Arboretum from 1989 until 2011, I used to ask the audience, "Why are we spending so much time, water and energy growing grass clippings to just dispose of them in our trash each week?" Certainly backyard composting can help turn grass clippings and yard trimmings into a

valuable resource for our gardens, but the time has come to rethink our entire approach to lawns and landscaping in our dry, desert-like climate, especially during this serious drought.

There's a new saying today that has become popular because of the drought, "Brown is the new Green." All around town we are starting to see more brown lawns and low maintenance front and back yards. It's very possible that this will become "the new normal," regardless of how long the drought lasts. If we each do our part in cutting water use both indoors and outdoors, we can meet these new low water use challenges.

Visit <http://www.fullertonwaterconservation.com> to get more details about the Phase 3 water conservation rules and to see other suggestions for helping conserve water.

Patrick McNelly is the chair of Fullerton's Energy Resource Management Committee.



Variegated Elephant Food (Portulacaria afra at the Police Station drought garden)

All Succulents are Not Equal by Penny Hlavac

Mandatory water restrictions and money for lawn removal have helped spark gardeners' interest in one of my favorite groups of landscaping plants, the succulents. But as anyone who has grown them will tell you, not all succulents are equally drought and sun tolerant or long lived. Over the years many of us have developed reliable landscaping favorites. One of mine is variegated elephant food (*Portulacaria afra* 'Variegata').

The species *Portulacaria afra*, with solid green leaves and beautiful tiny mist-like pink flowers, can reach at least 10 feet tall. It is said to provide 80% of an elephants diet in parts of Africa. The cultivar *Portulacaria afra* 'Variegata,' however, remains low growing. A specimen in my garden, planted by my mother at least 20 years ago, has only reached 18 inches at its highest point and has spread 6 feet wide. Its stems are purple and its

leaves, variegated white and green, have an overall yellow appearance which provides a great color contrast with other plants. I have never seen this cultivar bloom.

After the first year variegated elephant food can survive on rainfall alone, even in drought years. Cold winters used to cause die back of branch tips but for the last couple of winters I have noticed very little of this. Hot summers have never been a problem. Most of mine are in the ground in full sun, but a few are in more shaded areas in pots. Unlike those in the ground, the plants in the pots need occasional water.

Variegated elephant food, like so many succulents, is easy to propagate from cuttings. Pull off bottom leaves, let the ends dry off, and stick it in the

ground or in a pot. It is, however, one of the slower succulents to root so it's a good idea to pot up some extras for future needs or to give to other people. If you plan on keeping it in a large pot and want it to cascade over the sides, choose the droopiest branches for cuttings.

Like most succulents, it is easy to dig up and transplant if your garden plan changes. A word of warning however: moving dirt around is a bad idea if you have certain weeds which spread by tubers or bulbs. Some people who have dutifully replaced their lawns with drought tolerant plants have had a rude shock. Weeds such as nutsedge (*Cyperus rotundus*), Bermuda buttercup (*Oxalis pes-caprae*), and false garlic (*Nothoscordum borbonicum*), which for years

may have gone unnoticed in a mowed lawn will soon make their presence known when the lawn is removed. They are all very hard to get rid of. Moving dirt from place to place just spreads them around. In this case it is best to make cuttings of the succulent you want to move and start over.

The best place to see variegated elephant food is the beautifully renovated Police Station garden on Commonwealth Avenue or (complete with label!) in the drought tolerant garden near the entrance to City Hall.

Hopefully by now all Fullertonians have seen and admired the changes in landscaping on Commonwealth in the library/community center/Police Station area, including the glorious Parkinsonia 'Desert Museum' trees lining the street. It will be a treat to see what replaces the lawn in front of City Hall.

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Award Winning Journalist, Investigative Reporter and Author Tracy Wood in Free Lecture at CSUF Saturday June 6

The Patrons of the Library at California State University, Fullerton, will meet at 2pm on Saturday, June 6, at the Pollak Library on campus. After a short business meeting journalist Tracy Wood will speak on the fall of Saigon 40 years ago and the "toxic mix of corruption and war."

As a reporter for United Press International, Tracy Wood was one of the few women assigned as a combat correspondent during the Vietnam War.

She joined the *Los Angeles Times* where she was an investigative reporter for 17 years, covering political and government corruption and later became the *Orange County Register's* investigations editor, leading the paper's investigations team when it broke the story of former OC Sheriff Michael S. Carona's ties to Nationwide Auction Systems founder and former Assistant Sheriff Donald G. Haidl. She also served as interim editor of MS magazine.

Currently she is senior reporter with Voice of OC, an online investigative news group covering Orange County.



Winner of numerous awards for investigative reporting, Wood was named Los Angeles Print Journalist of the Year in 2001 by Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalism association.

Wood and eight other women reporters co-authored "War Torn, Stories of War from the Women Reporters who Covered Vietnam" (2002 *Random House*).

The meeting and the lecture are free and open to the public. Parking is also free. A shuttle will be provided for those who need assistance from the parking lot to the library beginning at 1:25pm.

For more information contact hseller@Exchange.FULLERTON.EDU or carolyneckert@gmail.com



Opera Diva Deborah Voigt in Town June 8

A great opportunity to hear one of the world's best singers is coming up as internationally-renowned opera star Deborah Voigt will conduct a special master class at 7pm on Monday, June 8 in the Meng Hall at Clayes Performing Arts Center at Cal State, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. The public is invited. Tickets are at the door: \$10/Students with ID; \$20/General,

Voigt is a CSUF alumna. Participating in the class are six CSUF vocal students: Trinidad Cano, Juliet Kidwell, James Lesu'i, Megan Ralston, Amanda Salmen and Joslyn Sarshad. A brief Q&A session with the soprano will follow.

Her interest in opera was sparked at Cal State Fullerton by Jane Paul, emeritus professor of music, who encouraged her to enter vocal competitions.

The soprano's springboard to the Met was her first-place win in the Orange County Metropolitan Opera Auditions in 1983, which propelled her to a first-place finish at the Metropolitan Opera National Council Western Regional Auditions in 1984. In 1985, she became a national finalist and performed in a spring concert at the Met in New York's Lincoln Center. Also that spring, while still a student, Voigt performed the title role of Donna Anna in the 1985 university production of "Don Giovanni," opposite her classmate, Rod Gilfry. The two opera stars performed together on the New York stage in 2011 in "Annie Get Your Gun."

