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## Mayor Stalls Clean & Green Resolution

by Jesse La Tour

At the July 18th City Council meeting, mayor Bruce Whitaker stalled a proposed "Clean and Green" resolution for Fullerton which sought to reaffirm the city's "goals, policies and vision for sustainability and environmental stewardship to combat the effects of climate change." Because council members Fitzgerald and Sebourn were absent and Whitaker would not lend his support, council did not have the required three votes to approve the resolution.

**"As a young person who will have to deal with the effects of climate change... I would like to voice my support..."**

Local resident Ahmad Zahra, who introduced the original resolution, said that the reason he submitted it is because "We are seeing the dire effects of pollution and climate change in our daily lives and are beginning to understand its potential harmful impact on our economy." With the resolution, Zahra said, he was hoping "that our residents can rest assured that our water, air, and environment are safe for all of us to enjoy and that families, children, and their children are protected."

Twenty members of the public, including a couple of city commissioners, spoke in support of the resolution. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jose Trinidad Castaneda III said, "I'm here to ask you tonight to make climate solutions part of our city's future." He recommended some specific solutions such as letting residents decide if they want to power their homes with solar and wind



energy, implementing recycling market development zones, so local businesses can reap the benefits of a sustainable economy, and creating a sustainable business certification program. **continued on page 10**

**RESOLUTION GETS 2ND CHANCE AUG 1:**  
*The Clean & Green resolution will get a second chance in a vote before the full council at 6:30pm, Tuesday August 1st at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth.*

## Why is Ward Nature Preserve Closed?

by Angela Lindstrom Friends of Coyote Hills

The City of Fullerton acquired the 72-acre Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve in 1983. It was closed to the public from day one. The city did not intend to open the park until after the development of West Coyote Hills.

Deals were made with Chevron-Pacific Coast Homes to allow it to use the city's property for required gnatcatcher and habitat mitigation as a result of developing West Coyote Hills. In exchange, Chevron would pay for the cost of trail improvements and other amenities at the preserve.

In 2007, about half of the preserve was opened for public access due to a sort of fluke. Bike, equestrian and pedestrian use of the adjacent Nora Kuttner Trail had increased to the point of being hazardous. The city added a couple of entrances to the south fence of the preserve, and cleared a path that paralleled the Nora Kuttner Trail to divert equestrian and pedestrian traffic.

The other half of the preserve (*hash-*

*marked portion of the figure at right*) remained fenced off along with Chevron property and closed to the public. It's been so long, even city council and commission members were not aware when asked.

Open Coyote Hills is a group that supports the development of West Coyote Hills as a tradeoff for Chevron-PCH opening the Ward Preserve. It is not to be confused with the Friends of Coyote Hills which supports saving all 510-acres of West Coyote Hills for a park and preserve independent of the oil company's strings-attached financial support.

Regardless of the different viewpoints on Coyote Hills, why should Ward Preserve, the city's - our property - remain closed if there is public funding available to open it with no strings attached?

At the February 21, 2017 Fullerton City Council meeting, even a representative of Open Coyote Hills stated that



opening Ward Preserve is a separate issue from the Chevron agreement.

The Friends of Coyote Hills support Assembly Bill 510 and Senate Bills 714 authored by Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva and Senator Newman. These legislations promise to set aside \$250,000 along with park conservancy assistance to begin opening Ward Preserve as early 2018.

This is a historic positive step forward for parks for our community, no matter how you feel about the development of West Coyote Hills. Let's hope we can all finally stand on the same side of the fence to open Ward Preserve.

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## Grand Inn Hearing Last Days

by Sinh Dang

*The final leg of the City of Fullerton's public nuisance hearing against the Grand Inn took place on July 20 and 26th and is summarized below.*

**July 20:** City Attorney Palmer attempted to discredit the resume and testimony of Dr. Barry Brooks, the expert witness in police policy testifying for the Grand Inn.

Mr. Palmer pointed out that though Dr. Brooks had claimed he was honorably discharged from the LAPD after 25 years of service, he was only there for 19 years according to public information on the "Transparent California" website. He also stated that during that time Brooks was suspended many times, finally terminated due

to misconduct, and had filed an unsuccessful lawsuit to overturn that decision.

However, according to Dr. Brooks, he and 14 other former officers later won a \$6 million settlement in a federal court case alleging retaliation by LAPD. Part of that settlement reinstated the years between 19 and 25 and added the honorable discharge. He showed his badge and offered to send the city a copy of his plaque.

Attorney Palmer said Dr. Brooks' observation that calls for service were 86% police-initiated, did not hold up as a valid criticism noting it is unlikely that a guy with drugs in his car would call police to report on himself. **continued on page 5**

## Public Safety Firework Calls

The Fullerton Police Department responded to 585 fireworks-related calls in June and July overall: 228 in June and 357 from July 1 through July 5th.

This is an increase from the 182 calls from July 1st through 5th in 2012, the last year before residents voted to approve legal fireworks in Fullerton.

According to Sgt. Jon Radus the police department added three two-officer patrol units specifically assigned to handle fireworks-related calls on the 4th of July.

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## Post-Paris Climate Accord: What's Next?

by Sarah Mosko

Though President Trump has withdrawn the U.S. from the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, this is no time for the 70 percent of Americans who believe climate change is happening to recoil in defeat. Rather, we should feel empowered that a 2016 post-election poll of registered voters found that majorities of Democrats (86%), Independents (61%) and Republicans (51%) alike wanted the United States to participate in the accord and that two out of three voters said the U.S. should reduce its greenhouse gas emissions regardless of what other countries do.

Thus, it is exactly the time to speak out against the misguided actions of the White House by taking decisive steps well within our reach as individual citizens and communities. After all, the Paris Agreement is only a broad-stroke commitment from participating countries to collectively limit global warming to 1.5 to 2.0 degrees Celsius (°C) compared to preindustrial levels. It has always been true that only Congress and legislative bodies at the state and local level, not the President, can enact laws that can move us from a fossil fuel to a sustainable energy economy.

Here's what's happening at various jurisdictions around the nation already.

Efforts are underway to pass state-level carbon pricing mechanisms, with the ultimate goal to pressure Congress to act nationally on climate change. The state of New York enacted a carbon price on fuels in 2015, and various bills taxing carbon are in play in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and Washington.

Oregon has already set a cap on carbon emissions, and in California, three bills are being considered that would strengthen its cap-and-trade system which, if not renewed, will expire in 2020. California has also passed the first state-level resolution entreating Congress to enact a national carbon tax (the proceeds would go to low- and middle-income residents to offset resulting price rises in consumer products).

Local jurisdictions around the nation are also feeling how critical it is to send a strong message to their representatives on the Hill. Eleven cities have passed general resolutions calling on Congress to act on climate change, and resolutions passed in

### 12 CALIFORNIA CITIES WITH CLIMATE CHANGE RESOLUTIONS

Albany Modesto  
Berkeley Morrow Bay  
Del Mar Richmond  
El Cerrito San Francisco  
Encinitas San Luis Obispo  
Los Altos Santa Monica

35 other cities and counties, including 12 in California, more specifically petition for some form of a national carbon fee and dividend plan. An entity as small as a city council can send Congress the same message, as has been done in Grand Marais, MN.

The 2016 post-election poll of registered voters revealed that nearly eight out of ten supported placing a tax on and/or regulating global warming pollution. Given the depth of the political divide in America these days, that's an encouragingly high level of agreement. And, despite the apparent intransigence on Capitol Hill to tackling global warming, political change is actually afoot that is too infrequently reported in the press. The nascent Climate Solutions Caucus in the House – by design half Republicans and half Democrats committed to addressing climate change – has already grown to 48 members since its inception in February 2016. What's more, caucus members introduced a major legislative step forward in May, The Climate Solutions Commissions Act, which would establish a commission to scientifically evaluate different approaches to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Every American has it within their power to contribute to the growing momentum at community, state and national levels to address climate change head on. Having your voice heard can be as simple as phoning your elected representatives to state your concerns to greater involvement through participation in local organizations focused on climate change solutions. This is how change happens. This is democracy at its finest.

The City of Fullerton should do what 46 other local jurisdictions across the country have done: pass a resolution telling Congress to step up and lead the rest of the world in addressing the crisis of global climate change.

## Homeless Invasion

Ford Park has slowly become a haven for the homeless. Just this morning I saw a "new resident" a middle-aged black woman just laying down on the grass within 10-feet where children come to play. There have been four to five men

there full time. We can never sit in the shade because they occupy it at all times. Please Fullerton PD go out and do something. Please check their belongings for illegal things and ticket them for things like drinking in public, etc.

Anonymous  
- because of fear of retaliation

## Overnight Parking Ban

The overnight parking ban is one of the few reasons I still reside here. It is one of the few restrictions Fullerton has which sets it apart from other cities in Orange County. Anaheim, which encourages high density development, has streets packed with overnight parking. If Fullerton wishes to embrace this vision, it should annul the city charter and seek annexation with Anaheim. It would certainly get better roads, code enforcement, and infrastructure.

Fullerton should require commercial entities and landlords to supply adequate parking and to screen tenants so this does not become a problem. Just because

someone wishes to make a buck from renting does not mean they have the right to do so by trashing the neighborhood. We've all seen multiple cars parked on-street and on dead lawns to recognize a rental property.

A renter has responsibilities also. The rental agreement should clearly state how many vehicles are allowed to reside at this property and in which spaces. Other benefits include reducing conflicts between neighbors, greater driver/pedestrian visibility, and possible crime reduction.

With poor and crumbling city roads, unrestricted private parking on public streets just furthers a downward spiral.

Anonymous - because of ongoing issue with neighbor. Fullerton

## Coyote Hills

Coyote Hills open land is not just for Fullerton, Orange County, or the State of California. That land is for generations of children to come. With crazy Trump and his band wanting to destroy our National Parks, wanting to grab western lands for mining and drilling, we need every piece of open space we can save. Thank you to all who have a stake in saving one of the few pieces of open land for generations of our children's children.

Thom Pari Anaheim

## Scary Door to Door Petition Gatherers

A man banged loudly on our screen door on Monday afternoon. So loudly we assumed there was some danger in the neighborhood like a fire or something.

When I got to the door he asked in a very aggressive voice if we were registered voters. He said he was gathering signatures to oust Senator Josh Newman for voting on the Gas Tax which would hurt poor citizens.

I told him yes, we are registered voters but would not sign such a petition because we knew what it was about.

He weirdly said "Jesus Loves You," and left to the next house.

We are not impressed with this group of weird people though at least this group is not actually lying about what the petition is about like the ones who accosted us at the super market.

S.G. Fullerton

## Thanks to Kaluzny & Newman for the Clarity on Coyote Hills

I am a dedicated advocate of keeping the West Coyote Hills (WCH) as open space and I follow the legal maneuvering as best I can, but I am an amateur and cannot always penetrate the arcane world of legal jockeying. Therefore I want to thank Judith Kaluzny and Josh Newman for their illuminating articles in the July issue of the Observer. They showed that there are actual laws that should govern much of what has transpired in the ongoing story of the WCH.

