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78th Annual Memorial Day May 30

Women in the Military will be the focus of a special salute Monday, May 30, at the 78th Annual Fullerton Memorial Day Observance. Special guest speaker will be Vice Admiral Nora Tyson, United States Navy.

The free program begins at 10am at Loma Vista Memorial Park, 701 E. Bastanchury Road, Fullerton. The annual event is sponsored by the nonprofit American Veterans Memorial Association and the City of Fullerton.

Members of the public, and all veterans, especially women veterans, are invited to attend. Photos of the women veterans in attendance will be taken by Brian Knott of Forget Me Knott Photography and special commemorative pins will be given to each women veteran.

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The Batmobile Hot Rod with classic Volkswagen vans at the back. PHOTO BY JERE GREENE

DISTRICT ELECTIONS PUBLIC HEARING

6:30pm Tuesday,
May 17, 2016

Council Chambers
Fullerton City Hall
303 W. Commonwealth

FULLERTON TRANSPORTATION FESTIVAL by Jere Greene

Three events on three consecutive weekends in Fullerton celebrated transportation, including the annual Railroad Days, Airport Day, and Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival. Ending the festival on May 14 and 15, was the 22nd Annual Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival. The juried Hot Rods & Custom Car Show took place Saturday, as the paper went to print, with 250 entries and awards presented at noon. Entertainment was provided by the jazz-blues-rock group The

PleasureTones. The Concours d'Elegance juried car show scheduled on Sunday drew 300 vintage vehicles entries in various categories from 1915 to 1978 and awards at 2pm. The Vaudeville group Janet Klein and Her Parlor Boys were hired for entertainment. Included both days were various food vendors. Proceeds from the two-day event benefit the nonprofit Muckenthaler programs.

Railroad Days & Airport Day stories & photos on pages 6, 10 and 11

NUFF Forum May 23: Designing Water-Wise Gardens

by Elizabeth Gibbs

On Monday May 23 at 6:45 in the Fullerton Public Library Neighbors United for Fullerton (NUFF) will host a presentation on water-wise garden design. Expert garden designer Holly Javadi, of Armstrong Garden Centers, will share advice on plants, soil amendments, and design concepts for the homeowner who desires to improve the drought-tolerance of their home landscape. This forum continues NUFF's annual tradition of providing the public with free information on sustainable home landscapes.

Why do we need to care about the amount of water we use in our landscape? For years, we Southern California residents have enjoyed surrounding ourselves with lush green landscapes in spite of the fact that the natural climate of our region is semi-arid. The current long drought, as well as evidence of global warming, warns of a need for change in our use of water.

At the forum, presenter Holly Javadi will assure gardeners that it is possible to have a lovely and colorful year-round garden while decreasing demand for water. Although lovely gardens can certainly be created with cacti, not all water wise plants are prickly and stiff; it is also possible to maintain a healthy and water wise garden with plants that are colorful, flowery and romantic. Holly has pointers for changing a landscape gradually or for designing a complete new look. Either way, it is not necessary to accept that "brown is the new green" as we learn to garden responsibly.

Seating for the 6:45 NUFF forum will begin at 6:30 in the Osborne Room of the Fullerton Public Library. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation. NUFF's forums are free and open to the public. Membership in NUFF is open to citizens concerned about the quality of civic life in Fullerton and will be available at the forum.

Vacation Rentals & Mixed-Use Zoning

by Jane Rands

Short term vacation rentals were back on the agenda for the May 11 Planning Commission Meeting. The Public Hearing was continued from the April 13 meeting because an earlier agenda item discussing a high density zoning tool and a 295-unit project had already stretched the meeting late into the night.

City Senior Planner Matt Foulkes stated that while there had been "few complaints" due to short term rentals, the City Council had directed the staff to take a "proactive approach" to prevent problems in the future.

Currently, there are no limits on vacation rentals because Fullerton's municipal code doesn't address short-term rentals. There are standards for renting up to three rooms in a home and renting a whole home. But these standards anticipate long-term rentals such as a month-to-month tenancy or a year-long lease. Under those circumstances it is expected that tenants would be rigorously vetted before moving in and the renters would have a stake in maintaining a quiet and clean neighborhood.

To avoid "undesirable outcomes such as loud partying, noise and parking congestion," cited in the staff report, a task force comprised of city staff and attorneys from

Best Best & Kreiger compiled a set of recommendations to regulate vacation rentals.

The proposed regulations would permit short-term rentals in all residential zones throughout the city for stays less than 30 days in one or two bedrooms within a home. Homeowners' associations and property managers would have to approve of the rental. An annual permit, fee, and

collection of an occupancy tax along with a fire inspection and limits on and requirement for advertising would be imposed upon the property owner. The three City Code Enforcement officers would be responsible for tracking complaints and potentially revoking permits for

repeated violations.

A "Good Neighbor" policy would be posted in each rental stating limits on noise and parking, when to place trash bins at the curb, and warning renters that they can be cited and fined if they fail to comply. No more than 2 adults would be allowed per bedroom. The number of rentals in a neighborhood would be controlled by requiring a five-hundred foot separation between permitted vacation rental properties. A single owner could not apply for more than one permit to

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Mixed-Use Overlay Zoning Planning Commission Public Hearing Wednesday May 25 at 7pm

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PASSION FOR JUSTICE by Synthia Tran © 2016

The Peer Counselor: Part I

Back then, Fall Semester started after the holiday break. It was kind of inconvenient because after the Christmas break, you would forget almost everything right before the final exams. Around school year 1982-1983, Fullerton College decided to change to a new timeline. The Fall Semester was set to start in August and end before Christmas.

The Admission & Records Office hired students to work in the evening making phone calls to all students on file. Each of us was given a telephone and a computer printout with names and phone numbers. Our job was to call and inform the students of the new starting date. Many were thankful, but some were unhappy, "School starts before Labor Day? That is un-American!"

I was asked to help out at the Admission and Records during that busy time. Sometimes I stood at the counter to fulfill requests for copies of transcripts. Other times, I was outside directing students to stand in the right line to receive service. I must have looked very serious when doing my job because one guy asked me if I worked there. I proudly nodded, and he made a funny face, but I didn't say anything.

I was healthy during school year as I was busy working and studying, but I often got sick during holidays or school breaks. I thought my body didn't like to relax, but I found out later that was the way to recuperate and recharge the energy.

As a peer counselor, I was responsible for about 60 students, most of them of Vietnamese descent. At the beginning, I would send out a letter to introduce myself, provide my students my office hours, and ask them to drop by at their convenience. I helped them to select classes according to their majors.

Every semester, the EOPS office sent out progress reports to the professors, and when their response was received, we called our students in and shared with them the feedback. We also answered questions and offered suggestions for improvement.

Besides being an academic peer counselor, some students shared their personal issues with me.

One young mother who left her child in the college childcare to go to classes told me the childcare workers left all babies with diapers on, no clothes, and her baby got sick. The pediatrician said that the baby suffered from pneumonia. I told her to ask the childcare center to let her baby wear clothes.

A young wife and mother told me her husband was an addict, didn't have a job, and he sold everything in the apartment that they shared to support his habit. Her son put sign on his toys that say "Daddy, this is not for sale," and it broke her heart (and mine). The husband no longer lived at home; he only came home when the wel-

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"Speaking of..." by C.C. Lee © 2016

Amy Biehl Activism & Forgiveness

Every April, my school dedicates a week to spread the awareness of global solidarity. Each day of the week holds a different focus—there is a day for community service, a culture dress day, a fair where each club runs booths to raise money for charities, and so on. As a freshman, it was my first time participating in the week's exciting events, and Monday began with a special speaker, Linda Biehl, mother of Amy Biehl and founder of the Amy Biehl Foundation.

Amy Biehl was a courageous and compassionate young woman who strongly believed in social justice and sought social change. A graduate from Stanford, she decided to travel to South Africa and pursue her masters and Ph.D. while helping out local communities. She was doing well in her academics and became very involved with politics, especially since she was in South Africa during Nelson Mandela's imprisonment.

Unfortunately, on August 25, 1993, during a sudden riot involving angry, anti-white and anti-apartheid South Africans, Amy was mistaken for a British suppressor, pulled out of her car on the street, and stabbed to death. To black South Africans, it was just the death of another white person. They knew that every day, black South Africans were getting killed in large numbers—why did one white life matter so much?

Evidently, her killers did not know that

she was actually an American student trying to help seek social justice in a foreign country.

Her killers were sentenced to 18 years in prison, but sought amnesty after three years when the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was formed to pardon those who had done wrong during Apartheid.

The Biehl family not only did not oppose the applica-

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

tions of those who had killed Amy, but encouraged it and forgave the three men. Amy's family recognized that they were truly sorry, even though they never apologized to the family directly.

A year later, in 1994, Linda and Peter Biehl established the Amy Biehl Foundation in honor of their daughter. They work hard to accomplish the work Amy once dreamed of—improving equality and acting for change in South Africa, and beyond.

Interestingly enough, two of the three men who ended Amy's life have become partners and friends of the foundation. It takes great courage to react the way the Biehls did—forgiveness is not easy to give to people who took away your child's life. Yet that was accomplished in this case.

Peter Biehl has since passed away, but,

fare check arrived. If she refused to give it to him, he would beat her up. I asked if she thought about calling police. She said she thought about it, but didn't do it. The reason was, "The police won't be there to protect me 24/7, and he definitely will retaliate, and it would be too late when the police come."

One day she came to my office and said that a friend was helping her to move out of state leaving no trace. That was the only way to get away from the drug addict husband. I wished her luck, and we both cried and said "Good-Bye."

Another student told me she and her friends were afraid to be with the English tutor. I asked her for the reason; she said her tutor was an older man who had horrible bad breath, and he liked to touch and hug female students during the tutoring session.

According to the training I received, that was something called sexual harassment or molestation, and it was a somewhat new concept to us foreign students. I said "somewhat" because it's not that the bad behavior didn't happen in our native country. It did happen often and by "respectable" individuals, so nobody believed the victims when they spoke up. Therefore, most of the time, the victims suffered.

I immediately notified my supervisor of the tutor's misbehavior, and she and I went to the Tutoring Center, which was next to our EOPS office, and talked to the director. The result was that the bad guy was prohibited from tutoring female students, but I heard that he was still wandering around the campus looking for female students on his own. What a sick animal!

Synthia Tran and her family immigrated to the US after the Vietnam War, when it was too dangerous to stay in the country.

today, Linda continues to run the foundation and share her story. Just recently, Tyler Perry Studios announced that it

would be making Amy's story into a film, also highlighting everyone's journey of reconciliation. Her parents had been approached multiple times soon after her death about books, movie scripts, and plays, so Linda is excited that 23 years after her daughter's death, Amy's story will finally be told through film. (The director is 33-year-old Karzan Kader, a successful Iraqi-born director who had experienced similar events in his childhood.)

The impact the Biehl family has made through Amy's story is not only about anti-apartheid and freedom and democracy—that is only a small part. Instead, it provides a reminder about the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation. The Biehls send a powerful message that amnesty and peace are the only ways of seeking closure.

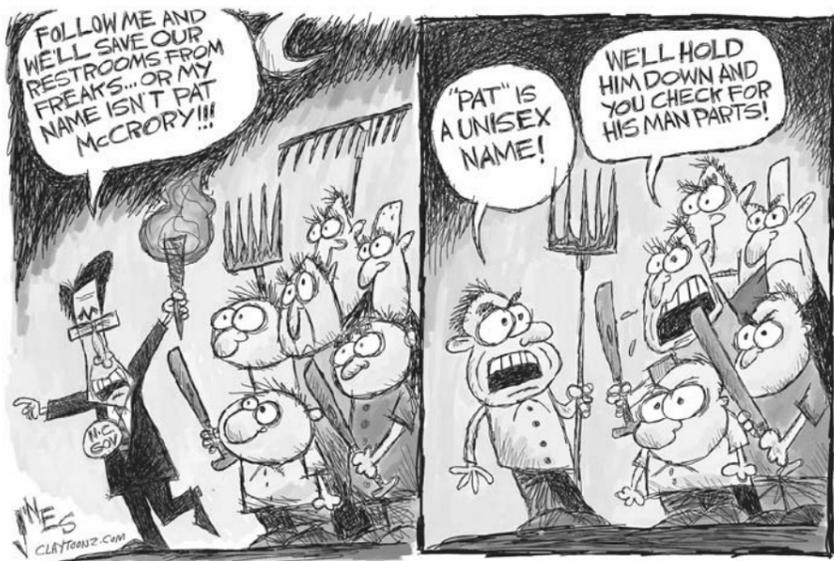
It is astonishing to hear the story of Amy Biehl, not only because of her tragic death, but how her parents handled the aftermath, even becoming friends with the offenders. Personally, I admire them for the boldness of their forgiveness. Not many people would be able to forgive those who harmed their loved ones, yet the Biehls have been able to do so peacefully.

The Amy Biehl Foundation has spread her story in South Africa and the United States, and continues to do so today. It is amazing how one life can change the lives of others, even if that life no longer lives.

C.C. Lee is a local high school student.



Amy Biehl was a Fulbright Scholar and anti-apartheid activist when she was killed at age 26.



OUT OF MY MIND

by Jon Dobrer © 2016 JonDobrer@mac.com

PISTOLS & PISSOIRES

When I go to a public restroom (a nice euphemism for toilet), and am standing at a urinal, I am not very concerned over whether the person next to me is holding a penis—as long as it's his. I am much more concerned if he or she is holding a gun. (And yes, there are appliances that allow women to urinate standing.) However, I frankly, don't much care if my pissoire partner has or doesn't have a penis. I don't much care what my lavatory neighbor has in his or her pants or under his or her skirt. In a public toilet, I am not looking for or fearing any bulges of flesh—only of metal.

This nation has some very serious problems. Toilet selection is not one of them. Finding a toilet, yes. That can be a problem. Finding a clean toilet is often more than a problem. An impossibility. Feeling threatened by the gender classification of my bog mate, is not for me an issue. And, yes, for the record, I have found myself at events where a man in full, and credible, drag came to the urinal and whipped it out. My feeling? So what?

You want problems, real problems? Take the Middle East....Please! We're involved in a series of un-declared wars in the Middle East. You want real problems? Take our sclerotic political system....Please! We're going to have two of the most disliked and distrusted people in American life, facing off for our presidency. We have plenty of problems at home. Take our medical system....Please! Even with the expanded access from ObamaCare, it is an expensive mess that does not have the best medical outcomes in the world. Not the worst but we're not getting what we're paying for.

Meanwhile in the South—in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Texas—there are terrible educational results, particularly for the poor: white, black and Hispanic. They have shocking medical issues—highly disproportionate rates of obesity, heart disease and diabetes.

So, naturally the most pressing political issues involve the right to carry arms in schools, streets and religious institutions. Since any regulation or limitation to the Second Amendment is a slippery slope

leading to confiscation, the only way to stop bad children with guns is by providing good children with guns.

What could go wrong? Add guns to the normal freshman year in college of "experimentation" with drugs, binge-drinking, raging hormones and general chaos and what do you get? One thing for sure, an exodus of rightly nervous students and faculty to truly safe spaces. I am so NOT afraid of micro-aggressions. I fear macro-aggressions with automatic weapons.

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But arguing the Second Amendment may not be the hottest issue (or distraction). The single most important issue facing the South, and possibly the entire nation, is which restroom to use?

Nothing seems to threaten society more than the thought of transgender people using restrooms different from their original factory equipment. Legislation demands that only the original factory version can be considered in assigning proper pooping places. Aftermarket genitalia are strictly forbidden.

This takes us to the philosophical questions of what is gender and if it is skin deep, purely genital or only outer dressing? What shall we do with transgender people with incomplete gender reassignment? Yes, I do feel for some old professor who has to face a student asking for an "Incomplete" on his gender re-assignment.

To bring these terribly important social quandaries together, we must ask what is the proper gun to bring to the proper restroom? And, naturally, who will be bathroom monitor and conduct short-arms inspections?