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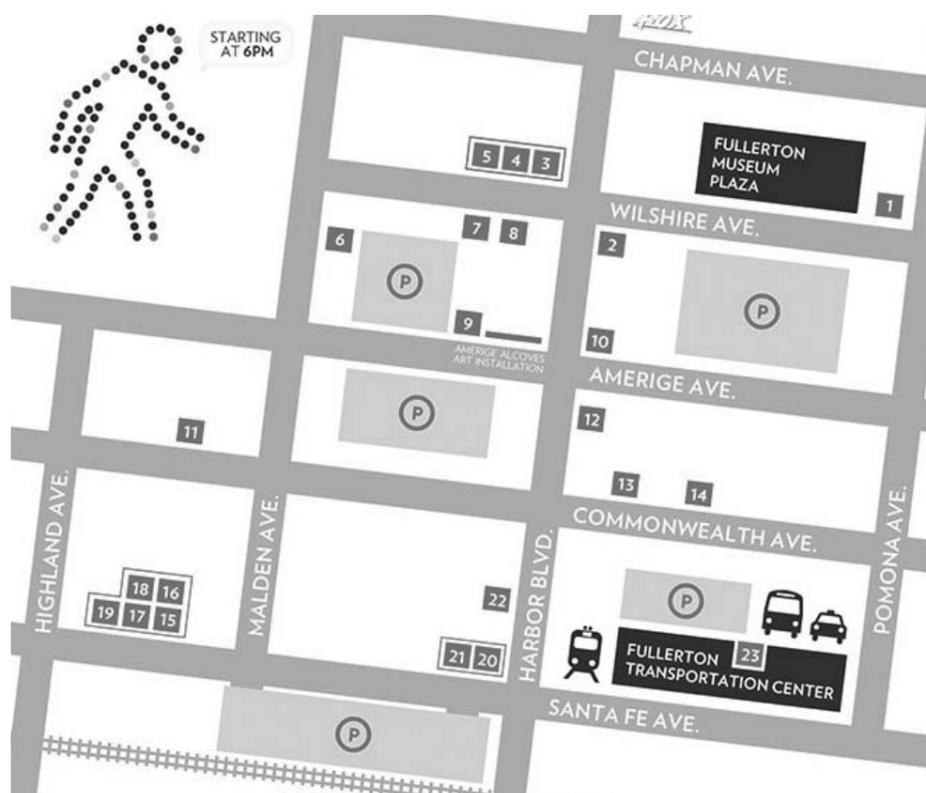
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Fullerton First Friday ARTWALK MAP

If you have never been on the Fullerton First Friday ArtWalk consider coming downtown this Friday, June 5. The free event features fun places to visit within

easy walking distance showing art from 6pm to 10pm. Below is a list of venues that correspond to the numbers on the map above. Others may be open also.

- 1) Fullerton Museum Center, on E. Wilshire, between Harbor and Pomona.
- 2) Share & Do Good, 110 E. Wilshire.
- 3) Lolo Boutique
- 4) Unity Salon
- 5) Green Bliss Cafe
- 6) Max Bloom's Cafe Noir, 220 N. Malden Ave.
- 7) Lucero Photography, 112 W. Wilshire.
- 8) Tranquil Tea Lounge, 106 W. Wilshire.
- 9) Hapa Cupcakes, 105 W. Amerige.
- 10) The Night Owl, 200 N. Harbor.
- 11) Comic Book Hideout, 215 W. Commonwealth.
- 12) Oh, Hello Friend, 122 N. Harbor.

- 13) Out of Vogue, 109 E. Commonwealth.
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- 23) Comic Hero University
140 E. Santa Fe

Flat Rhianna's Road Trip

On May 2nd, Flat Rhianna arrived at artist Marjorie Kerr's Fullerton studio in a surprise visit. She traveled by envelope through the US Mail sent all the way from Iowa by Marjorie's cousin who is in the first grade. Flat Rhianna is Flat Stanley's sister and the two of them are often involved in classroom projects at school.

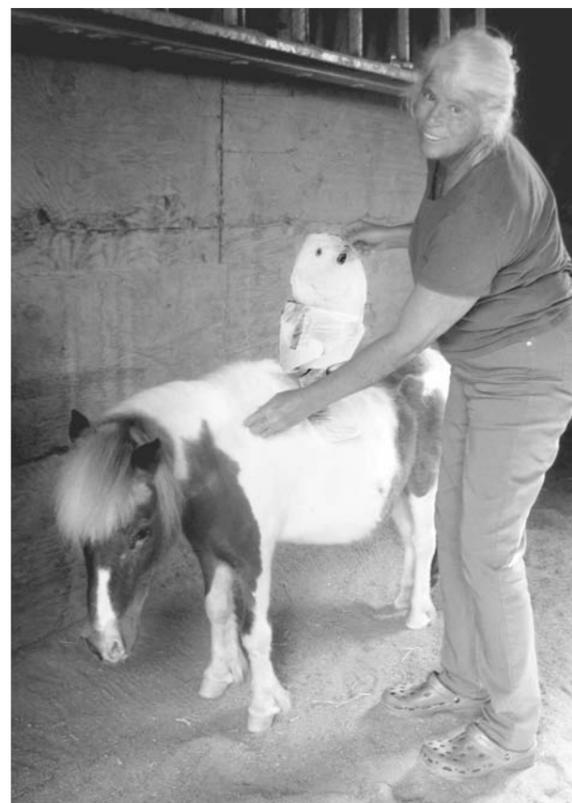
Luckily Marjorie was on vacation from her job as Art New Editor for the Fullerton Observer so there was time to have some fun. In fact, Flat Rhianna came just in time to accompany Marjorie and her friend Hans on a trip around the Southwest from May 4th through May 12, 2015.

Their first stop was the petrified forest and painted desert in Arizona where Flat Rhianna took photos and bought post cards. Santa Fe, New Mexico, at 7000 feet, was the next stop.

She stayed at the Inn of the Governors in downtown Santa Fe. The room was decorated with Navaho Indian blankets and a Kiva fireplace. Santa Fe is home to many American Indians and people of various other heritages.

One day she took a drive to visit the Bradbury Museum in Los Alamos, New Mexico. The exhibit there tells the story of the birth of the atomic bomb in the 1940s. Many scientists worked to create the bomb which was dropped on Japan, killing and injuring many people, but also ending WWII.

The road trip continued through Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Flagstaff, Arizona (with snow flurries at 6000 feet) and then through Kingman, Arizona to Las Vegas, Nevada. There was also a visit to the Las Vegas "strip," which has unusual architecture depicting other places in the world, like the Paris Eiffel Tower, the



Flat Rhianna enjoyed a ride on Dolly, cousin Marti's miniature horse

Egyptian sphinx, the gondolas of Venice, Italy, and the US Statue of Liberty. All were lit up with bright lights at night.

Flat Rhianna spent a day with her road trip buddies viewing the Boulder Dam near Las Vegas. The dam supplies electricity and water to many cities. Another day she went to the Valley of Fire State Park a few miles north of Las Vegas. The unusual red rock formations also had petroglyphs of images pecked into the walls by the Indians of long ago.

The 2000 mile road trip, which included travel through California, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada, ended in Norco, California at cousin Marti Kerr's one acre "ranchette" where Rhianna sat on Dolly, the miniature horse.

