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Fake Grass Installation Forces Move of City 4th of July Event

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District board voted to install artifical turf at the Fullerton High School track field where the annual city 4th of July event has been held for the past 25 years. As has been seen with the Lions Field fake grass and food service are not compatible. The move was discussed by the city and district, bypassing public comment. The city is hoping to confirm a new location within 2 months.

Short Term Rentals

A study session regarding proposed regulations for short-term rentals is scheduled at the regular Tuesday, February 21 council session at 6:30pm at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave. Public comment will be taken and the issue will be brought back to a future meeting for approval. Information and background on this issue are available by visiting www.cityoffullerton.com and clicking on Government, Community Development, and then Short-Term Rentals. Also on the agenda should be a public hearing about creating a Joint Powers Agreement for Fullerton/Brea fire departments.

GIVING HOPE: *Volunteers at the Giving Children Hope warehouse fill backpacks for Syrian refugees. The nonprofit also works in Fullerton and other local cities. If you would like to help contact them at 714-523-4454 or visit givingchildrenhope.org.* PHOTO JERE GREENE

Coyote Hills Appeal Filed

by Angela Lindstrom

On February 2, 2017, The Friends of Coyote Hills filed an appeal to uphold the public vote on the Measure W referendum. Last October, an Orange County judge ruled that Measure W did not overturn the City Council's approval of the development of West Coyote Hills.

We disagree.

The people of this community don't want West Coyote Hills to be developed with 760 houses and a shopping center.

Over the years, even before The Friends of Coyote Hills was formed, residents crowded city hearings by the hundreds to oppose the development.

When the Council didn't listen, we pounded the pavement and gathered thousands of signatures from the community to overturn the council approval and get the Measure W referendum on the ballot for voters to decide.

In the 2011 election, 61% of voters vetoed the City Council's approval of the West Coyote Hills Development.

That people's veto power was interpreted by the local court as simply denying the mayor from signing the development agreement. That court decision wiped out the public's voice because if the Measure W veto had failed, the development of West Coyote Hills would have moved forward. But when the Measure W veto passed, the development of West Coyote Hills could still move forward. Heads we lose and tails we lose.

Referendums are an expression of direct democracy - but in Fullerton, we have a special coin tossed where the people lose either way.

The judge made one literal interpretation of what the City wrote in their approval ordinances which apparently left a lot of room for interpretation. However, the people's intent of Measure W was clear. No development on West Coyote Hills.

Our neighbors in Orange were not satisfied with the "heads we lose-tails we lose" referendum coin toss. They took their case all the way to the State Supreme Court which sided with the people.

The Supreme Court explained that when residents take action on City information, they should be held to the "plain language" understanding of a reasonable person. Ordinary people can't be expected to understand complicated legalese. Furthermore, the Supreme Court emphasized that city councils are prohibited from taking action "with intent to evade the effect of [a] referendum."

We agree.

FOX Block Development Ideas

Thirty or so residents attended the Fox Block meeting at the Fullerton Public Library on February 1st to give feedback and hear information on possible plans for several city-owned properties adjacent to the Fox Theater (called the Fox Block), a triangular property on Ellis, and the public parking structure across from the Plummer Auditorium.

City planning project manager Matt Foulkes introduced Dick Hamm of Pelican Communities, the company selected by the city to build a parking structure behind the Fox and Angelo's & Vinci's Ristorante. The money to build a minimum 200-parking-space structure ($6.2 million) was set aside in a 1990 agreement between the now defunct Redevelopment Agency and Angelo's & Vinci's. The agreement requires the parking structure to be built before the Fox Theater opens.

The State of California ended Redevelopment in 2011, but because the money was already obligated, allowed the city to keep the funds. However, if not used soon for the purpose of building the promised parking structure it is thought that the state may require return of the set-aside funds and the city would still have the obligation to build a parking structure.

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STUDENTS RESPOND TO SHOOTING THREAT AT HIGH SCHOOL

by Ashley Fan and Caroline Zhu

Causing a major disturbance on campus, two 16-year-old students were arrested Feb. 1 on suspicion of planning a school shooting at Troy High School.

According to the Fullerton Police Department press release, two students at a Jan. 31 sports event were overheard discussing a plot to "shoot up" the Troy campus. The students called their planned shooting "bigger than Columbine," referring to the Columbine, Colorado shooting in 1999 that resulted in 13 deaths.

The reporting party sent a photo of the students to local police, and the following morning the students were detained for conspiracy to commit a felony. The students had conducted internet research on school shootings and firearms prior to the arrest, but a warranted search by the police did not uncover any weapons. Still, the possibility of a shooting rattled many students who were concerned for their safety.

Troy Principal Dr. William Mynster stated that although the shooting threat was distressing, he was confident that students would be safe on campus.

"I can speak for all of us when I say I was shocked, saddened, disappointed, and concerned for the safety of our students and staff when news of Troy students overheard planning a school shooting was initially reported to me," Mynster said in the Feb. 3 edition of the *Warrior Weekly* newsletter. "I am very grateful for the parent and students that saw and heard something, and reported the incident to the police and school."

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Joya Scholars' New Tutors

Dear Observer,

I wanted to let you know that two of the volunteers that contacted us in response to the *Fullerton Observer* September article by Ellen Ballard on Joya Scholars have made a world of difference to our students.

Both tutors are retired Fullertonians and our kids love them! I have been so encouraged by the way the students look forward to seeing their tutors every week. None of it would have been made possible without your help. I'd also like to thank, Ellen Ballard, for her contribution.

At right is a photo of Vanessa Jimenez and math tutor, Ellen Becker.

Sincerely,
Laura Macias 714-322-JOYA

Car Thefts

So many car thefts in Fullerton every single week. For six months at least. Really? Shouldn't there be a "sting" operation? Undercovers around, stopping this situation? Just wanted to weigh in. If they aren't stopped, they will keep coming into Fullerton as an easy target.

AD *Fullerton*

ED: Fullerton is not alone and as times get tough crime goes up. The police are as interested in stopping crime as we are.

The FPD works with the OC Auto Theft Task Force, which has a Fullerton officer assigned, in the effort to target resources to best deal with car thefts.

In 1993 there were 20,145 vehicles stolen in Orange County. In 2015 there were 9,100 (up from an all-time low of 6,624 in 2014). Hopefully we will be going back down.

The list below is an incomplete picture of recent car thefts in Fullerton. This compilation is based on information from the Daily Neighborhood Watch Report and shows only the incidences in a 5-mile radius of downtown Fullerton.

You can sign up for notifications of all crimes happening in your neighborhood at *www.FullertoniWatch.com.* The number of crimes listed and the terrible things people figure out to do to each other is mind-blowing.

Cars Stolen

Feb 9: 4pm: 30XX Garnet Lane
7:31am: 16XX W Orangethorpe
9:30pm: 2XX S Gilbert
Feb 6: 7pm: 11XX W Porter Ave
Feb 5: 8pm: 1XX S Kellogg Ave.
Feb. 3:
12:15am: 25XX W Orangethorpe
5:23am: 10XX E. Wilshire
5:19pm: 3XX E Ash Ave
6:31pm: 16XX Picadilly Way
7:30pm: 10XX of Deerpark Dr.
7:30pm: 16XX Deerpark Dr.
8:27 pm: 26XX Associated Rd
9:30pm: S Acacia/E. Valencia Dr.
Feb 1:
4:41pm: 38XX W. Valencia Dr.
?: 3XX W Bastanchury Rd.
Jan 31:
Noon: 30XX Yorba Linda Blvd.
Jan 30:
10pm-1:38pm: 7XX Miramar Pl
1pm: N. Yale & E. Chapman Ave.
Jan 26:
1:33am: 1XX E. Santa Fe Ave.
Morning: 3XX W. Bastanchury
Jan 25:
10:30am: 10XX of Brea Blvd
Jan 24:
1:15pm: 20XX E. Orangethorpe
Jan 23-24: 4XX E. Truslow

Call 714-738-6700 to report non-emergency suspicious activity.

Students Respond to Shooting Threat at High School Continued from frontpage

The same day the suspects were detained, a fire drill in which students gathered in an open field went forward as scheduled. Upon hearing the news of the shooting threats later that afternoon, some students were unsettled by the possibility of being easy targets for a shooter and frustrated that school had remained in session.

"All was handled well except that administrators failed to let us know [as soon as possible] and many [students] didn't find out until [they] were home," one student pointed out. "They may have not told us to keep us calm, but it is insane to think that we were all out there in a fire drill. Is that not the perfect shooting setting?"

A petition on *ipetition.com* garnered over 1,500 signatures asking that school be cancelled Feb. 2 for student safety. Despite these efforts, school resumed the following day, along with the additional presence of multiple police officers and news vans. The threats were addressed by the principal in the morning announcements and some teachers made themselves available to concerned students in order to reassure students of their safety.

This threat was a reminder for students to recognize their role in preventing potential future attacks. One student declared that it is everyone's responsibility to report suspicious activity, calling for vigilance in the community.

"The alert of the shooting threat should show us to be aware of our surroundings," the student said. "If [you] hear anything that can harm yourself, your family, your peers, or anyone else, you should report it immediately. The lives of other people [are] in your hands."

The authors are students at Troy High School.

Fullerton High Precautionary Lock-Down

Fullerton Police placed Fullerton High School on lockdown on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7:42 after a man with a "machete" was reported at Lemon and Chapman near the school. Police stopped the man at Lemon and Valencia. It turned out to be a legal knife carried in a legal fashion. According to California "open-carry" knife law (Penal Code 20200 PC) if a knife is carried in a sheath, and the sheath is worn openly suspended from the waist it is legal. There are no restrictions on length, though some types of knives are prohibited. The man was not using the knife in a threatening manner and so was released.

Although, as it turns out, students at the school were never in danger, the lockdown was considered to be the safest course of action. Thanks to the person who reported the possible threat; it was a very long knife - and to Fullerton Police.

FPD Tracking & Enforcement of Sex Offenders

Due to pending litigation which found the Municipal Code section setting certain residency restrictions within the City of Fullerton to be unconstitutional, the council repealed it at the Feb. 7 meeting.

The Fullerton Police Dept. assured the public that vigorous enforcement, supervision, monitoring will continue on current and future sex offenders residing in Fullerton.California Penal Code Section 3003.5, which sets forth residency restrictions and prohibits sex offenders from residing within 2,000 feet of any public or private school, or park where children gather, remains in place.

Anyone with information regarding sex offenders and compliance issues with PC 290 requirements is asked to call Sgt. John Ema at 714-738-6580. Anonymous information may be provided by calling OC Crime Stoppers at 1(855) TIP-OCCS or visiting *www.occrimestoppers.org.*

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Time to End Overnight Parking Bans

by K. Duncan

Before I start, I must say that I have met the nicest city employees, who went out of their way to help! Wow!

The public streets should belong to the public, for them to use, unless there is a compelling reason to not have parking in a certain place at a certain time.

The Preamble to the Constitution states the purpose of government is to "promote the general welfare."

Fullerton started having street cleaning at night, so it made regulations to get the cars off the street during that time. But, nighttime street cleaning disturbed too many people and created barking dogs - so it was ended.

Now, even though the original reason for the parking regulation is gone, the tickets and probably unconstitutional cost to the citizens remain.

A map of parking exempt locations is on Fullerton's website www.cityoffullerton.com (Residence /In Your Neighborhood /Early Morning Parking / Exemption Map) and lists 58 exemptions in west Fullerton; 67 in northeast Fullerton; and 11 in south Fullerton.

I requested a report on overnight parking citations issued in the one-week period from January 4 to January 11, 2017. The 25-page report lists 798 citations written in just one week.

Overnight parking on Valencia was a concern to many Spanish-speaking citizens who participated in the Public Comment portion of a recent city council meeting. A businesswoman who spoke English told about the same situation in her Sapphire neighborhood.

But why does a report from the Director of Public Works state that he was only asked to review the Sapphire neighborhood and not the other? Why did the February 7, 2017 Fullerton Council agenda #5 list one area and not the other?

Other cities use a variety of methods to deal with problems. If you have evidence that a problem has arisen in a certain area, you can use meetings and due process to see if your proposed solution will alleviate the problem, before depriving people of the use of their streets.

The public streets belong to all the public at all times. It is their property. Continuing to ticket the public and charging them for using their own property is unconstitutional.

Where Should We Park?

The Fullerton City Council seems very active with their support for more high density housing in Fullerton… but, with these approvals what always seems to come are exemptions to Fullerton's General Plan, creating two classes of Fullerton residents, those who have adequate parking and those who don't.

None of these new developments, including Red Oak on Commonwealth at Williamson Ave., the reappearing Amerige Court on Wilshire downtown, and others on upcoming city agendas, provide enough parking for residents.

There are strange formulas to determine how many parking spaces relative to housing units a developer has to provide. If it's mixed use, it's one formula, if it's affordable housing it's another, if it's just housing, it's another. Why so many different formulas and, never 2:1 or 1:1?

As most new housing units will presumably have two residents, where is the one resident without a parking space supposed to park? Affordable housing developers have to provide the least amount of parking spaces. Why are affordable housing residents discriminated against in the number of parking spaces?

What happens when these new housing developments don't provide enough parking? Parking woes spill over into the surrounding neighborhoods. The first line of residents who already live adjacent or near to these developments have to fight with the development's residents for parking spaces in front of their own homes.

Streets become congested and if there's an overnight parking ban, parking fines are levied.

Susan Petrella *Fullerton*

Thank You Biltmore

Dear Ms. Chan

On behalf of hundreds of women who marched in LA on January 21, I want to say a huge thank you for your hospitality.

Perhaps it was inadvertent, but I want to give you and your staff credit for allowing marchers access to your rest rooms.

I am sure I don't have to tell you that the crowds were immense and, under the best of circumstances, ladies don't love using porta potties— even if there are not huge lines for them. I am not sure if your staff was instructed to close their eyes to us ladies or if they just did it, but they were great.

The next time I need a hotel room in LA or a nice place to dine, I will remember this hospitality and choose the Biltmore as the place to spend some of my dollars. Please let your staff know that many of us were surprised and thankful that we were not turned away in our "hour of need".

B. Sobin *Fullerton*

Letter to Rep. Ed Royce on Health Care

This is in response to Barbara Rosen's letter to Congressman Ed Royce in the January *Fullerton Observer*.

I sat at dinner the other night with two of my friends discussing the merits of the Affordable Care Act.

Joe is a former small business owner in Brea and is insured through the ACA. Because of his financial situation he relies on the subsidy that now seems in jeopardy with the threatened repeal. His fear is that without a subsidy he will not be able to afford any insurance at all for him and his wife. Tax incentives, he says, will not help. He is in his late 50's.

My friend, Bob, has other concerns. He is self-employed and also has coverage through the ACA. And like you, Mr Royce, he would like Congress to address the high premium costs. He believes insurance companies bear much of the blame for that. He worries that if mandates are eliminated it would negatively affect the insurance market. He does not want to see ACA repealed.

