



One-Day Winter Market

The Winter Market will take place from noon to 4pm on Saturday, Dec. 7 on Wilshire between Harbor and Pomona in downtown Fullerton. Special features include holiday entertainment, vendor & food booths, beer & wine garden, bounce house, face-painting, gift shopping, and free photos with Santa. Admission is free. Please bring an unwrapped toy if you would like to donate to Toys for Tots.

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The Southern California Gas Company will be conducting major construction operations on Harbor Boulevard, Bastanchury Road, Valencia Mesa Drive, Balboa Avenue and W. Valley View Drive/Brea Boulevard, beginning early December extending through February.

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5-DAY FAST: Members of the Korean Resource Center and others kept a presence in front of Rep. Ed Royce's Brea office during the 5-day fast for citizenship. Although Congressman Ed Royce, who represents the Fullerton area, was in his office upstairs he refused their requests to speak to him about the issue. At one point his staff yelled out, "He doesn't have to talk with you." - PHOTO IDA MACMURRAY

Rep. Ed Royce Refuses to Meet with 5-Day Fast for Citizenship Campers

A 5-day fast and campout held in front of Rep. Ed Royce's office on Birch St. in Brea ended on Nov. 22 with a rousing rally and march by over two hundred supporters of a pathway to citizenship for immigrants. The drums drowned out a little opposition group of twenty people with large signs calling for deporting immigrants and impeaching Obama.

Supporting fasters from religious institutions such as the First Congregational Church of Fullerton and civic groups like

the Korean Resource Center OCCCO, SIEU, students, and community leaders alternated members around the clock keeping a presence of at least eleven campers on site. The groups were there to support a vote for immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship and fixing the broken system where 11 million undocumented immigrants live in fear of being separated from their families.

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Downtown's Alcohol Problem & How it Started

by Judith Kaluzny

ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) is required to send notices of all alcohol license application to the local police department and city council. When I learned this, I went to city hall to ask what happens to such notices. I was directed to the development department. There an employee, after consulting, he said, with Heather Allen, senior planner, told me, "We trash 'em." "What" said I, "you do not forward them to city council?" "Nope." "Planning commission?" "Nope." "You don't respond to them?" "No. We trash 'em."

I learned all that and a lot more in the process of objecting last year to another license downtown. At my downtown business location, I have broken office windows, bottles thrown and broken in my yard, urination, defecation, and the city keeps trying to tax me to pay for the mess. All downtown businesses suffer from all that as well as etched windows, vomit in their doorways, and other filth around their businesses. To say nothing of their suffering from lack of parking because of the exemption for restaurants.

In Fullerton, responsibility for receiving all notices from ABC was assumed by then director of development Paul Dudley. On March 24, 1995, he sent a memo to the city manager, chief of police, a lieutenant and a senior planner, informing them that a new state law gave local agencies "much more influence over the issuance of retail licenses."

The change, he explained, was that ABC "is now required to deny the majority of retail license applications if the (city

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College President Cautions Students

In the Mid-Nov. Observer (page 9), we reported that Cypress College students have been asking for parity with students at Fullerton College, both of which are part of North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD). Cypress College students raised the issue that NOCCCD policy requires Associate Degree general education classes taken at either college satisfy Associate Degree general education requirements at both colleges. Fullerton College offers students greater options for fulfilling their Reading Proficiency requirement, which is not sitting well with many Cypress College students. Students who have already fulfilled this requirement through one of the many courses offered at Fullerton College find that the same courses do not fulfill the requirement at Cypress College.

Cypress College Student Trustee, Claudia Peña, asked the NOCCCD Board of Trustees about this lack of equity at the November 12th Board meeting. At the time, the Board decided not to address the question until Chancellor Ned Doffoney has had a chance to look at the issue. In the wake of the Board's decision, the Cypress College Associated Students (AS) urged

administrators at Cypress College to read the Fullerton Observer article.

Following the Fullerton Observer article, the Orange County Register printed an article ("Cypress College Reading Requirement Frustrates Students") in its Nov. 20th issue. Read that article at (<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/english-538040-reading-department.html>).

In the wake of both publications, Cypress College President, Robert Simpson, spoke with the Associated Students admonishing caution for the reputation of the campus. The session was caught on video. Watch President Simpson address students at www.youtube.com/watch?v=l40O_txIUeQ

The Cypress College publication, Divergence magazine (Vol. VI, Issue 4) published its own cover story on the issue: "Curriculum Conundrum" (<http://cychron.com/curriculum-conundrum/>).

There is a concern that unless this issue is addressed in a timely manner, the lack of parity with Fullerton College will continue to hinder Cypress College students for years to come. To date, there has been no resolution or talk of changing the Cypress College policy in favor of student equity.

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Response to Accident at School
Grossly Negligent

My son received a very serious head injury from a district employee at Woodcrest Elementary school on October 30th. Hilda Flores, the principal of Woodcrest, has chosen not disclose the person's name. I am writing to you because the response of the Woodcrest staff and the Fullerton District office to this incident has been utterly incompetent and grossly negligent.

On Wednesday at about 12pm, my son was sitting next to his best friend on the blacktop at school watching some other kids play basketball. A district employee inadvertently ran into my son from behind, kneeling him in the back of the head. As a result, my son was unable to read any printing (no matter how large the font) and had double vision for the next 3 days. My son has never had vision problems of any kind. According to emergency room doctors, he became legally blind from the blow.

The district employee left my son on the blacktop with a concussion and walked away.

Immediately after the incident, my son went to the school office and told them he had been hit in the back of the head. The principal told me he complained of headache, blurry vision, and general disorientation. My son did not know the district employee who crashed into him, so he was unable to tell the principal or office staff who had struck him. A secretary put an ice bag on his head to address the headache, however nothing (again, nothing) was done to access his blurry vision.

If anyone had asked my son to read one of the posters on the office walls, or held their hand in front of him and asked 'how many fingers am I holding up?', the severity of the injury would have been identified immediately. If a child has a concussion, especially one that effects his vision so severely that he can no longer read, the school is supposed to call 911. Supposedly everyone at Woodcrest (including the principal who talked to my son) is trained in how to identify concussions, and what to do if you spot one.

When my wife picked up my son a half

hour after the incident, the principal told her that, based on what she had seen, we "might" want to take him to a doctor. She also assured us that she would find out who did this.

I was there when my wife came home early with my son. Within 2 minutes, we figured out that he could not read and was seeing double. I immediately took him to the emergency room at Anaheim Regional Medical Center. After evaluating my son, they gave him a CT Scan and sent us in an ambulance to UCI to see an eye specialist. The specialists confirmed that my son had

a concussion and needed to be checked out by a doctor again in 2 days. If any of his symptoms got worse, we were to go straight back to the emergency room.

I met with the principal the next day. She told me that she had asked her staff about the incident, and discovered nothing as to who did it. She repeatedly tried to convince me that it was another student who had collided with my son; that he had been confused due to his head injury. She even had the audacity to say that if one of her staff had done such a thing, she would have known about it because the culprit would have a filed a workers comp claim.

Later that day, the principal discovered which member of her staff had run into my son and confirmed that a district employee, not a student, had indeed collided with him. At this point she became extremely guarded in what she would share with us, and made it a point not to disclose the employee's name. She did not apologize for the mistake, and has made no attempt to contact us since.

On Friday, Nov. 1st my son's condition had not improved at all. At this point he had missed almost 3 days of school because he could not read. No one contacted us to see how he was doing.

My wife called Superintendent Robert Pletka's office to file a complaint. The secretary to the superintendent told us that she would relay our conversation to the superintendent, and that there was no need to file a complaint in writing. Later that day, I called her back and had to demand that I be allowed to file a com-

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are dealt with
at Woodcrest
Elementary
and at the
district level.

City Response Regarding Fishing Regulations at Laguna Lake

A letter from some residents walking around Laguna Lake appeared in the Early Nov. *Fullerton Observer* on page 4 "Fishing at Laguna Lake, a Wildlife Hazard." The letter told the harrowing story of trying to rescue ducks on two separate days with fishing hooks stuck in their throats. We sent the story to Parks & Rec Director Hugo Curiel and asked him to respond to questions about who pays for stocking the lake with fish and what regulations exist for fishing at the lake. Below is his response:

"Laguna Lake is stocked by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Every four to six weeks the lake gets a delivery of fish. There are two types of fish stocked in the lake, trout and catfish. Trout is stocked from November to April. Catfish is stocked from May to October.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife does not release the amount of fish in each allotment or the cost of each delivery to the public. But a fair estimate would be about 200 pounds of fish (each fish

weighs about 1 to 1½ lbs.) and \$300 to \$500 per delivery. The cost varies because the Department of Fish and Wildlife both operates its own hatcheries and contracts with private hatcheries to supply fish to lakes in the Fishing in the City program, established in 1993.

All persons 16 and older need to have a valid fishing license to fish at Laguna Lake. There are two free fishing days each year that don't require a license. In 2013 those days were July 6 and September 7. Free fishing days provide a great way to give fishing a try without the annual commitment of a license. The current annual license fee is \$46.44 for California residents and \$124.77 for non-residents.

Here are the rules regulating
fishing at the lake.

- The City encourages "catch and release" and use of barbless hooks.
- Limit your take of rainbow trout, bass, catfish, and bluegill to two fish per day.
- Bass and catfish must be at least 12 inches in length.
- Only one rod per person is allowed (a

plaint before she would email the form to me.

We went to Talbert Medical Group, where the doctor (seeing that nothing had improved and my son was still legally blind) insisted we see a pediatrician at CHOC. All 5 doctors who saw my son during these 3 days said an MRI was in order (which we have scheduled on the 21st), and my son needed to be kept under intense supervision.

On Monday, Nov. 4th I walked our complaint form into the district office. Everything mentioned above was included in the complaint. I was told that someone from the district was looking into the incident. Over a week (from 11/4 to the 11/12) went by with no response from anyone.

On Tuesday Nov. 12th I attempted to call the superintendent's secretary but was told by the front desk secretary that she was out for the week. Then I was connected to Lori Bruno, head of Risk Management for Fullerton school district (who has been the only forthright person I've talked to about the incident). Miss Bruno was able to get the superintendent's secretary to call me back. At this point we were able set up a meeting with the superintendent for the following week.

My wife and I filled out the appropriate paperwork requesting the school district pay for any hospital bills we incur (we haven't received anything yet. We haven't heard back from anyone; they said it usually takes about a month to get a response. One would think if a district employee gave a student a concussion, they would look into it on their own, or try to expedite the process. We have had to initiate everything, and every district employee we've talked to has dragged their feet as much as possible along the way.

As it stands right now, we still might get stuck with the hospital bills for everything that has happened.

Fundamental, structural changes need to be made regarding how injured students are dealt with at Woodcrest Elementary (the same applies at the district level). Woodcrest is in a low income area, many of the children's parents are undocumented or otherwise marginalized, and as a result incidents like these often go unreported. It wasn't until I called the district office several times that I felt anyone was taking us seriously.

I'm hoping that if you guys can shine some light on what's going on here, we'll see some improvement in how children are treated by the school district.

second rod stamp can be purchased through DFW).

- Dispose of all trash including fishing line, tackle, and bait into trash barrels. Do not throw any trash into the lake or creek.
- Do not feed the ducks, or abandon or release any waterfowl or outside fish in the lake.

Here are rules at the Lake
regarding other concerns:

- Keep dogs on a leash no longer than 10 feet at all times. Dogs are not permitted in ponds, streams, or lakes.
- Hunting or removing wild animals or plant life is prohibited.
- Cyclists need to yield to people on foot and equestrians. People on foot need to yield to equestrians.
- No vehicles other than bicycles or official City vehicles are permitted in the park. No boats, rafts, or other watercraft are allowed on the lake or creek.
- Stay on designated trails in order to keep plants healthy and reduce erosion on the slopes.

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Letter from Father of the Late Kelly Thomas

Now that the jury has been selected and Ramos and Cicinelli are going to trial (Wolfe will be tried separately), I want to set the record straight about Kelly and the allegations that he used meth, LSD, and many other illegal drugs.

John Barnett, defense attorney for Ramos would have everyone believe that Kelly (as Barnett kept saying in court) had a chronic meth habit, and used LSD along with many other drugs.

In 1995 Kelly was interviewed by a psychiatrist, in a closed door doctor/client setting. Gravely disabled and mentally ill Kelly Thomas told this doctor that he had used many drugs including meth and LSD. That was 18 years ago! I want you to think about this. Over the last 18 years, Kelly had (according to police records) many, many contacts with law enforcement. NOT ONCE was Kelly cited or arrested for being under the influence, in possession of any drugs or drug paraphernalia, or for trying to buy any type of

drugs. Also, Kelly lived in many different “board and care” homes. At the board and care homes, everyone including Kelly was drug tested once a week. Kelly never tested positive!

In fact, other than his statement, there is NO evidence AT ALL that Kelly has ever taken or used any illegal drugs. Of course, we all know that on the night that he was brutally beaten to death, the toxically reports showed that Kelly didn’t have any drugs or alcohol in his system. There have many media reports about Kelly’s drug history. Now you have an opportunity to report the TRUE facts.

The trial begins on December the 2nd for Ramos and Cicinelli. Wolfe has a court appearance on January the 24th for his trial date. All hearings and trials are in court room C-40, 10th floor, Santa Ana Criminal Courts Building, 9:00am.