The drive was on Highway 15 to 40 to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the 25 to Santa Fe. The return was 25, 40, 93 at Kingman to Las Vegas, Nevada. Route 40 overlapped at times with the legendary Route 66. The Las Vegas Route 15 to 91 took the travelers back to Fullerton.

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At Right:

Jill Cary Martin as the family matriarch and Kelsey Arnold as her unstable daughter in "House of Yes" playing through June 13.

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HOUSE OF YES at Stages

Stages Theatre in Fullerton continues its long and successful tradition of producing edgy and off kilter comedies with its latest dark and twisted production of Wendy McLeod's *The House Of Yes*.

Containing such adult themes as incest, death and mental instability, director Jack Millis takes the unsettling events of *House Of Yes* with a lighthearted and effective approach - punching the comedic tones vibrantly, which in turn, underplays the shock value of the dark themes. This allows the audience to take in the over-the-top reality of the Pascal family. Millis relies on the skill of his cast in their seemingly effortless ability to flesh out the comedy in every situation.

It's the Thanksgiving holiday circa 1983 and a hurricane is about to wreak havoc outside while inside the family attempts to establish normalcy from moment to moment and day to day.

Family matriarch Mrs Pascal (Jill Cary Martin), her mentally unbalanced daughter Jackie O (Darri Kristen) who has been recently released from a mental health establishment, and her youngest son Anthony (Adam Evans), a wide-eyed Ivy League drop-out, await the arrival of Jackie's twin brother Marty (Aaron Mcgee) and his innocent and sweet-natured fiancée Lesly (Kelsey Arnold).

This sets the back drop for many a chaotic episode as Jackie O's too-close-for-comfort connection with her brother is thrown into peril. When Marty and Lesly arrive, Jackie O's instantaneous jealousy makes for some emotionally unhinged, but comedic moments.

Adding to the already complex display, younger brother Anthony soon finds himself entirely smitten by Lesly and, despite his brotherly bond, follows his desire and allows himself to covet her for his own romantic intentions.

Mrs Pascal turns a purposefully blind eye to all that is transpiring in hopes of keeping her family's little world as unified as possible. The Pascal's connection to the famed Kennedy clan is emotionally drenched in the fact that the Pascal patriarch deserted his family the day of John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Jackie O, with an intentional resemblance to her namesake, even plays a little re-enactment of Kennedy's ill-fated last moments. The game is part of the strange shared rituals between her brother and herself which exemplify the layers within their relationship.

The biggest strength *House Of Yes* has going for it are the performances throughout. Led by Darri Kristen who's multi faceted portrayal of Jackie O ranges from immensely fragile to endearing, to struggling to keep her emotions from imploding, to exhibiting a dark but effective sensuality. Kelsey Arnold as Lesly conveys a nicely stable counter to the chaos of Kristin's Jackie O. Jill Cary Martin, Adam Evans and Aaron Mcgee all provide strong comedic moments and provide a nice sharp bite to Wendy McLeod's fiery dialogue.

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•**THE HOUSE OF YES** by Wendy MacLeod, directed by Jack Millis plays Sat. & Sun. at 5pm, thru June 13.

•**BOEING BOEING** plays Fri & Sat at 8pm, and Sun at 2pm, thru June 14.

•**AUDITIONS:** Auditions for Cabaret will be held Sat, June 13, 10am-2pm. Check website for details.

•**GREEN MAN** by Jim Knable, directed by Jeremy Lewis, opens June 26 and plays Fri & Sat at 8pm, and Sun at 2pm thru Aug. 2nd. Painter Abigail's model is a naked man painted green, and her architect husband Ronald's new intern bears a striking resemblance, though he's clothed. Their new acquaintance, Genice, is a stone sculptor of gargoyles whose musician fiancé appears in the same hue. Who the Green Man is to each of them is a mystery only they can help each other unravel. A play about love, loss and other things made of stone.

•**THE TWILIGHT ZONE** by Rod Sterling, adapted & directed by Darri Kristin & David Campos opens July 10 and plays Fri & Sat at 10:30pm, and Sun at 5pm thru Aug. 2nd. "There is a fifth dimension beyond that which is known to man. A dimension as vast as space, as timeless as infinity. It is the middle ground between light and shadow, science and superstition, and it lies between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge.

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•**AVENUE Q** by Jeff Whitty, music & lyrics by Robert Lopez & Jeff Marx, opens June 5 and plays through July 18th. This rated R Tony Award winning musical is a puppet-filled comedy that tells the story of a recent college grad named Princeton who moves into a shabby New York apartment all the way out on Avenue Q. He soon discovers that although the residents seem nice, it's clear that this is not your ordinary neighborhood. Together, Princeton and his new-found friends struggle to find jobs, dates, and their ever-elusive purpose in life. Filled with gut-busting humor and a delightfully catchy score, not to mention puppets, Avenue Q is a truly unique show. For audiences 17 and up. \$28 (students/\$15)

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777-3033 www.chancetheater.com

•**SAMSARA** by Lauren Yee, directed by Benjamin Kamine has been extended through June 7. 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: a seductive Frenchman and a sharp-tongued fetus. Fresh off its successful first production at Victory Gardens in Chicago, the Chance is excited to produce the West Coast Premiere of this hilarious and highly theatrical journey into 21st century parenthood.

Underground Alternative Comedy Show Pushes Experimentation

The popular underground variety show "Comedy Sucks," hosted by Scott Blacks and featuring psychedelic videos by found footage collective "Grimy Ghost!," presents an experimental and fresh take on live comedy in Orange County. The droll name "Comedy Sucks" challenges each of the performers on the line-up to prove the show's own title wrong.

"Comedy Sucks" will be at STAGEStheatre in Fullerton on June 4th. Doors open at 7:45pm and showtime is at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Comedians scheduled to perform include Megan Koester, David Gborie, Josh Androsky, Clare O'Kane, and Ian Davis.

Past headliners include comedians seen on Conan such as Hampton Yount and Allen Strickland Williams as well as national headlining comedians such as Maron guest star Rick Shapiro.

Combining the best in alternative stand-up comedy with outrageous obscure VHS found footage from the darkest crevices of thrift stores, "Comedy Sucks" provides an experience unlike any other comedy show in Orange County. Be warned though, this show is not for kids.

"There is a community of experimental and innovative comedians in Orange County and we love that our show gives those comics an opportunity to try material you won't see anywhere else," Scott Blacks says.

Scott Blacks was featured in the 2013 documentary 100 Jokes. In 2014 Scott performed at the Santa Cruz Music Festival, the Brokechella festival in LA, the Hollywood Laugh Factory, and travelled all over the Pacific Southwest. Scott started 2015 with the New Orleans Comedy and Arts Festival and The Memphis Comedy Festival.