This is a great, and I think, cynical distraction from the real issues of life and death, war and peace, societal cohesion and political constipation that truly plague our nation. Some countries distract their angry and alienated public with nationalism. We distract with pistols and pissoires.

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Neighbors Not Positive on Muck Expansion

Your reporter and I must have attended different City Council meetings on April 19, 2016. The meeting at which I was present would not have led someone to say that "comments from neighbors were positive."

By my count there were only two Muck neighbors who spoke at the meeting.

One gentleman voiced his concern about the possible effect the expanded plan for the cultural center would have on the value of his home.

I was the other speaker and I did end my comments by saying it was unfair to include a stream and fountain in the plans when residents are subject to severe water use restrictions. However, I also stated that in a perfect world the Muck should remain as it is and not be "improved" or

remodeled.

Although the current version of the plan is much better than the ridiculously grandiose version first offered several years ago as a proposed legacy, I asked the Council to consider imposing limits on the size and numbers of events. In addition, I mentioned the disastrous Red Bull "picnic" which took place last October as an example of something that should never be allowed at the Muck.

Hopefully those who were at the April 19 meeting recognized that the comments from those of us who live by the Muck could not be characterized as positive, and that the Muck will continue in its efforts to be a good neighbor.

Paul Breen Fullerton

Community College District Smoke & Mirrors

Thank you for your reporting on the NOCCCD faculty who are asking for health care dependent coverage and equal pay for laboratory hours. I am very upset by the argument made by NOCCCD that there are too many full-time faculty and so they don't have the money to provide dependent coverage and lecture/laboratory equality.

I transferred from Fullerton College three years ago, and I struggled to get classes through the worst years of 2010-2012. Students had to beg to get into classes and sit on the floor in over-enrolled classes. Most of my classes were taught by part time teachers! I never saw that the college had too many full-time teachers.

Now I see that during those stressful times for students, the NOCCCD Board of Trustees was packing away a 50 million bank roll. 50 million in 2010-11 and 50 million in 2011-12 and 47 million last year!

I would like to point out that NOCCCD said that they need these millions in carry-over for ongoing expenses. If that is true, then why does the ending balance always stay between 45 to 50 million? What expenses are they spending it on? I don't know much about high-level accounting, but this seems like smoke and mirrors to me.

Gerardo Avila-Santos Fullerton

Disappointing District Response to Professors Seeking Benefits

It was disappointing to read the response from NOCCCD (frontpage Early May). I am appalled that the district has treated their faculty this way. It seems extremely odd that almost all other districts in the entire state are capable of providing health care for their faculty dependents, but North Orange can't seem to do so. Is North Orange that poor?

My family has been grateful for Fullerton College. With little money for tuition many of my family have received an excellent education because of caring teachers. They have had many wonderful experiences with their professors and have looked up to many of them.

To hear that faculty are leaving because they will receive better health benefits by going to another community college just 20 miles away is absurd. (See inside article on page 9 of the same issue)

This shows how NOCCCD is disrespectful to their faculty. It also shows that something is possibly wrong with the way the NOCCCD budgets its money.

Fullerton College has provided a strong

community for Fullerton residents. Bottom line is that the NOCCCD should take care of their faculty because we all want to have a strong community college with quality faculty. Now that faculty have started to run away, who knows how many more will go or never show up in the first place. There's no excuse for this.

Jonathan Yang Fullerton

Excellent Report

That was an extremely well-written article reporting on the Trump Rally in Costa Mesa. I wasn't familiar with those 3 writers so I checked out the website and learned about Voice of OC, a publication I had never heard of. You excerpted the article beautifully because it read even better than the original. Thanks for including it.

J M Fullerton

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MAY 3 COUNCIL MEETING (NEXT MEETING MAY 17)

No presentations and only two public comments made this an unusually short meeting. The first public commentator thanked Police Chief Dan Hughes for co-organizing the Love Fullerton event, where citizens came out to volunteer in projects all over the city. The event ended with members of Love programs from surrounding cities joining Fullerton volunteers in a BBQ at the Fullerton College Quad with free food donated by local restaurants. Mayor Fitzgerald said later that volunteers can find projects to participate in year round at ocunited.org. The second public speaker asked

why Fullerton's representative on the Vector Control board missed the meeting discussing the possible spraying of DUET for mosquito control. The measure did not pass.

Later Mayor Protem Flory noted that she did attend the meeting but had to leave at 5:35 to get to the fountain dedication. She said that she does object to an item that passed on the consent calendar that night which allows the general manager to also serve as the treasurer and CEO. She plans to bring that item back for discussion.

For complete comments see the video of the meeting on the city website.

•APRIL WATER SAVINGS UPDATE
Public Works Director Don Hoppe said that there was a 22.8% water savings from last year. He said our new goal has been reduced to 20% because of the credits earned from Fullerton's participation in the OCWD Groundwater Replenishment system.

•2-DAYS A WEEK WATERING: The city is returning to Summer 2-day a week water schedule with watering allowed for even addresses on Tuesday and Saturday and for odd addresses Thursday and Sunday.

•LAGUNA LAKE PROJECT STALL: Director Hoppe said the city met with the contractor from Florida who has had trouble getting bonded in California. They expect to get the OK by May 16th and should be ready to go. The city has increased the water rate to the lake by 45 gallons per minute to fill the lake high enough so the contractor's barge can get around to spread the bentonite which is supposed to seal the bottom and prevent the ongoing leak of water. Why the city went with a company from across the US rather than a local one was not explained.

THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT 2015-16 Passed 5-0

The review showed that the city has experienced growth which will result in General Fund revenues exceeding the budget by an estimated \$1.7 million at year end. Citywide revenues for the year-to-date totaled \$120 million.

All funds are performing as projected except the Water, Sanitation and Drainage funds which are experiencing a drop in revenue due to the severe drought and restrictions on water usage. In response, expenditures and capital projects in all of these funds are being adjusted as needed.

Public commentator Mr. Curlee said water fund expenses exceeded revenue by \$1.5 million and predicted there will be a \$10 million shortfall

later this calendar year. (ED: Mr. Curlee is the spokesperson for partners (whose identities he refuses to reveal), who have produced a website "Cronyism, Corruption, and Incompetence in the City of Fullerton, CA" listing various allegations. City staff has spent many hours gathering information requested by Mr. Curlee. Several staff members have offered to meet with Mr. Curlee to go over his concerns, but he has declined. Although all the allegations have proven false Mr. Curlee has failed to apologize or correct his website and continues to bring the same accusations, including imaginary problems at Fullerton Golf Course, up during public comments.)

VIDEOTAPING ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS Passed 5-0

City Clerk Lucinda Williams said that there is a letter of agreement but no contract with the contractor to videotape and broadcast meetings. The cost is \$550 for the first hour and \$350 per hour after that.

Video contractor Mike Custio, who has been with the city for 23 years, records the video on hard disk and DVD. The live broadcasts go to Granicus on the city website and TimeWarner broadcasts the tapes on TV. Custio said it is not a problem to set up remotely for meetings held

outside of chambers, he would just need 3 to 7 days notice.

Custio, in answer to a question about whether bad language is ever deleted from the tapes, said that at one time words were deleted but now everything goes in uncensored.

Public commentator David Curlee said that broadcasting on YouTube would be cheaper than TimeWarner. City Manager Felz said there is no added cost for TimeWarner to broadcast because it is part of the franchise deal.

PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Mayor Fitzgerald recused herself from the discussion because she rents a house to Pathways of Hope. Mayor Protem Jan Flory took over the meeting.

Housing Director Charles Kovak presented the 2016-17 Annual Consolidated Community Development Action Plan which is required by jurisdictions receiving federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funding is provided with a goal to create decent affordable housing, rehab substandard housing, create economic stimulus, and eliminate blight.

The city expects to receive \$1.29 million and has an accumulated amount of \$886,369 carried over (why this was not used was not explained).

CDCC Recommendations

- \$550,000: Infrastructure Improvements
- \$522,775: Section 108 Richman Park Area Infrastructure Payment
- \$501,642: Home Improvement Program (includes housing rehab revolving account, lead hazard paint reduction program, BIG housing rehab program, administration)
- \$326,000: Housing Administration (includes Fair Housing Foundation Program)
- \$194,973: Economic Activity Program
- \$193,500: Public Service Activities

Infrastructure Program

The Public Works Department is requesting funding in the amount of \$550,000 for reconstruction and rehabilitation of streets within the CDBG area. Identified infrastructure roadway improvements include: S. Tamarack Drive and W. Ash Ave.; W. Elm Ave. and W. Rosslynn Ave; and S. Malden Ave.

Home Improvement Program

For 2016-17 the CDCC recommended funding an additional \$158,742 to add to the existing \$110,000. This program provides housing rehabilitation loans/grants to seniors and families who meet the affordable income requirements. Loans are available for owner-occupied single-family and mobile home units for roof, plumbing, handicap accessibility

improvements and repairs and emergency grants for broken gas lines, water heater, etc. This program will also assist non-profit owned properties for low income tenants.

Economic Activities Program

For 2016-17 the CDCC recommended funding of \$37,500 to Hart Family Homes Workforce Development Program (which runs Monkey Business Café on Lemon and Wilshire that provides job training to emancipated foster at-risk youth. The group received \$25,000 last fiscal year.

Public Service Activities

Fifteen percent of the annual HUD grant can be used for public service activities. The list of eligible non profits is reviewed by the nine member CDCC which makes recommendations to council of the organizations and suggested grant amounts dividing up the \$193,500 available.

This year's recommended programs are:

- \$33,000: Meals on Wheels
- \$25,000: Council on Aging OC
- \$20,000: Boys & Girls Club
- \$20,000: CARE Housing SRO
- \$20,000: Pathways of Hope
- \$17,000: Solidarity Summer of Love
- \$15,000: Mercy House Amory Shelter
- \$10,000: SeniorServ Lunch Program
- \$ 8,000: YMCA Richman Center
- \$ 8,000: Giving Children Hope
- \$ 7,500: AIDS OC Nutrition
- \$ 5,000: Young Leaders OC tutors
- \$ 5,000: Richman Center Youth

CDCC member Elizabeth Hansberg said the committee looked at presentations from many amazing groups and their vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Whitaker said he had concerns that the language in the Fair Housing portion would create an opportunity for lawsuits about racism. He made a motion to strike the language. Chaffee agreed. Mayor Protem Flory pointed out that "this is one way we get back some of our tax dollars." She said that there was no problem with the certification language and that striking it might keep us from getting the funds. The motion to strike the language passed 3-1 (Flory, no). A motion was made to approve the Action Plan. Passed 4-0 (Fitzgerald, recused).

NOTE: Under the Lease agreement the City of Fullerton was responsible for all infrastructure improvements. The lease was changed into a management contract so that the city would be eligible for the RZED bond to repair the failing irrigation system. The irrigation system cost \$2 million. This expense would have been subtracted from the Net Revenue under the lease if the city had continued the lease agreement and made the repairs without the bond. If the irrigation system had not been repaired profits at the golf course would have gone down as the greens went into disrepair. Fullerton Golf Course, under the management agreement, continues to make a profit even after all debt is included. The presentation to the Parks & Recreation Commission in January 2016 was made with figures before the 2014-15 fiscal year was finalized. Figures at right show the final 2014-15 fiscal year.

Golf Course Lease vs. Management Agreement Updated

The data in this chart compares Fullerton Golf Course financial information from the last full fiscal year (2008/09) of the Lease Agreement with American Golf to the most recent full fiscal year (2014/15) of the Management Agreement with American Golf.

	LEASE Agreement FY 2008-09 (Aug 2008-Sept 2009)	MANAGEMENT Agreement FY 2014-15 (Aug 2014-Sept 2015)
Gross Revenue	(Under the Lease Agreement American Golf took in all revenue and paid all operating costs but all infrastructure repairs were the responsibility of the city which owns the golf course.)	\$2,530,456.
Operating Costs		\$1,292,440. (includes reimbursement to American Golf for operating expenses incurred + auditing costs of \$6,120)
American Golf (lease fee/payment)	\$436,902. (lease fee paid to city)	\$694,328. (management payment at \$670,000 + 1% increase per fiscal year. Includes onsite management salaries.)
RZED Bond Debt (includes principal, fees, and interest after RZEDB discount)	(Lease converted to Management Agreement Dec. 2009 so city would be eligible for bond to repair infrastructure.)	\$212,730. (includes principal, fees and interest after RZEDB discount)
City Net Revenue/profit	\$436,902.	\$330,958.

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PUBLIC HEARING: PLANNED RESIDENTIAL INFILL TOOL

Community Development Director Karen Haluza explained that the new Planned Residential District (PRD) tool was for projects under 40 acres. It would allow for small lot housing, usually for sale, attached or detached where land is scarce. Examples included the Olsen, KB, and Beezer projects. The PRD would apply to only areas already identified for residential housing and would create consistent standards for the developer.

Project types would include house, duplex, triplex, bungalow court and shop-keeper. Requirements for various frontage types such as porch or storefront would be laid out. The height could be no more than three stories and if next to a 2-story area - no higher than 2 stories would be allowed at that edge.

Proposals would not be automatically approved but would have to go through the public review process, and be rezoned.

Public Comments: Debra Pember said that it was a good change that takes the guess work out and is sensitive to existing neighborhoods. A man describing himself as a traveling insurance salesman said that if you could get enough people to sell their homes you could get a lot of land bulldozed for a huge project. Steve Lamot of the Building Industries Association said that the organization supports the plan as

infill is the answer as we reach build-out and the standards will protect the character of neighborhoods. SCAG says that 400,000 new residents to OC will be added over the next 20 years. Sean Paden said the online document was hard to see online and asked that a study session be held before voting.

Jane Rands said she had been following the issue (see her article "New Project & Zoning Proposed" Early May Observer). She asked if the tool was put in place and the developer followed the standards would the council have to pass the development or face a lawsuit? Director Haluza said that couldn't happen, and that council would have full discretion. Also the PRD requires a high level of public review and a developer would have to apply for a zone change to use the tool. The PRD would be strictly for properties under 40 acres though there are probably none bigger than 5 acres left in the city. At present, small developments have to develop a specific plan. This would replace that process, reduce staff time and cost to both staff and developers who won't have to return repeatedly with redesigns since all standards are plainly laid out.

Passed 4-1 (Whitaker, no. He said it was unfair to the developer to reduce staff costs but not reduce development fees.)

COYOTE HILLS

Councilmember Chaffee said that Chevron lowered the price of Site #1 by \$200,000. Now instead of charging \$9.6 million the price of that 10-acre property is \$9.4 million or \$940,000 per acre.

Acreage in surrounding towns is going for much less. Two comparative examples include:

Anaheim Hills, 10 acre site priced at \$1.3 million (\$137,968 per acre).

Brea, 10.2 acre site priced at \$1.2 million (\$117,647 per acre).

For a full comparison see the Early April Fullerton Observer page 5 story "Is Chevron Gouging the Public?" That article featured several charts showing numerous properties selling for reasonable

prices. The raw information is available at www.landwatch.com.

In addition, the article listed examples of successful OCTA M2 Grant-purchased open space properties selling for between \$9,797 and \$38,095 per acre. None of those properties have the oil contamination problems that Coyote Hills does and yet the prices were reasonable.

The Chevron appraisal was done "as though" the land was clean and infrastructure present. Two conditions that are not true. Why would the city agree to such conditions in its appraisal? Neither appraisal took Chevron's retention of mineral rights into consideration. Presumably, if they were worth nothing Chevron wouldn't be keeping them.

How to Register to Vote Online Deadline May 23

If you are a citizen 18 or over, have changed your name, or moved since you last registered to vote visit the OC Registrar of Voters website www.ocvote.com for instructions on how to register to vote for the first time or how to make changes in your information online. Additionally, if you once registered but are among the 107,053 voters in Orange County who did not vote in the past four years you can vote but you will not be receiving ballot information by mail. Call the Registrar of Voters at 714-567-7600 to ask to be reinstated. Remember May 23, 2016 is the last day to register to vote in the June 7 Presidential Primary Election.