Ron Thomas
Father of the late Kelly Thomas

Letter from Parents of former Cpl. Cicinelli

A letter from the parents of former Cpl. Jay Cicinelli was sent on Nov. 8, 2013 to California State Attorney General Kamala Harris asking her to look into possible prosecutorial misconduct” and witness tampering on the part of OCDA Tony Rackauckas. The letter was followed by a 12-page timeline alleging that various non-recorded meetings took place between OCDA Rackauckas and both the coroner and attending physician resulting in a change of their original stated cause of death to one which would allow the filing of charges. Allegedly the OCDA showed both coroner and the physician the tape of the incident during those meetings. Below is the letter.

“The trial of the People v. Cicinelli/Ramos officially began on November 4, 2013 in the Santa Ana, California Superior Court. Jury questionnaire forms have been filled in and jury selection is to begin in a few weeks.

The death of homeless man, Kelly Thomas, resulted after an altercation with police on July 05, 2011, and three police officers have been charged in his death as a result of attempting to effect an arrest.

The initial cause of death to Mr. Thomas was listed as “unknown.” The cause of death was then changed to “compression suffocation” and has once again been changed to “cardiac arrest.”

DA Rackauckas is personally representing the People in this case. It is our opinion DA Tony Rackauckas has engaged in Prosecutorial Misconduct and possibly Witness Tampering in order to achieve the criteria needed to be able to file charges against the officers. The following narrative will explain why we are contacting you and asking for your consideration and opinion on behalf of justice and fairness for all the officers involved.”

City Response Regarding Fishing Regulations at Laguna Lake continued from page 2

- Do not swim, wade, or bathe in the lake or creek.
- Alcoholic beverages, firearms or weapons, and fireworks are not allowed in the park at any time.
- Obtain a permit for gatherings of 25 or more at the Fullerton City Hall Department of Parks and Recreation (714) 738-6575.
- Do not erect permanent or temporary structures without City approval.

In an effort to maintain wildlife areas at the lake, the City has conducted a campaign to educate the public on the effects of feeding ducks and of dropping off wildlife pets at the lake as well. Feeding waterfowl bread, popcorn, etc. can cause poor nutrition, increase water pollution, delay migration, lead to overcrowding and spread of disease. Ducks and geese that are fed by humans become more aggressive. In addition, excess waterfowl droppings contribute to summer algae blooms on the lake. Despite the educational/informative signage, some people will continue to feed the ducks. Overall, this educational campaign has proven to be effective.

Over the past few years there have been improvements to the landscaping areas around the creek and on the trail side of the lake. These improvements that were supported and funded in partnership with various state funded grants have created spaces for waterfowl to congregate and sleep safely and to improve the quality of various other wildlife species. As an example, nesting boxes have been added to the trees to foster a safe environment for wood ducks. Other environments were introduced through specific plant species.

Fishing enthusiasts are encouraged to carefully dispose of their fishing lines and hooks in trash cans or into the designated hook and line depository by the creek.

Other similar lakes have a balance between the recreational and the natural value as well. The lake has many caretakers that help keep the balance; individual and group volunteers pickup trash, cigarette butts, and stray fishing lines. City maintenance crews tend to the lake’s edges, exterior landscaping and repairs, while the lake itself is professionally monitored for water quality, circulation, and habitat.

Further Questions

Since the original letter writers wanted to know how to prevent the problem of fish hooks and stray lines being left around the lake, the *Observer* has asked Director Curiel a few follow-up questions which we should have asked in the first place.

- 1) How often do caretakers find ducks with fish hooks in their throats? Is it a common problem?
- 2) What can be done to prevent the problem other than encouraging fishing enthusiasts to dispose of lines and hooks in the trash cans? (*since the encouragement does not seem to work.*)
- 3) Why are there cigarette butts at the lake? Wasn’t smoking prohibited at the lake years ago after Donna Judd’s students collected butts during a clean-up and brought them to the city council with a request to prohibit smoking at the lake?



OUT OF MY MIND

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Skins, Skinheads & Pinheads

As we end Thanksgiving, it’s a fitting time to think about the impact the Pilgrims, and their descendants, have had on the Indians, Native Americans, First Americans, First Peoples or Aborigines. We took their land. We did our best to take their dignity. We got their name wrong, because Columbus didn’t know where he was. Now for over a century we’ve been abusing them and their history while pretending to honor them with grotesque caricatures of their dress, rituals and traditions.

The current controversy centers of the Washington Redskins. Frankly anything associated with Washington DC should be the Red Faces, had they the decency to blush. But that’s another subject for another day. We can also include in our mainstream misuse and abuse of their history, the Atlanta Braves, Cleveland Indians and Golden State Warriors. These names are inappropriate and they should go.

Some try to argue that they are really tributes to the history and heritage of Native Americans. Looking at their logos and the antics of their mascots gives the lie to that assertion. Try to imagine a team called the Frisco Friars. Aside from Bay Area folks detesting the term Frisco, do you think anyone would tolerate a bigheaded mascot dressed as a Franciscan swinging a crucifix and throwing pieces of bread around as a tribute to Catholicism and Communion? The question answers itself.

Why then should we allow both pictorial and overstuffed stereotypes and exaggerations of ethnic characteristics to be mixed with distortions of their spiritual practices? We shouldn’t.

Some years ago, I wrote a piece on the other side of this controversy. I asked why Native Americans are

offended if Irish don’t quibble with the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame and few people of the European north are offended by the Vikings? Nor, I pointed out, were Yankees or Senators or Giants protesting.

I sent the draft to my son, Adam, for his thoughts, and he kindly and gently remonstrated with me by wondering how his father got to be an insensitive moron. It was one thing for the less powerful to mock and satirize the powerful but quite another for the powerful to exploit the less powerful. The Irish, no longer a persecuted minority (as they once were), are now mainstream enough to take it. Vikings too, being the whitest of white, have never been socially marginalized, nor, of course, were Yankees—at least not north of the Mason-Dixon Line.

We would never dream, I hope, of caricaturing Black people or culture. And while I accept the good faith of some soccer team owners

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in using Aztecs, I think it’s time to drop ethnic references. No one would think it a good idea to have a team called the New York Jews or Brooklyn Foreskins. Although, we could solve the Redskins problem, by dropping the Red and just leaving it at Skins.

The real solution to these institutional traditions of bigotry is for the media not to wait for owners, alumni and leagues to come to their senses, but for announcers to drop the ethnic references and media not to print the offensive names or reproduce the images. If we in the media took these anachronisms out of our stylebooks, they’d disappear—as the must.

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• 32,223	US Soldiers wounded (DOD reports) www.icasualties.org
• 17,674	Iraq (3/2003 thru 11/2011- no updates since this date)
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• \$1.492 Trillion	Cost of Wars Since 2001 www.costofwar.com (11/26/2013) (rounded down) (Iraq \$815 billion) (Afghanistan \$677 billion)

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Nov. 19th Council Meeting. (Next meeting is Dec. 3rd)

- COUNCIL COMMENTS**

 - POWER PLANT PROPOSAL:** Councilmember Flory asked for an agenda item to be added discussing the pros and cons of the OCWD plan to locate a power plant on Fullerton's border with Anaheim. Area residents are opposed to the idea. Mayor Whitaker, Fullerton's representative on the OCWD board said that OCWD had until Dec. 9th deadline to consider leasing the land to a private company interested in building a power plant. If the lease is accepted by the OCWD then the proposal would go to the state for a further approval. The presentation will take place at the Dec. 3rd council meeting.
 - MOUNTAIN VIEW LEAK:** Councilmember Sebourn asked that the water leak at Mountain View Park be fixed ASAP and we will worry about who should pay for it later. He also asked for an update on the development director position which has been vacant for over a year.
 - BANNER POSTING:** Mayor Whitaker noted that recently metal signs have appeared at the flood channel bridges where non-profits post signs - banning the signs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

 - HIGH RISE HOMES:** A resident said that building high density homes was not the answer to affordable housing. When such buildings are constructed the crime rate goes up, she said.
 - WHY NOT ST. JUDES?:** A resident asked why victims of the multiple car
- crash on the corner of Bastanchury and Harbor right in front of St. Jude Hospital were taken to hospitals outside of Fullerton for emergency treatment. Once again the unsatisfying answer was repeated by Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe who said that each hospital in Orange County has a specialty and St. Jude's is in charge of cardiac cases while others outside of Fullerton are in charge of trauma cases.

 - VETS DAY THANKS:** Marilyn Harris of the American Legion thanked the city and others for participating in the annual Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony. She said that the kids who passed out during the ceremony are ok.

UPDATES

 - DRIPP CAFE; LIBRARY SURPLUS PROPERTY:** City Manager Felz said that the Dripp Cafe lease agreement for the Fox Theater corner and a report on the sale of surplus properties such as the vacant library-owned land should come up at the next meeting.
 - ARMORY SHELTER:** Manager Felz said that the additional funding needed to keep the Armory Shelter open 6 months (instead of 3 months) per year was being looked into.
 - POLICE BODY CAMS:** Manager Felz said Fullerton and Anaheim are in the middle of a pilot program testing cameras which are part of police gear and that Chief Hughes would be making a report to council on the results at the Dec. 17th council meeting. *Continued on page 18*

Marilyn Harris of the American Legion said that all kids who passed out at the Vets Day Ceremony are ok.

Downtown Fullerton Alcohol Licenses	
License Type	Number
20: off-premise beer/wine store.....	2
21: off-premise beer/wine/distilled spirits store.....	2
42: beer/wine bar on or off premise.....	2
48: beer/wine/distilled spirits bar on premise.....	2
41: restaurant beer/wine on premise.....	16
47: restaurant beer/wine/distilled spirits on premise.....	28
TOTAL LICENSES IN DOWNTOWN FULLERTON.....	52

DOWNTOWN'S ALCOHOL PROBLEM & HOW IT STARTED

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council) determines that 'public convenience and necessity' would not be served," and that was tied to the "concentration of licenses in an area, the population of the area, and reported crimes."

If there were no objections, Dudley told them, he would prepare a letter for the mayor's signature to designate Development Services as the contact department for ABC. Then Mayor Julie Sa signed that letter to the director of ABC on April 4, 1995.

Next big step on the road to the reformation of our downtown was the establishment of the Restaurant Overlay District (ROD), an ordinance written, according to the former city manager, by Paul Dudley. It was passed in a vote by city council in December 2002. This District covers the census tract that includes downtown.

The key provisions of the ROD were that no restaurant would have to provide parking as businesses normally have to do, and that no restaurant would have to have a conditional use permit. Thus in an instant downtown Fullerton was rezoned AG - Anything Goes.

In 2008, the city manager moved to analyze the chaos that downtown Fullerton had become on weekends. He created the Downtown Working Group of department heads, finance people and police. Lt. Greg Mayes told the council that emergency vehicles were blocked on Commonwealth Avenue because of crowds in the streets. He said police officers suffer "extreme grief" because of the abuse heaped on them by the drunken revelers.

The analysis showed that the basically eight square blocks of downtown were costing the taxpayers \$935,000 over and above the sales taxes collected from the area. Then the council authorized four new officers to deal with the mobs, and the costs to the taxpayers grew to \$1.6 million.

Twice now council members and staff have tried to establish a tax on all downtown businesses to pay for the results of downtown alcohol-related clean-up and enforcement. This tax would be in the form of a "business improvement dis-

trict." So far, the city has not succeeded in creating a demand among downtown business people (*many of whom do not sell alcohol*) to tax themselves for excess cleaning, policing costs and emergency vehicles due to alcohol-related problems.

And then there was Amerige Court, seen by many as a scheme to get parking for the bar trade downtown. But that's another story as is the story of how the train station parking was built so far from the train station.

The Business and Professional Code of California, Division 9, provides the rules for Alcohol Beverage Control; Chapter 6 covers Issuance and Transfer of Licences, Sections 23950 to 23962.

Section 23958 orders the department to make a thorough investigation including all matters which may affect public welfare and morals..."the department further shall deny an application for a license if issuance of that license would tend to create a law enforcement problem, or if issuance would result in or add to an undue concentration of licenses except as provided in Section 23958.4."

The definition of "undue concentration" has one of two components: one is that crime in the area is 20 percent greater than in other census tracts in the city; the other is that the ratio of licenses to population in the census tract is greater than the ratio of licenses to population in the county. In Fullerton's downtown case, the ABC representative said at a hearing last December that this downtown census tract qualifies for five (5) licenses. We now have 48 on-sale (drink on the premises), plus four off-sale licenses.

The exception if the area has "undue concentration" is a showing of "public convenience or necessity," known as a PNC. If the application is for a real eating place, a 41 or 47 license, the applicant can write the PNC letter.

If the application is for basically a drinking place, a 42 license, the "governing body" or its designated subordinate officer, must issue the letter of public convenience or necessity. But if there is no response from the city, ABC can go ahead and grant a license if the applicant convinces them in a PNC letter.

Planning Meeting Special Agenda Dec. 4

The Planning Commission will meet at 7pm on Wed. Dec. 4th in a special Public Hearing request from the Olson Company to develop 19 single family detached homes on 1.5 acre property at 620 S. Roosevelt with frontage also on S. Jefferson/S. Rosslynn. The application includes a tentative tract map for condominium purposes, abandonment of public right of way (cul-de-sac), a specific plan setting forth the proposed project details and the development standards, a zone change from R-1-6 (single family residential, 6,000 sq. feet minimum lot) to SPD (specific plan district) and general plan revision from religious use to low-medium density residential.