About Grimy Ghost! "Grimy Ghost!" is a regular contributor to the popular online found footage collective, "Everything is Terrible!" For more information on "Grimy Ghost!" visit <http://grimyghost.com/>. A sample of the kind of video that will be played at "Comedy Sucks" can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HM3aMDUI0zY>

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HITS & MISSES

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GOOD KILL: A Hit & a Miss

The irony implied in the title announces the theme of this rather troubling film about the use of drones in modern warfare. Started during the Bush administration and stepped up by the Obama administration, drones as weapons continue to incite praise and criticism from members of both political parties. In June 2014, the *New York Times* reported on the findings of a bipartisan panel that included former C.I.A. and Pentagon officials as well as members of a non-partisan think tank.

The report challenged some widespread criticism of armed drones, arguing that they should "neither be glorified nor demonized" because there is "strong evidence that civilian deaths from armed drone strikes are far fewer than from traditional combat aircraft." Rather than turning warfare into "a video-game mentality," the study discovered quite the opposite. Drone pilots watch their targets for days and weeks before "pulling the trigger" and are often more susceptible to "post-traumatic stress than pilots of manned aircraft," who do not witness the devastation their bombs have left behind.

Writer-director Andrew Niccol may or may not have read this 2014 report, but he definitely weights the scales on the brutality of drone warfare. Even though he is biased, Niccol does deserve praise for taking on a topic not yet explored in a major Hollywood film, and he casts his film with credible and accomplished actors. Adding to the tension of "live" warfare vs. "remote control" warfare, he uses Ethan Hawke (looking very different than he did as the dad in last year's acclaimed "Boyhood"). Hawke plays Tom Egan, who completed six tours of duty flying an F-16 fighter plane, an experience he loved because of the thrill of flying and because he "had skin in the game" of war.

Now a drone pilot, Egan sits in front of a computer screen in an air-conditioned, oversized storage unit on an Air Force base outside Las Vegas. His permanent frown and his lack of genuine engagement with his wife (January Jones), a glamorous former dancer, and his two bubbly children speak to his unhappiness at being grounded. Major Egan asks his commanding officer (Bruce Greenwood) for a transfer back to flying real planes. But the Air Force no longer needs him to fly F-16s, a fact the camera proves by panning over more than a dozen planes gathering dust on the base. Even though the film is set in 2010, the methods of warfare have already changed.

Sharing Egan's anguish over the remoteness of their involvement and the occasional civilian who just happens to wander into the targeted crosshairs after the "permission to prosecute" order has been made is his assistant, Airman Vera Suarez (Zoe Kravitz). But most of the airmen who engage in the drone activity are not emotionally affected, seeing their job as that of eradicating the enemy (in the film referred to as the Taliban but in the 2014 report as al Qaeda) before they get to us.

Niccol and his production designer Zach Staenberg use a rather interesting visual device with the probable intent of bridging the distance between the Nevada desert and the Yemen and Afghan villages. The camera frequently hovers over the tract homes where the airmen live in the Las Vegas suburbs, brown in landscape and color except for an occasional backyard pool. We see similar images of mud-constructed buildings and brown landscapes through the computer screens focused on targeted terrorists halfway around the world.

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

TUES, JUNE 2

•**3pm-5pm: Fair Housing Foundation Walk in Clinic** Conference Room, Fullerton Public, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free

•**6:30pm: Fullerton City Council Meeting** 303, W. Commonwealth. Final public hearing on Phase 3 Water Supply Shortage Conservation Plan.

WED, JUNE 3

•**8am-1pm: Fullerton Every Wednesday Certified Farmers Market** Fresh produce, nuts, baked goods, flowers, plants, and more at Independence Park, next to the DMV on Valencia between Euclid and Highland in Fullerton. Rain or shine every Wednesday. Easy parking

•**6pm: Independent Film Series** features "A Walk Among the Tombstones" rated R, at the Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free

THURS, JUNE 4

•**4pm-8:30pm: Downtown Fullerton Outdoor Market** E. Wilshire & Pomona. Fresh produce, craft booths, food vendors, kids activities, beer & wine garden, live music at 6:30pm. E. Wilshire between Harbor and Pomona.

FRI, JUNE 5

•**6pm-10pm: Fullerton ArtWalk** Numerous venues around downtown Fullerton within easy walking distance exhibit art. Visit www.fullertonartwalk.com for a map and list of venues or just show up downtown and wander around. Fun and free.

SAT, JUNE 6

•**2pm: Journalist Tracy Wood on "The Toxic Mix of Corruption & War"** at the Pollak Library (#130) Cal State Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd. Wood started her career as a UPI combat correspondent during the Vietnam War. She was an investigative reporter for the *LA Times* for 17 years covering political and government corruption. She served as the *OC Register's* Investigations Editor and was Interim Editor of *MS Magazine*. She is currently a senior reporter for VoiceofOC. She and eight other journalists co-authored "War Torn, Stories of War from the Women Reporters who Covered Vietnam" in 2002. The public is invited to attend. Admission and parking is free. Contact carolynneckert@gmail.com with questions.

•**5pm-9pm: 36th Annual Assistance League Taste of the Town** at Fullerton Downtown Plaza, E. Wilshire Ave. between Harbor and Pomona. Food by local restaurants who donate signature dishes, opportunity basket raffles, and live entertainment benefiting League charity programs, Operation School Bell and New Start, Vision Screening, Santa's Closet, Meals on Wheels, Act 1, and La Vista High School. Call 714-526-5124 or email alf233@att.net for ticket info.

•**6pm: Concert Under the Sky** at Fullerton College Quad features the Fullerton Community Band and repeats on June 27 and July 25. Bring a blanket to sit on and a picnic. Free

•**7pm-9pm: Forum on Homelessness in Fullerton & North OC** at Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Temple Beth Tikvah, 1600 N. Acacia, Fullerton. Speakers include Eve Garrow, ACLU; Cynthia Sanchez, OCCCCO; Bob Cernise, Anaheim Poverty Task Force; Kathy Schuster, CareerWise; Ariel Jarish, Future in Humanity, and police homeless liaison officers. Free with a donation of non-perishable food item for Pathways of Hope Food Bank.

SUN, JUNE 7

•**11am-4pm: Celebration of the Arts** a free family-friendly event features art demonstrations, original art, live classical, jazz and Acappella music at four stages, dance performances, kids art activities, a variety of food for purchase. Hurlless Barton Park, 4701 Casa Loma Ave, Yorba Linda. Call Gabriella Rollins at 714-996-1960 for more info. www.artsyl.org

MON, JUNE 8

•**10:15am & 11am: Toddler Storytime** at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. For children 3 and under with an adult. Free but registration is required. Call 714-738-6380 or visit www.fullertonlibrary.org

•**7pm: Opera Star Deborah Voigt** at Meng Hall, CSUF Performing Arts Center, 800 N. State College, Fullerton. \$20 cash or check at the door. RSVP to Renée Gillespie at 657-278-8683 by June 3rd.