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What Are the Towers?

Over two recent weekends tall rigs were seen near the corner of Bastanchury and State College. The one pictured here was set up next to Mountain View Park just across Bastanchury from the Summit House. Breitburn Operating LP (which leases from Chevron) is listed as the operator.

Although the wells in this area were being acidized (a form of fracking) through 2015 no recent events are listed this year with the AQMD.

The well used 27,794,520 gallons (617,656 barrels) of water in its operations in 2015. Each barrel of water equals 42 gallons. This is enough water to serve 159 households (of 5 people each) for a year.

To find where wells are located around you visit the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources Well Finder. Once there just enter your street address, city and zip code and a map will come up. You can click on the black dots indicating oil wells and find out information about the well.

Note the "Operator" name and visit the AQMD.gov site where you can search for event notifications and other information. Choose Tools, Public, and choose "Public Access to Oil & Gas Well Reports."

On the Rule 1148.2 Oil & Gas Wells Activity Notification page plug in the Operator name and your zip code and click the "Show all notifications" box and hit search. The next screen will show all notifications for your zip-code that have been reported to AQMD. You can click on the Operator Name and then on the tabs to find out what is happening at a certain well.

Teen & Adult Summer Reading Club

I GEEK FULLERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

(an ode to fandom)

•**May 31 - July 24:** Read books, win prizes, attend fun (and super geeky) events! Sign up at the library!

In addition to summer reading programs for kids at the Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth the library is offering a program for teens and adults. Below is the schedule of offerings for the Teen and Adult Summer Reading Club! Call the Library Info Desk at (714) 738-6326 for more information or visit FullertonLibrary.org/src2016.

Teen Geek Fest

Wednesdays at 4pm

Fullerton Public Library: Teen Area

•**June 1:** Big Bang Theory (TV) (Convention Conundrum and more!)

•**June 8** The Lego Movie (PG)

•**June 15** Teen Book to Movie Club: Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13)

•**June 22** A SPECIAL SCREENING. SO SPECIAL WE CAN'T NAME IT HERE!

•**June 29** Batman Beyond: The Return of the Joker (PG-13)

•**July 6** The Flash (TV show)

•**July 13** Star Trek: Into Darkness (PG-13)

•**July 20** Teen Book to Movie Club: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG-13)

All Ages Star Wars Day

Saturday June 4

Various locations at the library
•**12pm - 1:30pm:** Meet R2D2 and Wall-E in the Community Room

•**1pm - 3pm:** Meet the Heroes and Villains of Star Wars: 501st and Rebel Legion outside in front of the Conference Center

•**1pm - 3pm:** Come to the Darkside, We have Cookies: Cookie Decorating in the Osborne Auditorium

•**3pm - 3:45pm:** Star Wars Reads: An All Ages Storytime and Singalong in the Community Room

More Fun Events

•**Thursday, June 9,** 4pm - 6pm

DIY Lego Heads Jars (Teens)

Fullerton Public Library: Teen Area

•**Tuesday, June 14 &**

Wednesday, June 15, 6pm - 9pm

The Dark Puppet Rises: a two-day workshop for teens and adults on Batman Puppet-Making in the Community Room

•**Thursday, June 23,** 4pm- 6pm

The Eleventh Doctor says Bow Ties Are Cool: Craft Your Own Bow Tie (Teens and Adults) in the Teen Area

•**Thursday, June 30,** 1pm

Antman and Waffles (Adults)
Osborne Auditorium

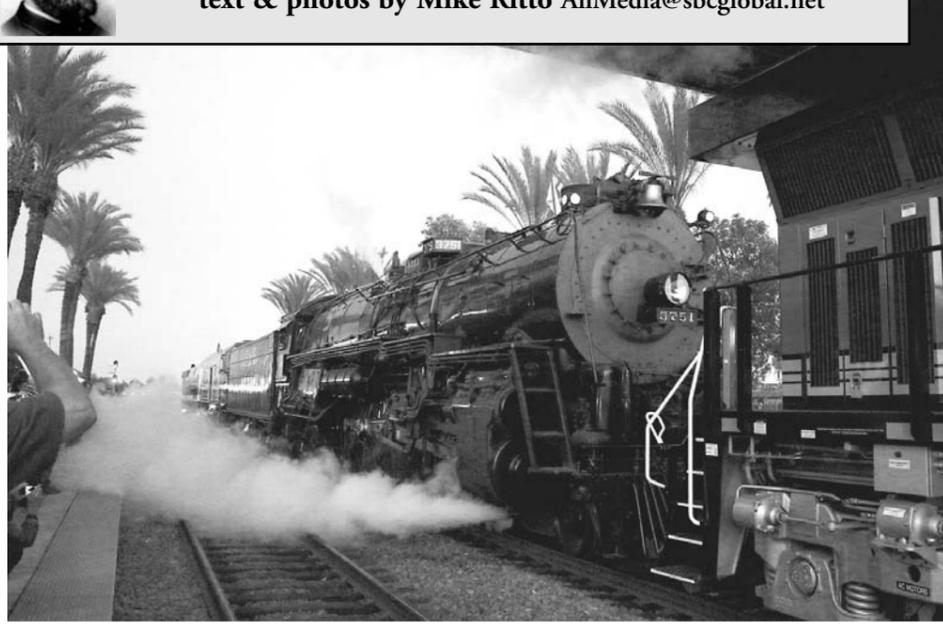
•**Thursday, July 21,** 4pm - 6pm

Ollivanders's Pop Up Shop: Make Your Own Harry Potter Wand (All ages, however children MUST be accompanied by an adult) in the Teen Area

•**Saturday, July 23,** 1pm - 5pm

Super Smash Brothers Tournament (Teen Event 12-19 years old) in the Community Room. Registration is required.

For more information visit www.fullertonlibrary.org or call the Info Desk at 714-738-6326.



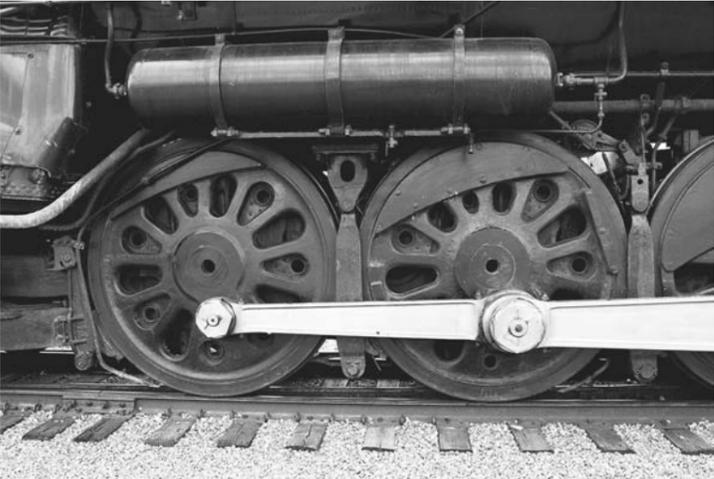
STEAMED RESIDENTS STORM TRAIN STATION

When the venerable 3751 roared into town, local residents took note. It's not every day you see, hear, and feel a massive iron dinosaur steam into our downtown.

Having just taken a short train trip to San Juan Capistrano with a number of friends a couple of weeks ago, we were fired up and could not resist multiple trips to the station and each time, we stood in wonder at the fully operational engineering marvel. Having missed out on her arrival, we made sure we

were there when she headed out to snap a few pics and freeze the moment in time. Gerry Hilera is pictured at top left in a selfie mood.

The Santa Fe 3751 has been back in operation for 25 years now, after a 1.5 million dollar restoration effort. She was built in 1927 and officially retired in 1957 but got restless and could not sit still forever. The first 4-8-4 built for the Santa Fe railway is the oldest surviving 4-8-4 type steam locomotive in the world. Imagine, this train achieved speeds of over 100 miles per hour and the large drive wheels are 80 inches in height (see photo at left).



DOWNTOWN = SUCCESS

Angelo's and Vinci's Ristorante has taken top honors over more than 50 other nominees in the Orange County Hot List and has been designated The Best Italian Restaurant in the OC area for 2016. There

were over 18,000 voters so-WOW! Looks like it is time for you to head over there again soon. Good timing on the photo last issue- we had no idea at the time, it must be serendipity.

See Photo Quiz on next page.

MORE SUCCESS

Burger Parlor on Harbor has grown more and more successful over the past three years and now they have doubled on top of that by adding a second location in Orange. It is always good to see hard work pay off so hooray for owner Joseph Mahon and his staff. Unless you are in Orange, of course, shop (and eat) Fullerton First!!

Whodunit?



R.I.P.

Dan the Market Man
1995-2016

Hoax or Horrible News?

As you may have heard two months ago, Dan the Market Man passed away and his body was found. Or so they say. You may have even viewed the Newsline OC report on www.fullertonstories.com. Some claim there was foul play involved but others have told us they have spotted Dan here and there in Fullerton, wearing a not so clever disguise. He just takes off his hat.

If you see Dan around, do not approach him, but please do contact us directly at allmedia@sbcglobal.net.

PHAZE TWO, PLANES

The second of three major events took place recently at the Fullerton Municipal Airport, as you will see in Jere's article on page 11 of this issue, but we wanted to mention it here as well. Day of Music manned a booth all day and we were able to get the word out to hundreds of interested airport visitors. Day of Music is coming up fast, all over our town, and most of you will likely pick up a program and start out at the Downtown Plaza. See you on Tuesday, June 21st for Day of Music, FREE!!

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Fullerton Photo Quiz



QUESTION: Now undergoing renovation, what famous fast food restaurant originally called this location home? Hint- fire pit.

SEND YOUR ANSWERS TO MIKE at AllMedia@sbcglobal.net

LAST ISSUE'S QUESTION & ANSWER

Where is this artwork pictured at right located?

Answer:
At Angelo's & Vinci's Ristorante facing Harbor.



ZOOT FROM THE MUCK BIDS FAREWELL

Dynamic Muckenthaler Cultural Center Executive Director Zoot Velasco announced that he has accepted the position of CEO for the Kern County Museum Complex and will be relocating out of Fullerton. His last day is June 26.

Zoot has been with the Muckenthaler for nine years during which he has built on the work of his predecessor Pat House in creating a true cultural center where the entire community feels welcome. The center has hosted numerous annual events, outstanding performances, art shows, and classes and won local, county and statewide awards. Zoot also headed the effort to expand the Muckenthaler and the first phase plan was recently

approved by the city council. Janette Pyun will take over as interim CEO until a permanent replacement is found. Zoot also has plans to return to emcee the annual gala on September 20, deliver a keynote at CSUF's Summer School for Nonprofits, and lead the January 2017 Muckenthaler Train Tour to Sicily. In addition, all of 2016's shows and programs have been arranged and 2017's schedule has been set.

He and his wife Monette will be missed as this new challenge will takes them from the small Muckenthaler to the 16-acre, Kern County Museum Complex with 51 historic buildings and a children's museum. Fullerton best wishes go with them.

Congratulations to Angelo's & Vinci's on winning Best Italian 2016 on the Orange County HotList!

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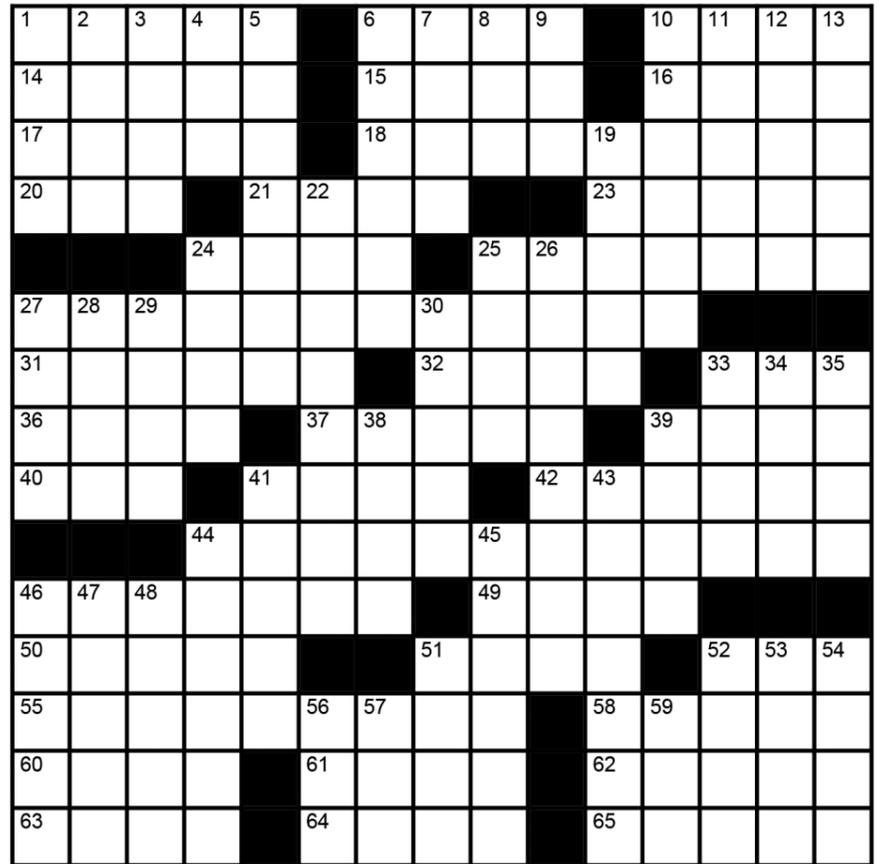
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"VERY COLLEGIATE" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 19)



ACROSS

1. Standoffish
6. "___ the night before ..."
10. 1601, to Romans
14. Egypt's capital
15. ___-fly pie
16. "___ Lang Syne"
17. Roger Bannister, for example
18. Hillary Clinton's alma mater
20. Helms and Asner
21. "Dang!"
23. Islamic permissible meat
24. Leg part
25. Dental tartar removal tools
27. Annual music festival
31. Settle in
32. Online cheer?
33. Put 2 and 2 together
36. Neat

DOWN

1. Pinnacle
2. Placed
3. Canola and olive
4. Mine find
5. Donald Trump attended this university
6. National language of Botswana
7. "___ your appetite"
8. "You've got mail" co.
9. Sun, in Madrid
10. 1991 film, "Mississippi ___"
11. ___ Griet, a medieval supergun from Ghent
12. Transparent
13. Bucolic scenes
19. Online smog?
22. More wavy
24. Murder
25. Any day now
26. President Obama graduated from here
27. Allows
28. "Put a lid ___!"

37. What college should be called?
39. Kind of singing club
40. Aves.
41. Trash receptacles
42. A ship's ___ voyage
44. What a winning candidate needs
46. Malia Obama's headed here in 2017
49. Surround
50. "Confessions of ___ Idol" (reality show)
51. Unable to hear
52. Elderly income, abbr.
55. Michelle Obama's alma mater
58. "___ Last Night"
60. Sheet of glass
61. Surprise attack
62. Dashboard feature
63. 2016, for example
64. "Mom" actress Faris
65. Muse of poetry

29. Like some computer displays, abbr.
30. Minimal
33. Discount supermarket recently opened in Anaheim
34. Mosquito repellent
35. Contradict
38. One way to listen to music
39. "___ the lily"
41. White, in Paris
43. Cost of flying
44. More balanced
45. Meeting list
46. One of the seven dwarves
47. Marcos Brunet's "___ mi Corazon"
48. Spanish queen
51. Bump off
52. Pop
53. Legal action
54. "___ Sing America" (Langston Hughes poem)
56. Baseball stat
57. "The Joy Luck Club" author Amy
59. Tavern

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A Twofer: Carbon Tax Solves Climate Change and Plastic Ocean Pollution

by Sarah S. Mosko, PhD

Cheaply-priced fossil fuels have come to define the American dream. We travel in gasoline powered vehicles and rely on coal, oil and natural gas for heating, cooling and running electrical devices. Furthermore, everything possible is now fashioned from plastic polymers derived from petroleum or natural gas.