COMING UP DEC. 11TH AGENDA

- A request for abandonment of a portion of an easement on Tract No. 17162 located on the northwest corner of Chapman and Commonwealth Ave. downtown Fullerton.
- Request for a variance to construct retaining walls for the purpose of expanding the buildable area on property located at 1813 Linda Vista.

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LGBTQ Issues in Schools Symposium Dec. 6

"Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: On Your Campus and in Your Classroom" is the focus of an educational symposium Friday, Dec. 6 from 8am to 3pm at Embassy Suites, 900 E. Birch St., Brea. The event features expert speakers, including keynoter Ronni Sanlo, author, activist and publisher; workshops; and presentations by Cal State Fullerton students and faculty members.

The symposium will address the educational concerns of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community in K-12 schools and colleges. The symposium is presented by the College of Education's Center for Research on Educational Access and Leadership (C-REAL) in celebration of the center's fifth anniversary and is open to the public.

"Educational concerns for LGBTQ students exist in our schools and colleges. Issues include harassment, invisibility, the 'coming out' process, gender neutral restrooms, creating safe spaces for interaction, bullying, violence, negative stereotypes about social characteristics and academic potential," Person said. "The purpose of this symposium is to bring together a series of expert speakers and panelists to address these issues that affect our communities and schools."

Keynote Speaker Ronni Sanlo's presentation, "Sexual Orientation 101 in K-12 or Who's in my Classroom?" begins at 8:45am. An expert on sexual orientation issues in education and higher education, Sanlo was a driving force behind development of a CSUF online professional development course on "Understanding and Addressing Bullying" and also taught in the College of Education's educational leadership program. She is the founding chair of the Consortium of Higher Education Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Professionals and originator of the Lavender Graduation, which celebrates LGBT graduating college students. Sanlo is also a workshop presenter on "LGBT 101: Theory, Life and Creating Safe Schools."

Karyl E. Ketchum, CSUF assistant professor of women and gender studies, who,

with Sanlo, developed the online course to address bullying, will moderate the panel discussion with Cal State Fullerton students and Lori Duron, author of "Raising My Rainbow: Adventures in Raising a Fabulous, Gender Creative Son" and an Orange County mother of a transgender child. The panel members will discuss the differences among gender identity, gender expression and biological sex, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Other workshop and presenters include:

- Masen Davis, executive director, Transgender Law Center in San Francisco, will present "Transgender Issues in the Classroom and On Campus." The session will include a presentation about common issues facing transgender students, followed by recommended practices and policies to create inclusive learning environments.

- Mimi Hoang, staff psychologist, Loyola Marymount University, will present "Why the 'B' in LGBT Matters: Working with Bisexual and Questioning College Students." Hoang will discuss tools to use in the classroom, workplace or program to become a better ally to bisexual individuals.

- Vincent E. Vigil, director of campus organizations at UC Irvine, will present "Intersectionality Work for a Campus Community." This interactive workshop focuses on intervention strategies to address the "intersectionality" of LGBT identities through various practices and techniques.

Cost: \$80 for professionals and community members, \$30 for students. Seating is limited. Registration and more information are available online or by calling 657-278-8510.

Sponsors: CSUF's Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Associated Students Inc., Department of Women and Gender Studies, Educational Leadership Department and Higher Education Leadership Organization.

Kristian Vu Bostic Earns Award for Top Scores at John Hopkins

Kristian Vu Bostic, a 12-year-old 8th grade student from Fullerton, California, was honored today as one of the brightest middle school students in the world at a national awards ceremony sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

The Center honored Kristian with a Grand Award medal for his exceptional performance as a middle school student on the college SAT, ACT or similar test as part of the 2012-2013 CTY Talent Search. CTY uses above-grade-level tests (such as the college SAT for middle school students) because they provide a clear picture of advanced students' academic abilities. Kristian's scores place him well within the top one-half of one percent academically of all same-grade students.

This year there were more than 35,700 participants in the CTY Talent Search, which identifies and recognizes the academic capabilities of advanced students around the world. Students from 50 states and 69 countries participated in the 2012-



2013 Talent Search. Only the top performing U.S. and international middle school students scored high enough on their above-grade-level tests to be invited to the ceremony on the Johns Hopkins University campus. Kristian currently attends Ladera Vista Junior High School and Troy High School in Fullerton.

Sunny Hills High School Participates in Hour of Code on Thursday, Dec. 12

90 percent of American schools don't teach computer science. Fewer students are learning how computers work than a decade ago. Girls and minorities are severely underrepresented. And yet, technology is increasingly shaping almost every aspect of how we live our lives.

That's why the computer science students at Sunny Hills High School are joining in on the largest education event in history: The Hour of Code. On December 12 at 7 pm at Sunny Hills High School the computer science students will spend one hour helping students and adults learn computer science, doing online tutorials featuring Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg and Angry Birds.

The Hour of Code is a campaign to

prove that regardless of age, race or gender, anyone can learn how to not just consume, but build the technologies of the future.

Our students are among over 2 million already planning to help others try one Hour of Code worldwide. This movement, organized by Code.org and supported by Apple, Google, Microsoft, Amazon, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and over 100 others, is a statement that today's generation of students are ready to learn critical skills for 21st century success.

To RSVP for the event go to http://www.eventbrite.com/rss/user_list_events/81316062649 or contact Myra Deister at 714-626-4320.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES

by Jan Youngman

FSD Board meetings are held at 6pm on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at District Headquarters, 1401 W. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, 92833.

For agenda go to: www.fsd.k12.ca.us or call 714-447-7400

Next Board Meeting is Dec. 3rd



Your Dental HEALTH

by Paul E. Nelson, D.D.S.



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Santa Claus is Coming to Town at Fullerton Airport Sat., Dec. 7th
by Jere Greene

It's holiday time and to start the season on December 7th the Fullerton Airport is going to augment the monthly Rotors, Wings and Wheels event with a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. This free event is held from noon until 6pm on the first Saturday of every month. Displays of helicopters and vintage planes are supplemented with both a car and a motorcycle show. And at this month's event Santa is scheduled to fly in at 3pm by helicopter!

The North Orange County SWAT vehicle and an engine from the Fire Department will be on display along with various exhibits by other groups throughout the city. A gourmet food truck and a portable beverage dispenser will join to create a beer garden providing an opportunity to sample the cuisine du jour.

The following day, being the second Sunday of the month, the airport will host its alternate free display, consisting of classic and antique aircraft between 10am and 2pm. Both of these events allow public access to the south side of field and make for a unique family experience.

"First Night" Seeking Volunteers

The city is looking for volunteers to help in presenting the 22nd annual "First Night Fullerton," a free family-oriented, alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration featuring live entertainment, children's activities and a fireworks finale.

The event takes place from 7pm to midnight Tuesday, Dec. 31, and features dozens of events staged at numerous sites in downtown Fullerton. Volunteers are needed to help staff info booths, serve as a stage or site manager, or host at one of the activity sites. Shifts run from 6pm to 12:30am but volunteers can participate in the countdown to the New Year, watch the fireworks finale, and take breaks to catch some of the special entertainment planned.

Deadline for volunteers to register is Monday, Dec. 9. Call James Kashiwada, special events coordinator for the City of Fullerton, at (714) 738-3338. For more info go to www.cityoffullerton.com.

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Aaron Drissen and Allison Harvey at the Scavenger Hunt event they helped plan.

 **The DOWNTOWN Report**
with text & photos by Mike Ritto

Scavenger Hunt to Help Homeless

I was fortunate to be asked to create a video for the Boys & Girls Club a few years ago and it ended with a variety of kids looking into the camera and asking- "Will you stand up for me?" Even the most macho guy in the room shed a tear when it was shown at the fundraiser. After all, who can turn down a cute child in need?

But let's face it, when a full grown human walks toward us, obviously homeless and looking for a handout, do we all feel compassion or do we sometimes walk the other way, hoping they don't follow? There are some who not only do not walk the other way, they step up and they stand up for even older 'kids' who need help.

Aaron Drissen, shown here with marketing director Allison Harvey, runs his owns business but still finds the time to work as a case manager for the Family Redirection Program, a family shelter run by Mercy House. He contacted me about spreading the word regarding the Mercy House Downtown Fullerton Scavenger Hunt when it was in the planning stages.

He first got involved in helping the homeless after he met a homeless man

near Euclid and the 91 Freeway and found out what that type of life involved.

"This being my 3rd season as a case manager, I volunteered on the Homeless Awareness Month committee, and it has been a pleasure giving so much of my time to such a meaningful organization."

Aaron explained to me that Mercy House operates the National Armory Shelter on Brookhurst in Fullerton. It opened on November 13th, just ahead of our suddenly cold weather. He told me their mission statement is "To end the cycle of homelessness of those who enter our system of care."

The Scavenger Hunt event took place on Saturday November 23rd and nearly 20 downtown business owners participated, along with many volunteers and a number of musicians who donated their talents to make the day fun and entertaining.

About 50 people attended this year's event and are now much more aware of what is being done to help the homeless. If you missed out, plan to participate next year. You can find out more at www.mercyhouse.net

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A detail at the top of the building at 109 S. Harbor where Blanquel Art on Wood is located.



Bikes, UberX & Pedicabs

We should soon have more news regarding the Bike Share program and in addition, an alternative to cabs called "UberX" ride sharing service, which could be a very convenient way to get home or anywhere else from downtown when the need arises. Cabs are great but not always available so the more the merrier. How about another stab at the Pedicab idea? They do work elsewhere and any way to cut vehicle traffic is worth looking into.

Downtown Calmdown

We all know about the rowdiness that has taken place downtown on crowded nights, so it was good to discover a positive trend. According to the most recent Downtown Crime Study, crime is down over the past couple of months. 'Simple assault' is down as well as 'destructive damage', 'theft from motor vehicle' and other categories. 'Intimidation' was down to zero as was 'liquor law violation' and 'burglary vehicle forced.' Nobody is claiming we are where we need to be yet but more is being done every day and the results are starting to come in.

We were made aware of these improvements and increased efforts at the most recent Downtown Restaurant Association meeting, where many of our restaurant owners came together to address these and other issues. Fullerton residents hope this trend continues as we strive to make our Downtown as safe as it can be while continuing to offer a wide range of dining options and unique places where everyone can enjoy a day or evening out.

New in Town

I noticed that everything inside the old Judy Lynn Bakery is gone! Rumors are that the new bakery will be up and running soon but it always takes longer to open a new business than anyone can imagine. Reminds me of that Tom Hanks movie "Money Pit." "How much longer before the work is done?" Stock answer- "Two weeks." I will keep you posted in- you guessed right again- two weeks.



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At Left: Malaya and Reshly delivered the \$1,050 money raised in Malaya's bracelet campaign to the UNICEF director Anne Kelly. She gave them each a certificate for "Global Citizenship."

At Right: Malaya's Bracelets project and Reshly's efforts to help kids in the Philippines were featured on UNICEF's Facebook page.

One Family's Efforts Make a Difference

Brother and sister Reshly and Malaya are making a difference for the people affected by the typhoon in the Philippines. Below is a bit of what they are doing as told by their mom Danielle Majam-Finch, whose parents once lived near the area most affected. (also see Mid-Nov. Observer, page 20 "Kids Here Helping Filipino Kids There.")

"I am thankful to each of you for opening up your hearts to the people of the Philippines who are affected by Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda. And thank you for showing our kids that taking care of others is important. We can help and everyone can do something. This is a life lesson that they will never forget.

Malaya's Bracelets have really taken off! It's been incredibly overwhelming and humbling at the same time.

We are extremely grateful for all the volunteers near and far who have donated their time, money and effort to supporting this cause. And a huge THANK YOU to those who have purchased bracelets, as

100% of your donations have gone to UNICEF. Last week I received an email from the first UNICEF Child Friendly Space open in Tacloban! The stories that I have been hearing from there are nothing short of inspirational. Despite the enormity of the challenges the children there face, they are beautiful and hopeful. It has been extremely moving. We hope to continue our ongoing correspondence with the UNICEF staff there.

This week the kids' efforts were featured on the UNICEF Philippines Facebook site, and I was interviewed by GMA Philippines. Things have been moving quickly.

On Monday, our family drove up to the UNICEF office in Culver City to personally deliver the first round of money raised, \$1,050. Surprisingly, the director, Anne Kelly, met with us and had certificates printed out for the kids for their "global citizenship". We had a little ceremony in the boardroom, and Malaya had a chance to hand out bracelets to the staff there. It was very special.



The director asked the kids, "What made you want to do something for a place that's so far away?" Reshly answered, "Because it's important and we can help." Malaya added, "Everyone can do something."

So, that's my take away from this experience, so far: It's important. We can help. Everyone can do something. And Malaya's Bracelets are a simple reminder of that. A small gesture made with great love." Danielle

You can order one of 5-year-old Malaya's bracelets by sending an email to Malayasbracelets@gmail.com.

The bracelets can be picked up at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fullerton on any Sunday through December 15. Bracelets are available before services at 10am and after services at 11:45am. The UU of Fullerton is

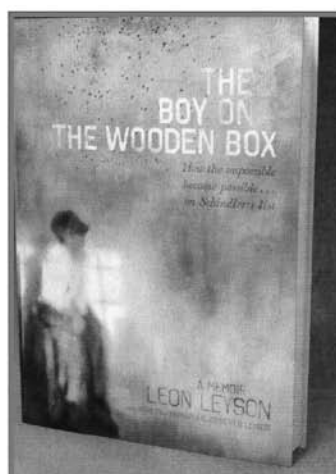
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Malaya's 9-year-old brother Reshly was featured in the Mid Nov. Observer. He entered and won the Philippine Disaster Relief 5K running faster than the other 300 participants. Both sister and brother said they wanted to help the kids and they each found their own way to do that.