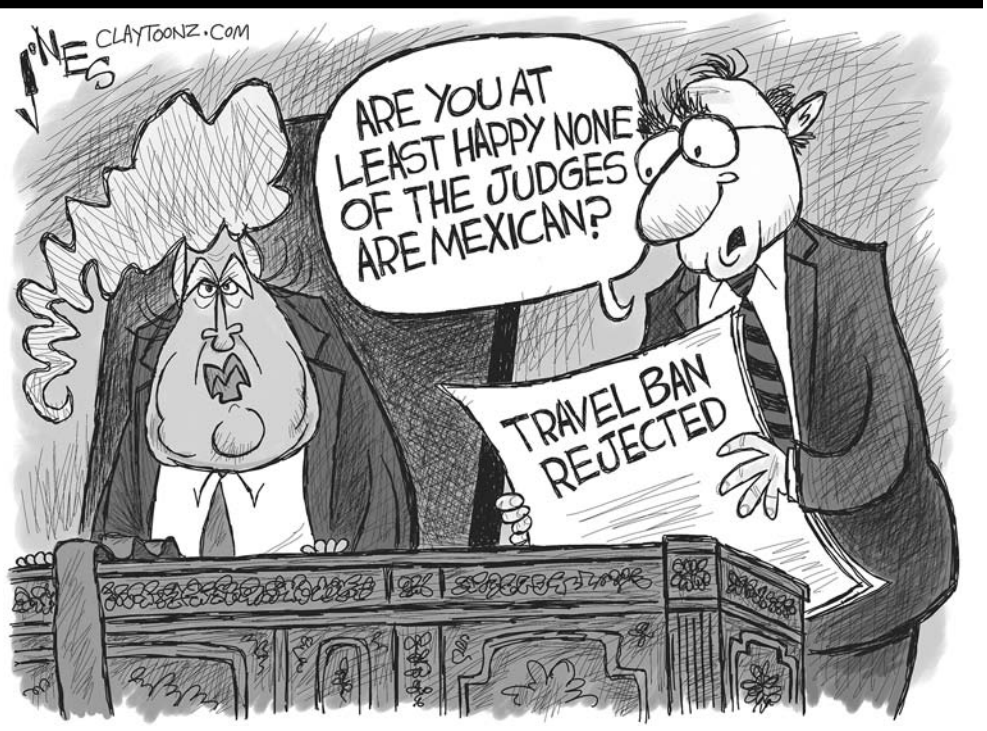
These are ordinary, hard-working, middle class Americans. Mr. Royce, how can you assure that they will not be made victims by partisan squabbling? Where can we find common ground? How can we avoid partisanship?

The *Wall Street Journal* reports that 50% of Americans have no confidence that the GOP repeal would make things better; 44% believe minor modifications can improve ACA.

Mr. Royce, what percentage of your own constituents will be adversely affected by ACA repeal? Please, Mr. Royce, listen and respond to our concerns. We believe you do care.

Respectfully,

Sally Zivitz *Fullerton*



Appeals Court Rules Against President Trump's Travel Ban

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on Feb. 9th unanimously sided with a lower court which earlier in the week imposed an injunction against Trump's Jan. 27, 2017 executive order attempting to place an immigration and travel ban on seven predominately Muslim nations. The order also suspended indefinitely the entry of all Syrian refugees based on whether they were of a minority religion in their country. As a result thousands of visas of lawful permanent residents were immediately canceled and hundreds of travelers prevented from boarding planes bound for the US, denied entry, or detained on arrival. Protests at airports around the country took place. The ACLU took up shop in airports to assist affected travelers and several lawsuits were filed.

The lower federal court judge and one of the three Appellate judges were appointed by former Republican President George W. Bush; the other two by presidents Carter and Obama. The ruling suspends the order while litigation proceeds.

The full 9th Circuit Court ruling can be read by visiting the following link:

http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2017/02/09/17-35105.pdf

Request to Council on Urban Beekeeping

I am interested in becoming an urban beekeeper within my neighborhood. I believe we should be very supportive of the beekeepers in the local neighborhoods in Fullerton and recognize the value of honey bees. With this appreciation comes better pollination of our fruit trees and vegetable gardens.

I would like to request that you strike from city code 15.55.202 A, the following statement: "The keeping of bees is not an allowed agricultural use." And join the movement to SAVE OUR BEES!

Importance of Urban Beekeeping

There are very few feral honey bees left. With the commercial honey bees dying off from pesticides and diseases, urban beekeepers help preserve their existence.

Honey bees pollinate neighborhood fruit trees and vegetable gardens. They also produce honey and beeswax. Over a third of the food we eat could not exist without the pollination of honeybees.

You probably already have honey bees, bumble bees, other native bees on many of your flowers. These honey bees typically fly two miles or more from their hives to forage for nectar and pollen and may easily come from outside the city limits.

The only hives that I know of in town are at the Fullerton Arboretum, located on property managed by CSUF and the City of Fullerton.

Honey Bees are Not Aggressive

They sting only when people come too close to their hives…and probably won't even sting then. Foragers don't want to do anything except forage. They will sting if you step on them barefoot. It's beekeepers who typically get stung by honey bees.

Honeybees are often confused with aggressive yellow-jackets, wasps and bald-faced hornets. People who are stung in the summer and fall are usually stung by hornets, especially yellow jackets. One of the biggest enemies of honeybees are yellow-jackets who kill them, eat them, rob their hives of honey, and eat their brood.

Assets to Fire & Police

A swarm of honey bees is very gentle because the bees have a hard time getting into their sting position when full of honey.

Urban beekeepers are assets to the fire and police department because they are able to collect these swarms for free. We can easily create an online beekeeper list so beekeepers can be called by local citizens, police and fire to assist in the removal and/or re-location of swarms.

According to best practices, there shouldn't be a set number of hives per property, but I believe a maximum of five is very reasonable.

Resources for Beekeepers

The Fullerton Arboretum has hosted classes on beekeeping and we have a local business that offers supplies for beekeeping. I became interested in beekeeping through a simple Google search. There you can find many new small business ventures inventing and selling new designs for bee hives and electronic monitoring systems to improve the health of beehives.

Gary Graves *Fullerton*

Fireworks Event

It is regrettable that this popular community event is being moved without any public discussion by the Council. It is also puzzling since at a recent school board meeting staff assured the board that all events that have been taking place in the stadium could continue regardless of the surface. Someone is not being straight forward.

If this event must be moved, it would be good if it were moved to Fullerton College and not the University keeping this in the downtown area which the Council has affirmed is important to all of the city and where all of the city comes together. I am sure that the downtown businesses and residents of surrounding areas would appreciate that.

Vince Buck *Fullerton*

City Council Notes by Jesse La Tour

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February 7 Council Meeting

Next regular meeting Tues., Feb. 21 at 6:30pm at City Hall.

•**Closed Session:** Before every public city Council meeting, there is a "Closed Session" meeting in which the council meets with various parties and discusses items outside view of the public.

According to this week's closed session agenda, council discussed the discipline, dismissal, or release of a Fullerton police officer. Due to the Police Officer's Bill of Rights (or POBAR), this officer's name was not given.

Also, in closed session, council met with Steve Berliner of the Fullerton Fire Management Association (the Fullerton Fire Department's Public Employee Union) to discuss "parameters for negotiating salaries, benefits, and working conditions."

City attorney Richard Jones gave no closed session report.

Mayor Bruce Whitaker welcomed Eddie Burciaga, the official Spanish language translator for City Council meetings. After a prayer by Fullerton Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fullerton City Council member Jennifer Fitzgerald, members of the public spoke to Council about non-agenda items.

Public Comments

•**Parking Problems:** Two members of the public, Ronald Keith and Greg Warren, spoke of parking problems in different neighborhoods in Fullerton, stemming largely from the city's historic overnight parking ban. Resident Charles Sargeant commended city engineer Don Hoppe for the prompt response he received to a problem he'd had with his street.

•**Noise:** Resident Tony Bushala stated that the Slidebar is operating illegally without a required conditional use permit, and that this establishment "continually and flagrantly violates Fullerton's noise ordinances."

Director of Community Development Karen Haluza explained that the Sidebar is operating legally under an "entertainment" permit, while acknowledging that noise complaints have been made against the Slidebar.

•**Red Oak Traffic & Referendum:** Resident Jane Reifer brought up potential traffic problems should city council approve the proposed "Red Oak" high density development on Commonwealth.

On this same issue, resident Jane Sylvester announced a public referendum signature-gathering effort to put the Red Oak development to a public vote, stating that those opposed to the development may sign the petition at Ralphs and Stater Brothers grocery stores.

•**State of the City Event:** Derek Kirk of the North Orange County Chamber of Commerce invited the public (for $75 per person entrance fee) to the upcoming "State of the City" event at the CSUF Titan Student Union, March 30th at 11am. The event despite its title and address by Mayor Whitaker is a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce.

Council/Staff Communications

Condolences: City Attorney Richard Jones gave condolences to the family of his law partner, Marty Mayer, who recently passed away. Mr. Mayer was a recognized statewide expert on Law Enforcement, serving as general council to California State Sheriffs Association, the Police Chiefs Association, and the Police Officer's Association. Mayor Whitaker and other members of council also gave their condolences to Council Member Fitzgerald, whose father Lester Alan Cowen recently passed way.

Water: Council Member Greg Sebourn, who serves as Chair of the Groundwater Replenishment Steering Committee, and the OC Sanitation District, spoke of the positive impact of recent rains on our local groundwater situation. Sebourn said, "Water quality is phenomenal now with the burdensome but very helpful restrictions on stormwater/pollution prevention. The quality of the runoff that is going into our rivers and streams and ultimately into our aquifer has not been this high in many decades."

Art: Council Member Doug Chaffee reminded the public about the upcoming Art Auction for local nonprofit All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation, which is happening Saturday, April 22, at the Fullerton Museum Center.

Public Hearing:
Appeal of Planning Approval of Margarita Drive Lot Division

City Council voted 4-1 (Silva "no") to deny an appeal brought by residents against the Fullerton Planning Commission's approval of a residential lot division at Margarita Drive, near the intersection of Bastanchury and Euclid Ave.

Neighbor Jesse Rodriguez, who brought the appeal, cited a petition signed by 250 local homeowners who were opposed to this lot split. Residents raised concerns about safety issues created by adding a new driveway off Euclid, where cars drive by at high speeds. Other neighbors were concerned that subdividing this lot would disrupt the "rural flavor of the neighborhood," which is horse-friendly.

CalRecycle Program Funding (Eco Challenge)

City Council discussed the best way to spend funds from the CalRecycle program. Fullerton gets about $35,000 a year for this program, and funding can be used in various ways, including purchasing park furnishings and creating educational programs. The Parks and Recreation Department recommended partnering with the Discovery Science Center. Council Member Fitzgerald recused herself from this discussion and vote because her husband is a consultant and former employee of the Discovery Science Center.

Council Member Silva made a motion to apply some money to recyclable park furnishings, not to give the money to the Discovery Science Cube, and instead to create a "Notice of Funds Available" for local (Fullerton) nonprofits. Passed 3-1 (Chaffee "no")

Suspect Arrested in Vine Street Carport Arson

On Friday, January 27, at 1:45pm, Fullerton Police were dispatched to assist Fullerton and Anaheim Fire Departments with a fire in the carport area of an apartment complex at 1321 S. Vine.

Five vehicles were completely destroyed in the fire, and an additional five cars were damaged due to the excessive heat. The carport and a portion of the apartment complex were both damaged. An accelerant was found at the scene. Maria Angel Dejesus Rios, 33, was identified as being involved in setting the fire and was arrested on the 28th. PHOTO JERE GREENE

Regional Advisory Body Appointments

• **OCWD**: Former City Council member Jan Flory thanked council for letting her serve on the Orange County Water District (OCWD) Board for the past three years, asking that she be re-appointed. The OCWD "manages, replenishes, and protects the Orange County Groundwater Basin—Orange County's largest source of drinking water" (www.ocwd.com).

Flory said that the OCWD is contending with important challenges, such as the North Basin Contamination, caused by decades of industrial pollution in Fullerton and Anaheim, which has seeped into local soils and a small portion of groundwater. Contamination extraction wells have been built or planned at the Kimberly Clark plant, and at Woodcrest Elementary School. Flory described the pollution "plume," which has now expanded more than a mile, and begun to sink into our middle aquifer, from which we pump our water.

Flory was not re-appointed to the OCWD. Instead, Mayor Bruce Whitaker was appointed to this board as well as the Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency Board, and the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County/Municipal Water District of Orange County. In short, Mayor Whitaker will be our chief representative in determining water policy in this region, and dealing with the aforementioned challenges.

•**Pest Control**: Council Member Jennifer Fitzgerald was appointed to the Orange County Mosquito Vector (aka Pest) Control District Board, whose mission is "to provide the citizens of Orange County with the highest level of protection from vectors and vector-borne diseases. A 'vector' is any insect or other arthropod, rodent, or other animal of public health significance capable of harboring or transmitting the causative agents of human diseases, or capable of causing human discomfort or injury." (www.ocvector.org)

•**Investment Committee**: Council Member Doug Chaffee was appointed to the Fullerton Investment Advisory Committee, which "reviews and makes recommendations on the City's investment strategy and policy." Mr. Chaffee was also appointed to the Fullerton Arboretum Commission, which "oversees the development, use, and maintenance of the arboretum facility on the campus of California State University, Fullerton." (www.fullertonarboretum.org)

**Commission and Committee
Board Appointments
will be presented in the next issue.**

Council Repeals Blanket Residency Restrictions on Sex Offenders

Jim Touchstone, a lawyer representing the City of Fullerton, recommended that Fullerton repeal its 2010 ordinance imposing residence and location restrictions on registered sex offenders. This opinion was given following a California Supreme Court Decision that found "blanket" residence restrictions such as this to be unconstitutional, as well as a lawsuit filed by a Mr. Frank Lindsay against the City of Fullerton, and 17 other cities in California, most of which have since repealed similar ordnances. Mr. Touchstone said, "Based upon the legal authority out there, its unlikely that we will prevail in this case."

Resident Barry Levinson, who spearheaded this 2010 ordinance, expressed frustration that he wasn't contacted by the city about this repeal, and argued that Fullerton's ordinance is not "blanket" enforcement, because our ordinance only restricts child sex offenders, not all sex offenders.

Council Member Chaffee, who is himself a lawyer, stated, "It's clear to me that the way this ordinance is written, it is unconstitutional." Council Member Fitzgerald stated, "This is disgusting, obviously, that the state courts have decided that communities can't take further steps to protect its citizens, especially its children. So I take absolutely no pleasure in repealing this ordinance."

City Council voted 5-0 to repeal the ordinance. All state laws are still in force to track registered sex offenders.

Early Morning Parking Ban on Sapphire Rescinded

City Council voted 5-0 to rescind the "Early Morning Parking" restriction on the east side of Sapphire Road between Topaz and Yorba Linda.

Safe and Sane Fireworks Sale Applications Due Soon

In November 2012, with passage of Measure X, Fullerton voters reinstated sales, possession, and discharge of "safe and sane" fireworks. Currently, the city allows 15 fireworks stands limited to Fullerton non-profit groups. Applications will be accepted from March 1-31. On April 18th, City Council will conduct a lottery to determine the 15 lucky non-profits who get to sell fireworks in Fullerton.

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Consent Calendar

The "Consent Calendar" is a list of items to be voted on "en mass" (with a single vote) unless a member of the public "pulls" an item for discussion.

•Red Oak Zone Change: The most discussed item was an ordinance approving a zoning change for the controversial Red Oak Development project (a proposed high-density apartment complex) on Commonwealth. The zoning change was one of four agreements that are part of the development approval process.

Resident Jane Reifer pointed out errors in the city documents, potential problems with parking and traffic, and suggested that by approving the zoning change, the city was giving away its negotiating power to extract concessions from the developer, Red Oak Investments. Reifer suggested that the city agendize a repeal or amendment of the development approvals at the March 7th meeting.

Resident Matt Leslie stated, "Just in case you decide not to grant our request, we have initiated a signature-gathering effort intended to overturn the approvals," adding "We haven't had much trouble getting signatures. It (the Red Oak Project) is not popular…I would encourage you to please respect the concerns that have been raised by many individuals," referring to the overflow crowd at the last Council Meeting who were largely opposed to the development. Leslie also encouraged residents to visit savefullerton.com.

Council voted 3-2 to adopt the zone change (Whitaker and Silva "no")

•Hearts Downtown: Also included in the Consent Calendar was the All the Arts for All the Kids Heart Project, approving this local nonprofit "to place five heart sculptures on city property in the downtown area."

•Storm Drain: Council also approved appropriation of funds for the Raymond and State College grade separation projects, and a contract award to GRFCO, Inc for the Kimberly Ave Storm Drain Improvement Project.