TUES, JUNE 9

•**2:30pm-3pm: Afternoon Live** at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. For children entering 1st grade and up. Free but registration is required. Call 714-738-6380

•**7pm-7:30pm: Bedtime Bears** at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. An evening storytime for children 3-6 years old and their families features stories, puppets, songs, poetry, films, crafts & more. Kids are welcome to wear their pajamas. Free but registration is required. Call 714-738-6380

WED, JUNE 10

•**8am-1pm: Fullerton Every Wednesday Certified Farmers Market** Fresh produce, nuts, baked goods, flowers, plants, and more at Independence Park, next to the DMV on Valencia between Euclid and Highland in Fullerton. Rain or shine every Wednesday. Easy parking.

•**6pm-7pm: Read with the Dogs** at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. Elementary aged kids and their families are invited to drop in and read to certified therapy dogs from the Pet Prescription Team.

THURS, JUNE 11

•**4pm-8:30pm: Downtown Fullerton Outdoor Market** E. Wilshire & Pomona. Fresh produce, craft booths, food vendors, kids activities, beer & wine garden, live music at 6:30pm. E. Wilshire between Harbor and Pomona.

•**6pm: SCORE Workshop** features program on how to price your product or service to generate profit. Fullerton Public Library Conference Room, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free but registration is required. Visit www.workshops@score114.org or call 714-550-7369

FRI-SUN, JUNE 12-14

•**Community Summer Festival** carnival rides, games, food, raffle, fun for whole family. St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, 235 S. Pine Dr. at Valencia, Fullerton. Free admission.

SAT, JUNE 13

•**9am-12pm: Homelessness 101** at Woodcrest Elementary, 455 W. Baker, Fullerton. A panel will present topics about understanding homelessness, mental health, and how to help. RSVP www.fullertonact.org

•**5:30pm-8:30pm: A Garden Party to Benefit Veterans** at Emmanuel Community Demonstration Garden, 1145 W. Valencia Mesa Dr., Fullerton. \$20 at the door (kids under 12 are free). All proceeds benefit Habitat for

SAT, JUNE 13 continued

Humanity Veterans Home Repair Project. Call Bernice at 714-449-9632 or Jane 714-961-6010

•**10am-5pm: Comics Creation Crash Course with Glynnnes from Comic Book Hideout** at Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth. Register by June 10th. Call 714-738-6380 or visit www.fullertonlibrary.org

SUN, JUNE 14

•**9am-1pm: Elks Club Brunch** to support Elks charities at 1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton (at the top of the hill off Brea Blvd. across from Hillcrest Park) features all you can eat omelets, bacon, sausage, and waffles. \$12. 714-870-1993

MON, JUNE 15

•**10am: 16th Annual Flag Day Ceremony** conducted by Wilshire Wise students from the Wilshire School of Continuing Education. The ceremony will be held at the Fullerton College Quad, 321 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton. Free parking is on the lower level of the parking structure on Lemon (between Chapman & Berkeley). This year's ceremony includes 50 state flags carried by Girl Scouts. The Wise program serves 20 developmentally disabled adults.

THURS, JUNE 18

•**6:30m-8:30pm: Free Family Movie Night** fun-filled evening features school age-appropriate movies for the whole family. Osborne Auditorium, Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth.

FRI, JUNE 19

•**10am-4:30pm: Drop-In Costuming Lab** Use one of the library's free sewing machines in an all-day sewing lab. Some knowledge of sewing machines is required. Bring your own costuming supplies. Call Shirley Ku at 714-738-6326. Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth.

SAT, JUNE 20

•**10am-4pm: Friends of the Fullerton Public Library One-Day-Only Fiction Book Sale** thousands of books. Hard-cover adult and children's books 50¢, paperbacks 25¢, Special Surprise Category 50¢. Fullerton Public Library Conference Room Entry Hall, 353 W. Commonwealth. 714-739-3143

•**10:30pm-1pm: Lego Fun Day** Lots of Legos and Duplo bricks to create with for kids 3 to 12. Photos will be taken of the creations to show in the Children's Room. Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free - just drop in.

SUN, JUNE 21

•**10am-10pm: Fullerton Day of Music** features free musical performances all around town in a citywide celebration of the worldwide holiday devoted to music. Visit www.theday-ofmusic.com for full list of venues and artists or if you would like to host a musician or musical group or sign up to perform.

MON, JUNE 23

•**5pm-7pm: SCAG Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities** at CSUF Mihaylo Hall, O'Brien Conference Room 2601, Nutwood Ave., Fullerton. Public input sought for the plan that has a major impact on local jobs, open space, public health and mobility.

SAT, JUNE 27

•**10am-2pm: Fullerton Heritage Home Tour** features the Hillcrest neighborhood. Visit www.fullerton-heritage.org for tickets & information.

REST IN PEACE • WE REMEMBER YOU

William "Bill" McGarvey Jr.

November 5, 1921 to May 14, 2015

Bill, 93, passed away peacefully at his home in Fullerton on May 14th.

Born in Wooster, Ohio on November 5, 1921. His family moved to California in 1937 where he graduated from Manual Arts High in 1939. He joined the Navy in 1941 and was on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific theater in WWII. In 1953 he joined Chapman Ave. Realty as a realtor and later formed McGarvey-Thompson Realty and subsequently McGarvey-Clark Realty where he served as Chairman of the Board.

He married Virginia in 1945. She preceded him in death in 1994. They moved to Fullerton in 1951 and he remained there until his death.

Bill was involved in more than six decades of charitable

work and community service.

Bill was the founding president of the Friends of the University for Cal State Fullerton and served 37 years on the CSUF President Advisory Council Board.

He was the Past President of the Fullerton Rotary Club, the Fullerton District Board of Realtors, the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce, and the Big Brothers of North Orange County.

He was named a Super Good Guy in 1969 by the Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton, Mr. Education in 1964 by the Fullerton School Board and Man of the Year in 1965 by the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce. He was awarded the CSUF President's Medallion in 1992 (one of two in the past 50 years).



Bill McGarvey was surprised with a birthday cake by CSUF students, faculty, and family on his 90th birthday.

Bill is survived by his sons, William III (Janet) and Patrick (Anna) and four grandchildren, Meghan, Matthew, Molly and William IV as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Friday, June 26th at 11:00 am at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center. In lieu of flowers please contribute to one of the charitable organizations that he so generously gave to during his lifetime.

**Muriel Anna Nelson Fairgrieve**

November 7, 1927 to May 14, 2015

Muriel Anna Nelson Fairgrieve was born November 7, 1927, in Hempstead, New York. She married William Thomas Fairgrieve in 1950. The couple moved from New York to Burbank, California in 1951 then made the family home in

Fullerton in 1955 where she remained until her passing.