Other Ways to Help

Typhoon Haiyan has affected 4.3 million people across 36 provinces in the Philippines. 1,200 evacuation centers are housing more than 330,000 people.

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-Steven Spielberg, director of Schindler's List & Founder of the USC Shoah Foundation

It is so important that these stories be told...

My heart aches for the little boy standing on the wooden box, but rejoices that he survived to tell us this unforgettable piece of history."

-Lois Lowry, author of the Newbery Award winners, *The Giver* & *Number the Stars*

I am an African American veteran of World War II. I survived the invasion of Normandy. Leon Leyson's story returned me to a time when...each step could be one's last...a heartbreaking story that ends, mercifully, with a heart restored."

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Below: Lauralyn Eschner (director of All the Arts), Dr. Robert Pletka (superintendent), and Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva..

All Arts Event The Best Ever!

by Caitlin Orr

The All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation's 20th Annual Art Auction held on Saturday, November 2nd was a huge success! Over 500 patrons came to show their support for the organization! All the proceeds from the event go directly to the Foundation and help ensure that EVERY child in the Fullerton School District gets an excellent arts education. "All the Arts" provides 1,000's of lessons in art, music, dance, theatre, and filmmaking to every elementary school in the district— but they couldn't do it without the support of the community and the success of events like their Annual Art Auction. They would like to especially thank just some of the businesses and supporters that made this year's 20th annual event the best one yet!

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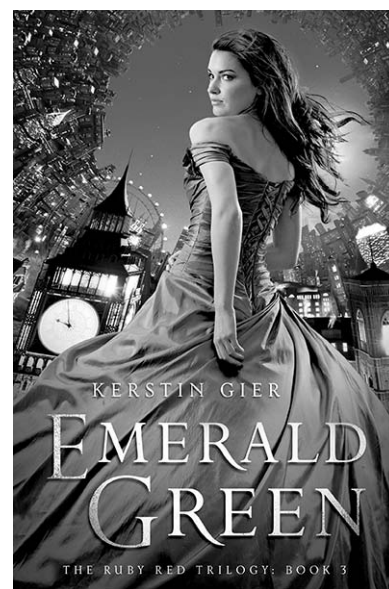
A Book Review by Kathleen Faher

Emerald Green

by Kerstin Gier

Emerald Green, by Kerstin Gier, is a novel that provides witty, light-hearted dialogue, a humorous main character, and exciting plot twists. As the conclusion to the *Ruby Red Trilogy*, it follows *Ruby Red* and *Sapphire Blue*.

Gwyneth Shepherd is the last of the fabled twelve time travelers, called the Circle of Twelve, from two ancestral families: de Villiers and Montrose. Assisted by a secret society, the Guardians, founded by a mysterious time traveler, Count Saint Germain, Gwen learns about a prophecy that promises an end to humanity's diseases and suffering. Using a device, called a chronograph, Gwen is able to travel back in time with Gideon de Villiers, the eleventh member of the Circle. Once all of the twelve time travelers have put some of their blood into the chronograph, the prophecy will be fulfilled. But to the horror of the Guardians, the two time travelers before Gideon and Gwen, Lucy Montrose and Paul de Villiers, have stolen the chronograph and taken it back with them into the past. The Guardians have constructed a new chronograph, but it is missing all of the time travelers' blood that took generations to collect. Gideon has been given a mission to go back into the past and meet with all of the previous members of the twelve and collect their blood. Gwen time travels to meet Count Saint Germain on several occasions and realizes that he is not all he seems to be and that the prophecy could be a cover-up for something more sinister.



Originally named *Smaragdgrün* and translated from German by Anthea Bell, *Emerald Green's* witty dialogue is not lost in the English translation, and Bell is truly talented. Gwyneth is a female lead who you can really support throughout the trilogy, though in the beginning of *Emerald Green*, she has a tendency to whine about her romantic woes with Gideon.

At the beginning of the novel, Gwen finds the stolen chronograph, hidden by her grandfather who she travels back into the past to visit. This discovery enables Gwen to time travel whenever she likes and for the first time she doesn't feel like a pawn of the Guardians. The reader can become frustrated when almost all of the characters, especially the love interest, Gideon, insist on keeping Gwen in the dark constantly. Only until the very end does Gwen finally get all of the information she needs to know. This throws off the pacing, because the chapters right before the finale feel crammed with explanations.

Overall, the series is fantastic and creative. But, this book is the weakest of the three as during the finale, everything slides into place too easily. Count Saint Germain seemed like an insurmountable threat in the first two books, but in the final battle, he was easily outwitted and overcome. The epilogue also did not feel as if it fit cohesively with the rest of the book as a whole. However, the flaws in this installment can be overlooked due to the first two books' merit and the exciting descriptions of time travel.

A German movie version of the book, *Rubinrot* (*Ruby Red*), was released in March 2013, starring Maria Ehrich and Jannis Niewöhner. An English dubbed version is available. The adaptation stuck closely to the novel's plot points though occasionally changing the order, until the ending, where an unnecessary battle scene, not included in the book, was added. The sequel, *Saphirblau* (*Sapphire Blue*) is currently filming and will be released in 2014.

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Rep. Ed Royce Refuses to Meet with 5-Day Fast for Citizenship Campers

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The students, volunteers, pastors, priests and other individuals involved went each day to Royce’s upstairs office in the attempt to speak with him. Although Rep. Royce was at the office on Thursday and Friday and seen peeking out of the window, his staff said he was too busy to meet and later said “He doesn’t have to meet with you.” The *Fullerton Observer* called for an explanation of that comment and was directed to Royce’s PR representative in Washington DC.

Though he was in the office upstairs Congressman Ed Royce never bothered to greet or speak with the group. Royce, who is a Fullerton resident, has voted to deny funding for immigration reform bills in the past.

Fasts continue to be held in Washington DC with a coalition of faith-based groups. Five-day fasts were also held at the offices of other congressmembers through the country and will continue with a march in Washington DC.



Above: Student and Dreamer Jessica Bravo being interviewed at the door of her tent during the 5-day Fast for a pathway to citizenship camp out in front of Rep. Ed Royce’s local office on Birch Street in Brea. PHOTO IDA MACMURRAY

With Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) and Latinos accounting for 28.5 percent and 32.6 percent of the population respectively, the 39th Congressional District, Represented by Congressman Ed Royce, is a prime example of our country’s changing demographics. In fact, the district has the highest percentage of AAPIs and the fourteenth highest percentage of Latinos of any district represented by a Republican in Congress.

Immigration reform advocates are calling on Congress to act immediately to pass a comprehensive solution to our broken immigration system – one that raises

the quality of jobs for all workers, keeps families together and creates a realistic roadmap for aspiring citizens.

If you would like to join in urging Congressman Royce (39th District) to support a new immigration process that lives up to the American Dream, keeps families together and includes a roadmap to citizenship call his office and leave a message at (714) 255-0101.

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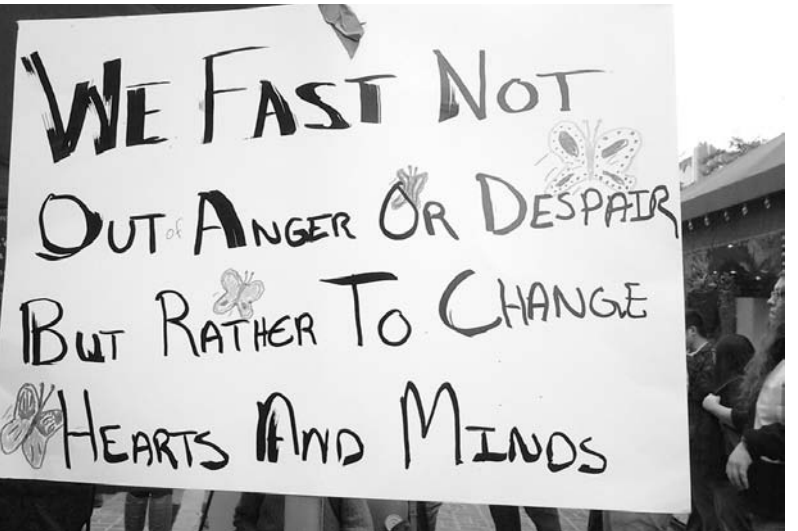


Above: Barbara Johnson participating in the 5-day fast for a vote on citizenship held at Rep. Ed Royce’s office. Barbara is a longtime Fullertonian, one of the founders of the *Fullerton Observer*, and served as the founding director of FIES until she retired a few years ago. PHOTOS BY IDA MACMURRAY

Below: Eduardo Garcia is interviewed by Univision TV. PHOTOS BY IDA MACMURRAY



Above and at Right: Signs at the rally and camp out where over 200 supporters joined those fasting for a pathway to citizenship and immigration reform at Congressman Ed Royce’s office on Birch Street in Brea. He refused to talk with them.



Pregnant Women Should Not Wait for BPA Regulatory Reform Protection

by Sarah Mosko

Though mothers of infants and toddlers can breathe a sigh of relief knowing that the estrogen mimicker BPA (bisphenol-A) is finally banned nationwide from infant formula containers as well as baby bottles and sippy cups, pregnant women – and hence their fetuses – are still routinely exposed to BPA from canned foods & beverages, reusable plastic bottles and thermal cash register receipts.

Literally hundreds of studies in lab animals and humans have linked BPA to diverse medical problems including breast and prostate cancers, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, miscarriage, low birth weight, reproductive and sexual dysfunction, and altered cognitive and behavioral development. Unfortunately, there seems little chance the federal government will step in any time soon to protect pregnant women, even though scientists who study BPA say there is more than enough scientific evidence to warrant it.

The non-profit Breast Cancer Fund (BCF) summarized the evidence that fetal exposure to BPA sets the stage for diseases in adulthood in a Sept. 2013 report titled “Disrupted Development: the Dangers of Prenatal BPA Exposure.” To minimize pregnant women’s exposure, a “Cans, Not Cancer” campaign was launched, pressuring manufacturers and policy makers to eliminate BPA from all food cans because dietary intake is thought to be the greatest exposure source.

Other organizations clamoring for restrictions on BPA include Environmental Working Group and Keep-A-Breast who just partnered in listing BPA in their dirty dozen most dangerous endocrine disruptors common in consumer products.

Unfortunately, federal BPA regulatory reform is stuck in quicksand, and tighter

restrictions on BPA aren’t likely until consumers demand it. In the meanwhile, health advocacy groups want people to know anyone can minimize exposure to BPA through informed consumer choices.

National Chemical Policy

The antiquated Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA) gave the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) almost no power to impose restrictions on the 84,000 chemicals in commerce today. Just 200 have been required to undergo safety testing, and only five have been banned.

Widespread cries for chemical policy reform finally produced a bipartisan-backed Senate bill aimed at modernizing TSCA by requiring EPA to identify and impose restrictions on riskier chemicals (Chemical Safety Improvement Act). The chemical industry, which squelched previous pushes for TSCA reform, is voicing general support. Industry sees the increasing chaos it will face as more states join the dozens of state and local governments already implementing their own chemical safety reforms.

However, many environmental health groups are withholding support because the bill pre-empts tougher restrictions passed by individual states.

BPA is also regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as an “indirect food additive” that leaches into foods from can linings and polycarbonate packaging. However, FDA imposed a national BPA ban in baby bottles and sippy cups in 2012 only after manufacturers had already responded to public pressure by voluntarily removing BPA from those products and after 11 states had implemented their own prohibitions. Four states had banned BPA from infant formula packaging before FDA followed suit in July, 2013.

Science and Government at Odds

Over 90 percent of adults test positive for BPA. Moreover, BPA was detected in every sample in a recent study of fetal umbilical cord blood from pregnant women in California: Over one-third showed levels higher or comparable to those associated with developmental problems in animal studies.

Government’s foot-dragging on limiting exposure in pregnant women is rooted in an out-dated model for determining the toxicity of a substance. It assumes a “monotonic” relationship between dose and response, meaning very low doses have negligible impact and negative effects appear and worsen as the dose goes up.

However, an enormous body of recent research, pioneered by University of Missouri developmental biologist Frederick vom Saal, indicates that, when administered to pregnant animals, BPA produces more developmental havoc and adulthood diseases in the offspring when doses are below the government’s safety cut-off, probably because the body is designed to be sensitive to minute levels of hormones like estrogen.

The FDA claims to be continually reviewing the recent avalanche of low-dose studies but in 2012 concluded that “the scientific evidence at this time does not suggest that the very low levels of human exposure to BPA through the diet are unsafe.”

California Inches Forward

California’s own ban on BPA in baby bottles and sippy cups just took effect in July, but the state has not yet prohibited BPA in infant formula packaging. And, only Connecticut has yet prohibited BPA-containing cash register receipts.

Proposition 65 is California’s “right to know” law, requiring warning labels on products that contain possible carcinogens or reproductive toxicants. The state’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) added BPA as a reproductive toxicant to the Prop 65 list in April 2013, but removed it just six days later because a lawsuit was filed in response by the American Chemistry Council, an industry trade association.

OEHHA’s chief counsel states that the judge involved felt BPA should be delisted until the case is decided, which could be a while.