Their aim was to clarify and explain, not obfuscate and confuse. There's a lesson here for public servants. The key rules are openness, honesty and simplicity. Where a law itself is not clear to the lay public, those who purport to lead should explain their purpose and intent in language clear to people like me, who want to understand.

Public servants, while legitimately stating their own positions, should also clarify choices to help their constituents render decisions in their own self-interest, not in the interest of those parties who gain power through the purse rather than through fair application of the law. Those public servants should then honor the decisions of the voters, not seek clever or dishonest means to circumvent those decisions. Recent cases in violation of this simple concern include the overwhelming public sentiment on Measure W concerning development in West Coyote Hills, and the arbitrary and controversial Council decisions concerning district voting for seats on the City Council.

Like all wonderful cities, Fullerton can be better. Simple, even naïve adherence to the law is a step in the right direction. Talking over the heads of voters all too often entails dealing under the table. I doubt that even politicians would rear their children that way. But maybe I am naïve.

Manuel N. Bass Fullerton



Border Patrol officers were seen having lunch with a Fullerton Police officer at Chronic Tacos on Chapman.

## What is Border Patrol Doing Here?

I went to have dinner tonight at Chronic Tacos and to my amazement I saw a border patrol vehicle in the parking lot. When I looked into Chronic Tacos I saw border patrol agents having a sit-down dinner with a Fullerton Police Department officer! Why are they here? Isn't the border 115 miles south of here?

I also had friends who saw two Border Patrol officers in uniform in an unmarked brown mini van around Valencia and Pomona. They were not with FPD.

I've lived in Fullerton for 34 years and this is the first time I can remember see-

ing a Border Patrol vehicle in my city.

I am pretty sure there are undocumented women, men and children in Fullerton. I think it is horrific to be a Dreamer, or someone who has been living in this country/city for so long that you now call it home and be in fear of having yourself or your loved ones deported.

I hope Fullerton P.D. is not collaborating with the Border Patrol. Do we know? No! Thank you for pursuing this issue. It is an issue that I will continue to pursue myself!

Anonymous Fullerton

## Fullerton Police Department Response

The Observer asked Fullerton Police Department spokesperson Sgt. Jon Radus about this issue. Here is his response:

"Thank you for your email and the photos below. That said, the fact that one of our officers was seen having a meal with a Border Patrol officer does not indicate, insinuate, nor mean that we are conducting immigration operations with Border Patrol nor U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement.

The statement that someone has seen an unmarked or "undercover" Border Patrol van in the City would need to be addressed with that agency as they are an independent Federal Law Enforcement

Agency.

Regardless, our stance towards illegal immigration has not changed. We have not conducted any operations that I am aware with any Federal Immigration law enforcement agencies in the recent past, and again, an officer having lunch with a Border Patrol officer certainly does not indicate that anything has changed.

Our policy towards immigration enforcement can still be found on our website under transparency: <http://www.fullertonpd.org/about/transparency.asp>

I appreciate you reaching out and asking before jumping to any conclusions however."

## Best Ever Paper, Healy Letter, Newman Coverage

I just read the BEST LETTER EVER on page 3 of your current issue of the Fullerton Observer. It's the one from Joseph R. Healy, where he describes Trump as a "somnambulistic cretin with insect excrement where his brain should be."

If you happen to know Joseph Healy, can you pass along my thanks to him. I couldn't have said it better myself! I loved his letter! I'd love to thank him myself.

As always, your paper is THE BEST

PAPER around. I love every single page of it every month. You do a wonderful job.

Also, thank you for getting out the truth about the Josh Newman recall petitions. Those petition-gatherers are truly obnoxious. I had to tell one of them (in the Target/Amerige parking lot) to STOP HARRASSING ME about 4 times. He finally turned around and walked away when I told him I was going to call the police.

Wendy Mueller Fullerton

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## Public Safety Fireworks Calls

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The extra 7-hour patrol on the 4th was paid for by fees from the groups selling fireworks, according to a city staff report. Sgt. Radus said no injuries or property damage was reported. On June 30th the police department confiscated a large amount of illegal fireworks during a traffic stop.

The Fire Department responded to one fireworks-related call on June 30. On Walnut Street a 10x10 foot patch of grass in a backyard behind a chainlink fence was on fire. Residents had extinguished it with a garden hose. Fire Dept. made sure the smoking embers were out.

There were four fireworks-related calls on July 4th: On Parks Road a 10x5 foot area of grass burned. No suspects were found. On Arbolado a 10x15 foot area of brush in a frontyard was being contained by many neighbors using buckets of water until the fire truck arrived to extinguish it. No one was home at the residence which sustained some property damage.

On Franklin Ave. a fire at the side of a garage was started by firework remnants being thrown into trash. The fire was extinguished by residents with minimal property damage. Fire Dept. personnel cooled the affected area and checked for extension to roof and garage.

On N. Harbor/W. Valley View, a group in a pick-up truck at the courthouse parking lot were lighting fireworks. They sped

away when they saw the firetruck. There was no fire.

At the July 18th Fullerton City Council meeting, members of the public expressed discontent at the noise and safety hazard created by fireworks in Fullerton—both legal and illegal.

Resident Matt Leslie said, "It's undeniable there is a problem with fireworks in Fullerton...They are set off many days in advance [of the fourth of July] and after. They go off in the middle of the night. They're deafening in places."

Legal fireworks go on sale on the 4th of July and are only supposed to be set off during certain hours on that evening. Leslie said he hasn't seen any evidence that fireworks violations are being policed, adding "It's an obvious fire danger. A lot of people are upset about it."

Resident Veronica Moran echoed this sentiment, saying "I ask that the city enforce the law because it's something that's uncomfortable for the residents of Fullerton. Over the last two years it's been very disturbing to have to endure that noise on Valencia where I live. At all times of day or night, we are having to hear all these illegal fireworks go off."

Interim City Manager Allan Roeder said that this is a countywide concern, adding, "I wish I could offer up some simple, direct solutions, but I don't think we have those...It's clear that we don't have a clear, identified strategy."

## Observer Bicyclists of the Month

Evan Chang and his dad (pictured at left) are Observer Bicyclists of the Month.

They were seen riding on the trail near the courthouse. Both had their helmets on for safety.

We hope they call the paper at 714-525-6402 to claim their prize of a free year's subscription to the Observer sent to the person of their choice!



## CORRECTIONS

### Councilmember Jesus Silva's Public Meetings

July Calendar were incorrect. Below are the correct dates for rest of the year.

Councilmember Jesus Silva meets with the public on the following dates:

**Coffee & Conversation Sessions** are held at Panera Bakery at Chapman & State College from 4:30pm to 5:30pm on July 26, August 30, Sept. 27, Oct 25, Nov. 29.

**Walk & Talk Sessions** are held at various places around town at 8am. The next Walk & Talks are August 12 at Fullerton Airport (meet at the airport's Commonwealth parking lot); and October 14 at Clark Regional Park (meet at the main entrance at 8800 Rosecrans Ave., Buena Park).

### Re: "Local Coffee Shop Robbed"

story on page 3 of the July issue:

A robbery is different from a burglary. Robbery is a person to person crime while burglary takes place with no store personnel or other victims involved and is a crime against things not people. Please correct. From a former police officer.

ED: Thanks for the correction.

### Ken Bane's Comments Incorrectly Reported

"Homeowners & Renters Clash" July issue page 1

Commissioner Bane actually said that "Home is wherever people live." The report incorrectly attributed a comment made by an audience member to Commissioner Ken Bane at the June 19 Transportation and Circulation Special meeting on overnight parking issues. The report should have said that Commissioner Bane admonished an audience member who had said that "apartments are not homes." The Observer apologizes to Mr. Bane for this serious error.



## CITY COUNCIL NOTES by Jesse La Tour

The Council meets at 6:30pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Upcoming agenda information and streaming video of council meetings are available at [www.cityoffullerton.com](http://www.cityoffullerton.com). Meetings are broadcast live on Cable Ch 3 and rebroadcast at 3pm and 6pm the following Wed. & Sun. & 5pm Mon. City Hall is located at 303 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton. Contact council at 714-738-6311 or by email to: [council@ci.fullerton.ca.us](mailto:council@ci.fullerton.ca.us)

### July 18th Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting is Tues., August 1st at 6:30pm.  
Come see your local government in action!

**Closed Session:** Before every public city council meeting, there is a "closed session" in which council meets with various parties to discuss items outside view of the public. According to the agenda provided by the city clerk, during this week's closed session, council met with legal representatives regarding three separate potential cases against the city. They also discussed employment terms of the new chief of police David Hendricks, and met with Steve Berliner, who represents the local police and fire union. After a prayer and the pledge of allegiance, the public meeting began. Jennifer Fitzgerald and Greg Seibourn were absent.

## New Police Chief Appointed

Council approved the appointment of Fullerton's new police chief David Hendricks. Following the retirement of chief Dan Hughes last year, the interim chief was Dave Hinig, followed by acting chief John Siko.

Hendricks is currently the Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Long Beach, where he has served since 1994. He has commanded a variety of functions within the Police Department, including Patrol Bureau, Investigations Bureau, Youth Services, Gang Enforcement and Internal Affairs.

Hendricks holds a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice from California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), and a Masters of Public Administration from the Andrew Jackson University in Birmingham, Alabama.

He will begin on August 7th with a base salary of \$229,200 per year (a higher

salary than Hughes), and a total employment package (including benefits) of \$422,000 per year.

Resident Sean Paden stated that Hendricks' pay package is too high: "We should not be compensating anyone at this level...[It's] not smart when we have a budget deficit."

The selection process of Hendricks involved an outside recruiting firm, which whittled the pool of 20-25 applicants down to five, who were then interviewed by an outside panel of law enforcement and city management professionals, which whittled the pool down to three, who were then interviewed by a panel of community members who could only ask pre-determined questions. These three were then interviewed by City Council.

Jane Rands, who was on the community panel that interviewed candidates, expressed concern about the selection process, saying, "The process has left some of our community members feeling as though the ability to fully vet the few qualified candidates was lacking."



## Residents Ask for Woodcrest Park Update

Local residents who live in the neighborhood around Woodcrest Park asked the city for an update on park renovations, which have been promised but not yet completed.

Resident Veronica Moran said that improving the park "would help prevent/alleviate problems in the future, such as gangs, homelessness, and other issues."

Another resident who has lived in the area since 2005 said, "I have three young children, all under the age of ten who have limited play structures to play on."

Parks and Rec commissioner Jose Trinidad Castaneda III said "I actually grew up near Woodcrest Elementary

School, and I remember when the city installed new park equipment and it was a really good feeling as a kid. I want to make sure that kids today also have that opportunity."

Director of Parks and Recreation Hugo Curiel said that his department has gone out to the community several times for their input, and that they are currently in the design process. They expect to bring to a plan to the Parks and Rec commission by September.

Council Member Jesus Silva said, "I was still on Parks and Rec Commission when we were doing some of the community outreach, so however we can expedite this would be great."