Upcoming Special Meeting

6:30, Wed, Feb. 15th: Budget Workshop

The meeting ended with a moment of silence for Marty Mayer and Lester Alan Cowen.

Firefighter's Rescue Driver

On Feb 8 at 7:51am Fullerton Truck 1, Engine 5, OCFA Engine 34 and CARE ambulance responded to a traffic collision requiring Heavy Rescue on Bastanchury and State College in Fullerton. Upon arrival, the first Engine Company found a female driver of a small pick up truck who had lost control of her vehicle in the rain and was trapped behind the steering wheel after having hit a tree. Fire crews were able to extricate the driver who was quickly transported to a local hospital in critical condition.

-Fernando Villicana, Fullerton Fire Department

Special Study Session on Fullerton/Brea Joint Fire Departments

A special council study session was held on January 24 at the Fullerton Public Library to discuss consultant reports on creating a full merger of the Fullerton and Brea fire departments (and possibly other north county cities in the future) and having a city-operated, instead of contract, ambulance service.

Fullerton and Brea fire department joined in a shared command staff system in 2011, which has saved both cities money (Fullerton $800,000; Brea $600,000) per year. Those savings have gone into the cities general fund. City-hired consultants from AP Triton and CityGate said a full-shared system under a Joint Powers Agreement would result in operating expense savings and eligibility for federal funds. Both consultants said the process to do that is complicated. None of the options would save on unfunded pension liabilities which are the responsibility of each city separately.

Fire union members in opposition to the plan packed the room. Representatives of local, regional and international fire associations said that the current system is working, except that savings from the shared command staff had not been re-invested in the fire departments, and that some trucks lacked the recommended 4-firefighters per engine crews which are crucial to safe operation.

Fullerton Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe said that he would like to hire nine more firefighters and add to the command staff ($1.5 million) to bring the department up to the highest standards. He said currently there is one 3-member engine crew with no paramedic; two engine crews with only 1 paramedic each; and three crews with the optimal 2 firefighters and 2 paramedics.

He favored option B1, which allowed for the hiring of more personnel bringing the total to four firefighters per engine. A separate plan would staff ambulances connected to each fire station with paramedics. However, said the chief, that is not in the current budget. Council members seemed sympathetic to changing that condition.

The study on ambulance service noted that 80% of calls to the Fullerton Fire Department are medical calls. "It does not make sense to deploy two engines to a location to take care of someone experiencing a heart attack," said one resident.

New interim City Manager Allan Roeder said that the session was to discuss and file the report and give staff direction on what information to bring back to a future council meeting for a decision. He said to make the best decision there is the "need to separate fear from facts. Every person needs a clear answer to their question." He said the issues of joining a JPA or not, and creating a city-owned ambulance service or not, should be separated.

Systems working in Huntington Beach and Sunnyvale were brought up as good models. Several speakers suggested looking at OC Fire Authority as an option.

The council voted unanimously to file the report and direct staff to come back to the February 21st council meeting with hard numbers for all the options.

Read the full report on this issue at: *http://docs.cityoffullerton.com/WebLink/PDF/nrlyb1g1afzk1vstz1kj4xff/17/Study%20Session-Feasibility%20Analysis%20For%20Multi-Agency%20Fire%20Services%20Provided%20.pdf*

Upcoming at
Fullerton Arboretum
2/18 - Medicinal & Edible Plants of SoCal
2/25 - Designing Native Plant Gardens
3/4 - Composting w/ Worms
3/9 - Springtime Menu: Bright and Clean Flavors
Saturday Yoga Classes
9:00am - 10:30am
For more info:
www.fullertonarboretum.org
(657) 278-3407

Veggiepalooza!
Monster Tomato and Pepper Sale
Saturday & Sunday ~ March 18 & 19
SALE HOURS: 9am-4pm
• Over 300 varieties of tomatoes, peppers and varietal veggies, all grown at the Fullerton Arboretum!
• Beans, Cucumbers, Melons, Eggplants, Herbs, Companion Flowers, & MORE!
• Proceeds support plant conservation, environmental education programs, and the diverse gardens of the Arboretum.
Check our website for event schedule, plant availability list, and parking information.
Members & Titan Card Holders Only Pre-Sale:
Friday, March 17, 2017 ~ 3-7pm
Memberships available at the gate.
Members receive 10% discount off purchases.
Bring your wagons, carts & totes to carry your plants.
Fullerton Arboretum at CSUF
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WERE YOU THERE?

Many of you 'locals' did the same things we did, tumbling, rolling, doing summersaults down the 'bowl' or racing on the seat of our pants all the way down if you brought a block of ice or happened upon an abandoned piece of cardboard. And like you, we always looked forward to feeding the ducks, a practice engrained in every kids' DNA. Weekends were made for picnics and barbeques, playing catch with a baseball, football or Frisbee, hiking up and down the stairs, and exploring the many acres of hills, the fountain, and the great expanses of grass. Yes, the great lawn has returned.

Alas, the draw of this park has waned over the years for many reasons, but the glory days are about to return, so we thought it would be of interest to look closely at the history and development of what could very well be the crown jewel in our park system once again. There is a lot to cover so this is the beginning of a little series.

In the next issue we will explore more about those who made Hillcrest the landmark it is, plus we'll find out how the fountain restoration and reforestation are going.

FJC students in 1920 surveying the 35.6 acres that would eventually become Hillcrest Park.

Below: What the area at top of the hill looks like today.

A QUICK LOOK BACK

Here is a photo from the 1920's when 'Reservoir Hill', just purchased for $67,300, was being surveyed by FJC students. Yes, the reservoir is still there, although it is now underground, so not visible in the updated photo shown at left for reference.

Used as an overnight auto park for much of that decade, the area evolved into a recreational park, with trails, newly planted pine and eucalyptus trees, and of course the landmark stonework by the W.P.A.

I think you will agree, that stonework helps give Hillcrest the unique look that it still has today, stonework that will be renovated so it will still be around for some time.

Hundreds of unemployed men were hired to do the work, and many of the workers and their families camped in the park during construction.

When I moved into a new office at Villa del Sol, my Dad, Syd Ritto, came to visit and that is the first time I learned why he took his family to Hillcrest Park and The Fox Fullerton. I knew he was familiar with Fullerton, having grown up in Whittier and La Habra, but I had no idea he had actually stayed at the California Hotel just before he shipped out for service in WWII.

My office was a converted hotel room on the second floor - could have been the same one he and his friends stayed in. Oh to be a fly on the wall back then. On second thought, my imagination will do.

A friend joined Phyllis Copp in her campaign to get the trees water.

POLISHING THE CROWN JEWEL

This story has more than one genesis. We posted a story on page 6 of the Early December 2015 *Fullerton Observer* that pointed out that Hillcrest Park was "under siege" due to many years of severe drought. That got the attention of *Observer* reader Phyllis Copp, shown above, sprang into action with friends and posted signs on stressed out trees. I met with Maintenance Director Dennis Quinlivan for my latest update and he mentioned Copp and others who have been fixtures at the park of late. Dennis posted a story regarding the 'Renaissance of Hillcrest Park' in the Early September 2016 *Observer*.

At Right:
A family of park supporters.

At Left:
Another of Phyllis Copp's hundred signs put on trees to bring attention to the fact that they needed water. She also met with city officials including Maintenance Director Dennis Quinlivan who agreed with her.

NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY CONCERTS PRESENTS
The CSUF Jazz Orchestra
7:30pm, Monday, February 27
FULLERTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
114 N. Pomona Ave. (at Commonwealth) Fullerton
Exciting sounds of the Cal State Fullerton Jazz Orchestra directed by Gary Gould and featuring vocalist Jack Wood.
$20/Adults; $10/Students of All Ages
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR AND ONLINE
www.northocconcerts.org

Fullerton Photo Quiz

LAST ISSUE'S QUESTION

Where in Fullerton are you likely to not only see but learn about one of these?

& ANSWER

Bill McGarvey was the first to answer correctly, you can see and learn about the Great Egret at our own Fullerton Arboretum, where the photo was taken.

Note: The smaller Snowy Egret can also be found there at times, as can the Great Blue Heron and many other birds.

Day of Music 2017 Musicians & Volunteer Sought

The third annual Day of Music Fullerton is coming up on Wednesday, June 21. Musicians, businesses with venues who would like musicians to play, and volunteers interested in participating are being sought.

Interested participants have until May 31, 2017 to sign up with the Day of Music Fullerton organizers at www.thedayofmusic.com to become part of the festival.

Countless free concerts in art galleries, restaurants, retail stores, places of worship, parks, parking lots and streets throughout town took place last year. Larger scale events took place at the Downtown Plaza, the Muckenthaler, the Fox Theatre, Plummer Auditorium, Hillcrest and Independence parks, and the Santa Fe Arts District. The day celebrates all genres and styles of music from 10am to 10pm.

The event is in alliance with the annual Fête de la Musique and Make Music festivals around the world in more than 750 cities in over 120 countries simultaneously.

A really fun event not to be missed, Fullertonian Glenn Georgieff brought the idea to Fullerton and it was quickly supported by a great crew of volunteers who now work each year to make it happen.

Police Seek Information on Dumpster Fires

On February 7, at 5:15am, police and fire were called to the 1200 block of N. Gilbert Street regarding four dumpster fires in the area.

Since September 1, 2016, there have been 15 suspicious fires or arson and six of those have occurred in the 1200 block of N. Gilbert.

The investigation is ongoing and Fullerton Police Department is seeking the public's help with information. Anyone with information is asked to contact Fullerton Police Department Property Crimes Sgt. K. Hamel at 714-738-5336 or by email to khamel@fullertonpd.org.

Those wishing to provide information anonymously can call Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1(855) TIP-OCCS or by visiting *www.ocrimestoppers.org.*

Suspect Arrested at College

Two Jan. 31st sexual batteries occurred on the walkway that runs east-west between the 1100 and 1300 buildings and the 100 and 300 buildings. The two females were both groped in their crotch area by the suspect who then fled. He was described as an Asian male in his 20s, 5'7", 195 pounds with a short scruffy beard, plaid shirt, and gray jeans.

On February 1, at 6:30pm, police were called to Fullerton College regarding a male detained by campus safety because he was acting erratically and matched the description of the sexual assault suspect After further investigation the male was positively identified as the suspect responsible for the assaults. He was arrested and is identified as Aris Hyung Yoon, 34, from Buena Park.

Anyone who believes they were also assaulted by Yoon is asked to call Family Crimes Sgt. Jon Ema at 714-738-6580. Or provide anonymous information by calling 1(855) TIP-OCCS or by visiting *www.ocrimestoppers.org.*

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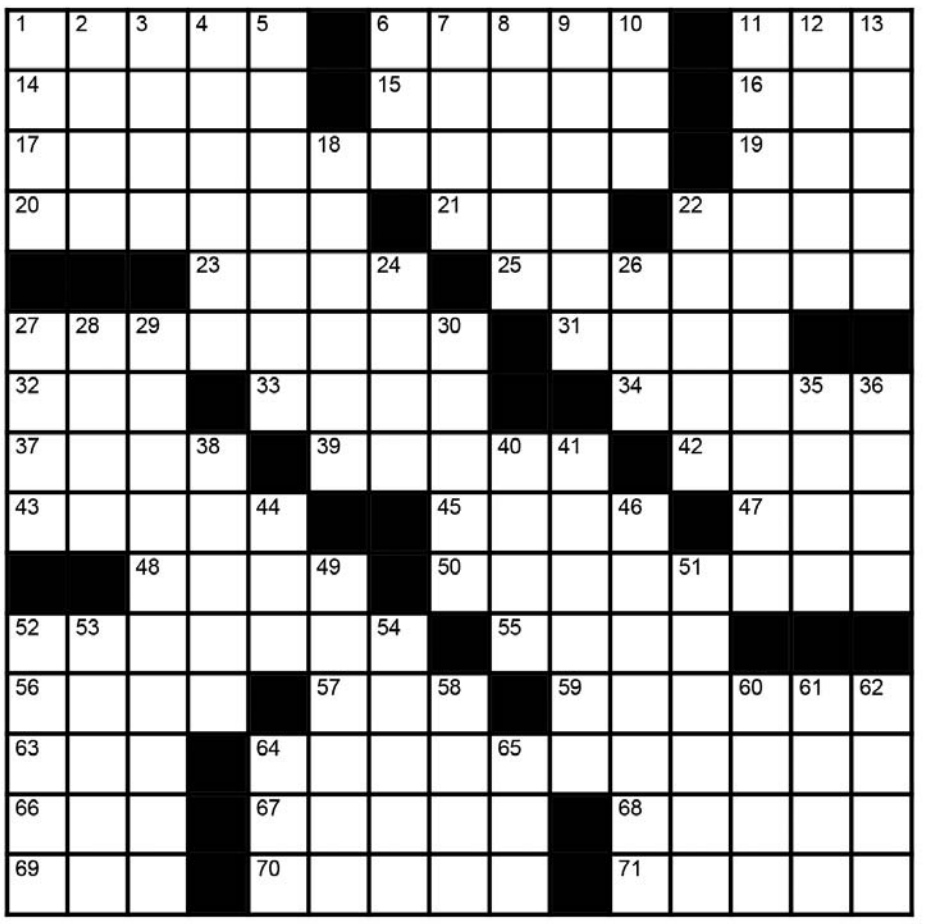
"HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY" by Valerie Brickey *(answer key on page 19)*



ACROSS

1. Where to find celebrities?
6. Open-mouthed
11. UC Berkeley, in slang
14. Apple's country bumpkin?
15. Less cooked
16. Everything
17. *Tourist spot in the San Bernadino Mountains
19. "Absolutely not!"
20. Take to LAX, say
21. Sold-out sign
22. Org. first on the scene on 9/11
23. Waterproof cover
25. Late
27. Shows displeasure at a Shakespeare play?
31. In ___ (harmonious)
32. Swiss peak
33. Capital on a fjord
34. White heron
37. Pacifico, for one
39. Symbol of love, and what the starts of the four starred clues describe
42. Without a doubt
43. Moorehead of "Bewitched"
45. Farm sounds
47. Opposite NNW
48. "That's what she ___!"
50. Played in water
52. Warned
55. Icelandic epic
56. Low voice
57. 1994 Yazmina Reza play
59. Academy Awards
63. Out ___ limb
64. *Largest suburb of Tulsa
66. "The Wizard of Oz" studio
67. Online attitude?
68. Tropical plant resembling an iris
69. "Full Frontal with Samantha ___"
70. Neuters, as a horse
71. Designer Calvin

DOWN

1. Barbecue entree
2. New York canal
3. Enormous
4. Monastery heads
5. Cow and bison hybrid
6. LAX info.
7. Young ladies
8. Trophy
9. Black teas
10. Before, in poetry
11. *"___ Saga" (popular online game)
12. 1990 film "Home ___"
13. Jeff and Beau's dad
18. "Let's have ___ start"
22. Sharp teeth
24. Wan
26. Caustic chemical
27. "Ali ___ and the 40 Thieves"
28. Designer Cassini
29. *Magical phrase from 27-down
30. Wanders
35. Gaelic language
36. Angry, with "off"
38. Back ends
40. It may be skipped
41. Tattled
44. Canine command
46. Pathetically inept person
49. "Heavens!"
51. Region at the bottom of the spine
52. Nuclear weapon
53. "Tootsie" Oscar winner
54. Slobber
58. Ronda Rousey in 48 sec.
60. Former Secretary of Education Duncan
61. Rice-a-___
62. Tchaikovsky's "___ Lake"
64. Implore
65. Asner and Helms

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Visiting Villa del Sol Once Known as the California Hotel

Walking in downtown Fullerton, I decided to make a stop at the historic Villa del Sol, once known as the California Hotel. Designed in a Spanish Colonial Revival style by local architects Frank Benchley and Eugene Durfee, the Villa del Sol was originally intended to be a tourist hotel with twenty-two plush apartments and fifty-five guestrooms.