However, BPA is likely to be targeted under California’s new Safer Consumer Products regulations which took effect October 1. Instead of the piecemeal approach of banning single chemicals in specific products, the state will select classes of products, like food packaging or nail polish, and make manufacturers responsible for analyzing whether replacement of hazardous chemicals with safer alternatives is possible. The first list of products to be examined might not be finalized for a year, however.

Protect Yourself

Groups like BCF are urging pregnant women not to wait for industry or government to act, but to adopt practical habits to avoid unnecessary risk from BPA.

Foremost is making meals from fresh ingredients in lieu of canned foods. A 2011 study from BCF and Silent Spring Institute documented an average 60 percent drop in urinary BPA levels when families avoided canned foods for just three days. But, when canned items are needed, reach for brands that claim to have already moved away from BPA-containing can linings – Eden Organics, Amy’s Kitchen and Annie’s Homegrown, to name a few.

Also avoid eating or heating foods in plastics, especially those labelled with the resin identification code #7 which includes polycarbonate plastics. Use glass or stainless steel containers for storing foods.

Minimize contact with cash register receipts, and wash hands before eating to remove BPA residues.

Lastly, keep the pressure on mainstream food companies, like Campbell’s Soup, Heinz and Nestle, which claim to be working toward eliminating BPA from all canned foods. The domino effect that will move industry and eventually government begins with the public.

This article is an excerpt of a longer discussion by Sarah Mosko. Read the entire article at www.boogiegreen.com



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GROUNDWATER CLEANUP PROPOSED BY EPA

Two sites in Fullerton contaminated with TCE, PCE, lead and other chemicals used in the metal plating and finishing industry have been proposed for vapor and groundwater clean-up by the CAEPA Dept. of Toxic Substances Control. The properties at 1711 E. Kimberly Ave. and 1726 E. Rosslynn Ave. were formerly the business sites of OC Metal Processing and PCA Metal Finishing. The two locations are adjacent to each other and will be treated as one site and clean-up efforts will happen at the same time because they

each have the same impact on the environment. In 1990 the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board requested a report about the use of organic solvents at the site and a subsequent investigation revealed the release of chlorinated solvents in nearby public water wells. The draft clean-up plan to remove the contaminants at the properties is anticipated to be available for public review and comment by late summer 2014. Contact Marcia Rubin of the DTSC with questions at marcia.rubin@dtsc.ca.gov.

OCTA Honored for Preserving Over 950 Acres

The Orange County Transportation Authority was honored with an award for preserving the county’s natural resources during the 3rd annual Orange County Business Council Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet Awards.

OCTA won the award for Sustainable and Green Development and was recognized for the agency’s innovative Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program that preserves Orange County’s natural resources while helping to accelerate 13 freeway improvement projects. The Measure M program also creates jobs.

OCTA’s mitigation program allocates funds from Measure M, the county’s half-cent sales tax for transportation, to acquire land and fund habitat restoration projects as a way to offset the impacts of 13 freeway improvement projects.

To date, more than 950 acres have been purchased from willing sellers in Trabuco Canyon and Brea to be preserved as open space. The properties were purchased because they have the highest environmental value in terms of habitat and wildlife.

“OCTA’s environmental program serves as a model for other agencies, establishing an open public process for collaboration between the public, environmental organizations, business leaders and an infrastructure provider,” said Darrell Johnson, OCTA’s CEO.

Although West Coyote Hills in Fullerton was a top contender for preservation funding, at the time it was proposed, property owner Chevron was not a willing seller.



At Left:
Fullerton senior Matt Hall grabs a 7 yard touch down pass in the first quarter.

At Right:
Senior QB Matt Lloyd rushes for a first down in the second half.

Below Right Center:
Fullerton senior Deryck Fletcher make his third and game ending interception of the second half.

Below Right End:
Fullerton's aggressive defense forced 7 turnovers including 2 fumbles.

Below Left:
The Indians are co head coached by Ed DeAvila and Guss Martinez.



Fullerton in Championships Angel Stadium Dec. 6th

story & photos by Bryan Crowe

With a victory November 29th at Newport Harbor the Fullerton Indians will play for the CIF Southwest Division Championship at Angel Stadium, Friday December 6th.

If that goal is met, they can look back at two things from last Fridays 21-7 victory over Los Alamitos.

Number one being their defense which forced 7 turnovers. Number two being their QB Scott Lloyd who capitalized on those turnovers, rushing for 105 yard and one TD pass while leading a turnover free offense.

“My poor defense never gets enough credit,” FUHS co-coach Gus Martinez said. “They deserve all of the credit tonight. They were able to pound it out. We spread them out

and were able to run our quarter-back.”

Other highlights included 3 interceptions by Deryck Fletcher all in the 2nd half including the final play and touch downs by Lloyd, Damani Roberts, and Matt Hall. James Hubbard had 2 interceptions, one in each half and Marquis Cerillo made a pivotal fumble recovery leading to a one yard scoring run by Lloyd.



Pop Warner Titans Top Timberwolves in Regional Championships

by Rae Rice

A Fullerton Pop Warner team has won the Wescon Regional Championship for the first time in history. On Saturday, November 23 the Titan's Midget team defeated the Arizona Timberwolves 14-8.

The Titan Midgets was already the best football team in their division with an all-season record of 14 wins 0 losses and 1 tie in preseason play.

The team's hard work and dedication earned them the opportunity to face off with Canyon Hills in the 2013 Orange Bowl. The Titan's toppled Canyon Hills becoming the Orange Bowl Champions making them the third team in Fullerton Pop Warner history to win the Orange Bowl in 50 years. This win led them to the Wescon Semi-Regionals where the



The Fullerton Pop Warner Titans, their coaches and cheer team.

Titans defeated the Temecula Bears taking the title Wescon Semi-Regional Champions.

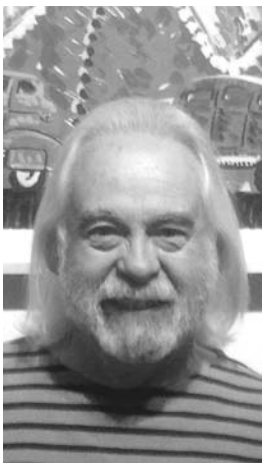
The team's perseverance this season proved to be unyielding despite the personal loss of their head coach

“Jimbo” James Wright’s passing in mid-season.

This season was a testament to the devotion, strength and unity among the young men and the coaching staff of Fullerton Pop Warner.

1989 Troy Football Player Seeks Team Photo

Reginald Essex who played football for Troy High in 1989 is looking for photos of the team. Please contact Mr. Essex by email to twobites77@gmail.com or send a note to 1119 Village Main St., Stone Mountain, Georgia, 300088 or call him at 678-499-9179.



Frank and his artist wife Sharon have studios in both LA and France.

At Left:
Valero Star and
Coffee, 2008, oil on
canvas

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EXHIBIT TOUR WITH ARTIST FRANK ROMERO
THURS., DEC. 5 AT 7:30PM

Iconic Chicano artist Frank Romero returns to Fullerton for a free tour of his exhibit led by curator Matt Leslie at the Muckenthaler on Thurs., Dec. 5th at 7:30pm. This retrospective exhibit is one not to be missed. Locals may remember that Romero was an artist in residence at Fullerton College in 2001. The Muckenthaler deserves high praise for bringing a comprehensive retrospective of such a significant Chicano artist to Fullerton. "Celebrated Cityscapes and Olympic Gold" is open free to the public Wed. through Sun., noon to 4pm thru Dec. 31, 2013.



At Left:
One of many watercolor
cards created by Shanti
Collins on display at the
Fullerton Public Library,
303 W. Commonwealth
through December.

Below:
Shanti, at 91, still enjoys
working in watercolor and
creating cards for friends.

Cards by Wanda "Shanti" Collins at the Library
by Marjorie Kerr

Wanda "Shanti" Collins will display her handmade Christmas Cards in a case at Fullerton Public Library throughout December.

Shanti studied painting in the 60's with Phil Gilkerson, a well known Laguna artist, and later studied with Helen Reed a local watercolorist. Shanti's father was a woodworker for Walt Disney so she grew up with creativity in the family. She led crafts once a month at the Fullerton Public Library's afterschool program until she retired in 1989. Here is an excerpt from her artist statement:

"Back in 1958 a neighbor and I decided to make our own Christmas cards. She chose not to continue the following year, however, I enjoyed the craft, and have made them every year since.

After earning a degree in Library science in 1968, I was fortunate to be hired by Carolyn Johnson, Supervisor of Children's Services at the Fullerton Public Library. Because Carolyn Johnson has a knack for discovering a person's talents, it wasn't long before she added teaching crafts to children along with my regular duties.

Dora May Sim, author of *Ostrich Eggs for Breakfast: A History of Fullerton for Boys and Girls*, was also an employee in Children's Services at the time. I was delighted when she asked me to illustrate



her book."

Shanti also worked with me creating decoupage murals (one 50-foot wall and one 20-foot wall) in the Children's Library. We created the paper-based images in my studio and then stapled the cutouts to the walls of the library. We did many murals over the years based on children's storybooks and the seasons of the year.

At 91, she still enjoys working in watercolor and continues to create birthday and special occasion cards for family and friends.



ARTSPEAK
by Aimee Allan



A photo by Josué Rivas showing officers dealing respectfully with a homeless man, who had been dodging traffic, made the frontpage of the Fullerton Observer. Photographs by Rivas will be on exhibit at the Magoski Arts Colony Friday, Dec. 6th, 7pm to 10pm.

The Photographer Josué Rivas

"What photography does, is that it shapes our reality." Photographer Josué Rivas, a native of central Mexico, got his first glimpse of this two years ago when he covered the events surrounding one of the heaviest issues in Fullerton to date.

It was during the events surrounding Kelly Thomas' murder when he borrowed a friends camera that he knew what he wanted to be. "I realized I could connect with people through my photography and have the camera be the medium, or the excuse, to meet someone new who I would otherwise have never met."

So he purchased his first camera. A Canon 5D Mark II, which he still uses.

The lines between wanting to convey an honest story through a photograph without selling himself out can be a bit blurred. He says that "there is a particular responsibility that comes with being a photographer in today's society. People need honest proof that the event actually took place." It was at that time he got his work, a photograph of a homeless man (see above), published in the *Observer* for the first time. "That was the very beginning of my career."

Rivas then approached *OC Weekly* for an open position and has worked there as an intern photographing the "eats" and bands in and around OC ever since.

Josué is a photographer but he also enjoys the business aspect.

"Being both an artist and a businessman is a difficult thing. Once you forget your honest purpose as a photographer, and you're on the train to success and popularity for the sake of money, it's too late. It's hard to get off at that point. We

can't forget who we are from the beginning."

I've noticed that is there is a common thread that binds the troupe of poets and painters, musicians, etcetera, who reside within the walls of the Magoski Arts Colony in Fullerton - and making money doesn't seem to be one of them. There is a greater motive involved including the satisfaction that they have pleased someone else with something they have made from scratch, whether painting or poem, and in Josué's case, a photograph.

"Whatever you experience you can record it" whether it is through writing, video, film. It seems Josué Rivas is making an impact on Street Photography in Orange County these days..focusing in on such important issues as the plight of the homeless.

At only 24, he knows who he is and where he'd like to take his photography. "I am blessed that I know this, because so few people know who they want to be at a young age."

Josué Rivas is a resident artist with an excellent space at the Magoski Arts Colony for showing his work. Come see his street and fine art photography at 223 W. Santa Fe at the edge of downtown's SOCO District. You can also check out his incredible work at www.josuerivasfoto.com.

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REVIEWED by Angela Hatcher

Dale Jones
as Ebenezer
Scrooge;
Olivia
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Tiny Tim
Cratchet
and
Vincent
Aniceto as
Bob
Cratchet,

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A Christmas Carol: The Broadway Musical

Audiences don't have to travel far to experience Westminster's impressive Rose Center Theater's latest production, *A Christmas Carol, the Broadway Musical*.

Bringing holiday merriment to audiences of all ages, Dickens' everlasting and spirited tale about the pompous and miserly old Ebenezer Scrooge and his hauntingly imposing trio of nighttime visitors is a wonderful way to welcome in the holiday season. With music by Alan Menken and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, the timeless tale of Scrooge's transformative journey and how he discovers the true meaning of Christmas never gets old. Fullerton's veteran actor, Cliff Senior and an Orange County favorite, Dale Jones, alternate the leading role of Scrooge, and on the evening of this review, Jones brought Scrooge to life.

With a head full of wiry gray hair, an acerbic sneer, and a booming voice that leaves no room for contradiction, the parsimonious Mr. Scrooge is an imposing and disdainful character – even in his silly old flannel nightshirt. Jones' performance is impeccable, and his resounding "bah humbug" is as self-explanatory as a pre-tentious old man's sneering outlook on life. With a consistently excellent cast, an exciting live orchestra, impressive set design, and a heartwarming story of hope, it is a tribute to Charles Dickens that audiences continue to make this Christmas Eve story one of their family traditions.

Multi-talented Director/Musical Director, Tim Nelson lights up the mood of the classic tale with some great song and dance numbers such as Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig's "Annual Christmas Ball" featuring Michael Hebler as Mr. Fezziwig and Sylvia Tomaselli as Mrs. Fezziwig and "A Jolly Good Time" starring the Ensemble. Another crowd-pleaser is "Link by Link" featuring Scrooge and The Ghost of Jacob Marley (Jack Gilroy). Marley is covered in enough chain links to make a contemporary hip-hop trendsetter envious. As Scrooge's story unfolds, the softer side of

Ebenezer as a boy is revealed. As he grows into manhood, he becomes obsessed with money and power, less eager to share his life or his riches, and he turns into a bitter old man.