She loved spending time with her six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was an outstanding seamstress and knitter, making clothing for her entire family along with a special baby quilt for each of her grandkids. She took great pride and joy in seeing her children and grandchildren growing up and the various accomplishments in the endeavors they each pursued. She was a devoted wife and mother who loved to go camping and traveling to many favorite destinations in the western states.

Mrs. Fairgrieve was involved with Girl Scouts for over 55 years and was a founding member of the Orange County Adult Troop #1, fondly referred to as the "OWLS". This group supports and mentors Girl Scouts throughout the area and she loved her involvement in the annual Girl Scout camps, supporting individual girls, annual cookie and calendar sales.

She loved growing flowers and succu-

lent gardening and was involved with the Fullerton Arboretum & Botanical Gardens. She loved to walk with the other members of the Senior Center and supported the annual Memorial Day service at Loma Vista Memorial Park by ironing the flags each year.

She was an independent and adventurous person taking several big adventures in her later years to Europe, Alaska and the Panama Canal.

Muriel Anna Nelson Fairgrieve is survived by three children: William (Rhonda) Fairgrieve of Port Orchard, Washington; Mary Ann (Dan) Bush of San Juan Bautista, California; and James (Lori) Fairgrieve of Star, Idaho. Her husband William predeceased her.

She will be remembered by all who knew her by her kind words and caring ways, and will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

Services were held on May 24 at Loma Vista Memorial Park with a reception following at the family home.

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by Ed Paul

The "Greatest Generation" and the US Marines were the focus on Monday, May 25, at the 77th Annual Fullerton Memorial Day Observance at Loma Vista Memorial Park, attended by an estimated 2,200 people.

Prior to the program, 50 members of the Greatest Generation received special recognition pins from their great grandchildren or great-great grandchildren, who are here and have greater opportunities because of their service.

Particular recognition was given to Buck Catlin, age 96, former Navy Commander and mayor of Fullerton, and Manny Barrios, age 93, former 101st Airborne, US Army who made the historic jump behind enemy lines on D-Day, 1944 and whose presence electrified those who attended the last year's ceremony.

On the prior Saturday, 600 community volunteers placed a cross or Star of David and a flag on 4,043 veterans' graves throughout the cemetery.

The special guest speaker was Lieutenant General David H. Berger, Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sponsored by the American Veterans Memorial Association, more information about the ceremony may be obtained by visiting their website at www.avmafullerton.org.

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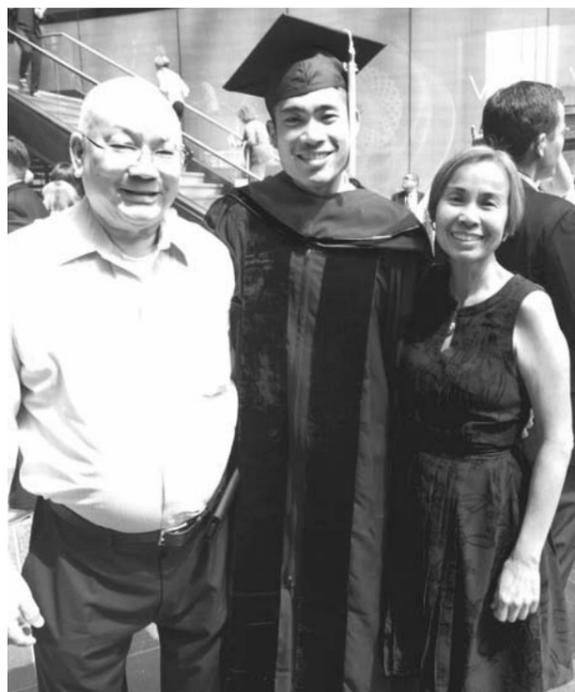
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Ryan Moy with parents Terrence and Naomi Moy of Fullerton at his graduation.

Dr. Ryan Moy

Ryan H. Moy, M.D., Ph.D., son of Naomi and Terrence Moy of Fullerton, was awarded a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania on May 16. Dr. Moy, who also holds a doctorate in Immunology, will begin his six-year residency/post doctoral work in Internal Medicine and Oncology, respectively, at the New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center located in Manhattan, New York City.

To his credit, he completed the M.D./Ph.D. program in seven years instead of the normal eight years.

Notices & Tributes

Notices and tributes in the Observer are free to residents depending on space available. Send to observernews@earthlink.net



Above: John Quijano, Jimmy Jaramillo, Marvin Owens, Joey Hernandez, Sammy Perales, Fortino Gallo, Fred Jaimes & Joseph Valenzuela at the Fullerton College Hall of Fame ceremony and dinner where Marvin Owens was honored.



SAVE THE DATE: June 30th

Dr. Ronald Jue, co-author of "The Inner Edge," and 2014 TED speaker will present "A Glimpse of His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama. What can we gain from his teachings that brings significance into our life? Free OLLI lecture at Mackey Auditorium, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd. Call 657-278-2446 for information.

Maple Community Friends & Fullerton College Hall of Fame Honor Marvin Owens

Former Fullerton High & College football great, Marvin Owens was surrounded by family and Maple Community friends on his induction into the Fullerton College 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame at a celebration dinner and ceremony on

Friday, May 15 at the college.

Marv Owens received his Hall of Fame medal for his athletic contribution to Fullerton College and community service with the Leon Owens Foundation.

-ROBERTO MELENDEZ

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•FIRE STATION GENDER ACCOMMODATIONS continued from page 4:

Councilmember Flory asked why it was so expensive and received the answer that the renovations involved new plumbing, doorways, walls and ceilings.

Jane Reifer pointed out that the station was in the Transportation Center Specific Plan Area and could be demolished. Director Hoppe said that if that happened it would be years away and the cost to

relocate the fire station would be borne by developers.

Mr. Levinson asked, "If you are only talking about accommodating two females why not just put a lock on the door? Males who feel like females can use female restrooms in schools, why can't adults share restrooms?"

Council voted 4-1 (Whitaker, no).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

•Chris Williams said that Acacia and Victoria Drive streets are in bad shape. He said that the \$2.5 million budgeted is only enough to fix one mile of road per year and needs to be greatly increased. He was asked to leave his contact information so that staff could look into the matter.

•Barry Levinson said that the reason that the city staff was pushing high density, which causes traffic, pollution, and added water shortage, was to fund their own salaries.

•Joe Imbriano asked that special investigator Gennaco be brought in to look at the police investigation of the incident involving Levinson's alleged intimidation of a cell tower representative in the city hall foyer. "He was defamed and maligned by Fullerton Observer and others," he said.

COUNCIL & STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Flory challenged Mr. Imbriano asking him to release the video he had taken of the Levinson incident. "You were involved but have refused to release the tape to exonerate your friend

Levinson. Stand up and do the right thing," she said.

She also said that she and Mayor Protem Fitzgerald had attended the recent Water Summit and had learned that if the drought continues it will have huge economic consequences.