According to the Villa del Sol website, the California Hotel was the pride and joy of the community. It was originally owned by citizens who had purchased shares in the Fullerton Community Hotel Company, headed by Charles C. Chapman. A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the California Hotel on January 22nd, 1922. At the occasion, "corporation board member S.C. Hartranft said, 'now we are going to have the finest hotel in the state! A triumph unparalleled.'"

Prices were relatively cheap: single rooms went for $2 a day ($3 if you wanted a bathtub). On January 15, 1923, the Spanish Colonial style structure was open for business, constructed for a total cost of $136,000. Chapman had personally pledged $25,000 to the project.

Built on the site of a former public comfort station, the California Hotel was frequented by area ranch residents facing long trips home as well as those visiting the area. By 1945, the building had become a low-cost residential hotel with most of the ground floor taken up by small shops and storefront businesses.

Rooms went for $2 a day ($3 if you wanted a bathtub).

Extensive remodeling began in 1964 to restore the building as it appears today. During the 1964 renovation, the single story section across the side facing Harbor Boulevard was added and the hotel was renamed Villa del Sol in 1965. The remodeling further enclosed the courtyard creating a hidden oasis among the bustling city life. The Villa del Sol was acquired by Dunlap Real Estate Investments in 1992, which oversaw a number of improvements and redevelopment projects, most notably the seismic retrofitting process.

In third grade, I visited the Villa del Sol as part of a video project I was creating. That happened to be my very first video, and it's still on a VHS tape somewhere in my house.

Two years ago, when I attended the Fullerton Museum's Haunted Walking Tour, I remember sitting in the courtyard of the Villa del Sol, listening to our docent talk about haunted businesses. More recently, during the summer, I attended an event for Fullerton's Day of Music at the same courtyard, where musicians played as patrons happily ate, drank, and ran around the fountain.

Now, on a cold February morning, I revisited the Villa del Sol with my camera mounted on top of my tripod. The scent of breakfast was in the air as I walked in from the side entrance. The parking lot was packed as it normally is. People sat and ate at the café tables on the side of the building. Before this excursion, I had no idea that people were allowed upstairs, but I made my way up the steps and looked down at the courtyard. The fountain at the center was surrounded by palm trees and other plants. There are offices on both sides of the second floor. From the second story hallway, I was able to take some pictures that pleased me.

Walking past the "California Hotel" sign, I made my way inside. An old elevator was the first thing to catch my eye but I chose to walk up the stairs to the third floor. Climbing up another set of stairs, I found myself in a narrow hotel hallway with green carpeting lining the floors. On the walls hung early concept art and designs for the Villa del Sol. Looking out a window, I was able to see the tops of the other buildings in downtown Fullerton. Heading out another door, I found myself on a third floor balcony. The courtyard looked like a miniature forest from that height.

After stepping back downstairs, I saw a sign for the British Grocer, which reminded me of one of my parents' friends from Great Britain who sometimes shops at the store for types of food unavailable at American markets. Other shops and stores on the first floor include: Gilding the Lily, Green Bliss the Café, Unity Salon, LoLo, Café Hidalgo, Brownstone Café, Past Times Collectibles, and the Stadium Tavern. My dad wrote a blurb for the book, *The Stones in the Field*, whose author, Michael Stephan Oates, happens to be the owner of the Café Hidalgo. *(See Save the Date Feature next page.)*

Before leaving, I decided to check out the Cellar restaurant. Lights left a part of the stairs in shadow as I made my way to the intricately carved door. It really did seem like the entrance to a cellar, creating a strange atmosphere. The Cellar was closed when I visited.

Walking out the front gates of the Villa del Sol onto Harbor Blvd., I turned back to get one last view of the Spanish Colonial revival-style architecture surrounding the courtyard. After all these years, the Villa del Sol is still in good condition and a genuine Fullerton landmark.

My video showcasing the Villa del Sol or California Hotel can be accessed by visiting the *Fullerton Observer* website. In order to view my video, just click on the "Videos" tab and click on the words "Emerson Little YouTube Channel," which will take you directly to my page.

Video Column Suggestions?

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

FOX Block Development Ideas

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The $6.2 million already set aside would allow for construction of a three-story structure with between 80 to 90 parking spaces per story. Each above ground parking space costs about $25,000, and each below-ground parking space costs about $35,000. The footprint of the area is 130 feet wide and 215 feet long. Hamm added that to create a pleasant space, walkability and landscaping would also be included within that footprint.

Hamm said this was the sixth meeting of area stakeholders, such as nearby businesses, and residents. According to Hamm the "city fathers" had asked his company to come up with ideas of what - in addition to the structure - could be built on the site and several other city-owned properties and finding a suitable tenant for the Tea Room, located between the theater and Angelo & Vinci's. Suggestions included Class A office space, and/or residential and commercial units.

A downtown resident asked why the city isn't calling for as much parking as possible; why look for other things to build? Hamm said that he believes in mixed use as a way to build business and that all options were being explored per request of the "city fathers." "But, whatever is built has to be financially viable." It is thought that developing tenant space will contribute revenue to the theater renovation, he said.

Explorations with Class A office tenants was not successful, according to Hamm, who said that type of high rent tenant is looking for prime central locations with amenities and easy access to transportation. These are often grouped in areas with other Class A tenants. Discussions with Fullerton College on demolishing the Plummer parking structure, or adding stories to it if feasible, also fell through as the college has plans to construct its own 850-space parking structure within the college's footprint in the upcoming 5 years. Currently, the college leases 400-spaces in the city-owned Plummer structure for student parking.

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So, with residential units and commercial uses still on the table, thoughts of what sort of additions were wanted by the community, if any, were being sought. Hamm emphasized that no plans had been drawn up, though his company would be making recommendations to council in April.

The company, so far, has only approached restaurants as tenants of the Tea Room.

One resident said that locating a restaurant at the Tea Room seemed disrespectful of the adjacent Angelo & Vinci's. She also said that whatever was put there should be family-friendly. At present when her family goes out they often go to Brea because they don't want to be around the drinking atmosphere in downtown Fullerton. Another resident suggested looking into a food-court type of business (examples: Santa Ana's Bristol Food Court or Anaheim Packing House).

Hamm mentioned they were also exploring the idea of adding other movie theaters that would connect to the Fox. Because the Tea Room has been completely gutted and earthquake retrofitted - but has no kitchen, bathrooms, elevators, or partitions, "It could become a space for anything," said Hamm. The desire is to attract a paying tenant to the two-story (10,000 square feet per floor) building.

One resident cautioned that to be successful, loading issues must be built into the design with space for semi-trucks to load and unload sets and other requirements for the theater. Hamm agreed that the back-of-shop requirements were critical and his company was looking into how to provide space for deliveries, trash, and other operations of the existing and any new tenant uses.

A triangular-shaped parcel on Ellis (currently used by Angelo & Vinci's for their trash enclosure) could become a multi-story residential, office or retail building.

The corner lot, located between the McDonalds and Pomona across from Fullerton High School, is currently used for parking with a possible plan for a courtyard-style multiple unit residence being considered. The lot was created when prior plans to build the parking structure fell through in 2009 when the council voted against demolishing the existing McDonalds on the property and rebuilding it at the corner. Before that decision was made, the city had already forced the sale and bulldozed an apartment building and a craftsman-style home that were located on the lot.

Hamm answered no to a resident's question of whether his company had looked into how many vacancies there are in the existing downtown apartment complexes.

Several residents mentioned that adding residential or commercial uses to the structure would use up some of the parking. Another asked if parking for employees of the businesses was being considered in the number of parking spaces created. Hamm said city parking requirements don't differentiate between customer and employee parking. A resident brought up the fact that the city-council approved restaurant overlay zone removed all parking requirements from restaurants (and bars).

A link to the evening's presentation is available at:

https://www.cityoffullerton.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=24423

Local Author *Lily Espinoza*

Not Getting Stuck

Lily Espinoza, who grew up in Fullerton, is now an educator with 15 years' experience and is set to release her first book this April.

The book, *Not Getting Stuck* presents the lived experience of nine Latina community college students as they complete the transfer process from the community college to the university. It follows their decision making process as they reflect on college success, pick a college major, search college options, select where to apply, gain admission, and ultimately, choose a university to transfer to in order to complete their undergraduate education.

Dr. Espinoza, herself a transfer student from Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, California to UC Berkeley, has been fascinated with the community college transfer process after realizing the multifaceted challenges impacting community college students.

Dr. Espinoza used this collection of narratives as part of her original research for her dissertation in Educational Leadership with a focus on Community College Leadership.

The college choice process can be complicated for students, school leaders, and policy makers alike. Lily states, "This book provides hope for high school and community college students as well as a call to action for educational leaders in all sectors of higher education."

In *Not Getting Stuck,* students discuss the factors that led to their personal and academic success. These include having critical conversations with family members; leveraging family support and cultural identity as sources of motivation; identifying opportunities at college and university; creating social networks for positive peer pressure; and developing new understandings of their sense of self and academic potential.

These student stories highlight the importance of perseverance, self-determination, and institutional support in reaching goals.

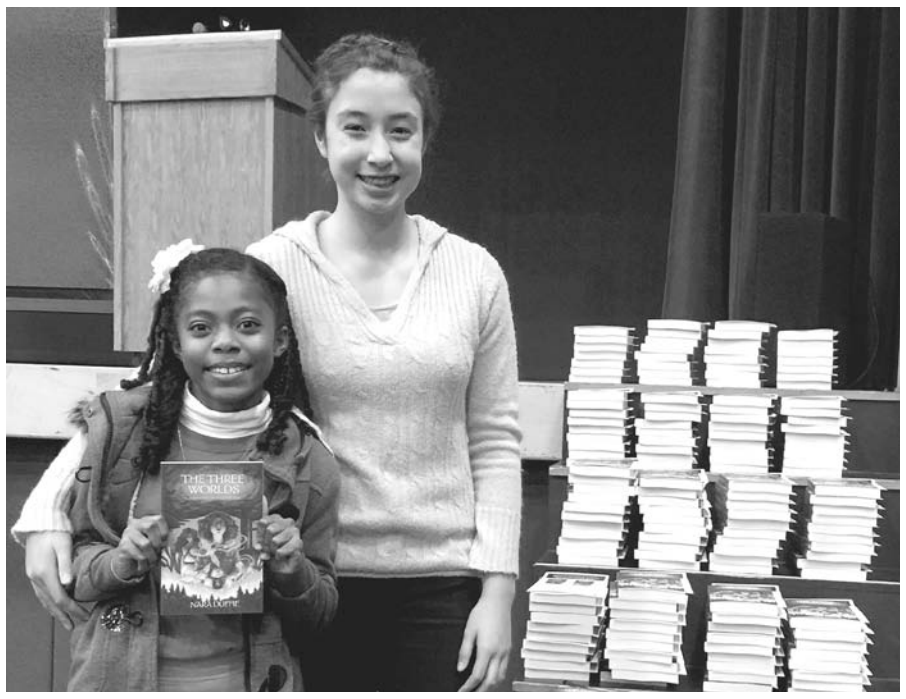
Dr. Lily E. Espinoza is currently working as an instructor in the Upward Bound program at Mills College in Oakland, California. Lily graduated from Fullerton High School. She holds an A.A. in Liberal Studies from DVC, a B.A. in Women's Studies from UC Berkeley, an M.A. in Student Personnel Administration from Columbia University, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from California State University, Fullerton.

Also, Dr. Espinoza completed graduate work in teacher education at University of Southern California.

For more information visit *lilyespinoza2002@yahoo.com*. The book is published by Alive Publishing, distributed through Ingram Content Group and available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble beginning April 2017.

Kids Rule! by Francine Vudoti

Francine with 13-year-old novelist Nara Duffie whose books, "The Three Worlds," and "Monster Realm," are sold at Barnes & Nobles and on Amazon. PHOTO F. BILANGEL



Fullerton School District Writers Guild

I love writing, especially fiction stories where I can create characters from my imagination. I cut bond papers into small sizes and make them into little books filled with stories I have written and then read them to my stuffed animals.

Since I love to write, I decided to join a writing workshop offered by the Fullerton School District Writers Guild. It is offered every year to all qualified students in the district. I was very excited and thought I could learn more about writing fiction stories.

When I learned the workshop focused only on writing essays I almost decided to quit but I changed my mind. I knew I need to develop my skills in writing essays because it will help me express my thoughts in an organized and interesting way. I also remember hearing that we need to write good essays to be admitted to a good high school and college.

We were asked to write about our favorite hero or a story of a wonderful person. Each student in the workshop was assigned a mentor. Mine happened to be our school principal and I felt lucky about that. Each week, he would review my essay and give me tips in developing my story.

At the end of the workshop, all participants presented their stories during a dinner hosted by the Fullerton School District. Our stories will be compiled in a book that will be published and sold at Barnes & Nobles. We will be inviting families and friends to buy the book and we will have a book-signing event.

During the dinner celebrating our stories, a very young author named Nara Duffie was the guest speaker. Nara is only 13-years-old but she has two fiction books already published which are sold on Amazon and at Barnes & Nobles. I was so amazed. She inspired me to get my stories published, too.

If you love to write, I think it is a good idea to participate in the next writers guild workshop. It is free and you can learn lots of tips to polish your writing.

FULLERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Storyteller Michael McCarty February 14, 4pm

The whole family is invited to a special program featuring noted storyteller Michael McCarty with tales of the challenges and triumphs of black people throughout American history. The event takes place on Tuesday, February 14th at 4pm in the Fullerton Public Library's Osborne Auditorium.

Michael McCarty is a multicultural storyteller of African, African-American, and international folk tales, historical tales, stories of science and more. His stories inform, educate, inspire and amuse. He has collected stories from over eleven countries including South Africa, Zimbabwe, India, Korea, China, Jamaica, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, England and more.

This free event is part of a series of programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library with a grant from the Disney VoluntEARS Community Fund Award. The Fullerton Public Library is located at 353 W. Commonwealth. Call (714) 738-6338 for more information.

Korean Reader Sought by Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Fullerton Library need help from someone who reads Korean to help identify and disperse the large volume of books written in the Korean language that have been donated to the library.

If you would like to help, please call the Bookstore at 714-738-3143 during business hours (Mon through Sat, 10am to 4pm) and leave a message for Leslie with your contact phone or email. Thanks very much!

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2PM-4PM

Oates & Neufeld at Library Foundation Event

The Fullerton Public Library Foundation hosts local author Michael Stephan Oates and Cal State Fullerton modern Mexican historian Dr. Stephen Neufeld in a discussion of kidnapping for ransom at the Fullerton Public Library Community Room, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave. From the pages of Oates' novel, *The Stones in the Field* to the real-life social, political, and economic impact of headline grabbing news, author and academic explore the impact of this current international topic.

Admission is free: to reserve a seat log on to *fullertonlibraryfoundation.com*. Light refreshments will be served and signed books will be available for purchase.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 25, 1PM-4:30PM

Fullerton Public Library Local Authors' Day

The Fullerton Public Library will be hosting a Local Authors' Day at the library on Saturday, March 25 from 1pm to 4:30pm.

This is a great opportunity to meet, talk with, and support local authors who will have tables set up in the Conference Center foyer area of the library. Both fiction and non-fiction authors will be presented.

The Fullerton Public Library is located at 353 W. Commonwealth Ave. Call 714-738-6333 for more information or visit *www.fullertonlibrary.org.*

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•SATURDAY, March 11 - 10am-4pm
•SUNDAY - 1pm-4pm
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Special accommodation on Thursday, March 9, 4pm-4:30pm

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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

February 7 Board Meeting

The FJUHSD trustees honored Career and Technical Education staff and acknowledged the mathematics teachers' contributions districtwide at the beginning of the meeting.

ChromeBooks & Campus Safety

Superintendent Dr. Scott Scambray announced that FUHS is the 4th campus distributing Chromebooks to all students.