But then, one life-changing Christmas Eve, ghostly spirits find their way into Scrooge's bedroom, and he is in for an illuminating experience. First, a beautiful fairy-like Ghost of Christmas Past (Melissa Cook) comes round to remind him where he has been. Next, The Ghost of Christmas Present (Tim Nelson) forces him to see his life as others see it. And, finally, the alarmingly silent Ghost of Christmas Future (Mary Murphy-Nelson) opens his eyes to his dark and dreary future.

In additions to the leads, some other outstanding performances are Vincent Aniceto as Bob Cratchet, Olivia Aniceto as Tiny Tim, Jon Korbonski as Young Scrooge, Carly Dederick as Belle, Michael Hebler as Mr. Fezziwig and Sylvia Tomaselli as Mrs. Fezziwig.

Choreographer, Jennifer Simpson-Matthews does a stunning job of keeping her huge mass of 19th Century English villagers in-step and in perfect synchrony. Chris Caputo's intricate set, impressive design elements, and lighting design truly captures the spirit of the well-produced play. Jenny Senior and Annabelle Cortex's Costumes are period appropriate and completely within character.

The Rose Center Theater's *A Christmas Carol, the Broadway Musical* is a festive way to ring in the season and is a true holiday delight for first time viewers and returning audiences alike.

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•THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK directed by Chuck Ketter opens Thursday, December 5th at 7pm. The production continues Fri., and Sat. Dec. 6 and 7th at 7pm and Sunday, Dec. 8th at 2pm.

In this gripping new adaptation by Wendy Kesselman, from the original stage play by Frances Goodrich and Albert

Hackett, newly discovered writings from the diary of Anne Frank, as well as survivor accounts, are interwoven to create a contemporary impassioned story of the lives of people persecuted under Nazi rule. This is an adaptation for a new generation able to confront the true horrors of the Holocaust.

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•IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY by Joe Landry, directed by Amanda DeMaio, performs Nov. 29 through Dec. 29. The beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve.

•A DOLT'S ONLY X-MAS PAGEANT by Joel Beers and a cavalcade of writers, directed by Patrick Gwaltney performs Sunday Dec. 22. A heart-warming X-Mas tradition commemorating a baby something wrapped in swaddling something and lying in a manger...what that something is, we can't remember. All we know is it's not for kids, it's one night only and features a cast of very naughty boys and girls.

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•ILLYRIA book, music and lyrics by Pete Mills, directed by Kari Hayter with musical direction by Diane King Vann opens Nov. 15 and plays through Dec. 7. A musical based on William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. -\$5/advance; \$10/at the door

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•SECRET GARDEN: The Musical music by Lucy Simon, book by Marsha Norman is the story of an 11-year-old girl orphaned in India who returns to Yorkshire to live with a reclusive uncle. The production plays through Dec. 29.

MAVERICK THEATER

110 E. Walnut Ave., Fullerton

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•SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS opens Dec. 6 and plays through Dec. 23. Adapted to the stage by Brian Newell & Nick McGee, directed by Newell, the show is performed in a light hearted Saturday Night Live style suitable for ages 5 and up. After Santa is kidnapped by Martians will the children on earth have no toys on Christmas Day? It is a madcap adventure in outer space. \$22/adults; \$12/kids under 12.

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•INSPECTING CAROL by Daniel Sullivan, directed by Dr. Joseph Arnold at the CSUF Performing Arts Center Young Theatre plays through Dec. 15. *A Christmas Carol* meets *The Government Inspector* meets *Noises Off* in this hilarious holiday hit. A man who asks to audition at a small theatre is mistaken for an informer for the National Endowment for the Arts. Everyone caters to the bewildered wannabe actor, who is offered a role in the company's *A Christmas Carol*. \$11

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AAUW Free Dec. 14th Concert *Features* Gifted Pianist Eleanor Núñez

by Gloria Schlaepfer

On Saturday, December 14 at 2pm at the First Lutheran Church, Lemon and Wilshire, the Fullerton Branch American Association of University Women will present pianist Eleanor Núñez in a concert of selections from the great composers and holiday favorites.

Fullerton born Eleanor Núñez started piano lessons at three years of age with the Suzuki Method under Loretta Benson. At age 5, she started violin lessons, also with the Suzuki Method. She became serious about music after she studied both piano and violin at the Professional Music Conservatory of Madrid. After returning to California, she participated in the Music Teacher's Association of California Certificate of Merit program and completed through Level 7 on violin (2008) and Level Advanced on piano (2011, 2012, 2013).

In 2006, Eleanor began piano studies with her current teacher, Sofia Zukerman. In her first year at the Advanced Level of Certificate of Merit (2011), Eleanor participated in Panel, and in her second year (2012), she was one of the top 10 Panel pianists from California to be selected to perform at the MTAC Convention Master Class. She has also participated in two international music festivals, Burgos Music Festival in 2010 and Summit International Music Festival in



Pianist Eleanor Núñez performs in a free matinee concert on Sat., Dec. 14th.

2011, and has won numerous piano competitions, including the Southern California Junior Bach Festival and MTAC theme festivals multiple times, 1st place at the Orange County Musical Arts competition U-18 division, and first alternate at the CAPMT Honors competition.

At Fullerton Union High School, Eleanor joined marching band and concert band, where she learned to play mallets and percussion, and jazz band, where she played piano and vibes. She participated in these ensembles throughout her entire high school career, and earned multiple solo awards in

jazz band at festivals as well as conducting recognition in concert band festivals. During Eleanor's last two years in marching band, she was drum major.

At Fullerton High, she received the John Philip Sousa Award, the "Semper Fidelis" Award for Musical Excellence, a double cord for completing two areas in the FUHS Academy of the Arts (jazz and instrumental music), and the highest scholarship from the FUHS Academy of the Arts.

In her academics, Eleanor graduated from high school with Honors and a 4.5 GPA, as well as passing seven Advanced Placement tests and two International Baccalaureate tests. In 2013, Eleanor received a Scholarship Performance Award from the Music Department at California State University Fullerton, where she is pursuing her Bachelor's of Music in Piano Performance studying under world-renowned Alison Edwards and Grammy Award-winning Bill Cunliffe.

The concert is free and all are welcome. Light refreshments will follow the program. For additional information, call 714-879-1939.

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Fri., Dec. 6 @8pm: Cello Choir w/ director Bongshin Ko & conductor Jean Farrandis in the Recital Hall. \$10

Fri., Dec. 6 @8pm: Fullerton Jazz Orchestra w/ guest artist Harry Allen and the Fullerton Jazz Singers in the Meng Concert Hall. \$10

Sat., Dec. 7 @8pm: Symphonic Winds w/ director Mitchell Fennell in the Meng Concert Hall. \$10

Thurs., Dec. 12 @8pm: Fullerton Jazz Big Band & Latin Ensemble Tribute to Tito Puente w/ special guest Luis Conte, percussion, directed by Bill Cunliffe in the Meng Concert Hall. \$10

Sat., Dec. 14 @3pm & 8pm: Deck the Hall Join conductors Robert Istad, Christopher Peterson, and Kimo Furumoto with the University Singers, Concert Choir, Titan Men's Chorus, Women's Choir, and the University Symphony Orchestra in the Meng Concert Hall. \$25

Sun., Dec. 15 @4pm: Deck the Hall Join conductors Robert Istad, Christopher Peterson, and Kimo Furumoto with the University Singers, Concert Choir, Titan Men's Chorus, Women's Choir, and the University Symphony Orchestra in the Meng Concert Hall. \$25

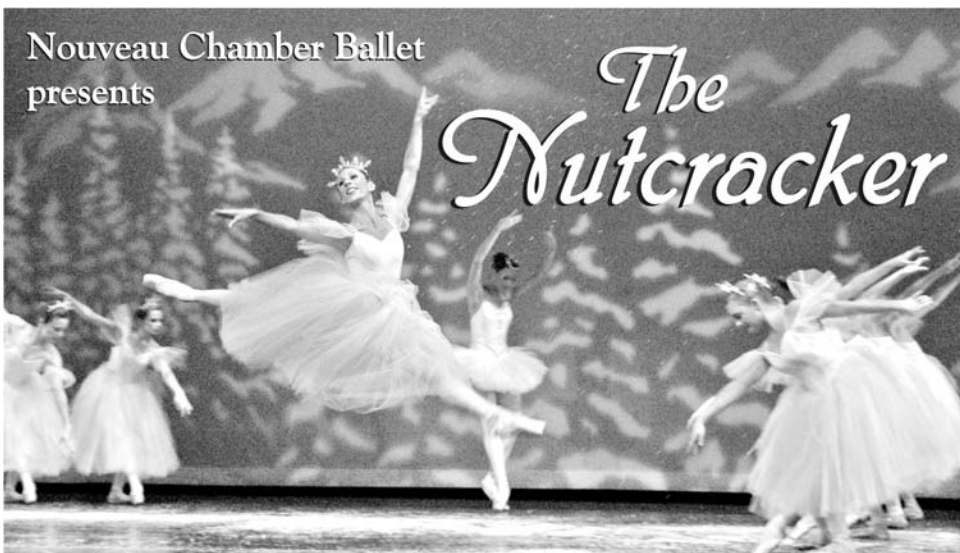


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Janaina Faustino and Joseph Gutierrez in the Arabian Dance in Act II of this year's Nouveau Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker." PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER HANSEN

FULLERTON'S NOUVEAU CHAMBER BALLET & RIO HONDO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DEC. 7TH "THE NUTCRACKER"

Fullerton's own resident ballet company, Nouveau Chamber Ballet, will be presenting their annual performances of "The Nutcracker" ballet on Saturday, December 7th at 8pm and Sunday, December 8th at 2pm.

This production is performed under the artistic direction of Lois Ellyn, with live orchestra music provided by the Rio Hondo Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Kimo Furumoto.

This year the performances take place at the beautiful 1940s-era Vic Lopez Auditorium at Whittier High School.

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Chamber Ballet's 22nd anniversary of the Nutcracker, the Sunday matinee performance will include an onstage recognition of Lois Ellyn's former ballerinas who have danced in the role of Clara in past productions going back as far as 1991.

Call the Lois Ellyn Studio at (714) 526-3862 for tickets.

Tickets can also be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-nutcracker-by-nouveau-chamber-ballet-tickets-9291935429>.

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HITS & MISSES

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NEBRASKA: Two Hits

"Nebraska" is both the chronicle of a road trip and the story of a quest, but for most of the film the quest seems more like a fool's errand. First screened last May at the Cannes Film Festival, "Nebraska" drew rave notices with 77-year-old Bruce Dern winning Best Actor award. The movie resurfaced on Labor Day weekend at the Telluride Film Festival, where it received praise and attention for its quirky characterizations, its off-beat humor, and its standout performances.

Director Alexander Payne ("Sideways," "About Schmidt," "The Descendants"), a native of Nebraska, still lives in the state about six months of the year. However, Payne, the recipient of two screenwriting awards, neither wrote nor co-authored this script, using instead a screenplay by Bob Nelson, which Payne bought and finally made after nine years. To film the flat prairie landscape in early winter, when the story is set, Payne hired cinematographer Phedon Papamichael, and the two decided to photograph in black and white, a decision that fits the mood and environs so appropriately we barely notice the absence of color.

With Dern in place to play Woody Grant and comic actor Will Forte ("Saturday Night Live" and "30 Rock") eager to take on a dramatic role as Woody's son David, Payne needed a lively older woman to cast as Woody's peppery wife, Kate. Actor June Squibb having had a small role in "About Schmidt," made two tapes of herself as Kate, one a shrewish and outrageous harriidan and the other a frank, down-to-earth country woman. Payne and casting director John Jackson knew instantly that they had their Kate when they laughed out loud at the no-holds-barred harriidan. Smaller roles are also cast with care: Rance Howard (father to Ron Howard) as Woody's brother, Ray; and Mary Louise Wilson as Ray's wife, Martha.

The story is small. Woody receives a letter from a magazine subscription company—the kind of scam letter everyone gets—telling him that he has won a million dollars. Having lost his driver's license and addled with dementia, Woody, now living in Billings, Montana, sets out on foot to claim his winnings from the prize headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska. With hunched shoulders, disheveled clothing, and hair askew, Woody is soon picked up by the local police, who call his son David to come and get him.

David assures his father that the letter is a scam, but Woody insists that he has won the money, and, not trusting the U.S. Mails to deliver the check, he must go to Lincoln to collect his fortune. David, whose job is selling home sound systems in a lagging economy and whose girlfriend has just walked out on him, decides to take some time off and drive his father to Lincoln. He also hopes to grow closer to Woody, who has been at best an indifferent father.

The road trip involves detours to Mt. Rushmore and to the Nebraska town, Hawthorne, where Woody grew up and where his brother still lives. David's Uncle Ray and Aunt Martha have two obese sons who spend their time watching television and criticizing everyone, especially the sweet tempered, mild mannered David. When word gets out that Woody has "won a million dollars," more relatives show up and Woody's old partner in an auto-repair business, Ed Pegram (Stacy Keach), seeks him out with menacing reminders of money he claims Woody owes him. Spicing up the impromptu family reunion, Kate arrives by bus and no one is spared her tart tongue.