It's ironic that the most urgent environmental crises today, global climate change and plastic waste in the world's oceans, are both harmful externalities of the fossil fuel industry, i.e. impacts not reflected in the cost of the products but paid for instead the by the public.

We are just beginning to glimpse the magnitude of the externalities of fossil fuels because both climate change and plastic ocean pollution are novel phenomena in human history and still spiraling out of control.

If greenhouse gas emissions continue on their present trajectory, the Earth's temperature could increase 4°C (7.2°F) by year 2100, according to the United Nations. At December's climate summit in Paris, even a 2°C temperature increase above preindustrial levels was pinpointed as the threshold above which climate change would be catastrophic and irreversible.

2015 was the hottest year on record, exceeding the preindustrial period by about 1°C. This puts us already half way to runaway climate disaster.

If plastic ocean pollution is not curtailed, there could be more plastic than fish, by weight, in the oceans by 2050, according to the World Economic Forum. The estimated weight of plastic ocean waste already exceeds 160 million tons. Petroleum-based plastics don't biodegrade, but fragment into increasingly smaller bits. A recent study estimated that over five trillion plastic particles already pollute the oceans.

Moreover, petroleum-based plastics are oily materials that soak up persistent oily toxins commonly found in sea water (like PCBs) and also contain risky chemicals introduced during manufacture, like the endocrine disruptors BPA (bisphenol-A) and phthalate plasticizers. Sea creatures as varied as plankton, bluefin tuna, mussels, crabs and whales ingest plastic debris, putting humans at risk of ingesting the same chemicals.

There is no mechanism in place to hold the fossil fuel industry accountable – financially, legally or morally – for these far reaching externalities. However, a simple carbon tax would internalize the true costs of fossil fuels and provide a practical path to solving both climate change and plastic ocean pollution. Here's how it would work in a popular form dubbed "carbon fee-and-dividend."

Taxing fossil fuels based on carbon content effectively taxes the CO2 they would emit if combusted. The tax would be incurred at entry points into the economy (oil well, coal mine, port) and would start very low but rise continually to provide

the competitive impetus for industry to shift to renewable energies and sustainable alternatives to petroleum-based plastics.

Because industry would pass the increase in costs on to consumers, 100% of the collections could be returned to American households as cash dividends. A border tariff on imports from nations without a carbon tax would discourage businesses from relocating overseas and incentivize other countries to follow suit.

This plan should have universal appeal because it is net revenue neutral for

industry, puts money back in the pockets of consumers, and allows market forces to pick industry winners. Twenty years after initiating carbon fee-and-dividend, greenhouse emissions would fall 50% below 1990 levels while growing the economy and saving lives, according to an independent analysis by Regional Economic Models, Inc.

Also, carbon fee-and-dividend does not violate pledges made by politicians to block new taxes which add to government coffers. Six House Republicans have already joined the new bipartisan "Climate Solutions Caucus" which should consider a carbon tax to address climate change.

The April 22 signing of the Paris climate agreement by over 170 nations, including the United States, could be the death knell of the fossil fuel era. A carbon tax is the most transparent, fair and effective way to get the job done on a global scale.

Visit www.boogiegreen.com for more thoughts from Sarah Mosko.

It's ironic that both global climate change and plastic waste are fossil fuel industry impacts not reflected in production costs of the products but paid for instead by the public.

VACATION RENTALS

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avoid over-saturation in one area.

Planning Commission members found a number of problems with the regulations. The five-hundred foot limitation would prevent many from being able to rent rooms to visitors. Some found the permits, fees and inspections too onerous for someone who may want to rent out their home for only a one or two-week period or a weekend once a year. Others questioned the need for regulations based on the staff's report that only four complaints had been lodged against vacation rental properties.

Some commission members asked for more details on enforcement and fees.

Staff clarified that the administrative process for complaints and penalties would be devised and approved by Council in the future as well as permit fees and annual renewal costs.

During the Public Hearing residents expressed their disapproval of allowing short-term rentals in single-family residential zones stating that when people bought their homes they didn't expect to "live next door to a hotel." Conrad Dewitt suggested that the city compensate homeowners for the devaluation of homes near vacation rentals.

Others residents argued against the regulations limiting vacation rentals. For example, Mark Johnson said the benefits of people coming to the city will be limited because the 500 foot rule will not allow more than 1% of Fullerton homes to become permitted vacation rentals.

Yet others argued in favor of permitting rentals so that they can be regulated. They testified to the current lack of enforcement, not knowing who to contact, and the recurring problems they have experienced from short-term renters.

Vacation rental property owners defended their ability to regulate their guests without city intervention stating that it was in their own best interest to do that themselves in order to protect their property. Residents from the neighborhood off of Burning Tree said that absentee owners did not respond to their complaints of disruptive renters rolling suitcases in and out at early and late hour, other noise, and circling Uber drivers.

Commissioners Bennett, Pendergraft, and Dunlap voted to deny the proposal to regulate vacation rentals. But the vote ended in a tie with the other three Commissioners present voting yes and the seventh Commissioner, Peter Gambino, being absent.

Commissioner Johnson explained that she wanted to both protect neighborhoods and "property rights." She said the "regulations are a bit too harsh." She supported a registration process with no fees, collection of taxes, or inspections.

Commissioner Silber reviewed the list of operator requirements and argued that they were reasonable and necessary to make competition fair between the good operators and the bad. Commission Chair Shanfield stated her desire to "get

ahead of the game" before the problems grow (*as they have in Anaheim*). She said that if short-term rentals were going to be allowed, then they need to be regulated with guidelines to help protect neighbors.

Commissioner Bennett proposed tabling the item to a later date for the staff to bring back revised regulations based on the night's discussions. That motion passed without support from Pendergraft and Dunlap.

The question of whether to allow, and how to regulate, short-term vacation rentals will come back to Planning Commission on July 27.

The Mixed-Use Overlay Zoning Public Hearing was continued to the next Planning Commission Meeting on May 25 as recommended by staff. No staff presentation or Commission discussion occurred.

Public Comment was made by four people who waited until after 10pm to speak. First was the owner of the AM/PM Market and Arco Gas Station on Ash at Harbor Blvd. He expressed his desire for more residential development because it is "good for nearby and local businesses."

The other three speakers opposed Mixed-Use Overlay Zoning. Mark Peterson said it would cause further loss of industrial spaces for manufacturing. Russell Miller said it would negatively impact quality of life. And Bob Ford said it would "degrade" the appearance of the city as have recent residential building projects in Fullerton.

The question of whether to allow, and how to regulate, short-term vacation rentals will return to the Planning Commission at 7pm. on July 27

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inordinately high forces that cause enamel to be shed. Treatment is two-fold. First, bruxism must be addressed with a custom nighttime mouth guard. Then, the damaged teeth must be filled with bonding agent.

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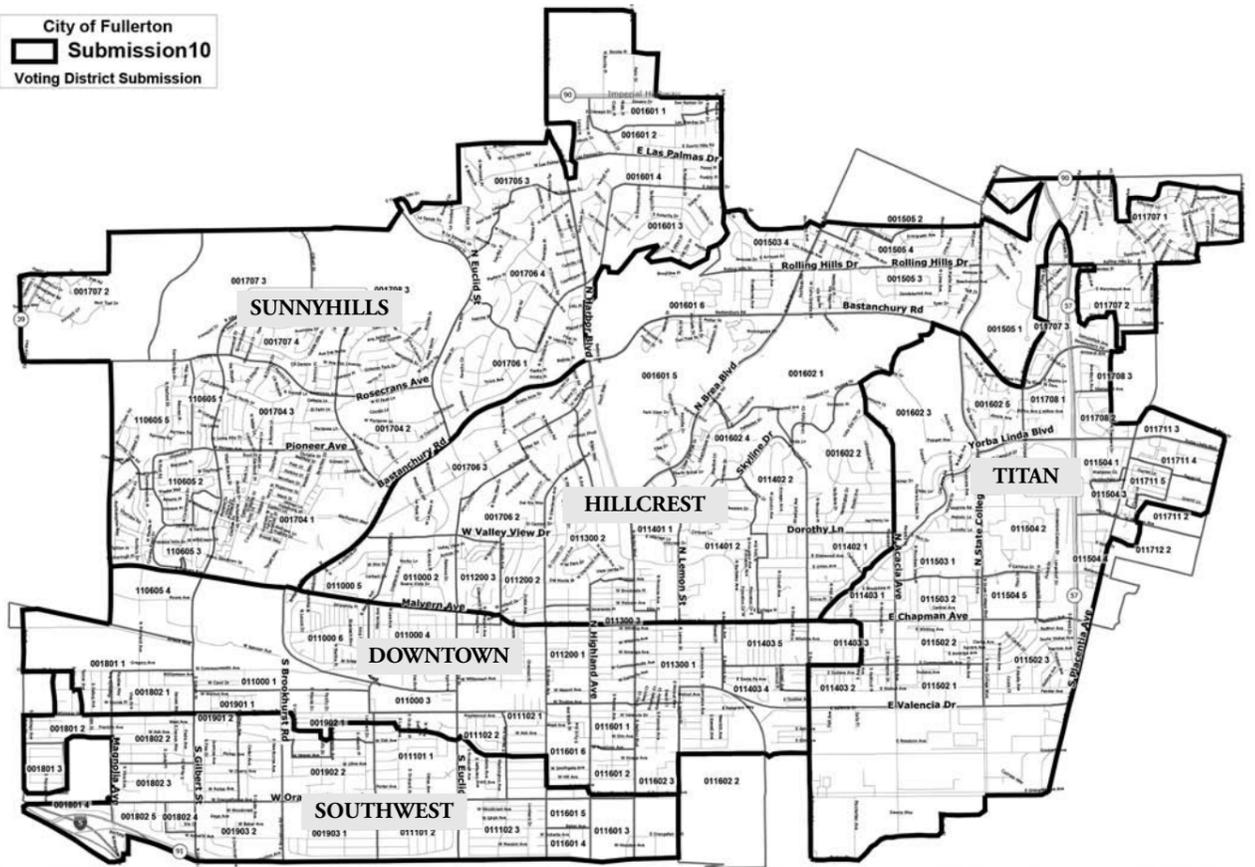
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District Elections Public Hearing May 17

A public hearing will be held at 6:30pm, Tuesday, May 17 at city hall where public comments will be taken and the council will consider the formation of council districts in a proposed ballot measure on the November 2016 ballot to establish district based elections. As part of the measure a map is expected to be selected. Eleven maps have been submitted by the public including the map shown at left. Visit the city website at www.cityoffullerton.com and hit on the link District Elections to see the maps.

New district voting maps submitted by the public can be seen at www.cityoffullerton.com

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Fun Facts from OC Registrar of Voters

www.ocvote.com

•There are 31 "political parties" in Orange County (names of political parties used by voters when they registered to vote). But the vast majority are not "qualified" political parties. The process of qualifying a party is lengthy, but essentially it can be done by registering 0.33% of the total number of statewide registered voters in the new party, or gathering 751,398 signatures statewide supporting the party.

That doesn't stop a voter from registering to vote and writing in the name of any "political party" (in fact 1,158 have done so in Orange County). What happens if a voter registers with a non-qualified party? These voters are classified as "no party preference" when it comes to receiving a ballot, which is a non-partisan ballot. The current qualified parties in California are: American Independent, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Peace and Freedom, and the Republican Party.

•No Party Preference voters (previously known as "Decline to State") have requested to receive tens of thousands of specific party ballots. These voters have three options:

1. Receive a non-partisan ballot (which does not include the presidential contest);
2. Select one of three party ballots (Democratic, American Independent, or Libertarian); or
3. Re-register with the Republican, Green or Peace and Freedom party (and receive a ballot with one of those party ballots).

Here's the breakdown of these voters' requests-to-date: Non-partisan - 135,923; Democratic - 25,349; Libertarian - 570; American Independent - 1,967.

•Are you Registered? The California Presidential Primary is June 7, 2016. To vote in that election you must be regis-

tered by May 23, 2016. Contact the OC Registrar of voters at www.ocvote.com or by calling 714-567-7600 with questions.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED FOR JUNE ELECTION

The Orange County Registrar of Voters is in need of poll workers throughout Orange County. Election Day is June 7, 2016 and hundreds of poll workers are still needed as inspectors and clerks.

A Polling Place Inspector oversees Election Day operations at an assigned polling place including managing poll workers, picking up supplies, setting up equipment, assisting voters, completing the closing procedures, and transporting the results and supplies to a collection

center on election night. The stipend is \$160.

A Polling Place Clerk assists the inspector in the polling place operations. Individuals are needed who are bilingual in Chinese, Korean, Spanish or Vietnamese, which is required under federal law. The stipend is \$120.

A required training course is offered throughout OC for both positions.

Interested individuals can call 714-954-1901 or visit ocvote.com/volunteer.

District	Total City	HILLCREST	SOUTHWEST	DOWNTOWN	SUNNYHILLS	TITAN
Population	135,161	27,309	26,737	26,680	27,196	27,239
Latino	34.4%	16.1%	53.6%	57.6%	11.8%	33.7%
Asian	23.6%	19.0%	13.3%	9.0%	57.3%	19.1%
White	38.2%	61.9%	29.0%	29.6%	28.6%	41.7%
Citizen Voting Age Population						
Latino	24.0%	12.0%	35.4%	44.1%	9.2%	24.5%
Asian	22.2%	17.8%	14.6%	8.5%	51.3%	19.4%
White	48.6%	65.8%	40.5%	42.1%	36.0%	49.7%
2015 Registered Voters						
Democrat	33.3%	27.5%	39.6%	40.3%	27.1%	36.1%
Republican	38.5%	48.2%	32.3%	29.5%	43.1%	33.2%

League of Women Voters Annual Meeting & Luncheon

THURSDAY, MAY 19 AT 11:45 AM

Meridian Sports Club, 1535 Deerpark Drive, Fullerton

GUEST SPEAKERS:

•Raphael Sonenshein, Executive Director
 Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs

•Barbara Stone, CSUF Emeritus Professor of Political Science
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Above: Train collectors and enthusiasts gather around the sets of model trains.
At Left: The huge 3751 black steam engine blew its whistle, startling many guests.



VIDEO OBSERVER

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Riding the Rails!

About a year ago, one of the very first video columns I wrote was about Fullerton Transportation Days, which included Railroad Days, Airport Day and the Muckenthaler Motorcar Festival. This year, I have decided to devote this entire column to Railroad Days, one of the biggest annual events in Fullerton. The two-day celebration is sponsored by the Southern California Railway Plaza Association (SCRPA). Families, train collectors and others from across the country come to Fullerton to rejoice in a weekend of sights, sounds and action, expressing their enthusiasm for trains. Over the weekend, I was able to take over a hundred photographs and video clips of Railroad Days, and have compiled them into a video available on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/5OXmAWxggnI>.

I have always been fascinated with locomotives. In fact, my mom proudly displays a picture of me at three years old dressed in a conductor's uniform at an earlier Railroad Days in our living room. My best friend from elementary school was completely devoted to trains and used to have a model Polar Express and Hogwarts Express in his living room. His dad even worked at a booth during earlier Railroad Days.

According to their website, scrpa.net, the SCRPA began in the early '90s when train enthusiast Bob Root took a train trip, where he visited the ATSF 3751 restoration site and met "fellow Fullertonian" George Barlow. Barlow was a volunteer for the San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society, who met with Root and other Fullerton citizens to discuss the idea of housing the 3751 at a section of the old Santa Fe Depot. The men started holding unofficial meetings. The group began to finalize their plans and in 1996, formed the Fullerton Railway Plaza

Association (FRPA) as a nonprofit organization.

The organization soon introduced the idea of holding a community event to "showcase rail-related activities as a form of entertainment." The Fullerton depot had a parking lot that was perfect for the event, and in May 1999, Railroad Days opened for its first weekend. The two day celebration was such a success that it began to expand and was "well-received by the public." In 2005, the city began initial plans to redevelop the area by the depot and FRPA was encouraged by "city fathers to present plans for a permanent destination attraction" to be included in the project. According to the SCRPA website, the group hired Barry Howard, design concepts creator of the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento.