## Low Water Level at Laguna Lake

Some residents expressed concern about the low water level of Laguna Lake. Director of Public Works Don Hoppe stated, "We've actually dropped the water level a little bit to reduce the amount of evaporation on the overall surface. So it's deliberately being kept a little lower than we've seen it in the past."

Hoppe said that, since the lake was renovated to reduce water loss, the estimated water savings has been over 46 percent.

## HIU to Use Amerige Field

Council approved an agreement to allow Hope International University's baseball team to use Amerige Park for practice and games. Under the new agreement, HIU would use the field for half the year, and youth leagues the other half. The agreement will provide some savings to the city, as HIU will maintain the fields. A member of the public raised a question about increased use of amplified sound from games disrupting neighbors.



**New Murals Show 1950s Fullerton Billboards:** Created by artist Mike Tauber with the help over 20 students from local schools, five new murals near the Fullerton Train Station (sponsored by the Olsen Company and the Fullerton Museum Center) highlight various Fullerton businesses and brands that existed in the 1950s, such as Hawaiian Punch, Tom Thumb mini golf, Studebaker, and Fullerton Gold citrus.

## Parking Tickets Still a Problem for Renters on Porter Avenue

Fullerton's overnight parking ban (which prohibits parking on streets between 2-5am in certain areas) continues to provide financial hardship for renters throughout the city.

In one neighborhood around Porter Avenue renters continue to receive numerous tickets.

Donna Anderson, who owns an apartment building in the neighborhood, said "We have been working on this problem since Thanksgiving...now it's eight months later and we still haven't resolved anything... We really need relief for these tenants." She suggested the city issue parking permits to renters, so they do not continue to receive tickets for the "crime" of not having a place to park.

A high school teacher who also rents in the neighborhood, said: "No one group of people owns the streets. They belong to all of us."

City Manager Allan Roeder described

the citywide parking study as "a Herculean task, to say nothing of trying to come up with solutions that work for the community." He said that the commission is tentatively scheduled to present their findings at the August 15th City Council meeting.

City staff proposed amending our municipal code to allow for mechanical lifts and tandem parking—to create more parking. It is believed that mechanical parking lifts could provide an option for increasing the number of off-street parking spaces available. The cost for these lifts will likely fall to property owners.

The Transportation and Circulation Commission (which is conducting a parking study) will present the updated proposal at its meeting at 5:30pm on Monday August 7 at Fullerton City Hall council chambers, 303 W. Commonwealth.

## Studies Show Solution to Homelessness is More Affordable Housing

Karen Williams (from local homeless advocacy nonprofit 2-1-1 OC) gave an update on homelessness in Orange County based on two recent studies.

According to the Point in Time Count (which tracks the number of homeless people in OC on a given evening), we have seen a 7.6% increase in homelessness since last year.

According to a recent study by UCI on the cost of homelessness in Orange County, the annual cost to the county for homelessness is \$44,923 per person, with a total cost of \$299 million. The study showed that the best solution to alleviate this is to provide more affordable housing.

City Manager Allan Roeder (who also volunteers with 2-1-1 OC) commended the study, saying "unless we can measure a problem, we cannot solve it." He said that the solution to homelessness "ultimately is going to have to come down to develop-

ing additional housing opportunities."

Harry Langenbacher, a local resident who volunteers at the new Bridges at Kraemer shelter (the first year-round homeless shelter in Orange County, which opened this year), stated that after over two months of operation, the shelter has only found housing for five people, due to a lack of affordable housing in Orange County.

Council approved an action plan for how it will use federal HUD grant money totaling about \$2.2 million. Some of the money will be allocated to local non-profits such as the Boys and Girls Club, Pathways of Hope, Solidarity, Mercy House, and others. The money will be used to assist low income communities in Fullerton with services, infrastructure repair, and housing.

To learn more about homelessness in Orange County visit [www.211oc.org](http://www.211oc.org)

**"Unless we can measure a problem, we can't solve it."**

—Interim City Manager Allan Roeder

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## Affordable Housing & Vets by Jesse La Tour

The number of homeless veterans in the United States is estimated at nearly 40,000. To help alleviate this problem, the US Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA), in conjunction with HUD, has a housing voucher program that helps former soldiers to get off the streets and into affordable housing. The problem in Fullerton, and many other cities, is that apartment complexes don't often accept these vouchers. Or, if they do, the waiting list is years long.

That was the problem for local veteran Curtis Gamble, who was homeless for the past eight years. Recently, however, due to the help of the VA, Gamble was able to sign a one-year lease at City Lights apartment complex in Fullerton, which accepted his housing voucher.

"It was kind of hard to find a place in Fullerton, and even some of the surrounding cities, that accepts the VA voucher," Gamble says, "I looked on the city of Fullerton's web site, under 'housing' and they had a pretty good list of places that said they would accept the vouchers, but when you call them, they would have a waiting list of 2-3 years. Some places, up to 5 years."

Though the process of obtaining these vouchers and finding a place that accepts them can be cumbersome, Gamble says that "if you have a good team, you can get it done." He was assisted in the process by helpful people at the OC Commission to End Homelessness, the VA and City

Lights, which is an affordable housing complex in Fullerton.

Gamble wants to get more apartment complexes to accept these vouchers, and more homeless veterans aware of the program. "You know how everybody's always saying, 'Help out the veterans.' They have parades and stuff," Gamble says, "one practical way is for more apartment complexes to accept the VA vouchers."

"It's a big need," Gamble says, "It's very important...to start encouraging builders/developers and apartment owners to incorporate language [into their rental agreements] that specifically says for low income housing units and for VA vouchers—to have at least 20 percent of the units in the whole city for low income/VA veterans/disabled. If you have that 20 percent, it will open up lots of opportunities. It will actually save the city money because you won't be spending so much on ambulance, fire trucks, court fees, etc. for homeless issues."

A recent UCI study found that it costs Orange County over \$44,000 a year for every homeless person—for police, fire, ambulance, and other municipal services. The same study also concluded that the best solution to end homelessness is more affordable housing.

Even while homeless, Gamble has been a long-time advocate for homeless rights,

**You know how everybody's always saying 'Help out the veterans'? One practical way is for more apartment complexes to accept VA housing vouchers.**



*Curtis Gamble in his new apartment at City Lights in Fullerton, which accepts VA housing vouchers. Gamble wants more apartment complexes to accept the vouchers, to help alleviate homelessness among veterans.*

often speaking at city council meetings and other public forums. He carries a book bag filled with papers and articles related to local homeless services, and helps keep the local homeless community informed on what's happening, often passing out flyers at free dinners at local churches.

In fact, Gamble and his friend "Big James" Mayfield were plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the city on behalf of the homeless. The \$1 million settlement of that suit went toward a new low-income housing complex being built on E. Santa Fe Ave. He was also instrumental in the city putting in public restrooms at the Fullerton Transportation Center, where many local homeless gather.

Even though he has found a place to live, Gamble continues to advocate for the homeless. At the July 18th Fullerton City Council meeting, Gamble spoke on

behalf of the hundreds of homeless people living in the Santa Ana riverbed.

"I'd like to see us participate more in helping out the Santa Ana riverbed. We have so many tents there. We need portable restrooms there," Gamble said.

Gamble is hopeful that newly-approved affordable housing projects on Santa Fe and Orangethorpe will help those living in the riverbed to find housing. He also believes that a new city ordinance which allows homeowners to convert/rent out garages or build back houses will help alleviate the need for affordable housing.

Curtis Gamble is living proof that there are workable solutions to help alleviate homelessness, especially for veterans.

"I was able to sign a year's lease to get off the street," Gamble says, "I worked with a bunch of good people to make that happen. It looks like I'm gonna be there for a while, which is good."

## Grand Inn Update continued from frontpage

Attorney Palmer said that Dr. Brooks had incorrectly stated that there were no arrests made within the 84-day period he had examined. Mr. Palmer brought up evidence showing that 13 arrests had been made during that period.

Hearing Officer Silver later pulled attorneys for both sides into the back room to clarify that issue. They emerged 20 minutes later with a statement read into the record: "Mr. Brooks misunderstood the data provided by FPD when he said 'No arrests.' There were 13 arrests, but there was no stipulation whether or not crimes actually occurred."

Under questions from Grand Inn Attorney Miller, Dr. Brooks alleged that he and his family were being harassed by Fullerton PD because of his testimony in this case. He said he noticed both marked and unmarked FPD vehicles around his home and place of business on four occasions. He said he also received about 20 phone calls a day in the last couple of weeks from the 714 area code belonging to the Fullerton/Anaheim area. He said his wife and 4 kids had moved out of the house over concerns for their safety.

Under cross examination by the city he admitted that he had not called the police where he lives to request an investigation into the possible harassment by FPD.

Lieutenant Goodrich took the witness stand and answered "no" when asked if he knew where Dr. Brooks lived or had knowledge of any member of the FPD who would harass him.

On another matter, because Dr. Brooks would not give the name of the 25-year veteran Fullerton police officer he said had told him of the Fullerton PD culture of corruption since the Kelly Thomas case, and political motivation in the current GI case, Attorney Palmer said he would be filing to strike all testimony related to that

unnamed individual.

The city presented its expert witness: Mr. Dan Savan, owner of Savan Group, who has 32 years of law enforcement experience in Arizona ranging from deputy officer to police chief. Mr. Savan said a community policing project brings all participants in a specific problem area together to get agreement on how to resolve the issues. Mr. Savan said he disagreed with GI's expert witness Dr. Brooks, on his theory that Fullerton PD utilized "saturated patrol" to increase the number of calls for service, so that the city could make a case against the GI. He said police officers only go where the problem is. Having to dispatch many officers to one area would take away the resources that can be used to serve the entire city.

### JULY 26 – City Closing:

City Attorney Palmer went through the exhibits one by one from Oct 2011 to February 2016 tying the criminal activities at the GI to the public nuisance characteristics: persistent criminal activities, non-registered guests, loitering, repetitive users, problem guests not on the no-rent list, etc.

He tore down the GI expert witness's assessment on the officer-originated calls. He indicated that if the hotel filled up with problem guests, more problem guests will come. "Criminals talk to each other like police officers talk to each other."

He said he has introduced Dr. Brooks to FPD Internal Affairs so that they can conduct a thorough investigation on harassment claims. Mr. Palmer repeated the alleged problems that Dr. Brooks has on his employment records. He said that Dr. Brooks' testimony wasn't that valuable - so why would Fullerton PD bother to harass him? Regarding the unsuccessful effort to reduce the crime at GI, he said "Rules are only effective to the extent that they are enforced. There was no buy-in

from the GI owners, just direct opposition every step of the way."

The GI owners are here today, he said, but they never testified under oath, so the city has no evidence that they did anything to correct problems after receiving the Public Nuisance letter from the city.

Addressing the hearing officer he said, Mr. Silver: You have to believe that former city manager Joe Felz, former Chief of Police Dan Hughes, Lieutenant Goodrich, and every police officer who came here to testify is lying in order to consider GI is not a public nuisance. "I urge you to declare it a public nuisance."