Woody and David eventually reach Lincoln and, although there are no complete surprises, father and son do, in unexpected ways, reach a greater understanding. It is Payne's attention to small details, such as the interior of an abandoned farmhouse and David's brief encounter with hometown newspaper editor Peg Nagy, that makes "Nebraska" a rewarding film experience.

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

MON., DEC. 2

•**7:30pm: The Company Three Trio** Holiday music presented by North OC Community Concerts at First United Methodist at Pomona and Commonwealth. 714-535-8925 www.northocconcerts.org. \$20/adults; \$10/students

TUES., DEC. 3

•**10am-1pm: Water Town Hall with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva** at Buena Park Senior Center Heritage Hall, 8150 Knott Ave, Buena Park. 916-319-2065 for more info.

•**11:30am: Chamber of Commerce Networking at Noon** Gahram Kang speaks on "Pricing, Costing, and Quoting, How do you value your Time?" at a networking luncheon at Colette's Catering at the Meridian Club, 1535 Deerpark Drive, Fullerton. \$20

•**6:30pm: Fullerton City Council** meets at City Hall, on Commonwealth at Highland. Go to www.cityoffullerton.com to see the agenda. Also on page 18.

•**6:30pm: Fullerton Public Library Gingerbread Family Night** in the Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. An evening of puppets, stories, songs, crafts of the season and a surprise special guest. Bring the whole family! Free.

WED., DEC. 4

•**7:30am-9am: North OC Legislative Alliance (NOCLA)** meets at Brea Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Dr., Brea.

•**8am-1pm: Year-round Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park. (next to the DMV) on Valencia Drive, between Euclid and Highland. Fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, honey, nuts, mushrooms, fish, bread, flowers, plants from certified small farmers. Many hard to find items. 714-871-5304

•**6pm: Fullerton Public Library Independent Film Series** in the Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. "Beginners" rated R with Ewan McGregor, Melanie Laurent, and Christopher Plummer. A young man is rocked by two announcements from his elderly father; that he has terminal cancer, and that he has a young male lover.

•**6:30pm-8pm: Panel on Free Speech vs. Hate Speech** How public agencies can maintain civility without infringing on free speech. Panelists include Bardis Vikili, ACLU; Police Chief Dan Hughes and others. Moderated by Rusty Kennedy, executive director of OC Human Relations. North OC Community College District Board Room, 1830 W. Romneya, Anaheim. Free

THURS., DEC. 5

•**6pm: Fullerton Public Library Thurs. Matinee** in the Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. "Contagion" rated PG-13 with Matt Damon, Kate Winslet, Laurence Fishburne, Chin Han, Gwyneth Paltrow. What happens when the CDC races against time to develop a vaccine against an extremely lethal virus. Free

•**7:30pm: Artist Frank Romero** in a tour of his current exhibit at the Muckenthaler, 1201 W. Malvern. www.themuck.org

•**8:30am: OLLI/CSUF & St. Jude** present "A Physician's Guide to Supplements in the Fullerton Public Library Community Room, with Dr. John Zamarrá, a local cardiologist and natural medicine specialist. 353 W. Commonwealth. Free

FRI., DEC. 6

•**4pm-6pm: Chamber of Commerce Happy Hour Networking** Cafe Hidalgo, 305 N. Harbor Blvd., downtown Fullerton

•**6pm-10pm: Shopping Soiree** at Fullerton Museum Center Gift Shop. Special bargains, free gift wrapping, hands on arts & crafts activities for kids while parents shop, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Proceeds support the Museum. 301 N. Pomona at Wilshire, downtown Fullerton. 714-738-6545.

•**6pm-10pm: First Friday Fullerton Art Walk** numerous venues showing art exhibits all within walking distance of each other in downtown Fullerton. Free.

FRI. & SAT., DEC. 6 & 7

•**12:30pm & 7pm: Orange Empire Chorus' 20th Annual Christmas Cabaret & Dinner Show** features singing waiters and holiday entertainment with Sat. afternoon luncheon served at 12:30pm and Fri. & Sat. dinners served at 7pm. La Habra Community Center at the corner of La Habra and Euclid. Tickets are \$25. Call 714-993-9247 or visit www.oechoorus.org for more info.

•**5:45pm: Moonlight & Mistletoe Victorian Christmas** features costumed Victorians, Christmas tales and entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, wine, Father Christmas and more. Supports the Arboretum. \$25. RSVP required at www.fullertonarboretum.org. 657-278-3407

SAT., DEC. 7

•**8am-1pm: Golden Hill PTA Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Boutique** features an 8am breakfast and a Scholastic Mini-Book Fair, boutique vendors and lots of handmade goods and a raffle until 1pm! Photos with Santa are \$3 from 11am-1pm. Golden Hill School, 732 Barris Dr., Fullerton 92832.

•**10am-4pm: Fern Drive Holiday Boutique** features crafts, food, cookie decorating, Christmas carols, photos with Santa and fun for the whole family. www.ferndrivefoundation.org.

•**10am-5pm: Designers Boutique & Holiday Flea Market** at Leslie Kristen Interiors, 1112 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton.

•**12pm-4pm: Winter Market Downtown Fullerton** features live holiday entertainment, kids activities, free photos with Santa, holiday shopping and the beer & wine garden. Downtown Fullerton Plaza, on E. Wilshire between Harbor and Pomona. Free admission.

•**8pm: Nouveau Chamber Ballet & Rio Hondo Symphony Orchestra "The Nutcracker"** at Vic Lopez Auditorium at Whittier High, 12417 E. Philadelphia Street, Whittier. \$25. 714-526-3862

SUN., DEC. 8

•**11am-1pm: Santa at Fullerton Airport** (see ad page 14) 4011 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton. Free.

•**2pm: Nouveau Chamber Ballet & Rio Hondo Symphony Orchestra "The Nutcracker"** at Vic Lopez Auditorium at Whittier High, 12417 E. Philadelphia Street, Whittier. \$25. 714-526-3862

WED., DEC. 11

•**8am-1pm: Year-round Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park. (next to the DMV) on Valencia Drive, between Euclid and Highland.

SAT., DEC. 14

•**9am-3pm: FUHS Girls Basketball Holiday Boutique** at Fullerton High School Gym (Chapman & Pomona). Free parking and admission. Funds raised support the Girls Basketball program.

•**9am-2pm: Christmas Boutique** at 1145 W. Valencia Mesa Dr., Fullerton. Baked goods, chocolates, hand-knit goods, jewelry, kids clothes and more.

•**2pm-4pm: AAUW Holiday Celebration features Pianist Eleanor Núñez** First Lutheran Church, Lemon and Wilshire, Fullerton. Núñez will play selections from the great composers and holiday favorites. Light refreshments and a cookie exchange. Free

TUES., DEC. 17

•**6:30pm: Fullerton City Council** meets at City Hall, on Commonwealth at Highland. Go to www.cityoffullerton.com to see the agenda. Also on page 18.

WED., DEC. 18

•**8am-1pm: Year-round Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park. (next to the DMV) on Valencia Drive, between Euclid and Highland. Fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, honey, nuts, mushrooms, fish, bread, flowers, plants from certified small farmers. Many hard to find items. 714-871-5304

FRI., DEC. 20

•**11:30am-5:30pm: Fullerton Bears Blood Drive:** A blood drive for Luke, and many others who are fighting for life will be held at the Fullerton Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. Call 714-604-7914 or email broschaka@sabtech.com for more information.

SUN., DEC. 22

•**noon-4pm: Free Holiday Festival with Santa, tours, performances, workshops and arts & crafts fair** at the Muckenthaler, 1201 W. Malvern, Fullerton

WED., DEC. 25

•**8am-1pm: Year-round Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park. (next to the DMV) on Valencia Drive, between Euclid and Highland. Fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, nuts, mushrooms,



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Sylvia Laina Dean

Sylvia Laina Dean passed away at her home surrounded by her family on November 16th at the age of 79.

Born in Prescott, Arizona on August 5, 1934, she attended North Phoenix High School and graduated with a degree in education from Arizona State University, formerly Arizona State College. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and while attending an ADPi exchange with the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, she met the love of her life, and husband of 58 years, Owen Dean. She was also selected to be a Pom Pom girl at ASU while Owen was a football player.

Sylvia was a kindhearted teacher working with early elementary students over a forty-year career beginning in Arizona and then for twenty-six years in the Cypress School District. She received numerous District and PTA awards and served as a Master Teacher for many years. She was also a long time member of Morningside Presbyterian Church in Fullerton, serving as both an Elder and as a Deacon. Sylvia will be remembered mostly as a loving and caring woman with a warm and generous spirit.

An avid traveler, Sylvia toured the globe sharing new and exciting experiences with her husband, her three daughters and her close friends. She

and Owen hosted delegates from Fullerton's Sister City of Morelia, Mexico and traveled to Morelia. She was also a Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary International.

She is survived by her husband Owen Dean of Fullerton, and their three daughters and sons-in-law, Laura Dean-Richardson and Steve Richardson of Fullerton, Lisa and Paul Cameron of Fresno and Linda and Joe Daniele of Frederick, Maryland.

Sylvia was blessed with nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; 2nd Lt.

Joey & Grace Daniele and Giuliana of Clovis, New Mexico; Christina, Leanna, Christian and Victoria Daniele and Makayla and Anna Lloyd of Frederick, Maryland; P.J. and Mitchell Cameron of Fresno; Mandy Richardson of Lodi and Mike Richardson of Fullerton.

The family gratefully acknowledges the loving care Judith Nieves extended to Sylvia over the last five years.

Memorial services were held at Morningside Presbyterian Church in Fullerton on November 23rd, followed by a Celebration of Life at the family home in Fullerton. After residing in Sunny Hills and downtown Fullerton for the past 43 years, Sylvia has been laid to rest in Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton, California.



Helen Ada Guiney

Helen Ada Guiney, 92, passed away November 16, 2013. Survived by daughters Katie Olsen and Patricia Sabsowitz. She will be laid to rest with her husband at Riverside National Cemetery.

Devin Michael Mendez

9/24/2000 - 11/14/2013

Devin Michael Mendez, 13, passed away November 14, 2013. He is survived by his loving mother Monica Gutierrez; grandfather Gonzalo Gutierrez Sr.; uncles Gonzalo Jr., Alejandro and Adrian; aunts Samantha Gutierrez, Laura Lozano, Erica Gutierrez and Helga Gutierrez; numerous cousins and many family members and friends. A service was held Nov. 21 at Zion Luther Church in Anaheim. Burial followed at Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton.

Elizabeth "Betty" Robertson

Fullerton resident Elizabeth "Betty" Robertson, director emeritus of community and in-house programs in University Extended Education at Cal State Fullerton, died Nov. 7 at the age of 89.

Robertson, who had earned her bachelor's degree in economics at Mills College, joined CSUF as coordinator of women's programs and travel study a year after earning her master's degree in communications in 1975.

Under her direction, a number of programs were established to encourage and direct women toward nontraditional educational and career goals, including a conference, "Options for Women in Mathematics, Science and Engineering. The keynote speaker for that conference, who had to decline because of a scheduling conflict, was to have been Jewel Plummer Cobb, who three years later became CSUF president. The conference earned Robertson a first-place creative programming award from the women's division of the National University Extension Association.

Robert's efforts on behalf of re-entry women resulted in a \$109,000 grant and a collaborative effort among CSUF, Fullerton College, the North Orange County YWCA and Santiago Library System. The program was the seed for the Adult Re-entry Center on campus.

In 1979, Robertson secured a grant to create a specialized, self-supporting educational programming unit on campus for the community's older adults, which led to the development of Continuing Learning Experience, now known as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.



Robertson served the campus for 13 years, retiring in 1988 and was honored with emeritus status, in recognition of the "many contributions to the University and the Office of Extended Education." Preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth, she is survived by four grown children: sons, Jeff and Peter, and daughters, Laurie Sand and Wendy Fonteneau.

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New Pastor Welcomed at Methodist Church

Fullerton United Methodists have welcomed the Rev. Phillips Whang to the pulpit. Whang, who holds a Master of Divinity from the School of Theology at Boston University, has been in the ministry for more than three decades. His previous parishes were in Burbank, Riverside, Morro Bay and on the East Coast. He also co-authored "Witness from the Middle," a guide book for cross-cultural ministry, and created "The Messiah Bible Study." Whang, 53, studied voice at the School of Music at Boston University. He will offer operatic versions of "You Raise Me Up" and "The Holy City" at the church's "Christmas Concert" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8 in the church sanctuary, 114 N. Pomona Ave. He will be joined by Pacific Symphony musicians Tony and Cindy Ellis. The public is invited to the concert. He and his pharmacist wife, Rebecca, have three children.-BG

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Above: Several long tables of desserts await the end of the Thanksgiving meal. Below: Over 700 Thanksgiving meals were served.

A Thanksgiving Dinner for All

Story and Photos by Jere Greene

The Fullerton Boys and Girls Club provided an early Thanksgiving Dinner for over 700 city residents at the new Community Center. The Slidebar, Polly's Pies, Senior Serv, Opus Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank, Kraft Foods, Assistance League of Fullerton, Bourbon

Street, and Big B's Barbecue were among the over forty sponsors that joined in producing this outstanding effort. Club members and their parents were the principal recipients, but as the word spread, so did the list of diners. All were welcomed, and everyone enjoyed a good time and left with a full meal to start the holiday season.