FRPA developed a "prospectus and a business plan" that they dubbed Southern California Railroad Experience (SCRX). However, in December 2008, the city did not accept the proposal. The organization soon changed its name to Southern California Railway Plaza Association and moved Railroad Days to Brea.

I attended the event in Brea with my family and it was not nearly as astounding as it was when it was based in Fullerton. I remember taking a shuttle to a lone train car parked on a nearly deserted train track. The line of people coming back on the shuttle was longer than the people going to the train, so we stayed on the shuttle. Fortunately, Railroad Days soon returned to Fullerton and has remained here ever since.

Railroad Days opened for its first weekend in 1999. The two day celebration was such a success that it began to expand.

The annual event attracts more than 30,000 people each year and hosts a Railroad Safety Poster Contest, which works with local elementary schools to teach children to be safe around trains and railroad equipment. More information can be found at the SCRPA website or their quarterly newsletter, Hot Rail!

When people were setting up for Railroad Days on Friday, April 29th, I went to the train station with my grandpa and was able to get a first look at some of the train cars behind the fences. Another friend of mine and his grandparents also went to see the set-up of Railroad Days, and he told me later that they were able to get in and talk to the engineer behind the 3751 steam engine, so maybe I went at the wrong time.

This year, Railroad Days included the Santa Barbara Vino Train (a set of newly restored 1940s/50s vintage passenger cars), the C.K. Holliday Disneyland Train, a 3751 Santa Fe steam engine, an orange BNSF engine, a 1940s yellow Union Pacific caboose, two lounge cars and many others. As I waited in line to see the inside of the BNSF engine, the black steam engine blew its whistle, startling many guests.

There was also a wide array of miniature model locomotives. One of the more popular attractions was a replica of the Disneyland Mine Train through Nature's Wonderland, which was the ride replaced by Thunder Mountain Railroad.

A large crowd of train enthusiasts was crowded around this display, taking photographs. Little children kept peering toward the bottom of the model where a miniature cavern featured fluorescent stalagmites and stalactites.

Another crowd of younger train enthusiasts gathered around a Lego city train set, which had a list of characters and objects hidden in the display for kids to search for. Walking through the huge tent of model trains, I made my way toward an

itty-bitty realistic desert model landscape, which sort of reminded me of the Palm Springs and Indio area. A small-scale version of the BNSF train ran through the desert.

Moving along, I found myself staring at a model version of the Fullerton Depot and the attention to detail was incredible. It even had model people gathered by the train track as if they were waiting for a train.

Toward the entrance of Railroad Days was the Buddy Young Train layout, which kids could control. On one side of the model train tent was a row of food vendors and a medium sized train that looked very similar to the one by the Fullerton Farmers Market. A man dressed in a conductor's uniform was at the head of the train carrying children and their families as passengers across a section of the parking lot. This trackless rail ride was free for kids twelve and under. On the opposite side of the parking lot was a row of tents, which housed some of the exhibitors. Metrolink and Amtrak were there along with others.

I spotted a booth where the Carolwood Foundation was handing out pamphlets for Walt Disney's Barn. This reminded me of a time last summer when I visited Griffith Park and took a train ride on a model train large enough to hold people. I even recorded the Walt Disney train ride and that video is available on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/rJACpIIeD-g>.

If you want to see the video I made out of photographs and clips from this year's Railroad Days, click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/5OXmAWxggnI>.

Remember that you do not have to type this into the search bar. Just visit the *Fullerton Observer* website, click on the front page of this issue, scroll down to my column and click on the above link.

Video Column Suggestions?

Readers with suggestions about an interesting event or historic location that would make a good video column, can email me at littleemerson1@gmail.com.

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Airport Day Draws 6,000 Attendees

Story and photos by Jere Greene

Fullerton scored again with the second Annual Transportation Days series of events. Following Railroad Days on the first weekend of May, Airport Day was held on Saturday of the second weekend and was a resounding success. With a backdrop of beautiful clouds, an estimated 6,000 people came out during the 5-hour event to view the static displays of aviation equipment, watch aerial displays of precision formation flying and purchase rides in both planes and helicopters.

From a DC-3 to military attack helicopters, vintage biplanes and a simple white plane that was available for kids to create their own designs in watercolor or paint, there was something for everybody.

The California Highway Patrol performed a demonstration pursuit down the runway; there were construction tables in the Air Combat-USA hangar where children built their own model planes, and a Fun Zone with jump houses, trampoline rides and a trackless railroad.

To complete the day, there was a variety of food concessions providing everything to eat all the way from a pickle-on-a-stick to craft beers at the Hanger 24 booth. And the newly opened Wings Café was also open and serving meals throughout the day.

The event was so well received, that at 4pm closing time a motorcycle officer finally had to drive down the field using his amplifier to tell the last of the crowd that the event was over and to please leave the field. We can expect most of this year's participants will be planning to return again next year.

The final event for Fullerton's Transportation Days is the Motor Car Festival held on the third weekend every May at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center, at 1201 W. Malvern Ave., featuring custom vehicles on Saturday, May 14 from 8 to 2pm (\$5/kids under 12 free) followed by vintage classics on Sunday, May 15 from 10am to 4pm (\$10/kids under 12 free). Be sure to check the Early June *Fullerton Observer* for photos of this event and mark your calendar for the repeat of these events on the first three weekends in May of 2017.



Above: Families enjoyed tours of the planes, helicopter rides, safety vehicles and exhibits.

At Left: Young pilots and future safety workers tried out the safety vehicles and cockpits

Below: Kids enjoyed painting designs on the little white airplane, the giant bounce house activities and simulated parachute jump.





SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES

by Jan Youngman

Fullerton School District Board meets at 6pm on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at district headquarters, 1401 W. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, 92833.

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

April 12 FSD School Board Meeting

•**ORANGETHORPE SCHOOL:** Students representing Cub Scout Troop 1294 presented the flag and led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance. Principal Soltero-Ruiz presented a very informative video that profiled teachers and children interacting using specific learning objectives. The audience was able to observe teaching techniques used by the teacher in working with the students, as well as, the students interacting with each other. Go Orcas!

•**LADERA VISTA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS:** The board voted 4-0 to change the Ladera Vista's name to Ladera Vista Junior High School of the Arts. On hand to celebrate were Principal Schmalfeld and many of the staff members. Next year, the school will offer 35 electives in the arts complementing the art-infused academic classes. One hundred students outside the attendance area have enrolled for next year's program!

•**DEVELOPER FEE INCREASE** on new residential and commercial construction was approved (4-0.)

•**SUNSET LANE SCHOOL** will be celebrating its 51st anniversary. It was built in spring 1965.

•**LA TIMES FESTIVAL OF BOOKS:** Superintendent Pletka said the district recently provided transportation for teachers and students to join him in attending the *L.A. Times* Festival of Books on the weekend of April 9. It was an outstanding experience.

Public Comments:

Frequent public commentators Mr. Imbriano and Ms. Diane Hickey continued their objections to the use of technology in the classroom citing several articles that describe the dangers of radioactive wireless transmission. Imbriano also objected to the district spending money to send teachers and staff to conferences.

MAY 10 FSD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (Next meetings June 7 & 21)

•**ROBOT NATION COMPETITION:** A new chapter in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) will begin on Saturday, May 21, 2016, when over 300 students and teachers from 16 schools in the district will compete in the first Robot Nation Competition. The event will be held at Ladera Vista from 9am to 4pm and will feature robots developed by students in fourth through sixth grades.

The students are members of Robotics Club's at their school and are utilizing robotics and coding knowledge to compete in three challenges: Line Race, Maze Race, and Battle Bots.

•**SUMMER STEAM CAMP PROGRAM** at University of Southern California (USC) for four weeks in July 2016 was approved.

RAILROAD DAYS POSTER WINNERS

There were 67 student entries in the annual safety poster contest sponsored by the Southern California Railroad Plaza Association. Each winner receives four free round-trip tickets to either San Diego or Santa Barbara. Monetary prizes are also presented to the top three winners.

•**1st-3rd Grade Winners:** 1st place - Angela Garcia, Mrs. Paul's 3rd Grade, Beechwood; 2nd place - Karina Babish, Mrs. Colicchio's 2nd Grade, Rolling Hills; 3rd place - Olivia Chon, Mrs. Healy's 1st Grade, Beechwood.

•**4th-6th Grade Winners:** 1st place - Nathaley Kim, Mrs. Caballos' class, Fisler; 2nd place - Andrew Song, Mrs. Collins' class, Laguna Road; 3rd place - Jamie Choi, Mrs. Caballos' class, Fisler.

•**Honorable Mention:** Jun Han, Mrs. Lim's class, Fisler.

OTHER AWARDS:

•**Kim Barr** of Parks Junior High was selected as a Top 25 Teacher of Orange County by O.C. Parenting Magazine.

•**FSD Teachers of the Year Finalists:** Linda Wingfield, Nicolas Jr. High and Tracey Anderson, Acacia Elementary

•**Classified School Employee of Year Award:** Jeanne Maisenbach, Laguna Road

•**Student Safety Symposium Recognition:** Helen Kharrat, a Laguna Road School parent.

•**FSD Administrator of the Year:** Ladera Vista Principal Randa Schmalfeld

•**FEMSA Principal of the Year:** Sunset Lane Principal Paula Pitluk

CATCH ME AT MY BEST AWARDS:

Maryanna May, Angelia Blanes, Melanie Reynolds, David Angeles, Dr. Alice DeMark, Steve Miller, Mathew Barnett, Holly Steele, Robin W, Ariel Martin, Jason Chong, Sam Gonzalos, Chris Maertzweiler, Melissa Wrobel, Naidene Sakamoto, Maryanna May, Donna Vargas

10 GOLD RIBBON SCHOOLS:

Congratulations to Beechwood, Fern Drive, Hermosa Drive, Laguna Road, Orangethorpe, Pacific Drive, Richman, Robert C. Fisler, Sunset Lane, and Valencia Park elementary schools all honored with the 2016 California Gold Ribbon Schools Award, which is in place while the California Distinguished Program is on hiatus. These schools continue to shine bright and model exemplary programs and educational practices that can be replicated by schools across the country.

LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING

The Fullerton School District meets the requirements to receive "supplemental" funding from the state based on the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunches and the number of English Language Learners. Those children to be helped by the new programs include students who are low English learners; low income; and the 45 foster care students and the 220 homeless students identified within the district.

The LCAP Stakeholders' Committee of district employees and parents have been meeting to develop a Local Control Accountability Plan including the needs of the schools and recommended programs to improve student achievement. The committee is focusing on attendance, suspension, and expulsion rates.

In response to the recommendation the district is planning increased services starting with funding the SOAR Program at the junior highs. This program includes 6 to 10 students meeting to focus on attendance and academic support.

Available funding from the state is \$106,640,582 which includes ADA and property tax. The supplemental funding adds \$7,545,000 for special programs.

•**Language Program:** Staff reported that 64 students signed up for the new Spanish Immersion Program which has a growing waiting list.

OBSERVERS AROUND THE WORLD



Girl Scout Sister Troops 2399 & 2489 Cross the Golden Gate

Fullerton Girl Scout "Sister" Troops 2399 & 2489 caravanned to northern California to walk across the iconic Golden Gate Bridge with 6,700 other 5th grade Girl Scouts in the 35th annual "bridging" from Juniors to Cadettes event. The May 2015 issue of the *Fullerton Observer* showing the frontpage photo of the troop at the bridge this time last year joined in this momentous occasion!

•**Student Survey:** 6th through 8th grade students were invited to complete a survey answering the question: "If you could change two things (about school) what changes would you make? 250 students responded. The top answers were less homework and better food!

•**Masters in Education Program:** A special Masters In Education program is available to teachers as a result of discussions between USC and the district. Through the program district teachers will now be able to obtain their masters in one and a half years.

•**Teacher Shortage:** The board commended staff for continuing the Beginning Student Teacher Program where college graduates work with FSD mentors and CSUF classes to obtain teacher credentials during their first year.

•**PTA Reflection Art Contest:** FSD student Isabel Bevin has advanced to the National level in the PTA Reflection Art Competition. She entered art work in the Photography category.

•**DELAC Presentation:** Ms. Nuncci informed the board that the District English Learner Advisory Committee program has empowered parents and informed them of district programs and opportunities for their children.

•**Coordinator Upgrade:** District staff recommended upgrading the Program Coordinator position (which oversees the DELAC program) to one requiring administrative credentials and broader responsibilities. The board approved the change 4-1. Trustee Berryman thought the added responsibilities would take

away from the DELAC program and English learners would suffer.

•**Coding for 8th Graders:** The board approved a new program open to high achieving 8th grade students who meet the set standards. The program available at Parks and Nicolas junior high schools will provide college instruction in coding through Fullerton College taught by a college instructor and a district staff member.

•**STEAM Camp:** The board approved a two-week Summer STEAM Camp that will take place at the USC School of Engineering and Nicolas Junior High. The CS@SC Summer Camps at USC provide underrepresented K-12 students with an opportunity to explore topics including stand alone programming, web development, mobile app creation, and robotics and are designed to provide students with an early education into computer science, engineering, and applied physical science.

Each week 60 students with staff member chaperones will be bussed to the USC campus. Lunch will be provided by USC or the students can bring their own lunch. The bus leaves from a designated stop at 6:30am and returns at 4pm. Then students attend a one-week camp at Nicolas. A total of 240 students (20 from Nicolas) who attend FSD's Title I schools are eligible to participate in the experience. Eligible 4th & 5th grade students have been selected by their principals. This unique program enables the district in its aim to fulfill the LCAP mandate to provide additional services for Title I schools' students and underserved students.



HIGH SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

& commentary by Vivien Moreno

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District Board meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at district headquarters, 1051 W. Bastanchury Rd. 714-870-2800 • See the agenda at www.fjuhsd.net

May 3 FJUHS Board Meeting

NEXT BOARD MEETING May 17

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Trustees honored the FJUHS teachers of the year. The district celebrates their teachers during the first two weeks of May with awards, high school luncheons and other events. Those honored show professional and personal habits that rise above the norm to inspire their students to embrace not only the subject they instruct but also inspire a lifelong joy of learning ultimately enhancing their student's lives.

The following teachers represent the very best of such high standards and it is always a joy to honor these hardworking professionals.

SITE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR:

Buena Park: Lisa Scott, "Scotty" oversees the ASB, is part of AVID program and teaches math.

La Sierra: Hong Yee, Doctor Yee is the school psychologist.

La Vista: Maria Castro is the lead counselor.

Sunny Hills: David Fenstermaker, makes social sciences come alive for students.

Sonora: Cathy Wolkenhauer is the "go to" person for the students.

Troy: Laurie Downum, is the Troy Tech coordinator

Fullerton: Michael Despars is the theater teacher and won both FUHS and Co-District Teacher of Year.

La Habra: Brian Johnson teaches theater and English and won both LHHS and the Co-District Teacher of Year.

DISTRICT ELECTION MAPS

After a public hearing, listening to a summary of previously held community meetings, and after extensive discussion the board agreed to narrow down the maps under consideration to B4, D3 and D4 and suggested an additional map so far unnamed (probably B5). All the existing maps are available for viewing on the website. www.fjuhsd.org

LCAP

A local control accountability plan (LCAP) update offered interesting insight as to where the district's money will be spent next year. This year's LCAP focuses on multiple academic populations throughout the district while providing a public record that combines district programs, costs, and data outcomes in one document which also addresses the parent and student issues highlighted through surveys, and focus group feedback.

This year the district is devoting time and funds to supporting students at all academic levels to increase their literacy skills across subjects. The district will

STUDENT AWARDS

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Ed Atkinson announced scholarship winners.