He also commended Troy High Principal Dr. Will Mynster for the professional handling of the safety situation involving two Troy students arrested last week. Dr. Scambray was at the school the following day and applauded the calm demeanor of everyone on campus and the attitude of "business as usual" which supported student learning. *(See frontpage story by Troy students)*

Career Technical Education

CTE provides a pathway to viable career skills and a context for many students to place their high school learning into a workable narrative. The district honored the teachers and specialized counselors who support numerous pathways for students by providing mentoring at each campus. These professionals are dedicated to helping all CTE students pursue further education, internships or job placement opportunities as they complete the different academy pathways.

Steve Zamora, Director of Education reported on a three-year, $1.03 million block grant allocated to helping low income students, English learners, foster youth, and homeless students access college readiness classes (honors, AP and IB classes). The grant also increases career readiness counselling through CTE academies along with intervention if needed through AVID and iPATH programs of the district's comprehensive high schools.

Mathematics Curriculum Update

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sylvia Kaufman introduced mathematics instructor Karen Delaney, a TOSA (teacher on special assignment), who made a presentation on4 the three-year effort to support a teacher-driven mathematics curriculum throughout the district. She and the mathematics team of Greg Love and Jina Rager addressed the need to create a singular pathway and curriculum to help all students succeed in mathematics.

Three years ago, state standards were too new to responsibly choose different textbooks, so the district's mathematics teachers banded together to create a curriculum that utilized existing text books with open source material. Open source material comes from various resources, and must have proper copyright clearance, so it can take additional time to be included.

The mathematics team also focused on challenging the current culturally accepted idea that some people are just not good at math. Each week, Delaney provides an opening exercise for all district students based on Jo Boaler and Carol Dweck's Stanford-based Mindset research promoting the concept that all minds can learn new information. This process allows all students to learn new concepts and replace the fixed mindset that keeps them from learning.

This approach elicited positive responses from both teachers and students throughout the district. Board members commented that after seeing and participating in a sample warm up, they all wished to go back and take math again.

Board President Montoya (who is also an 8th grade mathematics teacher at Ladera Vista Junior High School) praised the team for their multipronged approach to placing incoming freshmen in the correct mathematics classes.

New communication efforts between the high schools and the 8th grade teachers have reduced parent challenges and created a better fit for numerous students entering high school.

Budget Update

Joan Velasco, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services reported a misrepresentation of Local Control Funding Formula money that the FJUHSD will receive yearly. A double-counted property tax amount takes the district's projected yearly budget down by $2 million.

Public Comments:

•Dismissal: Former SOHS food service employee Linda Jansen and CSEA union president Frank Ramirez spoke to the board about reviewing her dismissal and possibly reconsidering her termination.

•Abuse: Joelle Casterix, a child advocate against sexual abuse and author of *The Well Armored Child*, spoke concerning a retired mathematics teacher. She cited a recent *OC Register* article concerning allegations made about him from students in Illinois where he taught in the 1980s. She claimed that former students requested her to represent them to the FJUHSD board.

The *OC Register* (February 8, 2017) article stated that they received an e-mail from Carl Erickson, FJUHSD Director of Human Resources, which indicated that the district had not received any complaints in connection with the teacher.

Troy Honor Society members are briefed on how to help the homeless.

Troy High School Honor Society Helps Homeless by Emerson Little

Members of the Troy High School Honor Society volunteered to help the homeless as part of a Cold Weather Shelter Homeless Serve Night organized by Mercy House and OC United.

According to Jay Williams, founder of OC United, the two-night event was intended to provide an opportunity for people to take shelter out of the cold and rain. Volunteers served food, set up mats, passed out hygiene items, distributed snacks and donations, de-sanitized the room, and socialized with the homeless. The organization expected 120 people from different backgrounds and ethnicities to attend.

"A lot of people are here who really care and want to help," Williams said.

The Troy students who participated on Tuesday, February 7, were: Mariam Razak, Kyle Okazaki, Esther Kang, Alice Han, Vivian Chung, Vincent Lau, Kevin Sun, Sarah Jeong, Allen Pau, Se Eun Jeong, Christopher Lee, Bonnie Wang, Kelly Pan, and Justin Weiss.

$2.4 Million for Fake Grass at High School Stadiums *does not include* Labor or Infill Materials

The approved consent calendar included a $2.4 million dollar purchase of synthetic turf as a "piggyback contract" from KYA Services LLC for district stadiums at La Habra, Fullerton, and Buena Park. (The piggyback deal allows the district to accept the same prices, terms and conditions as KYA Services made with the Wiseburn School District in LA County, without going out for a separate bid.) The money comes out of the bond funds and deferred maintenance budget.

Dr. Singer said that this purchase amount does not include infill, drainage or water irrigation for the artificial turf and he noted that this "carpet" would be made from virgin plastic and not a recycled product. (The district is seeking a separate firm to furnish all labor related to installing and maintaining the turf.)

Update: Location Change of Annual 4th of July Event Not Open to Public Discussion?

At the November 28, 2016 FJUHSD board meeting, Superintendent Dr. Scott Scambray announced that the City of Fullerton approached the district with concerns about parking and access to the Fullerton Union Stadium where the 4th of July celebration has been held since 1991.

Todd Butcher announced to the Board of Trustees in December that the proposed new artificial turf would not impede the annual fireworks celebration if the city chose to continue to hold it there. However, a Feb. 8 press release from the City of Fullerton announced that the city would be searching for a new venue for the traditional celebration due to the FJUHSD's concerns about the new stadium turf.

No announcements of any public discussion about the matter have come from the City of Fullerton or the FJUHSD. The citizens of the city are asked to voluntarily contribute to the 4th of July event each year through their water and trash bills.

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Pacific Symphony Piano Masterclass by Zhang Zuo

Applications from non-professional Orange County musicians are sought for the Pacific Symphony Multi-Generational Piano Masterclass led by virtuoso pianist Zhang Zuo. Submissions are due by 4pm Feb. 15. Three people in different stages of their musicianship will be selected to work one on one with Zuo. The musicians will be notified of acceptance by March 1. The Masterclass takes place on March 22 from 7-9pm in the Samueli Theater at the rear of the Segerstrom Concert Hall. Tickets to the event are $10 and are available by calling 714-755-5799 or online.

Registration forms available at: www.pacificsymphony.org/masterclass.

All the Arts Lauralyn Eschner and Katherine England. PHOTOS BY DAMION LLOYD

Pioneer and Trailblazer Eschner & England

by Tanya McCrory

Like many of Southern California's best ideas, Lauralyn Eschner's epiphany came amidst freeway traffic. A grade school teacher at the time, she had a clear and unwavering insight that arts education was the fundamental right of all children. With her school district already financially strapped Eschner knew she would have to find a way to implement this idea herself. Miraculously, she has managed to do just that!

Now in its 25th year, All the Arts for All the Kids provides art classes in all media to over 10,000 children a year. Due to the tremendous work of this nonprofit organization, music, dance, theatre and art classes have become an intrinsic part of every child's education in the Fullerton School District from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Even more remarkably, All the Arts has proven to be very cost effective. Eschner works closely with the Fullerton School District, the PTA, and the community at large to procure the funding needed each year to supplement that provided by the school district. It's surprising that the program has not been emulated by school districts throughout the United States.

Eschner, petite and soft spoken, is a passionate and pioneering spirit. She describes the art classes that the children receive as "benefiting their academic lives." This unique understanding of arts has carried her through countless challenges and her dedication has remained steadfast.

It has been proven time again that arts education helps to raise test scores, but what people may not realize is that it also helps raise children who are emotionally intelligent, who can articulate and express themselves and who can think beyond multiple choice answers.

The immeasurable benefits can only truly be captured by the children themselves who have a chance to shine, and creatively learn within the confines of academia. One young participant said "It ("All the Arts") makes my brain open up for the rest of the day." Teachers also benefit immensely as they learn how to teach art from the over 40 artists who come in each year to inspire the children through their disciplines.

"I honestly don't think I have seen my students work so hard or with as much enthusiasm as they did on this project. The sense of pride and accomplishment was amazing," said one teacher.

All the Arts hosts a lively art auction with food, drinks and socializing beneath the stars at Fullerton Museum Plaza each year. Artists from OC and across the nation donate work to be auctioned and there are treasures to be found. Perhaps the brightest stars of the auction though are the large mosaic sculptured "Hearts," now in their sixth year. These stunning, sometimes whimsical, always intricately beautiful works are a major draw and highlight of the auction. They sell for between $500 and $12,000.

Katherine England is the artist behind the giant hearts project. She recalls the day thirty years ago when she took her child to kindergarten and asked about the art room, only to be met with a bemused look. From that moment forward, England became an inadvertent arts teacher, advocate and trailblazer for art in Fullerton. With an academic background in literature, she is a self-taught artist. For all her boldness in personality, her artwork reveals a tenderness, curiosity, and openness to the world around her.

Her large public art works can be seen throughout Orange County including her many collaborations with All the Arts grade school children, city murals, mosaics, and gorgeous visual journals.

In addition to her artwork, each year England convinces 20 artists to give their time and talent to creating spectacular one-of-a-kind installation pieces to be auctioned on behalf of All the Arts. Each artist is given a blank heart sculpture and what they create is nothing short of magical. These wonderful art works will be on display in shops and storefronts throughout downtown Fullerton. You can view them between February 14th and the Art Auction on April 22nd. Treat yourself for Valentine's Day and tour these remarkable pieces.

Cindy Krueger's 5-foot heart is among others to be auctioned to raise All the Arts funds.

One supporter of the program puts it best "That All the Arts is needed, is tragic. That it exists, is miraculous. Don't ever let it be overlooked or taken for granted." All the Arts is possible because of luminaries like Eschner and England as well the countless volunteers, board members and artists who contribute to its essence! It also benefits tremendously because the people of Fullerton have a true understanding of the value of art, and they stand up for its place in schools and in their city.

Come be a part of this very hip and forward thinking community. If you love art or just want a great night out for a wonderful cause, buy your tickets for the April Auction by visiting: *allthearts.org*

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60 to 80 residents per day waited outside Rep. Ed Royce's office for their turn to ask him to conduct a Town Hall where locals can hear his views on issues brought up by the new administration, including their concerns about Social Security, Medicare, the travel ban, immigration, ending the Affordable Healthcare Act, cabinet choices and more.

RESIDENTS REQUEST TOWN HALL WITH CONGRESSMAN ED ROYCE

by Barbara Sobin

Around the country, constituents have been gathering at their local congress member's offices to both to hear their representative's views and to express their concerns about the current administration's actions. Sixty to eighty per day showed up at US Representative Ed Royce's office in Brea on January 31st and February 1st.

Many of Congressmen Royce's constituents reported being frustrated because they have written, phoned, and asked for appointments to see the Congressman to no avail. Some have noticed that, while he is too busy to meet with constituents, he had time to attend other events on his last visit to his district.

These are not normal times and many of Congressman Royce's constituents are eager to learn what his positions are as we adjust to a very different type of administration - one in which neither the president himself, nor his closest advisors, have any experience in government.

Since Royce has not been responsive to constituent requests for face to face meetings, and has not held an in-person Town Hall meeting since 2010, the local Indivisible group chose to ask the Congressman to hold an in-person Town Hall meeting to hear his views on a variety of issues and to express their concerns.

In groups of 6 at a time, they presented their verbal and verbal requests to his staff member. Participants represented all ages, genders, and professional backgrounds. They were polite and respectful and were received kindly by the Congressman's staff person.

The group is eagerly awaiting a response from Congressman Royce but are skeptical that he will accommodate this request. They are continuing to meet regularly to develop strategies to support a progressive agenda.

For more information about how you can get involved join the Facebook page at Indivisible North Orange County.

For readers who are not familiar with Indivisible, you are encouraged to check out Indivisibleguide.com. There you will find a document prepared by several former congressional aides who witnessed the rise of the tea party movement and have developed suggestions for how progressives can be effective by implementing similar strategies.

Trump's Cabinet Picks

Even among those who wanted to give the new president a chance his choices of advisors and people to head important agencies in the government are creating controversy.

•Senior Advisor Chief Strategist: Steve Bannon was the head of Brietbart News, the reportedly white supremacist, sexist, xenophobic and anti-Semitic internet news site which he has described as the platform of the white nationalist "alt-right."

•Secretary of Labor: Andrew Puzder, CEO of CKE Restaurants, parent company of fast-food chains and opponent of minimum wage increases and laws mandating breaktime and overtime pay. His company has been cited for violations of such regulations.

• Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency: Scott Pruitt, as Attorney General of Oklahoma, unsuccessfully sued the EPA repeatedly over its efforts to enforce environmental laws. He calls the human role in global warming debatable.

•Secretary of State: Rex Tillerson, former Chairman and CEO of ExxonMobil, who has no government or diplomatic experience.

•Secretary of Education: Betsy DeVos, a billionaire who promotes charter schools.

•Secretary of Treasury: Steven Mnuchin, Trump's fundraising chief, with no experience in setting macroeconomic policy, and who failed to disclose his interests in a corporation registered in the Cayman Islands and over $100 million in personal assets.

•National Security Adviser: Michael Flynn, an Islamophobe and conspiracy theorist was fired from his last government job because of mismanagement.

•Secretary of Health & Human Services: Tom Price, who recently got a sweetheart deal on stock in a foreign biotech firm and has a pattern of trading in health care stocks that are affected by the legislation he writes.

•Secretary of Interior: Ryan Zinke, a former Navy Seal caught repeatedly billing the government for personal trips.

•Director of the Office of Management and Budget: Mick Mulvaney, who was just exposed for having employed a nanny without paying payroll taxes of over $15,000 for her.

•Advisor: Erik Prince (brother of Betsy DeVos), founder of Blackwater, a private contract security firm (also known as Xe Services LLC). Prince moved to Abu Dhabi in 2010 and co-founded Reflex Responses (R2). He currently heads the private equity firm Frontier Resource Group backed by China's state-owned CITIC Group advising Chinese investment in oil and gas in Africa.

•Federal Communications Commission Lead: Ajit Pai, former Verizon lawyer, who has vowed to reverse all of the agency's pro-consumer protections and end Net Neutrality, which gives everyone a fair and open internet.

•Press Secretary: Sean Spicer, former chair of the RNC, who told the press that Trump's inauguration drew "the largest audience ever" on the National Mall. Proven untrue by photos of the two-thirds empty field taken from the top of the Washington Monument by Reuters, CBS and the US National Park Service just as Trump began his speech.

•White House Spokesperson: Kelly Ann Conway who referred to the "errors" Press Secretary Sean Spicer had made to the press as "alternative facts." Facts are facts. Alternative facts are lies. She is now also infamous for making up "The Bowling Green Massacre," an event that never happened.

Empty Bowls

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser
Saturday, February 18, 11am - 1pm
$25 (No Reservations Needed)
For more information: Carol Pankow 714.766.9027
or carolpankow@gmail.com
St. Paul Lutheran Church
111 W. Las Palmas Dr., Fullerton

Empty Bowls is an international grass roots effort to fight hunger. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup & bread donated by local restaurants in exchange for a $25 donation & keep the local potter handcrafted bowl as a reminder that they have helped feed a low-income homebound Fullerton resident.

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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK) REGISTRATION

Registration for the Transitional Kindergarten program begins **February 22, 2017.** If your child turns five years old between September 2 - December 2, 2017, we invite you to enroll your child for the 2017/2018 school year by visiting your designated TK school site. For more information, please call (714) 447-2805 or visit our website at www.fullertonsd.org/transitional-kindergarten

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Fullerton UNIcycle Tackles the Loop

Fullerton UNIcycle and special guests met at the Fullerton Courthouse parking lot on Saturday to ride the Fullerton Loop.

Unicyclists pictured above include Jana (Women's Freestyle World Champion, Germany); Jamey (Past World Mountain Champion, Minnesota); Lance Collin, Diana, David, Terry; Benedikt (Men's Mountain World Champion, Austria); Bill; Victor Augie (North American Mountain & Trials Champion, Fullerton); Kevin, Tim, James, Shaun, and Scott.