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AUDIO OUT: The beginning of the council meeting for anyone listening from home could not be heard due to a glitch with the microphones. Later in the meeting the sound came on but too low for most viewers to hear even with the volume turned all the way up. This is the second time that there were problems with the broadcast. A few meetings back home viewers were treated to a session long view of a commercial message for TimeWarner.

PRESENTATION: Fullerton Collaborative Executive Director Pam Keller and Sean Lawrence, Executive Director of Giving Children Hope told about the non-profit which provides weekend backpacks of food to children who have been identified as homeless. Lawrence said that there are 25,000 homeless kids in Orange County. The non-profit's volunteers fill over 3,000 backpacks with food per weekend for homeless kids to take with them from schools including those in Fullerton. Over 700 children have been identified as homeless in the City of Fullerton. Learn more about Giving Children Hope at www.gchope.org or call (714) 523-4454.

CONSENT CALENDAR

• **ITEMS 1-9 PASSED:** Councilmember Flory noted that Ryan Cantor had expressed concerns about councilmembers voting on items that directly affect a company who contributed to their campaigns. Several councilmembers including Flory received contributions from Care Ambulance. Item #6 extending the contract with Care Ambulance for a year was passed with a unanimous vote. City Attorney Jones said that campaign contributions are not a problem if they are disclosed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

• **DOG PARK:** Parks & Rec Director Hugo Curiel presented the new stiffer dog park ordinance requested by the non-profit Dog Park Foundation which operates the dog park at the Hunt Branch Library. The foundation wanted stiffer regulations so that violators could be dealt with by police. Most violations are trivial but occasionally there are incidences where heavier enforcement action is needed according to the foundation. Passed 4-1, Whitaker voted no because he objected to the 16 and over age limit.

• **ALCOHOL REVIEW:** Acting Development Director Heather Allen presented a request to develop a change to the review process for adding alcohol related businesses. The new plan would require a review by the planning commission instead of the current development department discretion. The department gets about one request per month. Findings of Public Convenience & Necessity have just been routinely approved by the department in the past due to the Restaurant Overlay said Allen. Passed 5-0

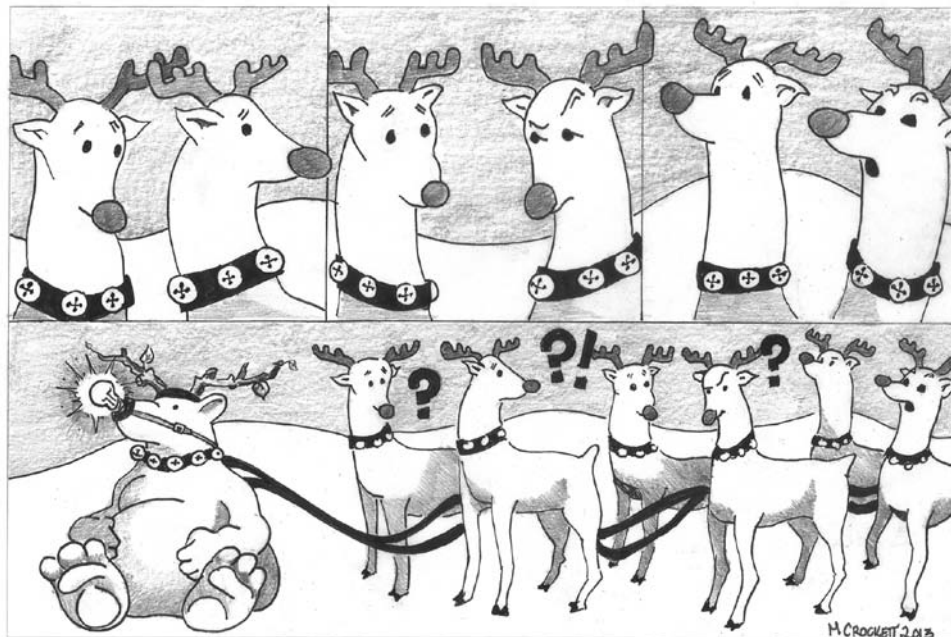
• **EXTENDED CONTRACTS:** Human Resource Director Gretchen Beatty presented two items that would give the Police Assoc. and dispatcher units and the Fullerton Management Assoc. extra time to consider extending contracts through 2015. Passed 5-0

UPCOMING AGENDAS

• **DEC 3:** Council reorganization following seniority will position Mayor Protem Doug Chaffee as the new Mayor.

Presentation on proposed power plant on Fullerton/Anaheim border; DRIPP Cafe Lease Agreement; Agreement with La Habra for a signal at Euclid and Country Hills Dr.; University Heights; Berkeley (Lemon to Chapman) reconstruction; \$214,500 Construction & maintenance agreement with BNSF Railway for the Fullerton Transportation Center pedestrian bridge elevator addition project; Broadcast repairs and technical upgrades; Water utility infrastructure financing options including possible \$21 million revenue bond; consider cancellation of Jan. 7 city council meeting.

• **DEC 17:** Litigation update; MBK Bond TEFRA Hearing; Police Cam pilot program presentation; 620 S. Roosevelt general plan amendment and zoning change to SPD; presentation on roads & infrastructure; regional advisory appointments; Measure M2 Expenditure report and resolution; traffic signal synchronization construction contract award; Final Map N. 17487; OC Grand Jury recruitment; Angelo & Vinci's trash enclosure lease agreement; CDF#1 Annual report; Capt. Mike Fill 35 year service award; State College Grade Separation construction contract.



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Overnight Parking in Fullerton

Making sense of parking rules and enforcement in Fullerton is like trying to teach a pig to whistle. It wastes a lot of your time and only annoys the pig.

I live on the edge of downtown. My block is a popular place for parking for ready access to the bacchanalian delights of downtown Fullerton. DTF, a friend said her son and his friends call it, only they don't mean Down Town Fullerton. They mean, she said ruefully "down to f*#!." That's what's become of our fair city—and all the filth and discarded underwear on the streets that go with it.

There are no signs relating to parking on my street, nor around the corner on Whiting Avenue. Will you get a ticket if you park here overnight? That all depends...on what I do not know. Every morning, there are cars on the adjacent three blocks, none with tickets. On my street, especially when the farmers market and beer garden is open, people park overnight on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

And not just overnight—sometimes autos have been in front of my house or across the street for two, three, four and five days. At day 5, I usually call the police. Do they come ticket the car? No, somehow the owner gets word, and the car is driven off before being ticketed.

Except I left a rental car on the street in front of my house recently, and I got a ticket. My tenant has been ticketed for parking on the street here. His girlfriend was ticketed for parking on the street here.

But not other people.

I asked an officer why that is. He suggested that there are few overnight parking checkers, and they start at one end of town and maybe do not get to my area, except sometimes.

Most bizarre though, was the experience of a downtown businessman. He arrives at his shop at 4am each day, parks in front where it is 15 minute parking, enters his shop, walks through to turn on the machines and unlock the back door. Then he returns to the front to move his car to the back. Recently, when he came out to move the car, there was a ticket for overnight parking on it.

Well, he got that taken care of after some diligent pursuit of the issue. However, a week later, someone else's car was parked in that 15 minute zone—and left there for a week, with no ticket. The businessman finally hailed a passing police officer who observed the car for 15 minutes, then wrote up a ticket.

The car had been reported stolen. The grateful owner to whom the car was returned gave copious thanks to the businessman. He returned again later and told the businessman that actually he had gotten too drunk to remember where his car was and so reported it stolen.

I wonder if he had to pay the parking ticket. I appealed mine with pictures and license numbers of all the overnight parkers for two weeks and—case dismissed.

Judith Kaluzny Fullerton

Defenseless Renter Neighborhoods

My neighborhood (Santiago Road, Beechwood Avenue, and Brea Blvd., between Bastanchury Road and 7-Eleven, is all apartments and townhouses. It represents about 1200 feet (about a quarter mile) of street length. As I stated in my first post, (see *Mid-Nov. Fullerton Observer*, page 2, "Fullerton's No Overnight Parking Regulations Unconstitutional in Discriminating Against Renters") Fullerton has over 285 miles of streets to patrol, and police can only enforce the overnight parking ordinance between 2am and 5am. However, the Fullerton Police Department has come to this area at least six times in the last twenty-four days to cite the cars parked overnight on the street: October 23: Santiago Road; October 31: Santiago Road; November 7: Brea Blvd.; November 14: Santiago Road; November 15: Brea Blvd.; November 16: Santiago Road.

As you can see, they have come here the last three mornings in a row! This problem has spiraled out of control! It is senseless also because overnight parking, with a few exceptions, is legal in the rest of Southern California. The cities that ban

it also issue parking permits to all qualified residents, and they don't have a cumbersome and expensive "Select Street Exemption" process like Fullerton.

What does this mean? Is this a sign that Fullerton police don't have enough real work to do?

They have learned that apartment neighborhoods are easy targets for parking tickets because we are so defenseless. There are not enough off-street parking spaces, and (as I also demonstrated in my first post) Fullerton's unconstitutional overnight parking ordinance denies hardship exemptions to renters. The police department can come here, easily issue a rash of citations (which are \$35 each), and give the appearance they are being productive. This has to change!

For more discussion on this topic go to fullertonparking.blogspot.com.

ED: City Council is in charge of city ordinances concerning the parking ban. You can contact the council at 714-738-6311 or email council@ci.fullerton.ca.us or come and make a statement during public comments on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30pm at city hall.

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Monica Shoukair and Bob Cummins
with one of the collection bins.

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Sock It To 'Em bins will collect new socks of all types, regular and travel size toiletries, linens, toys and monetary donations. Local businesses wishing to host their own office "mini drives" may contact Cristal Drake at (714) 423-7525.

WTLC is a registered non-profit dedicated to helping individuals and families escape the depths of domestic violence and exploitation. The organization provides the tools and resources to build self-esteem and empower people for independent living. For more info please visit www.wtlc.org.



Norma Ames (president), Jennifer Beattie, Judith Kaluzny, Debra Stout, Susan Blythe, and Kris Hanna of the Women's Club of Fullerton

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by Maria E. Jones

Purple is defined as a color that is intermediate between red and blue. But, for 75 Woman's Club of Fullerton members, purple is defined as a fun-filled night serving our community to support domestic violence prevention. Purple is also the national color symbolizing domestic violence prevention.

In response to the Orange District's "call" to meet their goal of 1,000 washcloth gifts for Orange County women in domestic violence shelters, the Woman's Club of Fullerton stepped up to the sewing machines with needles, thread, and ribbon in hand. Members collected toiletries, sewed, and assembled 242 washcloths in total. All the washcloths and toiletries were donated to the

Woman's Transitional Living Center (WTLC). This project supported domestic violence prevention, honored women in difficult situations, and provided for them in their time of need. "I am proud of this club. This is what it is all about," said Nancy Coronado, 2nd VP Chair.

The WCOF is a nonprofit organization that has been in operation since 1902. WCOF is dedicated to uniting woman of all ages for community service, supporting charitable organizations, fostering friendship, and empowering women through learning about the community around them.

For info about The Woman's Club of Fullerton, please visit: www.women-scluboffullerton.org

CHANGE & BALANCE

by Michelle Gottlieb

Shared Experience

We often think that we know what the people in our lives are thinking or feeling. We are often quite sure that we know the history of our family. But we see the world through skewed lens. Do not assume that your perspective is the completely accurate one.

I recently was working with a client who remembered a fairly traumatic event from his childhood. When he questioned his mother about it, he received a great deal of information that changed the meaning of the event.

I encourage you (if you have someone you trust) to talk to the people who may have experienced the same events and get their perspectives. You may learn valuable information. It may not necessarily make the event any better, but you will gain from the conversation.



The same goes with assuming that you know what is inside someone else's head, no matter how much you love that person. Another example, I was working with another client who did not want to put out his partner by asking her to come with him to visit his parents. Turned out her feelings were hurt by not being asked!

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Shana & Kyle Beym in Germany
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Susan & Linda in Iceland
Longtime Fullerton residents Susan Mahlen and Linda Rainwater took the *Observer* to Reykjavick riding some horses from the stable of Islenski Hesturinn. You can find out more about Icelandic Horse riding tours at www.islenskihesturinn.is
Above they are enjoying the day in the Iceland capital of



Dawn & Jon in Bora Bora
Dawn and Jon Bullock, Fullerton residents for 20 years, visited Bora Bora. Above Dawn is shown in a photo taken by Jon, with a favorite old *Fullerton Observer*.



The Rosen's at Uluru (formerly known as Ayers Rock)
“We just returned from a fabulous Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT) 5-week trip to Australia and New Zealand. We took with us a very special copy of the *Observer*- the one with the obituary for our very dear friend, Marion Harloe. This photo was taken at Uluru-- previously known as Ayers Rock. The rock and surrounding national park have now been turned back to it's rightful owners (the Aborigines) who have restored it's native name and are now learning the skills necessary to work in hotels and restaurants in this tourist area. This photo was taken just before sunset with the traditional champagne toast offered at "the rock" by tourists. Note that when viewed through the champagne flute, the rock appears upside down. Cheers!” *Barbara Rosen*
P.S. I promise to get our renewal in soon now that we are back and playing catch up

Danny & Elise Torres in Turkey
Fullerton Observers, Danny & Elise Torres, are pictured near the Blue Mosque in Turkey built from 1609 to 1616, during the rule of Ahmed. “Along with Islamic sites, our Classical Turkey tour showcased some of the finest collection of Hellenistic and Roman city ruins to be found anywhere.”