### Grand Inn Closing:

Attorney Miller said GI management is very cooperative. After receiving the city "Notice of Violation-Order of Abatement" in December 2014 with 14 suggestions to improve the security condition at the hotel, 13 were implemented. The last requirement, to provide a private security guard, was fulfilled in Mid-August 2016. Mr. Miller argued that even though the city has no authority to order GI to do anything, they voluntarily complied.

He accused the city of setting the GI up for failure by not responding to their attorney's inquiries regarding the city's assessment of their effort to improve. He said that Attorney Ross sent the city three letters, a couple months apart, asking if the city was satisfied with the improvements. Attorney Collins' response was "the city is evaluating the situation and will get back with you." And when the city finally did "get back," it was with the Notice of Public Nuisance, he said.

Attorney Miller emphasized that public nuisance is a present term, it is, or it is not, a public nuisance at the present time.

He criticized the city approach of using calls for service. He said calls for service is not an accurate indication of determining security problems. Instead, he focused on crime - from after the time the security

guard was put in place in Mid-August: September 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

He projected several bar charts to prove that even though GI has higher calls for service it has lower crime compared to that of the Fullerton and Lucky motels.

He said the attempt to close down GI was politically motivated; he accused the city and the FPD of falsifying the data to make the Grand Inn look bad. He concluded that if GI was ever a public nuisance in the past, it is no longer one.

City Attorney Palmer rebutted saying that the evidence shows no improvement at all. The city didn't know if anything was ever implemented because the defense offered no witness who testified under oath that something was done. He said Mr. Miller and his team took the crime information from the FPD public website which is for residents - instead of the law enforcement site for police to investigate and follow-up on security issues. Therefore, the raw crime data collected by the defense was inaccurate.

Palmer also said that City Attorney Collins had replied to each of the three inquiries sent by GI.

### Hearing Officer Question:

"Attorney Miller brought up an important point: Public Nuisance should be in present tense... but when does the clock stop?" asked Hearing Officer Silver.

Attorney Palmer stated that he had made a strategic decision to stop the clock in Feb 2016 after collecting enough data to prove his case. Attorney Miller disagreed with that time frame saying since the security guard was installed in Aug. 2016 the problems have drastically declined. Therefore, the GI is no longer a public nuisance - if it was in the past.

Hearing Officer Silver said he will give both parties a final chance to express their views. Their supplemental briefings need to reach him within a week after which After he will have 20 business days to reach a decision on the case.





Fullerton Photo Quiz

Photo Story

Regular *Observer* readers are familiar with Fullertonians Vince and Jane Buck and if you have been reading the *Observer* since the early '00s you are also familiar with their son Alex, who had a similar photo question series called "Fullerton Observed" in that era.

I recently met with Vince and looked at some of Alex's photos, which I will update from time to time. The one for this issue shown below is very similar to one Alex took back then, and the area has changed quite a bit since then.



This Issue's Question

ID this downtown street or area. Send your answers to Mike at AllMedia@sbcglobal.net



**HILLCREST IN FULL SWING** Construction of the front bridge and other improvements at Hillcrest on Harbor is really picking up steam now, as you can see from this view, taken last week.



More Sequoias

Reader Kathy Gray sent in a photo of this Fullerton sequoia that was planted 28 years ago. I will not give away anyone's address but again, if you have one in your yard or know where one is, we are compiling a list and map to determine how many there are in our town. Impressive. This is not the place for politics but you may have heard, the trees in Giant Sequoia National Monument are as old as 3200 years and as tall as 250 feet, yet their protection is under review. I personally cannot imagine logging these trees but strange days have found us and we'll see what happens.



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Anyone recall the times when small hardware stores were all around us, everybody knew your name, and they knew what specific kinds of plumbing or electrical parts your house needed? Yea, they are gone, all gone, banished by the big box stores. No wait- except for our own Fullerton Hardware. I have found some items in there over the years that I really could not believe were there, like a damper for a pot belly stove, useful and unique kitchen gadgets that I thought nobody carried any longer, matching paint to touch up a room, etc.

They have outlasted just about everyone else in our Downtown. Boege & Bean. The Williams Company and Roy's Photo. Hudson Sales & Service, Fender's Radio Shop, The Melody Inn, Gifford's Stationary, McMahan's Furniture. Sears Roebuck was once in the building they now occupy.

They have just added a Hallmark Gold Crown department, so forget the crowded (and boring) malls when you need anything Hallmark. Fullerton is over one hundred years old and now we finally have a place in our downtown that carries tons of items from a hundred year old company. Check it out- you know where Fullerton "Ace" Hardware is!



Bourbon Street/The Bowery

Looks like the whole country wants to be Fullerton, or something like that. What's really happening is Gonzos is moving up Harbor and Bourbon Street is taking over the space with a craft beer and pizza concept, with emphasis on "New York meets industrial modern Art Deco with retro games placed throughout" according to Larry Houser and John Skehan. This is a 'dream' concept in that they will be training and employing young adults who have autism and/or special needs.

A great idea guys and we look forward to Downtown's new arrival.



Last Issue's Answer

Where are the signs above located?

The signs are located at the Palapa Grill on Harbor. Reader Lorraine Trussini was the first to ID the photo and Carol Vickary was in the know as well. This is something that many will walk right by and not really pick up on. Now maybe you can stop and take a look next time you are on the east side of Harbor just North of Commonwealth.



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A banner company paid by the Carpenter's Union set up a protest on the sidewalk in front of Renick Cadillac Subaru on Euclid. The action is part of an ongoing dispute with contractor Sauer Lopez hired by Renick to construct the addition. PHOTO BY JERE GREENE

## Renick, Sauers Lopez, & the Carpenters Union

by Sinh Dang

If you have driven by Renick Cadillac/Subaru in the last few months, you probably noticed people with signs saying "Labor Dispute" and a banner near the corner saying "Racist Renick."

Owner James Renick Sr. said that his dealership, which has been in town for three generations, is doing a \$4 million construction of the facility expected to be completed in December. The project contractor, Sauers Lopez Construction, Inc., is a preferred vendor of Subaru, and they are currently working on five other Subaru facility remodeling projects.

Mr. Renick said that Sauers Lopez solicited bids from five different sub-contractors for the project, and that the union did not submit a bid, according to Sauers Lopez. Union reps said they didn't receive a solicitation. The reality is even if they had bid on the project, their price would have been higher because union standard pay is higher than that of non-union sub-contractors. Mr. Renick admits he went with the lowest bid recommended by Sauers Lopez.

Carpenter's Union Local 803 Orange County President Pete Rodriguez said he and two other union representatives approached Renick's general manager and asked him for some of the work but were rudely turned down. Mr. Renick, who was not present at the time, says that when the general manager told the union representatives that he had no authority to make a decision on contractors that they acted like thugs and were told to leave.

Shortly after, the Carpenter's Union set up the banner and signs in front of the dealership. "Sometimes they are so noisy that police have had to be called in to keep

the peace," said Mr. Renick.

Union President Rodriguez said in a phone interview that the dealership is accused of being racist based on online posts describing its treatment of its neighbor, the Grand Inn owned by a Chinese-American family (see article "Grand Inn Hearing Last Days" on frontpage), and a Yelp review by an Asian American couple.

Mr. Renick says he is happy to sell cars to anyone - but the couple who complained had no credit.

Mr. Renick says the racist banner has no merit and is a dishonest ploy by the union to embarrass him into giving them work. He said 54% of his employees, including a manager, are non-white, and that his own family is multi-racial with children and relatives of both his wife who is Japanese-American, and his former wife of Mexican and Indian American decent.

Union President Rodriguez stated that the issue is actually a long standing dispute between the union and Sauers Lopez which does not pay the area standard wage or benefits. He said workers need a livable wage and healthcare. (The union standard wage in Orange County is \$42 an hour plus benefits)

When asked why the sign wasn't against Sauers Lopez and his bad labor practices instead of Renick, he said Renick has the authority to pick and choose any contractor he wants and he chose Sauers Lopez.

Confronted with the possibility that - instead of the union centering in on the valid labor dispute - the dishonest racist accusation tactic being used may backfire, Mr. Rodriguez blew up and said that he was recording the conversation, would be reviewing the tape, and that he may next set up a banner in front of the *Fullerton Observer*.

## OUR TOWN CROSSWORD © 2017

"It's HOT" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 19)

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### ACROSS

1. Actors
5. Sanskrit word for "dot"
10. Combines
14. Major work
15. Really enjoyed
16. Gradually stop nursing
17. Much viewed Internet image
18. Sacha Baron Cohen character
19. \_\_\_ mater
20. Usher's offering
21. HOT
23. Sing the praises of
25. J.F.K.'s predecessor
26. Rodents, insects, etc
28. 1974 horror film "The Texas \_\_\_ Massacre"
33. Smidgens
34. "Secret Life of Pets" actress Jenny
35. Spanish aunt
36. Medical suffix

37. Selena Gomez's "Love You Like \_\_\_ Song"
38. Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
39. Fashion designer Phillip
40. Clear the blackboard
41. Nat and Natalie
42. Interesting short story
44. Most festive
45. Gen.'s counterpart
46. Heathen
47. HOT
52. Doctrine: suffix
55. Big-ticket \_\_\_
56. Patterned fabric
57. "Come \_\_\_, bro!"
58. English sporting goods company
59. Perfect
60. Must have
61. Prayer's end
62. Secretary of State under Carter, \_\_\_ Vance
63. Iowa State site

### DOWN

1. Robin Cook thriller
2. Copycat
3. HOT
4. "The Waste Land" monogram
5. Old world monkey
6. Online hammer?
7. Egghead
8. Twofold
9. HOT
10. Rise and shine
11. New York's Carnegie \_\_\_
12. 1958 film "\_\_\_Yankees!"
13. Minor setback
21. Volkswagen Golf models
22. "Garfield" dog
24. Dec. holiday
26. "The Help" actress Davis
27. Red fluorescent dye
28. Kind of call

29. Possess
30. HOT
31. Buenos \_\_\_
32. Midsection
34. Blind segment
37. HOT
38. Singer La \_\_\_ Jackson
40. Tropical vegetable, similar to taro
41. Hamster's home
43. Type of crocodile
44. Judges' tools
46. Rice dish, variant of pilaf
47. Capital of Latvia
48. Bit of physics
49. Remove from a manuscript
50. "Juno" writer Diablo \_\_\_
51. Seating section
53. Bob Hoskins's role in "Hook"
54. Club \_\_\_ (resorts)
57. Santa \_\_\_ winds

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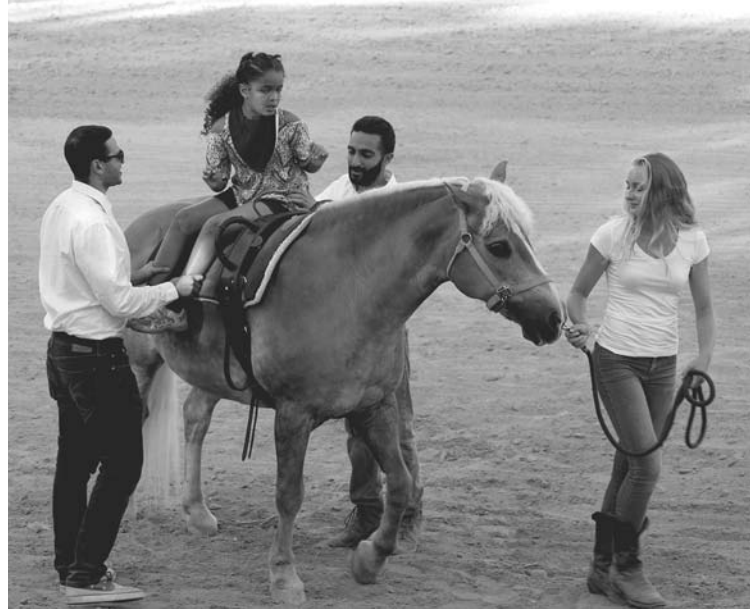
by Debbie Huff - PHOTOS BY JERE GREENE

Facing heat and humidity the American Martial Arts Red Belt Academy spent the afternoon of July 15 helping rake and bag leaves and weeds and paint bleachers at the Laguna Lake Equestrian Center to help prepare the venue for the Tara's Chance annual "Evening Under the Stars" fundraising gala.