Flory and Fitzgerald took a tour of the Republic Services (MG Disposal) 35-acre recycling facility in Anaheim. Councilmember Flory said the tour is fascinating and open to teachers who would like to take students.

Mayor Protem Fitzgerald asked that a stop sign study be done at Valley View and Glenhaven. Public Works Director Hoppe said he would get right on it.

Councilmember Whitaker said that Gennaco is on contract to the city and that he would like to see a full accounting of his expenditures and activities.

All members praised the various events that had occurred around town. Mayor Protem Fitzgerald said that Love Fullerton has year-round projects for volunteers at www.LoveFullerton.org.

JUNE 2 COUNCIL AGENDA

\$2 Million to Control Lake Leak

Item #3 discusses establishing a new CIP project to investigate the most cost-effective way to control the loss of water from Laguna Lake involving a transfer of \$2 million from the Sanitation Fund reserves that will be paid back as other funding becomes available.

The lake loses an average of 90,000 gallons of water per day (30% to evaporation and 70% through the leak. Three alternatives will be considered:

1) Fully line the lake bed at an estimated one-time cost of \$2 million. This would require draining and refilling.

2) Constructing a well recirculating system which would involve complicated study and continued ongoing energy and maintenance costs. (No estimate given).

3) Float in liner using materials such as bentonite which sink to the bottom. This would be a minor disruption of use of the lake and does not guarantee success. (No estimate given).

Redistribution of Housing Funds

Item #5 discusses how to redistribute bond proceeds to increase affordable housing in the city since The Waterford Group which was allocated \$5 million for a project at 600 W. Commonwealth was unable to come through. Also Squier Properties/ROEM Corp, which was allocated \$5 million for a project at 336 E Santa Fe, east of Lemon, has dropped out.

The non-profit Community of Friends project has moved to 1220 E. Orangethorpe Ave and could use some of the money.

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Tide Turning Against Plastic Microbeads in Toiletries

by Sarah Mosko

There are signs that the era where plastic microbeads from personal care products pollute bodies of water worldwide and aquatic food chains might be drawing to a close.

Microbeads are minuscule spheres of plastic commonly added as abrasives to personal care products like face scrubs, shower gels and toothpaste. They're designed to wash down the drain, but because of their small size, they escape sewage treatment plants. Once discharged into oceans, rivers or lakes or onto land, they're virtually impossible to clean up.

They're typically made of polyethylene or polypropylene and do not biodegrade within any meaningful human time scale, especially in aquatic environments. And, like other plastics, they attract and accumulate oily toxins commonly found in bodies of water (e.g. DDT, PCBs and flame retardants).

Microbeads resemble fish eggs, likely contributing to the documented ingestion of microplastics in the millimeter and under size range by sea life in bottom tiers of the ocean food web, including zooplankton, sandworms, barnacles and small crustaceans. The potential for ingested microplastics to transfer up aquatic food chains is very real, as demonstrated by studies revealing transfer from the tiniest to larger zooplankton and from mussels to shore crabs. There is parallel risk for harmful chemicals associated with microplastics to increasingly concentrate in animal tissues, adding threat to humans and other life forms dining at the top of the chain.

Scientists are also discovering direct ingestion of microplastics by fish which humans eat and that toxic chemicals from the plastics transfer to fish flesh.

Beginning with the pioneering measurements of plastic debris in the North Pacific Gyre by the Long Beach-based Algalita Marine Research Foundation, the buildup of plastic pollution in all five of the world's oceanic gyres is now well-established. Together with the recent discovery of microplastic accumulation in the U.S. Great Lakes and some rivers, this has spurred tangible momentum among some U.S. politicians toward elimination of microbeads in personal care products.

For example, the Great Lake states of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and New York all considered legislative bans last year, though Illinois emerged as the only state to enact one, effective late 2017. The 2013 study spearheaded by Santa Monica's 5 Gyres Institute reported that much of the microplastic debris in the Great Lakes strongly resembles microbeads in cosmetics. Lake Ontario was most polluted, approximately 1.1 million microplastic fragments per square kilometer.

Then just this April, New Jersey became

the second state to enact a ban, citing that manufacturers were already largely on board, given pledges to phase out microbeads by several corporations including Colgate-Palmolive, Johnson & Johnson, L'Oréal, Procter & Gamble and Unilever. Besides, alternative abrasives can be made from many natural materials, like beeswax, walnut shells, apricot pits, sand or salt crystals.

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Meanwhile, California is reconsidering a statewide ban which failed passage last year by a single vote (AB 888, Bloom). The proposed ban, which would take effect in Jan. 2020, passed in the state assembly on May 22 and has moved on to the senate. New York's Attorney General has also signaled intention to shoot for a ban again this year, citing that microbeads were found in three-quarters of samples of treated effluent from New York waste treatment plants. Additional states currently considering bans include Connecticut, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington.

There's even a possible national ban in the works. Two U.S. Representatives, Fred Upton of Michigan and Frank Pallone of New Jersey, have re-introduced a bill which stalled last year that would ban the sale of products with microbeads starting Jan. 2018. Because Upton is the Republican chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Pallone is the ranking committee Democrat, there is greater hope for successful passage this time around.

Things are heating up outside the United States too. The international Beat the Micro Bead campaign touts 66 participating NGOs in 32 countries and offers a free download app allowing shoppers across the globe to scan barcodes to identify which products contain plastic microbeads. The campaign's website also posts lists of products by country that contain microbeads.

Moreover, Germany plans to promote an international effort to reduce waste from plastics, including microbeads, at the June economic summit of the Group of Seven (G-7) nations.

Appearing in the February issue of Science magazine, the findings of the first large-scale study to estimate how much plastic is actually going into the oceans are nothing short of shocking. Using data from 192 coastal countries, the researchers calculated that, just in the year 2010, between 4.8 and 12.7 million metric tons (roughly 10.5 to 28 billion pounds) entered the oceans. If nothing is done to stem the inflow of plastics, those numbers could increase ten-fold by 2025.

Given these sobering figures, worldwide elimination of microbeads in personal care products, an entirely avoidable source of plastic pollution, can't happen soon enough.

Read more articles by Dr. Sarah Mosko on her website www.boogiegreen.com

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Low Risk of Long Term Effects of WiFi & Non-Ionizing Electromagnetic Radiation

by Dr. Mark H. Shapiro
Professor of Physics, Emeritus, CSUF

In my opinion, the information presented in the Health News Column in the Mid-May 2015 *Observer* regarding the long-term health effects of Wi-Fi and other forms of non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation is seriously misleading, because it conflates very low-risk activities such as being in the vicinity of a cell phone tower, using WiFi or smart meters with a much higher risk activity. Namely, talking on a cell phone held to one's head for long period of time.