Anyone interested in learning to ride a unicycle, or who can already ride one and would like to ride with the group, can contact Chuck Tourdot for more information and upcoming events at fullertonuni@gmail.com

Cal EPA Ongoing Fake Grass Study

The second Synthetic Turf Scientific Advisory Panel Meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, March 10, 2017 and will also be webcast online for those interested but who cannot make it to Sacramento.

The Synthetic Turf Scientific Advisory Panel is a group of expert scientists that the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has convened to provide scientific advice on its Synthetic Turf Study. The study assess the potential health impacts associated with the use of synthetic turf and playground mats made of crumb rubber. OEHHA focuses on identifying chemicals that are released from synthetic turf from indoor and outdoor fields throughout California, and on estimating exposures to users of synthetic fields. For more information on the study contact Sam Delson at 916-324-0955 or email Sam.Delson@oehha.ca.gov

Read the studies and sign up for updates on the scientific research at *http://oehha.ca.gov/risk-assessment/synthetic-turf-studies.*

'Should We Still Study Slavery?' Among Topics at Social Justice Summit

A day-long program examining such issues as the study of slavery, preserving culture, domestic violence, homelessness and mental health in the transgender population will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, at Cal State Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd. in Fullerton.

"Listen. Understand. Advocate" is the theme of the 2017 Social Justice Summit, sponsored by CSUF's Student Life and Leadership. The free, public program will be held from 8:30am to 5pm in the Titan Student Union Portola Pavilion.

The keynote speaker is Tyler D. Parry, CSUF assistant professor of African American studies, whose research examines slave marriage and violence in the African diaspora. He will discuss "The Path Forward: Confronting Oppression and Its Legacies" in his keynote address, as well as present "Should We Still Study Slavery?"

Additional sessions and speakers include:

•"The Power of Knowledge: Higher Education, Reintegration and Liberation" with Brady Heiner, assistant professor of philosophy and director of CSUF Project Rebound, and Romarilyn Ralston, CSUF Project Rebound coordinator

•"Preserving Culture in a Multicultural World" with Toubee Yang, assistant director of fraternity and sorority life

•"Sculpting Race: An Innovative Approach to Understanding Racial Identity Development" with Joy Hoffman, director of diversity initiatives and resource centers

•"Step Up 2.0" with Alyssa Avila, violence prevention educator for WoMen's and Adult Reentry Center

•"Athletic Activism: The Power of Race and Sport" with Trimaine Davis, African American Resource Center coordinator

•"Hungry, Homeless, But Not Helpless!" with Steve Teixeira, career services specialist for Cal State Los Angeles

Student presentations include:

•"Domestic Violence Against Asian American Women" with Vy Le and Jonathan Nguyen, ethnic studies majors

•"Keep the Group in Check" with Adriana Valencia Wences, ethnic studies major

•"Dissolving the Beauty Myth: The Origins of Beauty and Media's Impact" with Yaa Asantewaa Faraji, communications major

•"Eliminating the Prison Pipeline: Reorganizing the Education System" with Mahdee Gill, communications major

•"Accessibility" with Patrick Ramirez, health science major, and Hannah Elliott, communications major

•"Mental Health in the Transgender Population" with Dai Guerra, graduate student in education

Registration is available online. For more information, contact Heidi Elmer of Student Life and Leadership at 657-278-3504 or helmer@fullerton.edu.

Native Nations March on Washington

Native American allies in the US and around the world are invited by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Water Protectors to join a an event on March 10 to protest the Dakota Access Pipeline just approved by the Trump adminstration. The pipeline which goes underneath Lake Oahe will threaten the reservation's water supply and culturally sacred sites. See http://standwithstandingrock.net/march/

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•**ARSENIC & OLD LACE** directed by Jill Johnson, plays thru March 5, Fri & Sat at 8pm; Sun at 2pm. Mortimer Brewster is living a happy life working for a NY newspaper. He's just become engaged and goes to tell his sweet spinster aunts. The visit turns his world upside down.

•**THE AWKWARD PARTY** directed by Josh Nicols, plays February 18 thru March 4, Sat. at 5pm, Sun. at 5:30pm. Spectacles Improv Engine and STAGES join forces to bring some of the best improvisation performers in OC together in an original unscripted play inspired by all the terribly awkward party moments you'd love to forget.

•**AUDITIONS** Peter & the Star Catcher, Sat, March 4;

Merchant of Venice, Sat, April 15. Check website for details.

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•**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS** books & lyrics by Howard Ashman, music by Alan Menken plays at 8pm Fridays and Saturdays and at 5pm on Sundays thru March 11. $25; $15/students. (For audiences over 10 years old)

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•**CLAUDIO QUEST** plays thru Feb. 26. Book, music & lyrics by Drew Fornarola and Marshall Pailet, directed by Marshall Pailet, choreographed by Maxx Reed, musical direction by Ryan O'Connell. A west coast premiere of a new musical comedy that follows a very super hero, his less super little brother and one butt-kicking princess. $35

•**THE LITTLE PRINCE** by Rick Cummins & John Scoullar, directed by Darryl Hovis and based on the popular novel by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, opens February 17 and plays thru March 5, Fri at 7pm, Sat & Sun at 2pm. See the world with the fresh eyes of youth on an adventure that spans from the Sahara to outer space and beyond.

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National Watercolor Society exhibit "Portraits & Figures," work of over sixty different watercolor artists from around the country and world including from the NWS permanent collection. thru April 9

An Evening of Korean Cuisine Feb. 26

A special event "The Art of Dining: A Food, Music & Pottery Experience," raises funds for a cultural exchange exhibition between sister cities Yong-in, Korea and Fullerton, USA. 4pm: Buncheong Ceramics sale; 5pm cocktail hour w/ 5-piece percussion band; 5:30 dinner with Chef Hwi Sook Lee; pansori performance by Ms. Hoonjeong Seo, lead singer of Haemil Korean fusion band. $100

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War Wounds: Trinh Mai

This installation up through May 14, 2017, is about healing from the wounds of war and the potential for suffering to serve as a catalyst for transformation.

BEGOVICH GALLERY
Cal State Fullerton,
800 N. State College Blvd
Mon-Thurs & Sat: 12-4pm

Floating Realities: The Art of Masami Teraoka

An exhibit of the work of celebrated Japanese American artist Masami Teraoka best known for his paintings that simulate traditional Japanese pictorial imagery and techniques while engaging ideas about Western ethos like AIDS awareness, globalization, erotica, politics, abuse in the church. Open Mon-Thurs & Sat, 12-4.

FULLERTON MUSEUM CENTER
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Alphonse Mucha: The Spirit of Art Nouveau

This exhibit features over 60 works including rare lithographs, drawings, pastels, books, portfolios and more from the Dhawan Collection in LA. Mucha was a Czech artist known for his distinct, much copied Art Nouveau style and designs. He declared that art existed to communicate a spiritual message and nothing more. He produced an extensive body of epic paintings unrelated to the commercial work that brought him fame and which he attempted to disassociate himself from throughout his life. Through March 26

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Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts Feb. 24, 25 & 26

Nearly two hundred artists will be exhibiting and selling their artwork at this year's Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts. The festival celebrates its 57th year of showcasing outstanding art in all mediums Friday to Sunday, February 24, 25, and 26 at 2000 West Road in La Habra Heights. Admission and parking is free.

There will be demonstrations, free workshops on Saturday and Sunday and musical entertainment. Food will be available for purchase. Learn more by visiting *HillcrestFestivalofFineArts.com*

This year, the featured artists are Jon Oakes, an exceptional glassblower who creates small pieces to large colorful bowls and unique lighting fixtures; and Gerald Brommer, a renowned painter, teacher and author who has had over 165 one-man shows and written 23 books on art subjects.

Jon's wife Gay Storm also be performing as Lady Bird Johnson on Saturday, February 25th from 3pm to 4pm only. Lady Bird is one of several characters that she portrays through her company, Hatboxwilltravel.com. In this one-woman show, we find Lady Bird giving Pat Nixon a tour of the White House as the administration is about to change. But, Pat Nixon has other ideas … Funny and poignant, the audience will learn a lot about these two iconic women!

MAMM Alliance Event to Raise Funds for CSUF Performing Arts

The MAMM Alliance Luncheon raises funds in support of the performing arts students of CSUF College of the Arts. A string quartet from the University School of Music will play a salon concert during the 10th anniversary event on Saturday, February 25, at 11:30am.

The event features iconic local actor, Hal Landon Jr., a founding artist of South Coast Repertory who has played a diverse range of characters in over 150 productions at the theater. In "A Humbug Afternoon with Mr. Scrooge," Landon will reveal rare behind-the-scenes tales from his research into the Scrooge character, Victorian England, and little known background on author Charles Dickens and his classic tale, "A Christmas Carol." Raised in a show business family, both of his parents were performers. Landon has appeared at LA's Mark Taper Forum and the Old Globe in San Diego. He has also had a wide-ranging career in both film and TV. Call Renee Gillespie at 657-278-8683 for reservations.

Diotima String Quartet Free Concert Feb 19

On Sunday February 19th at 3:30pm, Fullerton Friends of Music will present the Diotima String Quartet in a chamber music concert at the Sunny Hills High School Performing Arts Center, 1801 Warburton Way, Fullerton. Admission is free.

Founded in 1996 by graduates of the Conservatoire National Superieur de Musique de Paris, the Diotima Quartet has become one of the world's in-demand ensembles. The Diotima Quartet partners with several of today's major composers such as Helmut Lachenmann, Brian Ferneyhough and Toshio Hosokawa, while also regularly commissioning new works from a broad range of contemporary composers. While staunchly dedicated to contemporary classical music, the quartet is not limited to this repertoire. In programming major classical works along side today's music, their concerts offer a fresh look at works by the great composers. In particular Bartok, Debussy and Ravel, the late quartets of Schubert and Beethoven, composers from the Viennese school and also Janacek.

The concert will include works by Webern, Schubert and Bartok . For more information call either 562-691-7437 or 714-526-5310.

The concert is dedicated to the memory of Beulah Strickler, founder and music director for over 40 years. Beulah died February 3 at the age of 98.
See tribute on page 16.

Fullerton ArtWalk
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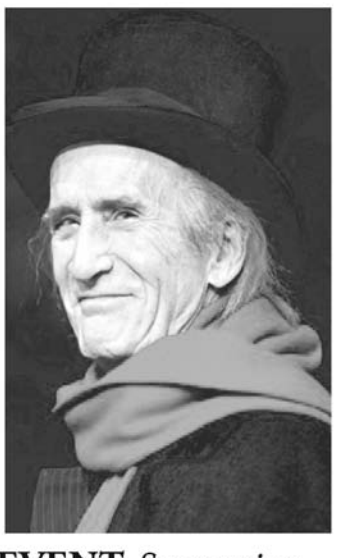

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HITS & MISSES

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LION: Two Hits

Basing his screenplay on a memoir by Saroo Brierley, screenwriter Luke Davies creates a compelling tale that spans a quarter of a century, two continents, even two epochs, as we move from a remote rural village in western India to a Melbourne, Australia university , where no location is too remote to find on Google Earth.

Five-year-old Saroo (Sunny Pawar) lives in a poor village with his older brother, Guddu (Abhishek Bharate), and his mother, who gathers stones and rocks to support her family. The two boys are first seen scavenging coal to trade for milk. When Guddu is hired to work outside the village, Saroo begs to go with him, but when the boys become separated in a train station, Saroo climbs aboard an empty train and falls asleep.

Many hours later and more than 900 miles to the east, Saroo finds himself in Calcutta, a city that speaks Bengali, not Hindi, the language Saroo speaks. The scenes of a child making his way amid a cacophony of sounds, looking for help, and foraging for food are among the best in the film. These scenes are shot from the angle of a small boy looking up at the world teeming around him and recognizing no one. His brushes with danger appall us and we root for this plucky youngster who seems to have an innate wisdom and a knack for survival.

Eventually, authorities place Saroo in an orphanage, not without its own challenges. Because Saroo is unable to explain where his mother lives, his photo is sent out but no one claims him, so he is put up for adoption. An Australian couple, Sue and John Brierley (Nicole Kidman and David Wenham), adopt the 5-year-old and take him to their lovely seaside home in Tasmania, providing him love, warmth and nurturing.

The second half of the film takes place 20 years later as a grown Saroo (now played by Dev Patel) goes off to Melbourne to major in hotel management. He meets and falls in love with a fellow student, American-born Lucy (Rooney Mara). This half of the film is not as compelling as the Dickensian first half of the story. Saroo still retains shadowy memories of his life in the Indian village with a loving mother and protective brother, and he now becomes obsessed with the need to locate them. However, the driving motivation for his obsession is never made clear.

It is now 2006 and Google Earth has become a search tool. Not even knowing the name of his village, Saroo calculates what location might have been a two-day train ride east to Calcutta and he begins taking Google-Earth photos of terrain that he might recognize. Soon his bedroom wall is covered with these. Lucy, who has lost her own mother to cancer, encourages Saroo in his search.

Saroo suffers some guilt about his quest because he knows the affection that both Sue and John feel for him and the pride they have in the fine son they've raised. The Bierleys have another adopted son, who is on drugs and alienated from the family. The scene in which Saroo confesses to Sue that he is searching for his biological mother is particularly well written and well performed.

"Lion" is receiving much Academy Award attention with the film nominated in Best Picture category, along with cinematographer Greig Fraser. Both Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman received nominations in supporting actor categories.

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

TUES, FEB 14

•10am: Valentine's Day Party at Fullerton Community Center includes dancing to music by Trini Arellano, and lunch with a special dessert. $5 ($3/over 60). 340 W. Commonwealth. 714-738-6305

•1pm: Homeboy Industries Founder at CSUF Titan Student Union, 800 N. State College, Fullerton. Rev. Greg Boyle will speak about the LA-based organization he founded in 1988 that supports over 10,000 former gang members with job training and placement, education, therapy, tattoo removal, substance abuse treatment and legal assistance. Boyle has received the 2016 Humanitarian of the Year award, the Civic Medal of Honor, and California Peace Prize. At 1pm there is a screening of short film "Out of the Fire," at 1:30 Boyle and some of those he has assisted will speak, followed by audience Q&A and a 2:30pm book signing of Boyle's book "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion." Free (campus parking is $8 per vehicle.)

•4pm: Challenges & Triumphs of Black People in American History w/ Noted Storyteller Michael McCarty at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. Michael McCarty is a multicultural storyteller of African, African-American, and international folk tales, historical tales, stories of science and more. This free event for the whole family is part of a series of programs sponsored by the Friends of the Fullerton Public Library with a grant from the Disney VoluntEARS Community Fund. Call the Children's Room for more information at 714-738-6338. Free. See page 9 for more.

Black History Month Events at CSUF

800 N. State College Blvd, Fullerton

Feb. 15, 1pm-4pm

FILM DIALOGUE: "BIRTH OF A NATION" at African American Resource Center, Humanities-Social Sciences Building, Room 222.

Feb. 17, 6pm-10pm

"THRONES OF BLACK KINGS," semiformal dinner and awards event created to recognize men of color on campus. Keynote speaker: Tami Foy, interim director of research and development at CSUF. The program will be held in the Titan Student Union's Portola Pavilion. RSVPs requested. For more information, email sistertalk12@gmail.com

Feb. 23, 11:30am-2:30pm

PAN AFRIKAN FAIR, in Becker Amphitheater.

Feb. 25, 8:30am-5:30pm

2017 SOCIAL JUSTICE SUMMIT, "Listen Understand Advocate," with keynoter Tyler Parry, assistant professor of African American studies. The event in the Titan Student Union's Portola Pavilion. *See article page 13 this issue.*

On-campus parking is $8 per vehicle for the day/evening or $2 per hour in "Park and Pay"

TUES, FEB 14 continued

•6:30pm: Parks & Recreation Commission meets at City Hall Council Chambers, 303 W Commonwealth, Fullerton.