Academy students range in age from 9 to 52 and train mentally and physically to test for their black belt. Part of their journey toward earning their black belt includes giving back to their community and being involved and aware of the needs of others and their environment. They volunteer to perform community service



**Above:** American Martial Arts students worked as a team to spruce up the Laguna Lake Equestrian Center for the Tara's Chance dinner fundraiser.



**At Left:** Tara's Chance student Alacia performs with volunteer helpers during the fundraiser where each student was given a chance to show what they had learned.

projects as a team to achieve their goals and elevate their training to the next level. One student even spent his birthday giving back and helping out that day.

The American Martial Arts Academy Fullerton Campus is located less than 2 miles from Tara's Chance; where horses are used to help promote the physical, cognitive and social well-being of special needs children.

Organizations like American Martial Arts Academy and Tara's Chance help kids and

adults be the best version of themselves they can be. Both organizations rely heavily on volunteers to show up and be committed to helping students never give up in reaching for and achieving their goals.

I asked Shihan Wenneberg once, "Was it heart or talent that made a black belt?" He said he would take heart over talent any day.

To find out more about American Martial Arts Academy visit [www.KarateOC.com](http://www.KarateOC.com) and for Tara's Chance visit [www.TarasChance.org](http://www.TarasChance.org).

## UPDATE ON THREE CITY PARKS

Reader questions led to the Observer asking for updates on three local parks. The Observer thanks Park & Recreation Commissioner Karen Lang-McNabb who looked into the progress of each park and answered with the following updates.



Union Pacific Park on Truslow was fenced shortly after it opened in 1998 when toxic substances caused by the neighboring former gas plant, railroad uses, and other industrial uses were found under the site. The park was cleaned up by court order in 2008 but has remained fenced off from the public ever since.

### UNION PACIFIC PARK

This park has had more than its share of challenges, including toxic waste. After a long gestation period it is finally expected to come to life.

This fall, Parks and Recreation will bring concepts back to the surrounding community from input received at meetings held two and a half years ago. If people like what they see, or they have further input, it will be used in the new design, and engineering drawings will begin, with construction expected to follow.

The park is expected to include the following: a children's playground with picnic area, basketball court, and a trail following the old railroad track--with everything surrounded by drought-tolerant plantings.

### PACIFIC DRIVE PARK

This park has a similar name, but it's next to Pacific Drive School, near Hunt Branch Library. Difficulties involved kids at the school exposed to adult and illegal behaviors by homeless adults at the park adjacent to their school. This motivated the school district to want to fence and lock the park daily (May 2016), but the Parks and Rec Commission did not want to lock a community park away. Design changes were proposed, such as moving the tot lot closer to the street and changing the flooring material from sand to recycled rubber (June 2016).

A stop-gap measure was taken, with vinyl slats covering the school fence on the park side. By October 2016 staff at Parks and Rec delivered concepts for park changes, and introduced them to the community by December 2016. Comments were well-received, and requested changes noted. However, this project was put on hold in January due to a tight budget.

The current budget and CIP was

approved at the June 20 council meeting and the project is now scheduled for completion.

### UNION PACIFIC RR TRAIL

A proposed trail on the unused rail lines parallel to Harbor - from Independence Park to Imperial that would connect to Brea's recently opened trail.

Time involving a railroad moves at the rate of redwood trees maturing. A phone call received from Union Pacific and a file number taken out for Parks and Rec this year - was considered great forward motion! This progress rate was verified by OCTA as well as Brea, which said it was an eight-year process creating the new trails from tracks in partnership with the railroad, and that's AFTER the years they spent years cleaning toxic materials up.

In Fullerton, signs put up by the rail company on Euclid at Bastanchury say, "Not in Use." This allows them even more time to clean up than official abandonment would. Maybe your great grandchildren will walk there someday.

Call Parks & Recreation at 714-738-6575 if you would like to be put on the mailing list for notification of upcoming meetings on these issues.



## Your Dental HEALTH

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



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Ranchero singer Brenda Cristal from Anaheim entertained along with dancers and musicians.

## A Taste of Mexico at the Muck

**Raises \$5,000** by C. Druiff & M. Kerr

"A Taste of Exotic Mexican Cuisine & Mezcal, a fundraiser for the Muckenthaler Cultural Center was held on June 30. The evening event was in partnership with the Consulate of Mexico in Santa Ana. Fullerton's mayor and Sister City president, and many other noted local residents attended.

Farrell Hirsch, the new director of The Muckenthaler Cultural Center, welcomed the guests who wandered through the garden entry to the expanse of green lawn where the first stop was the outdoor bar hosted by Bootleggers, Café Hidalgo, with Mezcal sponsored by Mezcal G.R.

The next adventure was entry to the patio where the crowd sampled authentic culinary delights of Mexico with chefs representing Puebla, Guerrero, Chiapas, Oaxaca, and Jalisco.

Live entertainment in the patio included colorful dancers, singers and musicians, while the chefs worked to create their delicious specialties for eager guests. The evening was beautiful, with temperatures just right for an outdoor event which raised nearly \$5,000 for programs at the Muckenthaler.

Visit [www.TheMuck.org](http://www.TheMuck.org) for more information on Muck events and programs.



## Kids Rule!

by Francine Vudoti

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### Looking for Something to Watch? Check These Out!

Are you getting tired of playing too much Roblox and Clash Royale or even Agar.io? How about trying something totally different, like watching these TV series, movies, or documentaries listed below. These are not the usual stuff from Disney or Universal Studios which are typically products of imagination. These are very real and capable of blowing your mind or stirring your heart in a good way, the way they did to me.

**1) BRAIN GAMES** (2011 to present)  
TV-Series, Available on Netflix, Apple Itunes, Amazon, Youtube  
*My Rating:* Fun....Mind-blowing!

The show lets the audience discover how the brain works through fun experiments and interactive games.

My dad and I got hooked right away. My mom wasn't interested at first but changed her mind when she watched the funny episode about money. A bunch of real dollar bills were placed in a basket and left on a counter in a booth where a lot of people walk by. A sign saying "free money" was placed beside the basket. Then a close-up poster of a man was put on the wall of the booth. People stopped by to check the free money but only a few took one or two dollar bills. Everyone seemed to be wary of the picture of the man who seemed to be looking at them.

The poster was then removed and a real person manned the booth and called out people to take free money. More people came to take the money but they took only one or two bills. No one dared to get as much as they could.

Lastly, the basket with money and the sign "free money" was left on the counter with no one manning the booth and with no close-up picture of a man. This time, a lot of people approached the basket and took as much money as they could. One almost emptied the basket.

**2) CHASING CORAL** (July 2017)  
Original Netflix Film  
*My Rating:* Great film, emotional but inspiring

This film was released by Netflix last month. It shows how coral reefs around the world die due to global warming. The crew spent many hours spanning three years to document how a healthy coral reef slowly dies as the temperature underwater keeps rising due to global warming. The transformation of the coral reef from healthy with vibrant colors to bleached out and eventually dying is so dramatic, it made me very emotional.

This film made me think of the coral reefs when I go to the beach on Sundays. It taught me to be more caring of the ocean. The last time I went to the beach, I picked up some trash on the shore and threw it in the garbage can. I never thought of doing that before.

**3) THE KINDNESS DIARIES** (2015)  
TV-Series, showing on Netflix with a book version  
*My Rating:* Entertaining, heartwarming!

This series follows the amazing journey of a man who traveled around the world on his vintage motorbike relying only on the kindness of people to provide him the gas needed for his motorbike, his food for the day, his bed for the night and his transport to travel from country to country by sea or by air.

Watching this film made me happy to know that there are many kindhearted people around the world. Some of those who helped him actually needed help themselves, like the homeless guy who even gave him new pairs of socks and underwear.

**4) CRESCENDO! THE POWER OF MUSIC** (2014) - Documentary  
*My Rating:* Inspiring

This film documented how learning to play a musical instrument has changed the lives of students in a good way. I could say this is true because I am also experiencing the good effects of playing a musical instrument which I wrote about in the previous issue. The students in the documentary could not afford their own instruments so when they had to go on two-week Christmas break they told their teachers how they felt lonely without their musical instrument. I also can't last a day without playing on my piano. My piano is like my best friend. It tells me stories through the songs I play and it makes me feel happy.

**5) HAPPY** (2013)  
Movie  
*My Rating:* Great Film, it has taught me a lot about the true meaning of happiness

This movie documents a worldwide search on what makes people truly happy. It is amazing to know that people from all over the world want only one thing; happiness. It is more amazing to discover that money or material things are not the keys to happiness. Instead, the keys are love, caring, compassion, kindness and being able to do what one is passionate about.

This movie filled my heart with gratitude because I learned what I should truly value in life.



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3	511 / 727	1,021 / 1,453	1,107 / 1,575	2,213 / 3,149	26,546 / 37,777
4	615 / 876	1,230 / 1,751	1,333 / 1,897	2,665 / 3,149	31,980 / 45,510
5	720 / 1,024	1,439 / 2,048	1,559 / 2,219	3,118 / 4,437	37,414 / 53,243
6	824 / 1,173	1,648 / 2,346	1,786 / 2,541	3,571 / 5,082	42,848 / 60,976
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Author Jennifer Lau (third from left next to her father) is surrounded by many of her family members who attended the book-signing event at Fullerton Library. PHOTO SINH. DANG

## Beautiful Hero Author at Library Foundation Event

At a recent free event hosted by the Fullerton Library Foundation, author Jennifer Lau spoke about her book *Beautiful Hero: How We Survived the Khmer Rouge*, sharing stories of her family's harrowing escape from Cambodia, and how they came as refugees to the US.