FUHS DAA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fullerton Union High School District Administrative Association Scholarship of \$300 each for seniors who plan to continue their education was presented to:

BPHS: Julio Aranda
FUHS: Cassia Yousling
LHHS: Gillian Hart
LSHS: Jessie Sanchez
LVHS: Jennifer Martinez
SOHS: Madelyn Blancas
SHHS: Anneliese Hodgson
TRHS: Daniel Flanagan

EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Education Foundation Scholarship is funded through its annual charity fundraisers and sponsors. The organization has awarded over \$200,000 in the past 25 years. The following awardees receive \$1,000 upon proof of continued education:

BPHS: Brian Legaspi
FUHS: Spenser Williams
LHHS: Maria Vega
LSHS: Jennifer Martinez
LVHS: Michelle Favela
SOHS: Erin Murphy
SHHS: Robyn Eugenio
TRHS: Bobbie Davis

invest in the instant interactive feedback aspect of the Turnitin program called Revision Assistant and will make it available to all students. Another program, Read 180, specifically helps EL students acquire language and grammar skills faster and with better understanding.

Trustee Montoya asked about students unable to access the web-based programs and Dr. Sylvia Kaufman answered that multiple options including chrome books, computer lab access, and Mac options are being considered for students who need additional accommodation.

The district will soon place all 99 pages of the LCAP on the website for anyone to read and comment on. I recommend the annual update portion (in the early draft, this starts on page 54), since it only presents one year, has basic programs and expense costs, and compares goals and outcomes to last year.

BI-LINGUAL TEACHERS

FJUHS is committing supplemental funds to reach out to EL families by hiring a teacher on special assignment



Junior high writing mentors are paired with third graders.

WRITING MENTORS: OUR 3RD GRADE BUDDIES

by Alexandra Williams

In Ms. Barr's Creative Writing class at Parks Junior High, here in Fullerton, we have been working on a project. We have been writing back and forth to third graders in Mrs. Quirk-Silva's class at Golden Hill Elementary, trying to be an example of correct grammar and punctuation in writing. We are their pen pals.

We each received one or two composition notebooks with writing from a third grader. Without seeing the names, we picked our buddies based on what they wrote about themselves. After this, we started writing. We wrote a little about ourselves and introduced our hobbies, while they asked questions about our lives, when we were in third grade, and now. We each described what we looked like and a couple of our personality traits. After months of writing to each other, as well as drawing pictures, we set a time to meet.

Meeting our buddies for the first time was exciting! We waited until around 11:40 to see them; then we waited for them to recognize us! It was fun to look at the many third graders, and try to

speculate which ones were our buddies.

During school at Parks Jr. High on Tuesday, April 19th, we met our buddies. All of the seventh and eighth grade buddies stood in a line. In four groups, the third graders went past the line and tried to guess who their buddies were. When they asked us if we were their buddy, some had to say "nope, keep looking" whereas others would say yes and get in line for games. Each third grader found his or her buddy. After everyone found their buddies, we played get to know you games like bean bag toss and ladder ball.

After about an hour of talking and getting to know each other, the seventh and eighth grade buddies had to leave. We all left to our classes as the third graders began their tour of the school.

We continue to write to our third grade buddies and be examples to them. I have enjoyed and loved this experience. I have learned how to teach others through example as well as improve my personal skills.

Alexandra Williams is a seventh grade creative writing student at Parks Jr. High.

(TOSA) at each of the seven high schools who will be bi-literate in either Spanish or Korean. These teachers will coordinate EL family action committee (ELAC) meetings, schedule information sessions concerning student assessments, college and career application and funding information sessions, as well as help parents access AERIES and Naviance. They will coordinate with the district's Community Family Liaison Anna Lopez for additional services and family resources. All the TOSAs will need to be able to read, write and speak their designated world language at a higher educational level.

THINK AGAIN

Finally the newly piloted program, Think Again, found great success at

Sunny Hills High School last year. This computer and Saturday school program helps students who have been suspended due to their poor choices concerning the use of intoxicants, tobacco, or cyber bullying to rethink their actions as well as alleviate suspension lost days. With a high success rate of 39 out of 41 participants finishing the program and not repeating their poor choices, along with a high rate of parental approval, the program will now spread district wide (BPHS has already implemented a similar program this year.)

The next board meeting will be on May 17th where the board may recommend a single districted map in order to stay on the state-dictated timeline to shift to districted elections.



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REVIEWED by Mark Rosier

At Right:
Daniel Berlin
with Bryana
Pickford in a
scene from
"Unexpected
Song" playing
through May
22 at Stages.



Unexpected Song at Stages

For Stages Theater's latest offering *Unexpected Song* Robert Tully chose to create original storytelling narratives and have the audience ponder what musical number would follow.

With that premise Tully has created a silly song and dance production that gives its audience an extremely entertaining mesh of comedic moments, fine crafted parody numbers performed by an energetic cast who's obviously having a blast with the fast paced material.

Comedic versions of some very famous productions including *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The King & I*, *West Side Story*, *Cabaret*, *Grease* and many more. From the silly to the hilarious, to the poignant, to the newsworthy - this cast uses the simultaneous attributes of top notch comedic timing, stellar lyrical performances and diverse and challenging characterizations.

A production such as this undertaking would be a lot for any skilled director. Add to this the task of coming up with the storied segments, parodied lyrics and performing alongside each cast member you have chosen and that is what artist Bob Tully has

done - and done successfully in each of these creative tasks.

From unrequited young love, to a prison pair spending a life sentence together, to even poking fun at the forthcoming national presidential election, the individual scenes add comedic value in addition to the vastly skilled vocal performances. Standout performances include but are not limited to Bryana Pickford, Robert Tully, Daniel Berlin, Shannon Page and Joe Monteleone.

STAGES THEATER

400 E. Commonwealth, Fullerton

Tickets: 714-525-4484

www.stagesoc.org

•**UNEXPECTED SONG** conceived, arranged and directed by Robert Tully plays Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm through May 22. What happens when you take a classic Broadway tune and give it a twist?

•**DOG SEES GOD** by Bert V. Royal, directed by David Campos plays Saturday and Sunday at 5pm through May 22nd. An unauthorized and unapproved parody features Charles Schulz' *Peanuts* comic strip characters as high school students.

Q&A with Director Robert Tully

I recently had the chance to ask Mr. Tully some questions about his creative process for this particular production of *Unexpected Song*.

Q: What was your initial idea for your current version of *Unexpected Song* and how did it evolve from idea to the stage?

Tully: My initial idea was to reinterpret the way traditional songs were perceived. The whole game of "guess what's coming next" was based on the audience's reactions the first time we did a version of this, 5 years ago at Hunger Artists.

Q: What were the main attributes you were looking for during the casting process besides killer pipes?

Tully: The main attribute had to be flexibility. The performers have to sing,



act, move. They also have to be up for all the quick changes and set changing that goes with this show. It's not easy to place your faith in a piece that isn't established. I admire the fact that the cast are so committed to the project.

Q: What was your biggest obstacle in the creative process and what has been your greatest payoff?

Tully: I think the biggest obstacle is getting past insecurity and self-doubt about the piece itself. Just get into a creative place and write it, arrange it, direct it, whatever. The greatest payoff is seeing something grow from a concept in your head to an actual piece, being performed onstage. I have to thank Stages for giving me this opportunity.

ART FOR MUSIC

Magoski Arts Colony Silent Auction & Cocktail Party Friday May 20 A Benefit for the Day of Music

by Stephanie Wong

The Magoski Arts Colony in Fullerton will be hosting a silent auction along with a cocktail party on Friday, May 20th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is free for those who want to participate solely in the auction. For the VIP Violethour Cocktail Party, presale tickets are available for \$20 and will increase to \$50 at the door.

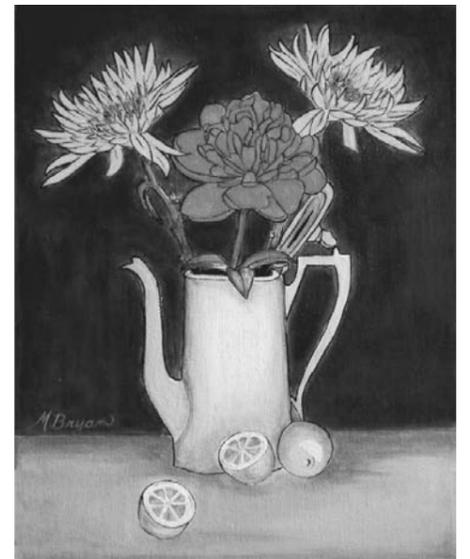
The 21+ event, with specialty cocktails catered by Tempo Urban Kitchen, will also include hors-d'oeuvres. The dress code requests guests don black and white cocktail attire with a splash of red.

While mingling with friends and family, and contemplating various auction items, guest can expect to be taken away by the live performances scheduled throughout the evening.

Fullerton business owners and individuals have donated items for the auction and some are exclusive to the Violethour Cocktail Party. All proceeds will benefit The Day of Music, a local non-profit organization that provides free concerts city-wide annually on June 21st. All donations are tax-deductible.

If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please take it to Julie Rasmussen at Roadkill Ranch & Boutique, 119 E. Commonwealth in downtown Fullerton.

"This is not just a one-time event to support The Day of Music. We are hoping to grow with this organization and become a representative supporter of the international movement of



The painting above donated by artist M. Bryan is one of many artworks that will be up for bid at the auction.

music," said event co-organizer Destiny Osmialowski.

The Magoski Arts Colony, located at 223 West Santa Fe Ave., in downtown Fullerton, was founded in 2010 when a group of friends decided to move their art galleries PAS and Hibbleton, next to the Violethour on W. Santa Fe. With all three galleries combined, they opened the doors to the public and became the Magoski Arts Colony. The art gallery is now sanctuary to more than 20 local artists.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit TheDayofMusic.com.

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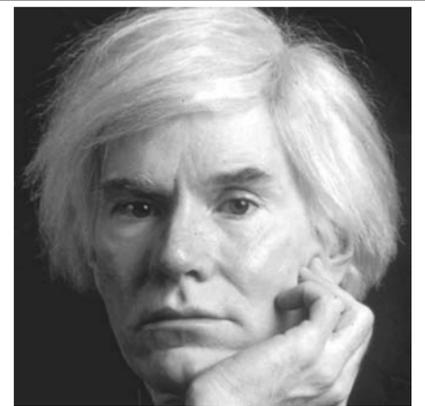
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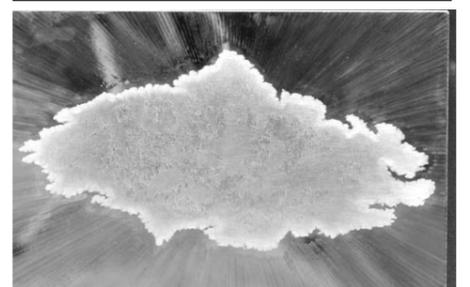
THE LATE DRAWINGS OF ANDY WARHOL OPENING RECEPTION Saturday, May 21, 6pm-9pm. Many of the drawings in this exhibition are on view for the first time. The reception includes a curator's talk, food, drinks and live entertainment. \$12 (museum members are free).

More than any other medium, drawing was central to Andy Warhol's creative output. Throughout his lifetime, the artist created thousands of drawings, observing and documenting the world around him. The drawings in this exhibit began during a very productive period in Warhol's life.

In the mid 1970s he began producing paintings and prints and began incorporating drawn lines into his print series,



such as Mao, Mick Jagger, and Gems. Warhol often used an overhead projector to trace the source image onto heavy drawing paper.



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•**SOUTH KOREAN ARTIST BUMJOON LEE** exhibit in the main gallery. The artist uses a unique technique of scratching surreal to commonplace images into the surfaces of stainless steel sheets. Free. Exhibit is up thru June 12.

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•**DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE** adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher, directed by Brian Newell opens May 20th and plays Fri and Sat at 8pm and Sundays May 29th and June 5 and 12th at 6pm through June 25. A smart, tense, suspenseful and more complex look at the dual nature of man than Stevenson's original. (15 and over)

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HITS & MISSES

by Joyce Mason © 2016



A Hologram for the King: A Hit & a Miss

Fans of the novel "A Hologram for the King" register disappointment in the screen adaptation, but those of us who have not read Dave Eggers' much admired novel find enjoyment in watching leading man Tom Hanks navigate the Saudi Arabian desert waiting for a king who may never arrive. Registering puzzlement and unease, businessman Alan Clay (Hanks) maneuvers in a land where executions are public but open affection between a man and a woman is forbidden.

The year is 2010, before the Arab Spring, and oil prices are soaring. An hour out of the city of Jeddah, the King is building a metropolis where 1.5 million people will live by 2025. Under construction are high rises with still-to-be-occupied luxury apartments and signs promising MacDonal's, KFC, and other American franchises. The perimeter is guarded and all buildings lie within the King's Metropolis of Economy and Trade, patterned after the actual King Abdullah Economic City.

Hoping to sell the King on its holographic teleconferencing system, the American company Reliant Information Technology has flown Alan Clay to Jeddah. Clay's personal life is at a low point as he finalizes his divorce and struggles to pay for his daughter's college tuition. Having made his mark in the business world as an executive with Schwinn Bicycle Company, Clay is now known as the man who shipped the manufacture of this signature American product to China. Even his own father (Tom Skerritt) berates him for this.

Jet-lagged and bleary eyed, Clay oversleeps on his first morning in Jeddah, and having missed the shuttle to the King's Metropolis, he must hire a driver. Yousef (Alexander Black) serves both as comic relief and as the cultural link between Clay's world and the Near East. Having lived in Alabama for a year, Yousef speaks English and loves American pop music. He also worries about the Arab husband who may at any time "put a bomb in his car" because Yousef is in love with his wife.

We get Yousef's ongoing commentary about life in Saudi Arabia as we move from Jeddah through the Arabian Desert, where there are more camels than people, to the King's emerging city. Clay arrives to find that the three-person support team sent by Reliant to help him has been relegated to an enormous tent with no air conditioning and no Wi-Fi. The team of young technicians hope that Clay can fix their plight. But entering a barely habitable high rise, Clay is told that the King is out of the country and no orders have been given to handle Reliant's business dealings.

During his days of continuous waiting, Clay notices a mysterious growth in the middle of his back. After trying to excise it himself with disastrous results, he is taken to a Saudi doctor, Zahra Hakem (Sarita Choudhury seen recently in "Homeland"). Several visits and an eventual surgery later, Dr. Hakem, also experiencing a contentious divorce, shows a romantic but cautious interest in Clay.

Director and screen adapter Tom Tykwer ("Run Lola Run" and "Cloud Atlas") knows how to use Hanks' expressive face and appealing screen presence. Hanks character has to show concern for his daughter during their numerous phone conversations; bemusement with Yousef's daily attacks of paranoia; frustration with the King's constant delays; concern for his team of workers; and an eventual capitulation to an evolving romance with Dr. Hakem.

Even though the events in "A Hologram for the King" occur six years ago, the global issues encountered in the film are even more relevant today: the economic repercussions of outsourcing American jobs and the tenuous relationship between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

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

MON, MAY 16

•**6:45pm: Friendship Square Quilt Guild** meeting features guest speaker Helen Frost on Lone Star: A Galaxy of Quilts. United Methodist, 631 N. Euclid, La Habra. Guests are welcome. www.fsqg.org

TUES, MAY 17

•**5:30pm: Proactive Job Searching** a free workshop on using networking and LinkedIn at Osborne Auditorium, Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth. 714-738-6326

•**6:30pm: Fullerton City Council** 303 W. Commonwealth. Agenda online at www.cityoffullerton.com

•**7pm: The Changing Landscape of Fullerton & Designing with California Native Plants** a free presentation by Maintenance Director Dennis Quinlivan and landscape architect Naomi Gruenthal at Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth. The workshop will focus on residential property landscape design incorporating native plants and managing water use. 714-738-6326

WED, MAY 18

•**8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park (next to the DMV on Valencia between Euclid and Highland) features fresh produce, flowers, plants, nuts, eggs, and more straight from the farmer to you. Open rain or shine every Wednesday.