To my knowledge, the only studies that have shown statistically significant increases in cancer rates associated with high-frequency electromagnetic radiation (EMR) were those where relatively high EMR doses were involved. One such study, which was mentioned in the article, showed that people who talked on cell phones for 30 minutes or more daily over

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a long period of time (10 years) showed a 40% increase in a particular type of malignant brain tumor — glioma. Another study looked at causes of deaths for radio amateurs in California and Washington, and found that although radio amateurs had a lower overall death rate from cancer than the general population they did experience a death rate from two particular types of cancer that was higher than the general population. Questions have been raised about the methodology used in the radio amateur study, but if it is taken at face value, it reports on a group of people exposed to much higher levels of EMR for long periods of time than even those who talk on cell phones for extended periods of time. Numerous other studies of populations exposed to low levels of EMR have shown no statistically significant correlations with cancer rates.

Cell phone tower antennas, WiFi router antennas, and smart meter antennas are essentially point sources of electromagnetic radiation. The laws of physics dictate that the specific absorption rate (SAR) in Watts/kg of body weight from these sources will decrease approximately as the square of the distance from a point source of radiation — the inverse square law. For example the transmitter in a typical cell phone tower may radiate a total of about 50 Watts of electromagnetic radiation in all directions. Because of the inverse square law, a person standing 10 meters (about 30 ft) from the tower would have a SAR of about 0.365 Watts/kg. This is well below the allowed limit of 1.6 Watts/kg here in the U.S. Since most cell phone towers are at least 10 meters high, one would have to stand at the base of the tower to experience this SAR. A person standing 10 meters away from the base of the tower, would experience a SAR of less than 0.03 Watts/kg or about 2% of the maximum allowable SAR.

WiFi routers are restricted to much lower power output than cell phone towers, and in practice radiate less than 4 watts of power or less. A person standing 2 meters (about 6 ft) away from the router would experience a SAR of less than 0.006 Watts/kg or less than 0.4% of the allowable SAR.

Smart meters have both low power output, typically less than 1 watt; and, low

duty-cycles. They store data within the device and transmit it in very short bursts similar to a text message. The smart meter is in transmit mode typically less than 1% of the time so the SARs associated with them are very small.

The electromagnetic radiation problem that should concern us is not the cell towers, WiFi routers, or smart meters — but the cell phones themselves. When a person holds a cell phone to his or her ear to make a call, a significant fraction of the energy radiated from the cell phone is absorbed by the head. Cell phones sold in the U.S. deliver SARs ranging from a low of 0.19 to a maximum of 1.58 Watts/kg. As the study quoted in the Health News column stated exposure to SARs this high on a daily basis over many years appears to raise the risk for gliomas (a type of malignant brain cancer) by about 40% compared to the rate in the general population. While other studies have not been

so definitive, we should err on the side of caution and take this particular study at face value.

Glioma is a relatively rare type of cancer in older adults, but more common in children and young adults. Fortunately, it is relatively easy to significantly reduce the risk of developing this type of cancer while still enjoying the benefits of a cell phone. Those who talk on cell phones for more than a few minutes a day should choose a cell phone model with a low SAR, and should be sure to use a

wired earpiece and microphone or the speaker phone feature of the phone. This permits the phone to be positioned away from the head, greatly decreasing the SAR to the brain. Children and young adults — the population most at risk from gliomas — should be encouraged to text rather than to talk on their cell phone. Not only is the cell phone held away from the body while texting, but the text message is sent as a very short burst of EMR, so the exposure is very small by comparison to a voice call.

There is another risk associated with cell phone use that has nothing to do with electromagnetic radiation. It is estimated that between 17% and 25% of all traffic accidents in the U.S. are caused by people talking or texting on a cell phone while driving and that 8% to 10% of all traffic fatalities involve cell phone use, many of these are teen-agers or young adults. Thus, between 2,500 and 3,200 traffic deaths are associated with cell phone use. In comparison, approximately 1,400 children and teenagers are diagnosed with glioma from all causes each year in the United States.

The bottom line is that the only risk to the general public from EMR at cell phone frequencies comes from the cell phones themselves, not from the towers, WiFi routers, or smart meters. And, with a little care even that risk can be greatly reduced.

ED: Thank you for your expert opinion on the Mid May *Observer* page 2 article "109 Scientists Call for EMF Protection Against Long-term Health Effects of WiFi." The article reported on a letter those scientists sent to WHO and the UN asking that those institutions back efforts to reduce exposure to radio-frequency EMF.

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ANSWER KEY

At left is the answer key to the crossword "Fullerton Streets" on page 7.



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

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CHANGE & BALANCE

by Michelle Gottlieb

Becoming Unstuck



I have written about EMDR therapy in this column before, but I want to discuss it again because of the power of this therapy to help people who seem stuck in life due to their wounds. They react to their wounds as though those past issues were so damaging they are still happening, which is exactly what it feels like to the person.

I have been doing psychotherapy for a very long time. I have learned (and taught) many skills that help people to cope with the damage that has been done to them over the years and ways in which people can better deal with their anxiety, depression or trauma.

EMDR therapy is the first therapy that I have found that actually heals people. After going through this treat-

ment, people react differently to their world. They are no longer stuck. In fact, they often report being much happier.

The World Health Organization has endorsed it, as has many different countries and governmental organizations, including the US Department of Defense.

I get so sad when I see people tortured by their past and unable to enjoy their lives. There are ways to heal! There are many therapists all over the world trained in this therapy and more being trained every day!

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Mother & Daughter in Washington D.C.

Cate Castleton and her daughter Princess visited Washington D.C. in April. While there they visited many national landmarks and met with assistants of Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, and Ed Royce on Capitol Hill. They were there with a larger group from California to thank the representatives for their support in funding CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) for another two years.



Belle & Gloria in Charleston

Friends Belle Sprague and Gloria Hill had a great time walking all around the beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina, learning its history, admiring the architecture, and enjoying the wonderful low country food. Above they are pictured in front of the Victorian era Calhoun Mansion.



Dodie & Lois Visit Myanmar & Laos

Dodie Sailor and Lois Austin spent a month in Myanmar (Burma) and Laos. "This picture was taken at the Kuthosaw Pagoda, often called the World's Biggest Book due to its surrounding marble slabs

inscribed with the entire collection of early Buddhist writings. Pagodas, which include temples and stupas, are everywhere.

"People make most of what they need including pounding the layers of gold for decorating the stupas.

"This pagoda is in Mandalay. English poet, Rudyard Kipling, wrote his famous poem (later a song), *The Road to Mandalay*.

"It was a fascinating and strenuous trip," said Dodie.



Bridgefords and Fosters on the American Queen

Old Fullerton friends Allan and Janet Bridgefords and Cynthia and Dick Foster (pictured above joining the Captain, seated at center, at his table) recently took their *Observer* along on a Mississippi River cruise from Memphis to New Orleans on the American Queen stern-wheeler steamboat.

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