The family was sponsored by a church group who helped them get started on their new life with jobs, school, and housing. Her minority Chinese-Cambodian parents, along with their seven children, all made it through the many hardships and started over, creating a successful life in the US, eventually settling in La Habra where they saved the money to buy a donut shop. They were among the 65,000 who fled after the Khmer Rouge won the war. Many did not make it out alive.

Jennifer and her family members managed to learn to navigate in their new country, including learning English. She graduated from college with two degrees

and started a successful accounting business which she still runs today. She is married and has two children. Most of her family attended the book-signing event along with a full house of other Fullertonians.

The book is dedicated to her parents who she credits for the family's survival, and the title *Beautiful Hero* is a translation of her mother's name "Meiyeng," who she says is the reason they are alive.

Learn more about Jennifer Lau and her book and the education foundation she started to help bring literacy to the current residents of Cambodia - at her website [www.JenniferLau.net](http://www.JenniferLau.net).

*Beautiful Hero* in hardcopy and kindle is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

The upcoming Foundation fundraiser hosts the Ron Kobayashi Trio with vocalist Elena Gilliam in an Afternoon of Jazz at 2pm, Sept. 10 at the library. RSVP at [www.fullertonlibraryfoundation.com](http://www.fullertonlibraryfoundation.com).

## Mayor Stalls on "Clean & Green" Resolution

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Elizabeth Hansburg of the Transportation and Circulation Commission (who has solar panels on her house) said, "A resolution like this will continue the momentum of reducing our carbon footprint, being mindful of how we're using resources."

Local resident Sam Jamal, who is also a congressional candidate, said that he recently worked with Tesla, "right at the heart of the clean energy movement...and so I've seen first hand, not just how this can fight climate change, but how it can save money, create jobs, and actually help with public health."

Amir Baum, who works as an environmental engineer in Fullerton, said, "This is really essential for us to move in the right direction so we can be a cleaner, environmentally-friendly city, and be a model for other cities to follow."

Local resident Sean Paden spoke against the resolution, saying that protecting the environment is a state, not a local issue.

A resident named Chris took issue with Paden's claim, stating "The city has just as much an obligation to lead on these issues as anyone else does. As a young person who will have to deal with the effects of climate change for longer than some other people, I would like to voice my support of the Clean and Green resolution."

Another young local resident named Luis argued against the idea that environmental protection is only a state matter. "Since the inception of our democracy, cities and states have led on a lot of issues...states and cities have often served as centers of innovation," he said.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chaffee, who supported the resolution, called this "a no-brainer," and stated that it is not just a state

matter: "I breathe the air in Fullerton."

Mayor Whitaker said that he does not support the resolution because it "doesn't change anything that we're currently doing" and that it is a symbolic, rather than substantive measure. He added that, when it comes to climate solutions, he prefers to rely more on the "free market" than government for solutions. He also said that he felt this was a partisan issue.

The wording of the resolution actually makes quite specific policy references from the city's 2012 Master Plan, regarding mobility, bicycle, water, air quality and climate change, and integrated waste management, as well as "guidelines for preparing inventories, plans and general reduction strategies."

Local resident Jennifer Knoll suggested another specific policy change, which is creating more incentives for residents (both renters and homeowners) to recycle, to buy energy efficient appliances, and to create more electric vehicle charging stations in Fullerton. As the owner of an electric car, Knoll said she has to go outside of Fullerton, which then encourages her to purchase goods outside of Fullerton, thus taking business away.

After the meeting, Ahmad Zahra said, "Obviously, I'm extremely disappointed...For the mayor to say "no" to clean water, clean air, a clean environment—I'm not sure what message he's sending to his constituents, and what message the city is sending to its residents...it is a dangerous message to send out to our community, that the city doesn't care."

Because council did not have the required three votes, they decided to move the item to the next meeting on August 1st, when council members Fitzgerald and Sebourm will be present

"I predict even more will show up next time," Zahra said, "I will do more outreach in the community to get more signatures on the petition...I know neighbors and families want clean water and clean air...water is non-partisan."



## Community Friends Concert & Car Show

PHOTOS BY JERE GREENE

A free concert took place at the Downtown Plaza on July 22 from 3pm to 7pm. Live music, car show, free facepainting, food, clothes, backpack giveaway, and haircuts for ages 5 through 12 were included in the fun event sponsored by Kings House of Worship on E. Wilshire.



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**Date:** Monday, August 14, 2017  
**Time:** 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Golleher Alumni House at Cal State Fullerton, 800 N State College Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92831  
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## I'm All for Saving Coyote Hills... Unless It Can Actually Be Done

by Angela Lindstrom

Recently, Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and State Senator Josh Newman took significant actions to help preserve Coyote Hills as a natural open space park in park-poor North Orange County. They authored state legislations Assembly Bill (AB) 510 and Senate Bill (SB) 714 that will provide \$15 million initial funding for the purchase of the land, and establish a state-supported Coyote Hills conservancy program that will continue to gather funds and steward the transition of Coyote Hills into a park.

The *Orange County Register's* 7/1/17 editorial "Coyote Hills, State shouldn't meddle in Fullerton project" criticized these legislations as the state meddling in our local affairs. They misinformed readers that a park conservancy means eminent domain and loss of local control. Fullerton's current mayor, Bruce Whitaker, chimed in: "The state is continuing to remove local control over these sorts of issues ... These things are best left to the locals." This was echoed at the 7/18/17 Fullerton City Council meeting where the feeling by some seemed to be "I'm all for saving Coyote Hills unless it can actually be done."

Actually, saving Coyote Hills as a park was a virtual mandate of Measure W, the people's successful 2012 referendum which rejected the City of Fullerton's approval of Chevron-Pacific Coast Home's development plan for West Coyote Hills. Since the city has refused to honor the referendum, local residents spearheaded by the Friends of Coyote Hills, had to resort to taking them to court. They also worked with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and Senator Josh Newman on the legislations to realize a Coyote Hills park for our community.

The *Register* criticized SB 714 for creating a Coyote Hills program under the California State Coastal Conservancy (<http://scc.ca.gov>) because in theory the Coastal Conservancy has the power to acquire Coyote Hills by eminent domain. Presumably, "local control" is better because the City of Fullerton would never

use eminent domain and certainly not on Coyote Hills, right?

Wrong. Both the Coastal Conservancy and the City of Fullerton have the authority of eminent domain. The difference is the Coastal Conservancy has never used that in its 40 years of existence (and probably never will, according to Mary Small, its Chief Deputy Executive Director), whereas the City of Fullerton has used eminent domain repeatedly, including resolutions in 2001 that condemned two areas of West Coyote Hills for a fire station and water reservoir in anticipation of the new development.

Interestingly, the City described those as "friendly" condemnations. You might ask, if it was friendly between the city and the property owner, Chevron, why use eminent domain to make the purchase in the first place? Here is one possible reason: <http://thelawdictionary.org/article/how-can-i-avoid-paying-taxes-on-land-that-ive-sold/>.

The California State Coastal Conservancy has a long and successful history of working with local Orange County communities and agencies to fund their parks and beach improvements including Crystal Cove State Park, Huntington Beach Pier, Seal Beach Pier, Santa Ana River Parkway, and even Fullerton's own Laguna Lake Park.

SB 714 creates a Coyote Hills conservancy program that will be supported by the Coastal Conservancy resources and staff who have expertise and connections in acquisition funding, park planning, regulatory compliance, sensitive habitat planning and management, project management, and public outreach. They are an invaluable resource to administer and coordinate planning, funding and activities across multiple agencies for multi-year programs. So in short, Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva and Senator Newman are giving the people's mandate for a Coyote Hills park funding and "legs".

Orange County is known as a "donor" county, meaning we pay more in state tax than we get back in benefits. As a local resident, I am grateful that my elected state representatives are working hard to put our state tax dollars to work for us locally in Orange County.

## Friends of Coyote Hills Update: Legal Appeal

The legal argument phase has begun. The Friends of Coyote Hills filed legal briefs in July to appeal the 2015 Orange County court's decision that Measure W did not repeal the city council's approval of the development agreement of West Coyote Hills. Therefore, all of the rest of the development approvals linked to the development agreement stand.

The judge said our veto power only had an administrative effect of barring the mayor's signature on the development agreement, not a repeal of the city council's approval of the development agreement. Besides, he pointed out that the development agreement stated in case of a successful referendum, the city can decide to terminate the development agreement or not.

So the development agreement was written in such a way that citizens could never repeal the city council's approval; it was referendum-proof. This legal maneuvering was started by the city and Chevron-Pacific Coast Homes in 2010 after their development project was denied by the city council. Chevron immediately sued the city and demanded another hearing. The city agreed.

Before the hearing, the city amended the development agreement with referendum-proof language. In 2011, the city council (the original three dissenters had left the council by this time) approved the development.

The Friends gathered signatures to qualify Measure W, "Fullerton West Coyote Hills Development Project" for the November 2012 ballot. As the measure's name correctly suggested, if the development agreement was repealed, all development approvals linked to the development agreement would be repealed; this was exactly the decision being put before the people of Fullerton.

Interestingly, about 90 days before the election, the city changed the name of the

measure to "Measure W, Fullerton, West Coyote Hills Development Agreement". This portended their intent to minimize the effect of the referendum.

The city would not declare the effect of Measure W for three years after the election. Meanwhile, they worked with Chevron to move the terms of the development agreement into what is called a Vesting Tentative Tract Map (VTTM) which is by law not subject to referendum. In 2015, the city council approved the VTTM declaring Measure W had no effect on the original development approvals.

Citizens may well ask what the point is of having a state constitutional right to repeal government legislations via veto referendum if the government can write them in such a way as to make our referendums meaningless?

The Friends have always said that Coyote Hills was a regional issue. The city and Chevron have now made this a state issue.

All Californians should take notice of our appeal because the City of Fullerton wants to set a precedent to weaken our constitutional veto right. If we don't take a stand against this legal maneuver, not only can it be reused by the City of Fullerton on future developments, this playbook can be reused on any legislation by any city and county governments anytime.

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### Four High School Students Represent USA

Alexander Tsao from Troy High School in Fullerton was selected as one of only four students to represent the USA at the International Biology Olympiad from July 23 to 30 in Coventry, United Kingdom. The other three team members are Edward Lee and Thomas Xiong of Texas and Catherine Wang of Massachusetts.

Each student was selected as a gold

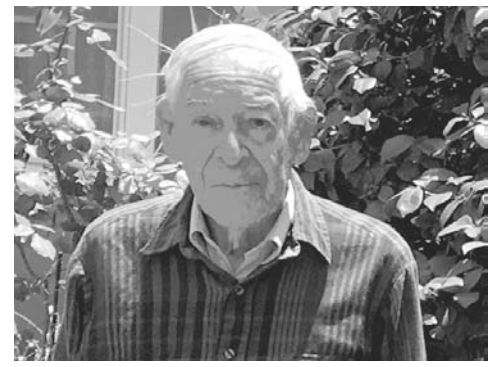
medalist in the 15th annual USA Biology Olympiad National Finals and studied with leading US experts in the fields of cellular and molecular biology, plant and animal anatomy & physiology, genetics, evolution, ecology, ethology, and biosystematics.