WED, FEB 15

•8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market at Independence Park next to the DMV on Valencia between Euclid and Highland in Fullerton. Fresh produce including fruit, vegetables, eggs, flowers, plants, baked goods, nuts, and more straight from the farmer. Easy parking every Wed. rain or shine.

•10am: Basic Computer & Internet Tutor Session Tutor Study Room, Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth. To register call Kyle Samudio at 714-738-6326. Free

•6:30pm: Community Development Citizens Committee meets in City Hall Council Chambers, 303 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton

•6:30pm: City Council Budget Workshop at council chambers, Fullerton City Hall, 303 W Commonwealth.

THURS, FEB 16

•1pm-3pm: Thursday Matinee: Selma (2014, PG-13) Osborne Auditorium, Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free

•7:30pm: Charlie Chaplin Short Comedies The Floorwalker, The Immigrant, & Behind the Screen at the Muckenthaler, 1201 W. Malvern. $25/general; $16/students & seniors

SAT, FEB 18

•10am: Brea Celebrates 100 Years with a Centennial Parade on Birch Street which includes the USC Trojan Marching Band. The parade is followed by a Centennial Picnic at the Brea Sports Park with live entertainment, baseball, acrobats, a classic car show and activities for all ages. Bring chairs or picnic blankets. The event ends with the Brea Gallery Art Opening from 6pm-10pm at Brea Art Gallery at the Civic Center featuring an Illustrated History of Silent Cinema 1910-1929. For full info visit www. *cityofbrea.net/centennial*

•11am-1pm: Empty Bowls Meals on Wheels Fundraiser St. Paul Lutheran Church, 111 W. Las Palmas Dr., Fullerton. No reservations required.

•1pm-4:30pm: Ragtime Piano at FCLO Music Theatre, 218 W. Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton. Free

TUES, FEB 21

•6:30pm: City Council Meeting at the Fullerton City Hall, 303 W Commonwealth. Short Term Rentals & Red Oak expected to be on agenda

WED, FEB 22

•8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market See at Independence Park. ed, Feb 15 listing for details.

FRI, FEB 24

•7pm-9pm: Make Beeswax Candles & Holders at the Fullerton Museum Center workshop. $20 covers all materials. Corner of E. Wilshire and Pomona in downtown Fullerton. Call 714-738-6589 for more info.

MON, FEB 27

•7pm: Jumping the Broom: A History of African American Marriage presented by CSUF Assistant Professor of African American Studies, Dr. Tyler D. Parry at the Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free Town & Gown lecture. 714-738-6326

WED, FEB 29

•8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market See at Independence Park. ed, Feb 15 listing for details.

THURS, MARCH 1

•6pm: Residential Beekeeping Regulations is the topic of a city community meeting at the Fullerton Community Center, Room 1, 340 W. Commonwealth. Come hear information from the city Community Development Department and give your input regarding the development of new regulations for residential beekeeping within the city.. Also see article on page 3 this issue.

SAT, MARCH 4

•7am-10am: Boy Scout Troop 97 Pancake Breakfast features scouts cooking and serving all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausages, eggs, coffee, OJ and milk for $6 at the door. Morningside Presbyterian at the corner of Raymond and Dorothy Lane. This a fundraiser for the troop's special activities including camping and other fun adventures. For more information email Elaine Moline at molines@sbcglobal.net or visit the troop website at www.troop97ocbsa.org

TUES, MARCH 7

•6:30pm: City Council Meeting Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave.

WED, MARCH 8

•8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market See at Independence Park. ed, Feb 15 listing for details.

THURS, MARCH 9

•7:30pm: Jouyssance Perform at the Muckenthaler, 1201 W. Malvern, Fullerton. Choral music from the first half of the 16th century of Josquin, Tallis, Morales, Taverner, Isaac and others. $16/students/sebuirs; $25/non-members. 714-738-6595 or www.TheMuck.org

FRI, SAT, SUN, MARCH 10-12

•12pm-4pm: Friends of Library 3-Day Book Sale at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth.

SUN, MARCH 12

•12pm-4pm: Babychella Family Art & Music Festival at William Mason Regional Park, 18712 University Drive, Irvine. A free, family-friendly event with story-time, sing-along entertainment, art activities, mommy, daddy & me yoga, themed photo and vendor booths, and educational speakers. $200 gift card for best bohemian garb. Bring blankets & lawn chairs. Food trucks on site to purchase lunch and treats. Activities planned are perfect for 5 and under, but enjoyable for all ages. Free

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Robert Ehreke Spenger

1924-2017

Born in Berkeley, California, Robert Ehreke Spenger moved with his family to Marin County when he was six, where his father had a shrimp fishery and processing plant. Bob helped pick shrimp, and enjoyed meals with the crew. He went to grammar school inside San Quentin prison with children of guards in a one-room schoolhouse under the tutelage of the wife of famed warden Clinton Duffy.

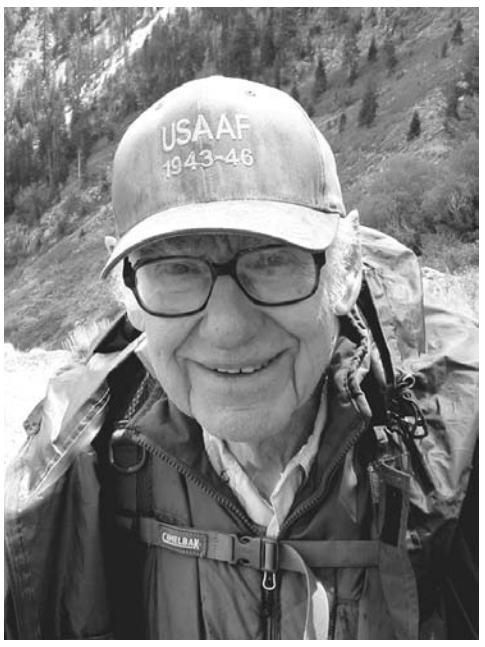
His father later ran a restaurant on the decommissioned ferry Encinal moored in a marsh near Benicia, now a state park. As a boy, Bob was responsible for renting out rowboats to customers.

In high school, he excelled in academia and photography, and created impromptu chemistry experiments on the railing of his parents' boat. He played beautifully on the piano and had a remarkable tenor voice. He entered the University of California, Berkeley in 1942 and went into the Service after a semester, repairing airplanes in the World War II Army Air Force base at Brownsville, Texas.

He returned to the University in 1946 on the GI Bill, graduating with a degree in chemistry. He was a Phi Beta Kappa scholar and a four-year letterman in Varsity crew. If he had not dropped out of school in 1948, he could have been an Olympic gold medalist with the Berkeley crew. After graduating, he worked for Shell Chemicals, then at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, going to the Bikini Islands during nuclear weapons testing.

He earned his Ph.D. degree in organic chemistry at UCLA in 1961, then went for a post-Doctorate at the University of California, Riverside Agricultural Experiment Station. He preferred to teach, so he joined the faculty of California State University Fullerton in 1964, where he taught organic chemistry for 35 years. He would take off for work on his bicycle with a climbing rope slung over one shoulder, as he also taught rock-climbing and advised the student mountaineering club.

After retiring, he took solo bike tours of the western states and hiked the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. At age 78, he hiked 1,000 miles in 70 days, the first of many Camino trips. He tutored chemistry



students until moving to Big Pine in 2003. There he enjoyed photographing and hiking in the mountains.

After 40 years away from rowing, he joined the Long Beach Rowing Association where he rowed both on the water, and on land in stationary rowing machines (Concept 2 ergometers), landing 38 world records from 1994 to 2015. At the age of 90, he smashed world records in the 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000 meter competitions, and set records in the time trials, in Long Beach and Boston in both heavyweight and lightweight, or fat Bob and skinny Bob, as he said.

On his last hike, to Robinson Lake, he descended the rain-soaked trail with thunder and lightning crashing on the ridges, where he said he felt like John Muir in the tree top, exulting in the wild storm.

Bob was a phenomenal intellectual, an amazing brain, who was also a world-class athlete, and a super caring person. He will be tremendously missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul E. and Hermina Spenger, brother J. Paul Spenger, and sister Norma Oksanen. Surviving family members include his wife of 57 years, Constance Spenger, Big Pine; his daughter Diana Koenig, of Van Buren, Missouri; niece Kay Whipp of San Pablo, California; and grand-niece Tracy Magee of El Cerrito, California.

A memorial service will be held in the spring on a date to be determined.

James Earl Mayfield

June 4, 1978 – January 30, 2017

A tribute by Leigh White

There are rare times when you meet a genuinely loving soul who affects you like nothing else. "Big James" was one of those souls. James Earl Mayfield was born in Fullerton in 1978. Big James passed away in Anaheim on January 30, 2017. He is survived by his three sisters, Lakechia Mayfield, Shana Kharineh, and Msessie Hollis-ezeh as well as 6 nephews and 1 niece who he loved very much.

He was extremely well loved and the term "gentle giant" was frequently used to describe him. He was larger than life at 6'6" with a shoe size of 18 triple E.

When I first met him, I was intimidated because he was such a mountain of a man. But as soon as he started talking with me, and flashed that smile, I knew he was gentle and so sweet. When he hugged you, you knew you were loved and safe. You felt his voice deep in your heart. No matter if it was city residents, city officials, Fullerton PD, the homeless community, or his friends, everyone knew James and he resonated fondly with many. That's a true gift.

James graduated from Woodbridge High School in Irvine, and studied journalism at Saddleback College and Fullerton Junior College.

James was fearless and never let anything hold him back. An advocate for the homeless and homeless/mentally ill and a consistent activist at the protests for Kelly Thomas, James showed us that tenderness is strength, that kindness is powerful, that humanity can be better than we ever imagined, and most of all, that love and compassion are real.

Personally, he protected me and helped me help the homeless at the Fullerton Transportation Center for the last three years. Sometimes that is dangerous work. But James always reassured me that everything was going to be okay and I believed him. For his job, he worked security. James was a born protector.

Traveling was a favorite thing of his and last year he went to Atlanta, Georgia and visited the Martin Luther King memorial. His last trip was to Seattle where he made a cell phone video of himself at the original Starbucks and the Space Needle.

A portion of the painting of James by Wendy Leigh Biogiorno

He loved his Los Angeles Lakers, flirting with the ladies, hanging out with friends, and Fullerton.

I got to spend Christmas 2016 with Big James and Ron Thomas. It was an extraordinary day and James had a great time. Seeing him interact with Ron's little dachshund dogs was off the charts adorable. I consider Big James as part of my family.

Recently and poignantly, James was the subject of a painted portrait by renowned Fullerton artist Wendy Leigh Biogiorno. Not only is the painting a true resemblance of his face and body but also his warm spirit and heartfelt nature.

To honor James, take that trip or vacation you've always wanted but never did. Help someone locally who is less fortunate. Stand up for the weak. And give out lots of hugs because he certainly did. Rest in peace Big James. You are free from the prison of your earthly body. You made the world better for having been here — a unique legacy to which we all strive.

Congratulations to Pathways of Hope Supporters for Raising $49,136 in the Look Who's Dancing Event

Pathways of Hope raised $49,136 with this year's annual "Look Who's Dancing!" event. The money will go to Pathway's mission to end hunger and homelessness in our community. An amazing 92¢ of each dollar raised goes directly to the programs.

The organization also offers a regular Open House event on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6pm to 8pm. You can schedule a visit for just yourself or a group tour for your institution, business, friends or family to see the work being done at one of the Pathways facilities including New Vista in Fullerton. Email Mychael Blinde at mychael.blinde@pathwaysofhope.us to RSVP for a tour.

Visit www.pathwaysofhope.us for information on what the non-profit does and how you can help.

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Beulah Strickler

A Long and Fruitful Life in Music

Beulah Strickler, founder and long-time Artistic Director of Fullerton Friends of Music, passed away on Friday, February 3rd, at the age of 98. She was a distinguished musician and teacher of piano and harpsichord who made it her mission to make chamber music accessible to as many people as possible. She founded and performed with the Liberty Consort, which specialized in historical American music and made its debut in 1976, and the Renaissance Players, an early music group which gave concerts at such venues as the Getty Museum and the Huntington Library. Both ensembles also performed for thousands of elementary and high school students in Orange County.

Her most enduring legacy, however, is Fullerton Friends of Music, the oldest chamber music society in Southern California. She founded the group in 1959, and remained its Artistic Director until 2002, when she passed the reins to her carefully chosen successor, Valerie Bernstein.

She moved to Fullerton from Burbank in 1954 and spent the next few years, raising her family and teaching piano. At the time, Fullerton was a relatively small town with very little to offer in the way of classical music. Starting in 1958, she began inviting friend to her house for informal chamber music concerts, performed by local musicians. Soon, the house was bursting with music lovers at these gatherings and there was a demand to go public. The Fullerton Friends of Music was established and found its first home in the old Fullerton Public Library, located on Pomona Avenue. As the audience grew, the concerts moved to larger venues and finally settled at Sunny Hills High School where the concert series performs today.

Through the years it was often suggested that the organization charge admission for their concerts. Beulah insisted that the concerts remain free to the public and they have remained so to this day. Fullerton Friends of Music funds their concerts solely through donations.

For many years, Beulah performed piano and harpsichord in most of the concerts and employed professional musicians based in Southern California. As the organization grew in the seventies and eighties she expanded to feature chamber music groups from across the country, many with national reputations.

Beulah Friedman was born in New Hampshire and spent her childhood in Brooklyn, New York. Showing a talent for piano at an early age, she took lessons at the Manhattan School of Music and continued studying there through college. She graduated from Hunter College with a BA in music, received a master's degree in music from New York University and a teacher's credential from Columbia Teacher's college. She briefly taught high school in New York before taking a year off to live and work in Los Angeles. As she put it, "I had always lived at home with my parents and so I wanted to spread my wings". While there, she met her husband, Allen Strickler, a scientist working at Cal Tech. They moved back to New York together and married in 1946. Two years later, Allen was offered a job at Beckman Instruments and they returned to Southern California where they remained the rest of their lives.

Beulah received many honors and awards over the years, including the YWCA's Silver Medallion in the Creative Arts category, two community service awards from the Music Teachers Association of California, and commendations from the Orange County Centennial Committee and the Fullerton City Council. There is even a street in Fullerton, Strickler Drive, named for her. In 1999, she was named a Sterling Patron by the international professional music fraternity Mu Phi Epsilon, joining such luminaries as Dave Brubeck and Carl St. Clair. Most recently, in 2013, she was presented at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts with the 2013 Helena Modjeska Cultural Legacy Award. At the awards ceremony, Mrs. Strickler said, "I just did what I loved and the rest followed."

After retiring as artistic director of the Fullerton Friends of Music, she continued to serve on the board, attend concerts and enjoy time with family and friends. Her health declined in recent years and in 2015, she moved to New Jersey to be near her oldest son. Her husband, Allen, passed away in 2013. Beulah is survived by three sons, Daniel, Robert and Michael, her daughter-in-laws, Alisa, Linda and Chung and her granddaughter, Emma.

The February 19th concert of the Fullerton Friends of Music will be dedicated in Beulah Strickler's honor with a reception to follow. The family will be in attendance.

The funeral service will be held the following day at 10am, Monday, February 20th at Pacific View Memorial Park, 3500 Pacific View Drive, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Fullerton Friends of Music, c/o Claude Coppel, Treasurer, 1118 Stanford Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92831.

Above: Adjutant Ed Paul presents Commander's Club plaques to: Jeff & Marilyn Harris, and Karla & Richard Green.
Below: Adjutant Ed Paul and Commander Harris present Commander's Club plaques to Miles Kaspar Jr. and Jeanne & Gary Poggensee.
PHOTOS BY MIKE BOX, AMERICAN LEGION POST 142 HISTORIAN

Fullerton American Legion Post Recognizes Commander's Club

At its February meeting, the Fullerton American Legion Post 142 presented a summary of last year's activities that are made possible through the generous donations of the Fullerton Post's Commander's Club.