•**4pm-7pm: Teens Only Book & Movie Club** features screening and discussion of *Divergent* by Veronica Roth. Read the book beforehand and come watch the movie, enjoy snacks and discussion with other high school students at Fullerton Public Library Teen Area, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free. 714-738-6326

THURS, MAY 19

•**11:45am: League of Women Voters Luncheon** at Meridian Sports Club, 1535 Deerpark Drive, Fullerton features guest speakers Raphael Sonenshein, executive director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs, and Barbara Stone, CSUF emeritus professor of political science and chair of the Southeast LA County Lincoln Club. \$20. Reservations: 714-254-7440 or email lunchwithleague@lwvnc.org

THURS, MAY 19 continued

•**4pm-8:30pm: Thursday Downtown Market & Beer/Wine Garden** features fresh produce and craft, and food vendor booths, kids activities, and live music at the Downtown Plaza next to the Museum Center on E. Wilshire (between Harbor & Pomona) in Downtown Fullerton. Free admission and parking.

•**5:30pm-9pm: Social Security & Medicare Made Clear** a free SCORE workshop, led by Certified Financial Planner Mandy Woo and Ecy ORoake, will answer questions and help you plan for the future at Fullerton Public Library Area, 353 W. Commonwealth. Register at www.score114.org. Once there click on Workshops Calendar and then Social Security. or call 714-550-7369

•**6:30pm: Family Movie Night** features "Wreck-it Ralph" (PG) in the Osborne Auditorium at Fullerton Public Library Area, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free

•**7pm: OC Wetlands: Status & Preservation** lecture by CSUF graduate and habitat restoration expert Peter Stearns. Pavilion Classroom, Fullerton Arboretum, 1099 Associated Rd. \$20. Visit www.fullertonarboretum.com/Nature/ to register.

FRI, MAY 20

•**10:30am: Ethics in OC with Shirley Grindle** longtime advocate for ethics in government who will address the need for a campaign and ethics committee in Orange County. In 1978 Grindle wrote and won passage for TINCUP (Time Is Now, Clean Up Politics) the law that limits campaign contributions and gifts. She recently persuaded county supervisors to put Measure A on the June ballot. It would enforce TINCUP. American Association of University Tea held at the Springfield Conference Center on the corner of Harbor and Chapman, in Fullerton. Public invited. \$22. RSVP by May 16 to Annette Southwell (714) 637-4412.

SAT, MAY 21

•**8am-4pm: Fullerton School District Robot Nation Competition** a family fun event at Ladera Vista Junior High, 1700 E. Wilshire Ave., Fullerton. Free admission. Food trucks. Teams compete in three challenges. Sponsors welcome. Contact Jason_Chong@myfsd.org or Mary_Nguyen@myfsd.org for more information.

•**10:30am-1pm: LEGO Fun Day** for Lego builders of all ages. Legos provided. Fullerton Public Library Area, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free

SUN, MAY 22

•**12noon-4pm: Arboretum in Bloom** a Botanical & Landscape Watercolor Exhibit featuring paintings by CSUF art students. OC Agricultural & Nikkei Heritage Museum, Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Rd. 657-278-4010

•**2pm-6pm: Troop 93 Turns 93** All current or former members of Troop 93 and their parents and grandparents are invited to the 93rd birthday celebration at Kiwanis Youth Park Scout Hut, 386 West Truslow Ave, Fullerton. Tickets are \$5 at the door. If you would like to attend please RSVP by email to fullertont93@gmail.com

MON, MAY 23

•**6:45pm-8:30pm: Water Wise Garden Design Free NUFF Forum** at Osborne Auditorium, Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth. Landscape architect Holly Javadi on how to garden responsibly by choosing beautiful drought tolerant plants to change or adapt an existing garden. A Free Neighbors United For Fullerton Forum. 714-738-6326

TUES, MAY 24

•**5:30pm: Reviewing the Interview** a free workshop on job search interview tips and mock interviews at Osborne Auditorium, Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth. 714-738-6326

•**6pm-8pm: Most Important 30 Seconds of Your Career** with Dr. Vu H. Pham, hosted by the Fullerton Library Foundation. Research shows that it takes 30 seconds or less to form a lasting impression of someone. Dr. Pham's seminar provides information and practical tips that will help students, job seekers, and professionals boost their first impression and increase their value to prospective employers both in the physical and virtual world. Fullerton Public Library Community Room, 353 W. Commonwealth. The FPLF provides supplemental funds for the library. Visit www.fullertonlibraryfoundation.com to reserve your seat. Free

WED, MAY 25

•**8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park (See Wed, May 18 listing)

•**7pm: Planning Commission Public Hearing** on an amendment to the Municipal Code to add a requirement for property owner consent for designation of a property as a historical landmark. Comments can also be sent to Joan Wolff at joanw@ci.fullerton.ca.us. More info is available on city website. Fullerton City Hall Council Chambers, 303 W. Commonwealth.

THURS, MAY 26

•**4pm-8:30pm: Downtown Market & Beer/Wine Garden** at the Downtown Plaza next to the Museum Center on E. Wilshire (between Harbor & Pomona) in Downtown Fullerton. Free admission & parking.

SAT, JUNE 4

•**9am-5pm: Irvine Studio Arts Festival** at the Irvine Fine Arts Center, Heritage Park, 14321 Yale Ave., Irvine. The annual juried festival showcases Southern California artists and their original work available for purchase plus music, art demos, and food. Admission and parking is free. While there drop by Fullerton Artist Konnie Kim's indoor booth. www.konniekim.com

•**11am-4pm: How-To-University** at La Habra Library, 221 E. La Habra Blvd., La Habra. Learn in a flash how to: knit, tap dance, grow vegetables, play chess, brew coffee three different ways, create zentangles, raise orchids, donate hair to charity, paper-fold, plan a miniature garden, and much more. Free

•**5pm-9pm: 37th Annual Taste of the Town** at Fullerton Downtown Plaza, E. Wilshire and Pomona, next to the Museum Center. Dancing to live music by the Swing Cats and food from 24 local restaurants, beer, wine & beverages included. Proceeds benefit Assistance League charities. Presale tickets are \$60 (children under 12 are free. Tickets: online at www.assistance-league.org/fullerton/taste-of-the-town



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Marilyn Moran

Marilyn Moran, 87, passed away in April 2016. She was born in Santa Ana, California to Charles and Thelma Moran. She attended Marywood High School in Anaheim, as well as schools in Bakersfield and Fullerton. Marilyn was active in the Fullerton Community Center Senior Services program, knitting items for the center's various charity projects. She was preceded in death by her sister Dixie Chamberlain, and is survived by her sister Charle Jones and brother-in-law Mike Jones. She loved, and was much loved by her eight nieces and nephews: Charle Thomas, Crew Chamberlain, Cone Chamberlain, Moe Chamberlain, Amy Jones, Sam Jones, Eliza Desch and Lincoln Jones; her 18 great-nieces and nephews: Mary Dixie, Katy, Case, Cole, Cal, Luke, Dixie, Harry, Sean, Josie, Zoie, James, Avery, Ivy and Georgie; as well as her great-great-niece and nephews: Isabella, Cash and Rockne.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Marilyn's name be made to SupportAbility, which helps disabled and able-bodied high school seniors who have overcome tremendous obstacles to graduate. Donations may be made by check to: SupportAbility, P.O. Box 4885, Irvine, CA 92616, or online at www.supportability.info



The ever-expanding Wiggs Family adopt special needs children.

The Wiggs Family on a Mission

"We are a large family on a mission to adopt children rejected by society, children with special needs," says mom Tracy Wiggs.

The Fullerton family of eight is in the process of adopting three more children with special needs through International Adoption.

Mr. Wiggs is a retired OC Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Wiggs is a former Fullerton School District bus driver. The couple has five biological children and three adopted children.

The three oldest children are adults and live away from the home they grew up in. The oldest, a CSUF graduate, is a substitute teacher for LAUSD. The next two sons are twins. One enlisted in the USMC and the other is an OC Deputy Sheriff.

"The five children at home consist of two biological, one of whom is chronically ill, and three adopted," says Tracy.

One of the adopted children has ADHD, and the other two have Down Syndrome. "One of our adopted sons with Down Syndrome also suffers from institutional autism. He is 16 but resembles a 6-year-old. He spent 15 years of his life in a Ukrainian orphanage," says Tracy. "When we adopted him in December of 2014, he was wearing size 4 toddler clothing. He suffered from malnutrition, severe neglect and dehydration. Today he is over 30 pounds heavier, 8 inches taller and 4 sizes larger, and wears a boys 8. His self injurious and harming others behaviors have decreased significantly, though still a problem."

When children turn 16 in Ukraine they are no longer available for adoption and are then transferred to adult mental institutes, whereas 90% of them do not survive the first year of transfer, said Mrs. Wiggs. Because of that the family is returning to Eastern Europe this summer to adopt a 13-year-old girl with Down Syndrome, an 11-year-old boy with Cerebral Palsy and a 15-year-old boy with Down Syndrome and also suffering from severe malnutrition and stunted growth.

"If our story has touched your heart and you would like to help get these precious children out of the orphanage and get them home, you can make a tax deductible donation," says Mrs. Wiggs. "Please see our Family Sponsorship Page found on Reece's Rainbow at reecesrainbow.org then simply search "Wiggs".

The direct link is <http://reecesrainbow.org/102076/sponsorwiggs-2>

Soprano Jamie Chamberlin and Tenor Arnold Geis with Pianist Catherine Miller in Free Concert

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, located at 1300 North Raymond Avenue in Fullerton, will present soprano Jamie Chamberlin in concert on May 29, at 3pm. Ms. Chamberlin will be joined by special guest tenor Arnold Geis and pianist Catherine Miller. The concert will feature moving love duets from Romeo and Juliette, Madame Butterfly and West Side Story. Admission is free and open to the public. No free-will offering will be requested. Reservations are not required.

Recognized for her abilities as a singing-actress and comedienne, most recently Jamie Chamberlin's portrayal of Cunegonde in Long Beach Opera's Candide was described by ArtsInLA as "Jaw-dropping...Her breath control is per-

fect, her comic-timing sublime. Jamie is an alumna of both UCLA and the prestigious Merola Opera Program at San Francisco Opera. Visit www.jamiechamberlin.com

Coveted for his versatility and musicianship, Arnold Geis is fast rising as one of the premiere tenors of his generation. 2015 marked his LA Opera solo debut in Pagliacci under the baton of Plácido Domingo and he will return in 2016 as Parpignol in La Boheme. Other 2016 credits include Vanderdendeur in Candide and Corpsman in the World Premiere of Fallujah at Long Beach Opera. He is a member of the Los Angeles Master Chorale and is an alumnus of Biola University and USC. Visit www.arnoldlivingstone.com

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Kids Rule! by Francine Vudoti © 2016



The washing school lunch tables crew, shown above, received brushes and soapy water and went to work scrubbing the surfaces clean. PHOTO BY F. BILANGEL

LOVE FULLERTON

I usually help clean the house, wash the dishes, water the plants, and do whatever is available for me to do on weekends. But, a few weeks ago was my first time to journey outside my home and help our community.

A group of people made this project come to life. This project is called Love Fullerton. Once a year, people volunteer to participate in different service projects in the community. Some of these projects

are cleaning lunch tables in schools, nourishing the plants and trees, cheering up the senior citizens, and sharing food with the homeless. I chose to clean the lunch tables at school. I thought it was a good idea because I was able to do something for my school.

Love Fullerton happened on Saturday April 30. I had to wake up early even though I like waking up late on weekends. I almost backed out due to sleepiness but

mommy said it was part of the sacrifice.

There were already many people when we arrived in downtown Fullerton, the meeting place for volunteers. We received our Love Fullerton shirts and joined the morning rally. The crowd of volunteers wearing their blue Love Fullerton shirts looked like a body of water.

There were many performances but the dance workout was my favorite because we all got to dance. I was standing in front of the stage when the Fullerton Chief of Police Dan Hughes started throwing out gift cards in the air. I was so thrilled when I caught one. I headed to my work assignment happily. I felt like I got paid even before I could do any work.

At my school we were given cleaning supplies (bucket of soapy water, brushes, and rags). It was really hard to scrub the lunch tables because of the stains. Thankfully, I worked with other kid volunteers and we finished cleaning a number of tables. We completed our task by noon.

We proceeded to the Fullerton College quadrangle for lunch. There was lots of free food to eat. I chose a hotdog sandwich and played in the game booths. As we ate our lunch with the rest of the volunteers, I felt happy that we had joined this project. The experience made me realize that I can expand my caring heart from my family to our community.



Commanding Officer Vice Admiral Nora W. Tyson will be the guest speaker.

78th Annual Memorial Day May 30

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Speaker Vice Admiral Nora Tyson, United States Navy, Commanding Officer, U.S. Third Fleet, San Diego, California has held several other leadership positions in the Navy. She commanded the amphibious USS Bataan (LHD 5), leading the Navy's contributions to disaster relief efforts on the US Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. She has served around the world including two deployments to the Persian Gulf. Among others her commands have included Task Force 73/commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific based in Singapore, Commander of Carrier Strike Group 2 and deputy commander, US Fleet Forces Command. She assumed command of US 3rd Fleet in July 2015.

Vice Admiral Tyson graduated from Vanderbilt University, earned her wings as a naval flight officer in 1983, and earned a Masters in Arts in National Security and Strategic Affairs from the US Naval War College in 1995.

This year, community volunteers will place a cross or star and a flag on more than 4,100 veterans' graves throughout the cemetery.

Ed Paul will serve as master of ceremonies. Paul is adjutant of Fullerton American Legion Post 142 and coordinator of the American Veterans Memorial Association.

Air Combat USA will provide the Missing Man Formation Flyover prior to the arrival of the OC Sheriff's Department helicopter with the honored guests. The speaker will be escorted to the podium by JROTC cadets from Troy High School Navy JROTC.

Patriotic music will be sung by Dave Deno, creative director for radio stations KKLA, KRLA and KFSH, and Kristen Romero. Officers from the Fullerton Police Department will provide escort support, raise the colors, and present the gun salute. Officer Kyle Baas, Bagpiper, will play Amazing Grace and "Taps" and "Echo" will be played by Steve Plett and Ana Plett.

Participating in the observance will be the Fullerton Firefighters' Association, the Fullerton Police Color Guard, the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II, Fullerton American Legion Post 142 and the Post's Commanders Club, 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fullerton Emblem Club 469, Fullerton Rotary, Fullerton Saturday A.M. Y's Mens Club, and the Daughters of the American Revolution - Mojave Chapter.

The oldest continuous Memorial Day ceremony in Orange County, Fullerton's program began in 1939 when C. Stanley Chapman, son of the city's first mayor, began the tradition of placing a small white cross and an American flag at the grave of each veteran at Loma Vista.



Love Fullerton 2016 Recap

by Amy Gaw

This year's Unite for Cities Multi-Citywide Serve Day was amazing! On Saturday, April 30 over 6,500 volunteers gathered to serve their cities, loving Anaheim (700), Brea (600), Buena Park (600), Fullerton (2700), La Habra (700), and Placentia (1200). There was an estimated 100+ churches, working alongside each of the cities' local businesses, private and public schools, organizations, and students who joined the fun!

•2700 volunteers offered 8100 hours of volunteer work worth \$218,000 within the city of Fullerton

•80 service projects were completed

•1000 + volunteers loved on 19 elementary schools, 3 Junior High schools,

3 High Schools, Fullerton College, and CSUF

•13 city projects invited 350 volunteers to love our city parks and community places

•17 senior centers/board and care homes were visited and cared for by their loving neighbors

•150 yard signs spread throughout the city (return to OC United office)

•500 local businesses supported the cause with posters in their windows

•56,000 flyers handed out through the Fullerton School District

•3000 Love Fullerton T-shirts were handed out compliments of our sponsors

•175 gallons of paint were used on multiple sites

•6 gagaball pits were installed and donated to 6 Fullerton schools

•20 ladies & 25 kids from a local women's shelter enjoyed a terrific brunch & crafts day

•70 yards of mulch was delivered to 13 schools

•5 local shelters/non-profit organizations received love and support

•50+ volunteers gave blood and volunteered at the Donate Life Run and Walk event

•80 folks loved our city homeless population and got to know our wonderful non-profits serving our vulnerable neighbors weekly

•45 bikes were donated and built by CSUF to be given to teens in the foster care system

•6 homes got some much-needed restoration

•80 blankets made for kids attending Royal Family Kids Camp this summer

•4 large lots were cleared of debris by 100 hardworking volunteers from Sunburst Academy

•15 neighborhood kids enjoyed a basketball camp

•Foster families enjoyed a fun-filled fair and were blessed with a \$25 gift cards

•30 police cars were washed and waxed with lots of love and appreciation

•2000 cans of donated food went to Fullerton College food bank

Mike Lozano, Director of the BGCF teen center and the Kiwanis club made close to 1000 tasty breakfast burritos for the rally. Huge thanks to our 44 sponsors, made up of local businesses and churches, who donated to make this day possible! Thanks to Heroes, Matador Cantina, & 7-Eleven for making it possible for us to serve lunch to over 3000 in celebration of all 6 city serve days.