Nearly 10,000 high school students from across the country registered for this year's USABO.

## Benjamin Luna's 101st Birthday

Benjamin Luna turned 101 years old on July 25. He was born in 1916 and he is a longtime Fullerton resident. He is a father to two children (son Benjamin and daughter Irene Luna), and grandfather to three (Vanessa and Yolanda Luna, and Rayahna Fraijo). He is also great-grandfather to Eric Jr. and Jacob Duran.

"My grandfather is a WWII veteran and has been living in Fullerton since 1962 on Jacaranda street," says granddaughter Vanessa. "His hobbies are walking to Wilshire Park, gardening, caring for his canary birds, watching WWE and reading



- including the *Fullerton Observer*. Most of all he enjoys spending time with all his grand and great-grandchildren!"

His says his trick to staying in great shape since retirement is taking daily walks, drinking plenty of water, eating sardines, and taking your vitamins.



### Colby Canales Selected for USA Baseball National Team

Congratulations to Fullerton resident Colby Canales who was selected to the USA Baseball National Team for the Southern California region. Canales, a sophomore at Servite High School, has also accepted a baseball scholarship to Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He played youth baseball at East Fullerton Little League.

## Major League Drafts by T. Lincoln

Five players from Cal State Fullerton and one from Hope International University have signed professional contracts in June's Major League Baseball draft. The Titans are pitcher Connor Seibold, outfielder Scott Hurst, catcher Chris Hudgins and infielders Dillon Persinger and Taylor Bryant. Cameron Baranek is the Hope player.

Seibold, a 6-foot-3, 190-pound junior right-hander, was a third round pick by the Philadelphia Phillies. He was 11-5 with a 2.96 earned run average and 122 strikeouts in 124 innings. Seibold's slot value in the draft was \$570,900. He is playing for the Williamsport Crosscutters of the New York-Penn League.

Hurst was also a third round choice, taken by the St. Louis Cardinals. The Cardinals paid the junior \$455,000 to sign. Hurst had a breakout season in 2017, hitting .328 with 12 home runs and 40 runs batted in. Hurst played centerfield for the Titans, but coach Rick Vanderhook considered right field his natural position because of an outstanding throwing arm. "Any time you can get somebody with his tool package at that spot in the draft, who has performed and can do it on both sides of the ball, that makes someone very interesting," St. Louis director of scouting Randy Flores said. "We believe there is some power there, that he's got range and we had to take him in that spot in the draft." Hurst was the Cardinals' top pick in the draft. They didn't have first or second round choices. Hurst was assigned to and began playing with the State College Spikes, in the Class A short season New York-Penn League.

Baranek was a ninth-round pick by the Miami Marlins. He hit .364 with 20 stolen bases in 30 attempts for the Royals. He was assigned to and playing for the Marlins' farm club in the Gulf Coast League in early July. Hudgins was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 16th round and was assigned and playing for the Idaho Falls Chukars in the Pioneer League in July. The 6-foot-1, 190-pounder batted .240 with five home runs and 33 RBI this season for the Titans.

Persinger, a junior hit .292 with three home runs and 31 RBI and stole 18 bases in his sole CSUF season. Persinger was



chosen in the 18th round by the Cleveland Indians and began his pro career playing second base for the Mahoning Valley Scrappers in the New York-Penn League.

Taylor Bryant, considered a top-notch defensive player, was taken in the 33rd round by the St. Louis Cardinals and is playing second base in their Gulf Coast League farm team this summer. Bryant hit 266 with three home runs and 35 RBI this season. He'd been a career .200 hitter in his previous two seasons for the Titans.

CSUF's John Gavin and Timmy Richards and former Fullerton College player Laine Huffman, this season's starting shortstop at Long Beach State, were also taken in the draft and have not signed professionally. Gavin was taken in the eighth round by the San Francisco Giants, Richards in the 24th round by the Washington Nationals and Huffman in the 25th round by the New York Mets.

Gavin, a left-handed starting pitcher, was 8-2 with a 2.67 era in his junior season and can return to the Titans next year. Huffman also has one season of eligibility remaining. He hit .294 with two home runs and 26 RBI. Richards, a senior shortstop, hit .302 with six home runs and 31 RBI for the Titans this season.



### Fullerton Hills Softball:

The 8U Silver All-Star Team made Fullerton Hills Softball history on the weekend of July 14-16 by placing 5th overall in state within the C District and competing at regionals at the California State Games held in San Diego.

PHOTO BY DANIELLE MAJAM-FINCH

### Fisler Students Win Video Contest

Students of teachers Elizabeth Ellison, Katrina O'Meara, and Mary Smith at Robert C. Fisler School just won a video contest for best video production demonstrating practices for effective study groups and collaborative interaction.

Robert C. Fisler students made an impressive showing this year's StudySync event, achieving a grand sweep of the middle school awards.

In addition to taking the top production award for their enthusiastic and thorough analysis of Emily Dickinson's poem "Because I could not stop for Death," Ellison's students won the Best Middle School Ensemble Cast award for their production of Henrik Ibsen's play *A Doll's House*. One of Ellison's students, Gianne Veluz, also won the Best Actress award for her performance in a video discussing John Green's novel *The Fault in our Stars*.

The Best Actor award went to Carson Kim, the sixth grade student of Katrina O'Meara and the star of a video about David Halberstam's nonfiction work *The Fifties*. Honorable mention went to the grade seven students of Fisler teacher Mary Smith, for their video's solid acting and well-written screenplay about civil rights activist Cesar Chavez.

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## HITS & MISSES

by Joyce Mason  
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### THE BIG SICK: *Two Hits*

Known for his comedies ("The Forty Year-Old Virgin," "Bridesmaids"), producer Judd Apatow takes on a new but significant contemporary theme with deftness and gentle humor: How can a barely employed Pakistani-American stand-up comic succeed in a cross-cultural romance with a lively, blond Anglo grad student?

Helping to answer this question is a clever script written by real-life characters—Kumail Nanjiani, using his own name, and Emily Gordon, played by Zoe Kazan. Kumail and Emily are married in real life and did survive a very big sickness as well as push-back from intensely protective sets of parents. Also adding to the texture of the movie is the care that director Michael Showalter takes in making even the minor characters vivid and integral to the plot development.

Even as it follows the tropes of romantic comedies, "The Big Sick" makes these narrative devices fresh and compelling. The "meet cute" beginning takes place in a comedy bar as stand-up Kumail mines his childhood for jokes. "The scariest experience of my life," he tells his audience was "riding a roller coaster, and I grew up in Pakistan." Kumail's comedy routine is interrupted at one point by a young woman in the audience calling out a wacky "woo-hoo." During the break he seeks her out to tell her that he doesn't like heckling from the audience, but Emily laughs it off and they begin a banter that leads to an after-hours date.

Having moved to the U.S. as a teenager, Kumail feels thoroughly Americanized, yet he respects the Pakistani traditions treasured by his parents, Azmat (Anupam Kher) and Sharmeen (Zenobia Shroff). His mother, Sharmeen, almost weekly brings home to dinner yet another lovely, single Pakistani woman, hoping that her son will be interested and will follow through with a date and a possible future marriage. This doesn't happen, yet Kumail understands her good intentions.

Instead, his affection for Emily grows as they fit in their dates between her studies and his stand-up gigs and Uber-driving. However, after five months of dating, she realizes that Kumail has not yet introduced her to his parents nor even told them of her existence. In anger and disappointment, Emily breaks off their relationship.

A few days later Kumail gets a call from Emily's girlfriend saying that Emily has been rushed to a nearby Chicago hospital and he needs to be there to admit her and to contact her parents. Worried and frightened by the severity of her illness, Kumail waits in the hospital until Beth (Holly Hunter) and Terry (Ray Romano) arrive. Knowing of the recent break-up of their daughter's five-month romance, Beth is cold and distant to Kumail and wonders why he doesn't leave the hospital and just go home.

Emily's illness takes a turn for the worse as the infection in her body resists regular antibiotics and her doctors place her in a medically-induced coma as they step up injections. For at least a third of the film, Emily lies still in her hospital bed, but the pace of the movie does not lag. Holly Hunter and Ray Romano, both skilled actors, fill in the lull as their characters gradually grow fond of the genuinely worried and loyal Kumail.

Holding our interest also are the supporting actors. Kumail has real-life comedian friends—Bo Burnham, Aidy Bryant, and Kurt Braunohler—who perform stand-up and encourage each other in their careers. These fellow performers want Kumail to audition for a major comedy festival in Montreal. We also get to know a couple of the young Pakistani women dragged by Sharmeen into the Nanjiani home. They are lovely, intelligent women who bristle at the awkwardness of their forced introductions.

It has been awhile since we've seen Holly Hunter in a major film. She received an Academy Award for her lead performance in "The Piano" in 1993. Now she has moved from romantic lead roles to playing the mother, but she has lost none of her luster or vibrancy. She carries several of the hospital waiting room scenes with her talent and vitality.

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

#### TUES, AUGUST 1

•**6pm: Fullerton Council Meeting** at Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth. Included on the agenda is a second chance for the Climate Change Resolution (1st item on the agenda), and the last item on the agenda about whether council will vote to accept (or fail to accept) the West Coyote Hills Conservancy including \$15 million to help save West Coyote Hills as an open space regional park. See full agenda online at [www.cityoffullerton.com](http://www.cityoffullerton.com) (go to *How Do I* and then *View Council Meetings*)

#### WED, AUGUST 2

•**8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market is canceled** for this date due to a swim meet at Janet Evans Pool at Independence Park. The market will reopen on Wed., August 9.

•**6pm-8pm: Independent Film Series Free Screening of "Lion"** at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W Commonwealth. "Lion" is the story of a 5-year-old Indian boy who gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of kilometers from home. He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia. Twenty-five years later he sets out to find his lost family. (PG-13, 2016).

•**6:30pm-8:30pm: Aquarius in Free Concert** at Fullerton Sports Complex, 560 E. Silver Pine, Fullerton. Free parking available at EVFree at the corner of Bastanchury and Brea Blvds, with shuttles provided to and from the concert site. Sponsored by the City Museum Center. Purchase dinner from food trucks or bring your own picnic, lawn chairs, blankets. etc. Call 714-738-6545

#### THURS, AUGUST 3

•**4pm-8pm: Downtown Market** craft vendors, hot food, fresh produce, flowers, kids activities, beer & wine garden. Live music beginning at 6:30pm. At the Downtown Plaza on E. Wilshire & Pomona. Admission is free. Call (714)738-6545 for info. Continues every Thursday through Nov. 2.

•**6:30pm: Soto in Free Concert** at Tri-City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd., Placentia. Non-profit food vendors will sell dinner and refreshments.

#### FRI, AUGUST 4

•**6pm-10pm: First Friday Artwalk** a fun event featuring art shown in numerous venues around downtown Fullerton. See article on page 15 for more. Free.