The individuals and their companies provide support for the Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony, Boys and Girls State Delegates, Youth Environmental Leadership Conference (YELC) and JROTC and Academic Scholarships to students at Fullerton, Sunny Hills and Troy High Schools.

New members were recognized- Gary and Jeanne Poggensee, Miles Kaspar, Jr., Richard and Karla Green, and Jeff and Marilyn Harris. Other members are Sharon Adams-Loma Vista Memorial Park, Jim Blake, Allan Bridgford - Bridgford Foods, William J. McGarvey, Jr., Mark McGee - MG Disposal/Republic Services, Bill McAulay - McAuley & Wallace Mortuary, Cheryl Wagner-Able Wagner, Inc., Don & Carol Bankhead, Marty Burbank, Buck & Bobbie Catlin, Hal & Marcia Dixon, Bill & Carolyn Gillespie, Robert & Karen Jacobs, Arty & Carole King, Ed & Pansy Paul, Neil Reich, Richard & Brenda Wakefield, Fullerton Emblem Club #469 and Credit Union of Southern California (CUSoCal).

Post members thanked the Commander's Club members in appreciation of the generous donations that provide the necessary funds for the community programs.

Fullerton is a unique American Legion Post in that it has been a "virtual" Post for 40 years, having sold the Post building in the mid-1970's. Since then, the monthly meetings have been held at Fullerton restaurants-the last 25 years at the Sizzler on Harbor Blvd.

With no bar or restaurant to raise funds, the Commander's Club is vital in helping the Post sponsor the programs that enhance the Fullerton community. Not having to maintain a building has allowed the Post to devote its efforts to the many community programs, making it one of the most active Post's in the State.

WAR COSTS in Life & Money

California leads the nation with 3,972 soldiers wounded and 737 dead in wars since 2001.

IN IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN

• 170,614	**Civilians killed by Violence** www.iraqbodycount.org (2/11/2017)
• 4,512	**US Soldiers killed in Iraq:** (DoD 12/1/2016)
• 2,392	**US Soldiers killed in Afghanistan** (12/16/2016) www.icasualties.org
• 32,223	**US Soldiers wounded** (DOD reports) www.icasualties.org
• 17,674	**Iraq** 3/2003 to present (no updates since 11/2011)
	Afghanistan 10/2001 to present (no updates since 9/2012)
• $1.742 Trillion	**Cost of Wars Since 2001** www.costofwar.com (2/11/2017) (rounded down) (Iraq $820 billion) (Afghanistan $762.8 billion) Cost of Military Action Against ISIL $13.6 billion Pentagon Slush Fund $140.9 billion www.nationalpriorities.org

EVERY HOUR US taxpayers are paying $8.36 million for costs of war since 2001. What Could We Be Doing With this Money Instead?

OBSERVERS AROUND THE WORLD

Snowed in at Big Bear

Kervin and Patty Segovia Krause and son Ashby were snowed in at Big Bear at the end of January. It was Ashby's first time in the snow. The family took their first chair lift ride with son Ashby. It was the biggest storm in ten years. All other businesses were closed.

Jim and Dorothy at Yellowstone National Park

Jim and Dorothy Mackintosh holding the Fullerton Observer in front of a snow coach in Yellowstone Park on February 2 where they traveled to a Winter Retreat with family and friends. "It was a winter wonderland for sure," said Jim.

United We Dream

The #HereToStay Network is a group of people ready to fight for immigrants at risk of deportation. Many immigrants will be complying with orders from government agencies and doing routine check-ins at ICE Detention Centers. We need people to be there with them during these check-ins, to stand with them and protect them, and to ensure they return safely to their communities

and are not deported and separated from their families.

Guadalupe, a mother of two in Phoenix, Arizona (who came here when she was 14-years-old) was detained at a routine check-in and deported in front of her children. We can't let this happen.

Please Take Action *https:actionnetwork.org/forms/immigrants-are-heretostay*

The Air Travel Corner

by Ravi Perera

I am writing this edition of The Air Travel Corner from half way around the world, seated in an ocean-facing hotel room at the world famous Mount Lavinia Hotel in Sri Lanka, one of the most beautiful hotels in the world. A former British Governor's mansion, the hotel sits at the edge of the Indian Ocean, with a beautiful view of Colombo City which is approximately twelve miles away. I am leading a four-person tour group of Americans who are in for the time of their lives.

Qatar Airways brought us here on a 14-hour journey from Los Angeles to Doha, Qatar. It was a three-hour transit in Doha, Qatar, and another five hours to Colombo. If I had to choose an airline to travel on, I would only pick from a couple of airlines, and Qatar would be my first choice to fly the polar route, over Moscow into the Middle East. The scheduled 15-hour flight became a 14-hour journey.

Travel Ban

The big news here is that the three major carriers to the US - Qatar Airlines, Emirates, and Etihad, with approximately 15 flights a day in-and-out of the US have had to change their cabin crew and pilot rosters after the ban by the Trump administration. These three airlines employ flight personnel from over 50 countries, which also consist of nationals from the banned countries. These crew members who have been flying in-and-out of the US were banned from performing their duties on flights into the US. Speaking with Qatar Airways cabin crew, none of them seemed to care about the ban, and even remarked that there were other countries they could still enjoy!

(ED: Since this column was written US Federal Court ruling has revoked the ban for now - though Trump has indicated he may just write a new executive order to replace the blocked one.)

How Many Guns Did the TSA Seize Last Year?

Ever wondered how many passengers would be detected trying to board a flight with a gun in the US? The TSA states that they detected 3,391 guns, out of which approximately 2,814 were loaded. While this is a 30% increase from 2015, it is unknown how many weapons still go through security screening undetected. The airports with the three highest detections are Atlanta, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Houston.

Basic Economy Class on American Airlines

American Airlines introduced their new Basic Economy fare, which will be available from select markets and later expand to others. The Basic Economy fare will still enable passengers to carry on a personal item, but not bring a regular carry-on bag that will be placed in the overhead bin. In addition, seats will be assigned at check-in, and your boarding group will be the very last. You do have the option of checking in your first bag for $25, and a second for $35. Your mileage accumulation will be 50% less, while you will not be able to upgrade or be placed on same day standby or change flights.

What's Hot

So, where are the hot international flight deals in February? Low priced flights are now available going into late Fall 2017. Several flights to Ireland, London, and a few other cities in Europe are available for under $400 from Los Angeles. The good deals to Iceland still continue for as cheap as $299 from the West Coast. Keep in mind that the low fares come from low cost carriers that charge extra for luggage, seats, and meals. British Airways continues to fight the low cost carriers by coming out with some really good low cost fares to Europe. The plus here is that while low cost carriers charge an exorbitant rate for checked in baggage, BA lets you carry that bag free.

If you are interested in receiving information on mistake fares and low fares, and are on Facebook, send me your information to mail@serndipitytravel.com and I will send you an invitation to my members only travel group. I am not a travel agent and I do not sell anything. All I do is provide you the information where to find the fare.

Ravi Perera is a Fullerton resident and former airline employee. He has flown over 2 million miles on 27 different airlines to 46 countries, and traveled around the world four times.

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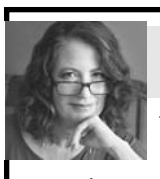

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a day we are encouraged to show our love! But, it is a holiday that has been mass marketed to such a degree that we sometimes feel that we have no choice but to spend boatloads of money to show our loved one they are special to us. And, if we do not have a significant other, then we may feel left out.

If this is the only day of the year that you get love or affection flowing your way, then there are more important issues to work on. It is time to work on your relationship to improve communication and being clear as to what your needs are. If your Valentine is not willing to make some compromises to help you create some happiness in your life, you don't need a dinner reservation; you need to see a therapist!

It is important to celebrate your love every day, not just February 14th. Instead, celebrate the occasions that have meaning for you. Celebrate your love every day, that is what will keep it vibrant and growing. Celebrate your partnership. Instead of gifts consider giving a back rub; bringing home a flower just because it is a Monday. And don't forget to say I love you every day!

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SOCO Ping Pong Tournament funds Fullerton Collaborative February 25

Story by Jere Greene

Local downtown businesses Roscoe's, Hero's and Joe's are joining together to hold the SOCO 3rd Annual Ping Pong Tournament on Saturday February 25th and have chosen the Fullerton Collaborative and their SOLFUL Summer Program for at-risk youth in the Fullerton Elementary School District as the non-profit beneficiary of this community outreach fundraiser.

The Collaborative is a collection of organizations working to provide solutions to Fullerton's problems. The SOLFUL program is a collection of churches and neighborhood residents working to change the lives of at-risk youth by providing various educational and sports activities run by volunteers and supporting leaders over the summer months.

Registration for the tournament begins at 11am at Joe's 124 West Commonwealth. Sign up to play for $25. Competition begins at noon and terminates with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes being awarded along with a raffle and various giveaways.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in February and Receive 10 Free Trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the Foundation in February 2017 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees or 10 free redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"These trees will help beautify your home for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of your state's existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for the past 40 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, visit arborday.org/february or send a $10 contribution by February 28, 2017 to:

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Ten Free Eastern Redbud Trees
Arbor Day Foundation,
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Nebraska City, NE 68410

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ANSWER KEY

At left is the answer key to the crossword "Happy Valentine's Day" 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!

BEWARE RED FIRE ANTS

by Penny Hlavac

Recently I found a weird mound of dirt in my backyard similar to a gopher mound but when I poked it a lot of angry imported red fire ants came out and stung me. I called Orange County Vector Control at (714) 971-2421 (www.ocvcd.org). A pleasant young man came to my house and spread granules of an "insect metabolic inhibitor" around the area which should cause them to starve. There was no charge for this service.

He also left a rather scary brochure about them. Apparently their sting, which I found only briefly unpleasant, can cause long-lasting painful itchy welts in half of people who are stung. In two out of one hundred people, the sting can cause a potentially life-threatening reaction similar to that caused in people allergic to bee stings. These ants can also kill wildlife and pets.

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Thank You!

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•**Head Coach FUHS Varsity Girls Tennis** $3,279 stipend per season. (walk-on). Closes Feb. 3

•**Head Coach BPHS Varsity Cheer** $3,984 stipend. (walk-on) Closes Feb 8

•**Teacher Mathematics (grades 9-12) 60% Assignment Temporary** 60% of $55,585-$81,501/annually. Closes Jan 30

•**Teacher-Substitute (grades 9-12)** $102-$120/day. On call as needed. Certificated. Closes March 15.

FULLERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB OPENINGS

•**Instructional Assistant/Technology** $19.74-$25.29/hour. On-Call substitutes and regular positions. Interested candidates must apply by March 2, 2017. Apply by going on www.edjoin.org and searching for "Fullerton Elementary".Fullerton School District, 1404 W. Valencia Dr., Fullerton CA 92833. 714-447-7457

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Visit *www.cityoffullerton.com* and click on the "How Do I" tab and then "City Employment." Apply online by clicking on the "Apply" link or visit Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave.

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•**City Manager** Full Time works under general policy direction provides overall leadership as the city's CEO and administrative head of the government; plans, organizes, administers and supervises city activities, operations. assists council as required. Compensation to be negotiated.

•**Building Inspector I/II.** Full Time $5,511-$6,156/monthly. First review of applications is Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017

•**Senior Librarian.** Full Time. $5,573-$6,775/monthly. Apply early. First review of applications Feb. 17, 2017

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•**Community Services Leader** $10.50-$11/hr. Non-benefited.

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Climate Change: No One is Exempt

by Sarah Mosko

Luckier Americans are insulated from many everyday worries, like struggling to pay the rent or mortgage on time. Some even enjoy life in gated communities, fine dining and first-class travel. But, just as money is no guarantee of happiness, neither is it assurance of protection against all of the frightening impacts of unchecked global warming.

2016 was the third straight year that the Earth's temperature was the hottest on record. Contrary to what one might hear in politicized discourse, climate scientists are nearly unanimous in concluding climate change is happening and is the result of burning fossil fuels for energy.

The United Nations and scientific organizations worldwide warn that effects of climate change are already being felt and that the Earth is more than half the way to a temperature increase of 2 degrees Celsius, beyond which runaway global warming will produce irreversible, catastrophic effects. Even worse, if global greenhouse gas emissions remain on their current trajectory, children living today can expect to experience the fallouts of a temperature increase topping 4 degrees Celsius by end of this century.

Despite such dire predictions, Americans, rich and poor, overwhelmingly believe climate change is not a threat to them personally. In a nationwide, county-by-county poll conducted in 2015, in not a single county did the majority of respondents believe climate change will affect them personally, though majorities in 99% of counties felt future generations would be.

The difficulty Americans have in understanding their own vulnerability to climate change stems in part from failing to see beyond the direct effects of climate change – heatwaves, droughts, storms and floods – to appreciate all the indirect effects on health and safety from air pollution, spread of infectious diseases, food and water shortages, population migrations and conflicts.

While it's true that access to air conditioning and home heating can mitigate some direct effects of weather extremes, the indirect effects of climate change ultimately place everyone at risk.

Air Pollution

Along with heat-trapping CO2, burning fossil fuels pumps other pollutants into the air (sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter) that cause heart disease and respiratory illnesses like asthma, bronchitis and lung cancer. Burning coal also releases mercury, a neurotoxin harming infants and children.

In 2013, air pollution caused an estimated 5.5 million premature deaths worldwide. Because there is no atmospheric barrier between rich and less affluent communities, air quality in Beverly Hills can be as poor as in neighboring central Los Angeles.

Spread of Infectious Diseases

The net effect of a warming planet will be to foster the spread of infectious diseases, though for a given disease there will be regional variations.

Altered ecosystems will encourage the breeding of vectors like mosquitoes responsible for outbreaks of vector-borne diseases (e.g., Zika, dengue, chikungunya). The incidence of both food-borne (E. coli, Campylobacter, Salmonella) and water-borne-infections (cholera. Giardia) should increase because warmer temperatures promote growth of bacteria and microscopic parasites.

Outbreaks of influenza will increase as people spend more time in close proximity indoors to avoid the weather. Exposure to zoonotic diseases carried by wild and domesticated animals (leptospirosis) might also increase from animal migrations or crowded living conditions.

Moreover, in an increasingly interconnected world, there is risk of spread of newly emergent diseases for which there is yet no cure. The recent scares over the Ebola and Zika viruses are sobering reminders.

In 2014, the U.S. Defense Department formally recognized that climate change exacerbates destabilization of foreign governments and terrorism, thus threatening the security of the United States.

Food & Water Insecurity, Population Migrations & Conflicts

By mid-century, world population is expected to approach 10 billion. There are several ways climate change will make meeting the resulting increased demand for food and water harder, as outlined in The Lancet Countdown, an international collaboration that tracks the health impacts of climate change.

Harvest yields are compromised by not only freezes, floods and droughts, but also by simple heat. For example, a recent study of effects of global warming on staple U.S. crops found that yields of maize, soybeans and wheat all suffer for every day temperatures exceed 30°C (86°F). Scarcity and price hikes of staples could become commonplace, even here in the United States, though lower-income countries more reliant on rain-fed agriculture would be hardest hit.

Much has been written about the role of food and water insecurity as sparking human migrations, civil unrest, international conflicts and spread of terrorism in the 21st century. Syria is a prime example of how climate change intensified the worst drought in the nation's history (2007-2010). The consequent food and water shortages fostered eruption of the ongoing civil war and spread of radical groups like ISIS and Al Qaeda.

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Take Action

Even if we remain unconvinced that climate change could negatively impact our own health and safety, it is incumbent upon us to leave future generations a livable world. All that's required is the political will in Congress to put a price on carbon emissions to move the economy from one based on burning fossil fuels to one based on clean, renewable energy sources.

Call or write your congressmembers to say you expect them to address climate change, aggressively and now.

Visit BoogieGreen.com for more from Sarah Mosko, Ph.D. on environmental issues and sustainability