OC United helped launch simultaneous serve days in five neighboring cities: Love Anaheim, Love Brea, Love Buena Park, Love Placentia, and Love La Habra for a total of over 6500 volunteers who loved North Orange County! Representatives from multiple other cities observed the day in order to join the movement in the future.

Year Around Volunteer Opportunities

There are many year around volunteer opportunities around town and the county. For a list of projects visit www.ocunited.org or call (657)217-0901 for more information.

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BIKE NOTES by Denny Bean



Above: A gentle winding path replaces the steep downturn, and a barrier keeps trail goes from slamming into the street. **Below Right:** The new sign carved into concrete.

Juanita Cooke Trail Opens PHOTOS BY DENNY BEAN

The perilous down slope of the Juanita Cooke Trail at Bastanchury and Morelia has been beautifully reconfigured. The trail opened on Tuesday, May 10.

The redesign creates a gentler winding pathway with a barrier between the street and trail at the end. Sides of the trail sport a stunning rock wall and drought tolerant plantings. The crosswalk has also been improved and the trail sign has been carved into concrete.



Below: A lovely rock wall borders the new pathway as it gently winds its way downhill to Bastanchury.



Ride of Silence Wednesday May 18 at 7pm

Wednesday May 18 at 7pm, bicyclists all around the world will ride slowly and silently in remembrance of bicyclists who have been killed or injured while riding. Fullerton area riders meet at the Museum Center Plaza on E. Wilshire between Harbor and Pomona at 6:30pm. Riders should wear a helmet and bring a headlight and tail light for safety. All riders are welcome to join the 10 mile ride at no faster than 10 mph. More information is available at RideOfSilence.org.



Mobile Home Fire by Fernando Villicaña PHOTO JERE GREENE

Units from Fullerton and Anaheim Fire Departments fought a blaze on May 3 at 11:50am at a mobile home park on Orangethorpe Ave. near Raymond Street. Upon arrival the first units reported a mobile home fully involved with exposures on the bravo and delta side of the fire.

Due to aggressive fire attack, Fullerton Fire Department was able to confine the fire and protect neighboring structures. Incident command called a knock down in approximately 25 minutes. One family was displaced and one Firefighter suffered minor burns to the hand. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Other Police & Fire Calls

•**FIRE TAKES LIFE:** Fullerton police were dispatched to the 800 block of N. El Dorado on May 6 around 1am to assist firefighters with a house fire. As firefighters battled the blaze, they made entry into the residence and found an elderly deceased male inside one of the bedrooms. The man was identified as a former educator. His wife, who was away recovering from medical issues, was not present. Firefighters from Brea and LA assisted. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

•**COUNTERFEIT:** Fullerton police were called to the 300 block of Imperial Highway at 1am on May 11, after a delivery driver delivered a pizza and was paid with what he thought was counterfeit money. Officers arrived and after a preliminary investigation determined the money was indeed counterfeit. Suspect Garret Garcia, 22, of Hacienda Heights was arrested for possession of counterfeit money.

•**THREAT:** Police responded to the 1800 block of W. Commonwealth Ave. regarding a disturbance at 1am on May 1st. After contacting involved parties, the victim told officers that he was approached by another male and his friends accusing him of saying bad things about military. The male suspect, Jin Chon, 42 of La Mirada allegedly threatened the victim by telling him they would "cut his throat." After an on-scene investigation, Chon was arrested and taken into custody by the

officers for a violation of criminal threats.

•**HIT & RUN:** Fullerton police responded to the area of E. Valley View Drive and N. Harbor Blvd. on April 30 regarding a hit and run traffic collision. The suspect Mark Bashay, 18, of Fullerton was arrested for misdemeanor hit & run, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, and battery on a peace officer. While talking with the officers on scene the suspect is accused of attempting to kick out the windows of a patrol car. Later at the police station, the suspect is accused of resisting officers, spitting on them and kicking one officer in the abdomen during the booking process. Bashay is accused of being combative and aggressive and after being transported to the Orange County Jail is accused of head-butting a deputy sheriff. County officials added a charge of felony assault on a peace officer for the incident.

•**INDECENT EXPOSURE:** Fullerton police arrested a male believed to be involved in several incidents of indecent exposure near Fullerton College and High School on April 26, between 9am and 11am. In each case, the suspect drove alongside the victim(s) and asked them questions while exposing himself. None were injured. The suspect was described as a male driving a newer model white sedan. Anyone who has been a victim of this person is asked to call Detective Wright or provide information anonymously at 714-738-6754 1(855)TIP-OCCS.



BALANCE & CHANGE

Everything's Temporary

This too shall pass. These words of wisdom have been passed down from generation to generation. Whatever is going on right now is not permanent. Whether it is good, pleasant or horrible, it is temporary. The Broadway musical Avenue Q, has a song entitled *For Now*. It is all about relaxing and not stressing since whatever you are experiencing is only for now.

It is important to remember this. We sometimes believe that whatever we are experiencing is a permanent state. This is simply not true. We have good days

and bad days; good years and bad years; and sometimes good and bad decades. But still, it will pass. Life changes. Things improve. Then it gets worse. Welcome to life.

The take away lesson for us is to never get too uptight and stressed. Learn and grow from the bad times. There are lessons in that time for us to learn. And do not forget to stop and enjoy the good times. Truly take it in.

Remember, all that you are experiencing is just for now.

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Osborne Auditorium, Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth. 714-738-6326. Free

•**Tuesday, May 17, 5:30pm:** Proactive Job Searching using networking and LinkedIn.

•**Tuesday, May 24, 5:30pm:** Reviewing the Interview on job search interview tips and mock interviews.

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ANSWER KEY

At left is the answer key to the crossword "Very Collegiate" on page 7.



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

OUT-OF-TOWN HOMELESS RESOURCES

1) **Mary's Kitchen**, 517 W. Struck Ave, Orange. 714-633-0444. Mon-Sat 9am-2pm. Lunch, clothing, showers. Bus Route: 50,57,53,59,543

2) **Laguna Emergency Shelter -ASL**, 20652 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach. Mon-Sun, 5pm-8am. Breakfast, dinner, showers, 50-bed shelter. Bus Route: 89,83,43,543

3) **Mental Health Association**, 2416 S. Main Street, Santa Ana. Mon-Sun, 6am-3pm. Mental health, meals, showers, laundry. Bus Route: 53,72,153,543

4) **Placentia Presbyterian Church**, 849 N. Bradford, Placentia. 714-528-1436. Thurs, 5:45pm-6:30pm, dinner, bag lunch, showers. Bus Routes: 26, 24, 43, 543

5) **St. Angela Mercy Catholic Church**, 585 S. Walnut, Brea 714-529-1821. Sat, 8:30am-11am breakfast, lunch, clothing. Bus Route: 143, 43, 543

6) **First Presbyterian Church, YMCA**, 146 Grand St, Orange. sun, 5:30pm-6:30pm dinner, bag lunch, showers. Bus Route: 54,56,43,543

7) **Southwest Community Center**, 1601 W. Second St, Santa Ana 714-543-8933. Mon-Sun, 8am & 12pm breakfast,

lunch. Bus Route: 66, 43, 543

8) **Someone Cares Soup Kitchen**, 720 W 19th St, Costa Mesa, 949-548-8861. Mon-Fri, 1pm-4pm, lunch, clothing and Sat-Sun, 9am-11am, breakfast, clothing. Bus Route: 43,55,47,543

9) **First Southern Baptist Church**, 6801 Western Ave, Buena Park 714-522-7201. Mon-Fri, 5pm-6pm, dinner, showers, clothing, shelter. Bus Route: 30,29,43,543

10) **Red Wagon Ministry**, 501 Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana. Mon, 7pm-8pm, dinner. Bus Route: 53,57,43,543

11) **Costa Mesa Church of Christ**, 267 W. Wilson St, Costa Mesa 949-645-3191. Tues, 5:30pm-6:30pm dinner. Bus Route: 47,43,543

12) **Living Waters Christian Fellowship**, 9801 Talbert Ave, Fountain Valley. Tues, 7am-8:30am breakfast. Bus Route: 76,43,543

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The Rights of Spring

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Sure, it comes every year. And every year we have expectations. Why does it seem that the reality nearly always exceeds what we had hoped for? No matter where you look there are nature's glories showing off.

The flowers have outdone themselves this spring. I credit the generous rains for allowing varieties that like to self-seed to succeed rampantly. Most notable on my lot is a veritable carpet of nasturtiums as well as dozens of senna plants burgeoning on the hillside, the largest dazzling with long clusters of golden-yellow flowers. I'm sure I've mentioned before that I gratefully allow all of these upstarts to intrude because they attract the lemon-yellow Cloudless Sulphur butterflies. They're fluttering around already.

My most privileged encounter last year was audible. One day I was surprised to hear way in the distance the unmistakable croak of a frog. In the ten years I had lived in this house this was a first and a total surprise. When you think frogs, you think water. The sound was coming from deep in the gully that is below my home, a spot where if it's raining you have running water but that's the only time. So I regarded the call of the visitor as an improbable but most happy occurrence.

And then the following week, things got even better. Now my mystery frog had hopped his way from the depths of the ravine all the long distance to right outside my study window. How could I be so lucky? Same croaks. I was anxious to know the identity of my guest but was never able to see him. Since there was definitely no water source where he was now I assumed that he was some kind of tree frog. But I'd never even heard about their ilk here in Fullerton. 'Course I delved into the Internet for help. By golly, there was indeed a creature called the Baja Tree Frog. And even a subspecies with the charming name of the Baja California Chorus Frog. He is found from Santa Barbara south all the way down to Mexico. He is known to inhabit a variety of terrains, even urban. And if it isn't the breeding season he could be found a long distance from water. I contacted Dr. William Presch at Cal State in the Biology department and he said I could be right in my guess. Without an actual sighting there is no way to be sure, but I want to believe. Oh, and the frog's scientific name is a kick: *Pseudacris hypochondriaca hypochondriaca*. Yes, a pair of those big words. And according to Wikipedia this is the only type of frog that says "ribbit."

Outside my living room on the patio there is a fish pond. No, this wasn't on the frog's radar – he was nowhere near this waterhole. Now, you know if you have a pond you must have fish to guarantee that you are not providing a place for mosquitoes to thrive. Decades ago Dr. Bauman, the former owner, had impressive koi in this pond. That was until he decided he was providing a far too exotic diet for the local raccoons and starting buying small goldfish called "feeder fish" because they are primarily purchased as a food

source for larger creatures. They were too small for the raccoons to be bothered with so were able to survive. That's what I was trying to keep the pond stocked with, but they kept disappearing. So I finally opted to avail myself of a free source of fish. If you ask at the county's Vector Control office in Garden Grove you will be given a big fat plastic bag filled with water and teeming with very small mosquito fish. Besides being quite tiny they have no color to admire. They are just dark blobs that disappear in the water which the falling eucalyptus leaves have stained to resemble strong tea. I'd sprinkle fish food for them and get no response, so I had no comfort-level assurance that my pond was still inhabited by the little guys. SO, back to buying feeder fish which kept, yep, vanishing. I was just about to make another pilgrimage to a pet store to stock up once again when, by golly, I looked intently and there was gold in that there pond! Seven beauties. My latest crop of fish had been hiding out. I welcomed them back.

Well, those abundant rains have not only blessed me with flowers.

They have burdened me with a taller-than-ever expanse of weeds thriving on all the open space that spreads below the house. I'm not used to seeing the mustard plants over eight feet high. This has given new significance to that expression "too old to cut the mustard." I'm tackling what I can but resigned to having to get help this year.

And for me it's sad and hard to have to pull the weeds. If they weren't a fire danger I would leave many of them because I revel in the ones that would bring me tomorrow's butterflies, weeds like the anise and mallow and nettles. As an incurable lepidopterist I have to admit that as I'm uprooting some of these invasive plants I'm checking out the leaves looking for holes chewed in them which could indicate there was a caterpillar feasting. It does slow down progress on my big chore.

But this year as never before the daily weed-pulling sessions have been immeasurably enriched by the mockingbirds' serenade. Yes, I used the plural because often I've been hearing more than one. They are competing with each other for Songster Most Extraordinaire. And they are cheering me on. One day I was multi-tasking by singing my vocal exercises to the accompaniment of a cassette recording when a mockingbird decided we should be performing a duet. I would sing a phrase, then he would chime in. No, not replicating my notes but definitely complementing them. It was too deliciously wonderful. And I even taped it!

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OBSERVERS AROUND THE WORLD



Mom & Daughter

Daughter Deán joins mom Diane in a right-side-up, upside-down read of the *April First Observer/Obsorber*. Diane Nielen is a butterfly expert and was the paper's longtime nature columnist. Sure miss her fascinating stories since she retired. Reprinted on this page is her column from the Mid May 2011 *Fullerton Observer*, a year when we still had rain.



Could this have been my visitor?

PHOTO BY TOM BRENNAN

I'm also grateful that the house wrens have opted to raise their family in the birdhouse outside my study for the fourth year in a row. But they are guilty of overfurnishing. It's a wonder that they can get into the round opening because the slender twigs are overflowing out the hole. And they are so talkative, chirping away.

As for entertainment, I don't need a television. I have squirrels. They are non-stop performers. The bedroom windows provide wide-screen viewing. They play chase up and down the towering trees or King of the Hill. They try to outdo each other in gymnastic feats, high wire acts being their specialty. I've watched a teenager jump straight up and then land 180 degrees in the other direction. How does he do that? I can scarcely believe my eyes.

Now I can't claim to have seen the Easter Bunny but there's no doubt I was visited by the Easter Eve Bunny, a cottontail who bounded down my driveway. No, no basket of eggs was left but indeed on the holiday I found my first two caterpillars of the season and resumed butterfly rearing. They are so small that they're hardly visible. That will quickly change as they get fed up.

Just today I had walked up to get the mail and on my way back down towards

the house I noticed the flickering of butterfly wings. A beauty was hovering over the lantana which is virtually upholstered with sunset-hued flowers. I knew it was a swallowtail but would have to get much closer to make a proper identification. The butterfly was so intent on satiating his thirst that he wasn't flustered a bit that I had edged to within six inches of him. To my utter delight I saw that this was a Giant Swallowtail, the kind of butterfly that I was one of the very first in Orange County to identify way back in 1997 when the species finally established a presence here. Because of both who he was and how close I was, I couldn't have been more thrilled.

Those rights I mentioned in my title? We all have the right and opportunity this season to be enchanted and energized by what we see around us. And I'm reminded of a poem I shared with you back in March of 2001. Oh my, that was well over a hundred articles ago.

"The day will bring some lovely thing,
say it over each new dawn;
Some gay adventurous thing to hold
Against my heart when it is gone."
And so I rise and go to meet
The day with wings upon my feet.

I come upon it unawares –
Some sudden beauty without name;
A snatch of song – a breath of pine –
A poem lit with golden flame;
High tangled bird notes –
keenly thinned –
Like flying color on the wing.

No day has ever failed me quite –
Before the grayest day is done,
I come upon some misty bloom
Or a late line of crimson sun.
Each night I pause – remembering
Some gay, adventurous, lovely thing.

- Grace Noll Crowell


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