•**7pm-9pm: Mariachi Divas Free Concert** at El Centro Lions Park, 320 E. Erna Ave., La Habra. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic or purchase dinner from food trucks. Free kid zone arts & crafts activities and music.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

•**2pm-3pm: Proposed Poseidon Desalination Plant** a \$1 billion proposal to locate in Huntington Beach if approved by the OC Water District Board of Directors will be discussed by journalist John Earl publisher of [www.surfcityvoice.com](http://www.surfcityvoice.com) who has followed the issue for 12 years. Community Room, Irvine Ranch Water District, 15500 Sand Canyon Rd, Irvine. If you can share a ride or need one contact Bea at [tirtillgreen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tirtillgreen@sbcglobal.net). More information at [www.ocgreens.org](http://www.ocgreens.org)

#### MON, AUGUST 7

•**5:30pm: Presentation of Updated City Overnight Parking Proposal** at Transportation & Circulation Commission meeting at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton.

#### WED, AUGUST 9

•**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.

•**6:30pm-8:30pm: The Answer Free Concert** at Fullerton Sports Complex, 560 E. Silver Pine, Fullerton. Free parking available at EVFree at the corner of Bastanchury and Brea Blvds, with shuttles provided to and from the concert site. Call 714-738-6545

#### THURS, AUGUST 10

•**4pm-8pm: Downtown Market** see listing for August 3.

•**7:30pm: Delving Into Justice & Hope Gallery Tour** of the current exhibit "Prayers, Protection, and Resistance" at the Muckenthaler. An evening of discussion featuring many of the exhibiting artists. Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern, Fullerton. [www.themuck.org](http://www.themuck.org). Free

#### FRI, AUGUST 11

•**6pm: OC Parks Sunset Movie Night** at Yorba Regional Park, Anaheim "A Bug's Life." Pack a picnic, blankets, and beach chairs. Show starts around 8pm. Food trucks will be serving on-site. For more information visit [ocparks.com](http://ocparks.com). Free

#### SAT, AUGUST 12

•**8am: Councilman Jesus Silva Walk & Talk** at Fullerton Municipal Airport. Meet at the Commonwealth parking lot. Ask questions about city activities and projects as well as any concerns.

•**10am-4pm: Natural Health & Beauty Expo** hosted by the Women's Club of Fullerton at the Elks Lodge at 1400 Elks View Lane (across Brea Blvd., from Hillcrest Park. (714) 329-8177 or visit [www.wcof.club](http://www.wcof.club)

•**7pm: NOCCCD LEAP Players Present "Radio Same Time - Same Station"** featuring adventure, mystery, suspense and comedy from old favorites like Superman, Burns & Allen, Abbot & Costello, Grand Ole Opry, Garrison Keillor, Julia Child and more. Fullerton College Recital Hall, 321 E. Chapman Room 1111 in Building 1300 by the Bronwyn-Dodson Theater.

#### SUN, AUGUST 13

•**6pm-8pm: Free Evening Hike in West Coyote Hills** led by naturalists is a moderately easy 2 mile hike with some uphill climbing and is suitable for the entire family. Dogs are also welcome on a leash. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water to drink. Meet at the open-gate entrance to the Equestrian Center of Laguna Lake Park on Lakeview, just east of Euclid. This is a good chance to understand why this area of Fullerton should be kept as open space for all residents.

#### MON-WED, AUGUST 14-16

•**Keynote Speaker at CSUF Gianneschi Summer School for Nonprofits Rusty Kennedy**, the CEO of OC Human Relations Council, an organization he founded 26 years ago which promotes understanding among diverse residents to eliminate prejudice, intolerance and discrimination and raises private money to support the work of the county's Human Relations Commission. CSUF Mihaylo College of Business & Economics, event includes courses taught by experts. To register visit <https://business.fullerton.edu/Center/GianneschiNonprofitResearch/Summerschool/>

#### TUES, AUGUST 15

•**6pm: Fullerton Council Meeting** at Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth. See full agenda the Friday before the meeting online at [www.cityoffullerton.com](http://www.cityoffullerton.com) (go to *How Do I* and then *View Council Meetings*)

#### WED, AUGUST 16

•**8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park, See August 9 listing.

#### THURS, AUGUST 17

•**4pm-8pm: Downtown Market** see listing for August 3.

#### SAT, AUGUST 19

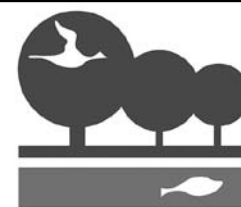
•**5:30pm: Brews & Blues** at Fullerton Arboretum. Craft brews, wine tastings and live music. Proceeds support the arboretum. Reserve tickets at [www.fullertonarboretum.com](http://www.fullertonarboretum.com) under the events tab. (discounted tickets for one designated driver per person \$10). \$45

#### WED, AUGUST 30

•**4:30pm-5:30pm: Conversation & Coffee with Councilmember Jesus Silva** at Panera Bakery, Chapman & State College. Bring your questions & concerns. Free

#### SAT, SEPTEMBER 9

•**9am-11am: Free Morning Hike in West Coyote Hills** led by naturalists is a moderately easy 2 mile hike with some uphill climbing and is suitable for the entire family. Dogs are also welcome on a leash. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water to drink. Meet at the open-gate entrance to the Equestrian Center of Laguna Lake Park on Lakeview, just east of Euclid.



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(657) 278-3407

## Evil Dead: The Musical: Cult Classic Rises to Life

by Ceili Tuttle

Buckle up, Boneheads! *Evil Dead: The Musical* has come to Fullerton's Maverick Theater. Stephen Hulsey, the musical's director, conductor, and keyboard-player, has transformed Sam Raimi's *Evil Dead* franchise into a blood-spattered stage production.

*Evil Dead: The Musical* fuses together crude comedy and violent chaos to intensify the campy and gaudy nature in the original films. The show is full of vulgar jokes and remarks, plenty of blood and gore, and even some sparks of romance.

In 1980, a group of college students venture into an evidently abandoned cabin in the woods looking forward to a weekend full of partying. And, like every horror movie, the opposite occurs immediately. The group stumbles upon an ancient book of evil spells and unknowingly releases belligerent ancient Kandarian demons into the woods.

The musical's style resembles a lengthy, overtly gaudy Saturday Night Live skit with a Rocky Horror Picture Show feel as well. Characters curse frequently accompanied by plenty of crude humor. It's an uncommon blend of gore, coarseness, and music that is not typical in more mainstream theaters.

The "Splatter Zone" is one of the fac-

tors that differentiates this show. For an extra \$10, patrons in the front row can really experience the two gallons of "blood" used in the performance.

Amidst the disarray, one character with deeper development is Ash Williams (Jeff Campbell). Originally introduced as a simple houseware employee, Ash finds himself as the blood-soaked anti-hero and fan-favorite, protecting all he can from the evil dead.

For the opposite reason, Ash's best friend Scott (Steven Alcantar) amplifies his every action, from his constant erotic mannerisms to his inevitable death. Alcantar's hyperbolized Scott leaves audiences hooting at his kitsch behavior throughout the duration.

The flashy and Time Warp-edged group number "Do the Necronomicon" leave audiences wanting to join in, claiming "It's like the Time Warp, only better!"

*Evil Dead: The Musical* is presented at The Maverick Theatre through August 19. Tickets are \$15 students with ID, \$25 general admission, and \$35 for splatter zone seats. 110 E. Walnut Ave, Fullerton Tickets: (714) 526-7070 [www.mavericktheater.com](http://www.mavericktheater.com)

## "Parade" Comes to Chance Theater

This Tony Award-winning musical is based on one of the most notorious, publicized, and hotly debated trials in US history. Leo Frank, a Brooklyn-raised Jewish factory manager in Georgia, is accused of an unthinkable crime. Exploring a case full of false testimonies and circumstantial evidence, *Parade* is an example of the power of musical theater to tell complex and important stories. Armed with a breathtaking score by Jason Robert Brown (*The Last Five Years*) and a powerful script by Alfred Uhry (*Driving Miss Daisy*), this transformational story is part murder mystery and part exploration of the endurance of love and hope against all odds. Through August 13th.

5522 E. La Palma Ave, Anaheim  
Tickets: (714) 526-7070  
[www.chancetheater.com](http://www.chancetheater.com)



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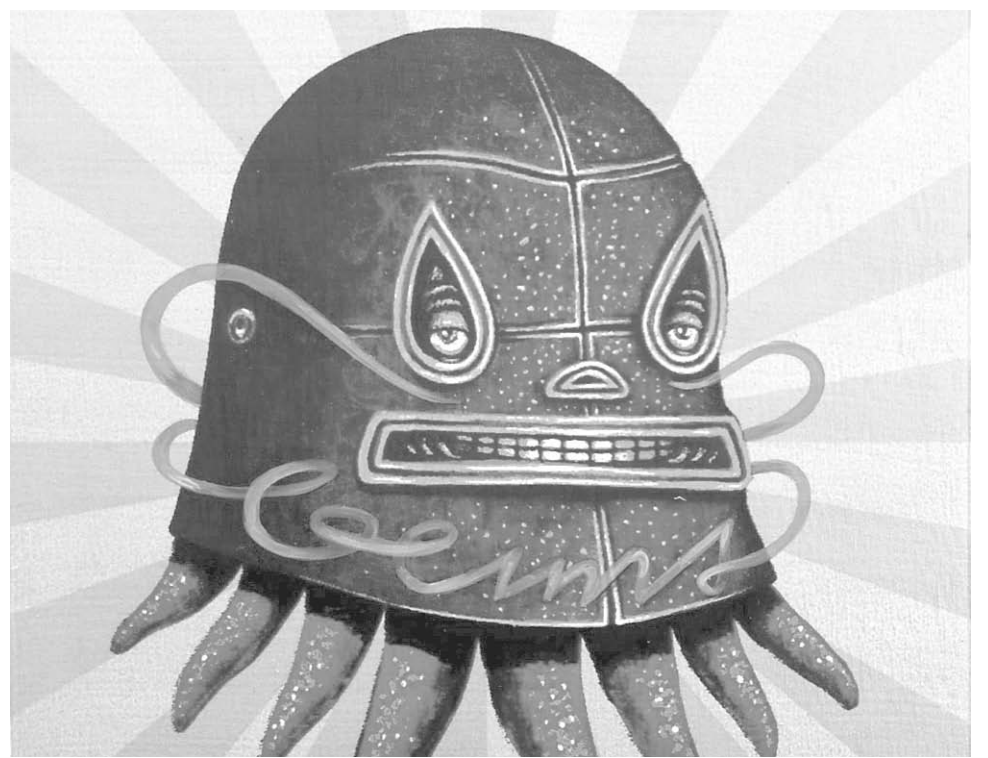
• Dinner  
from 5:30pm

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Downtown Fullerton  
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## "Moon Over Buffalo" @ Stages Theatre

*Moon Over Buffalo* is a raucous farce about a dysfunctional theater troupe performing in Buffalo, New York in 1953. This backstage play by Ken Ludwig (author of *Lend Me A Tenor*) centers on fading stars George and Charlotte Hay. The diva lead actress, Charlotte Hay is barely tolerant of her philandering semi-alcoholic husband, George. Mishaps and confusions arise for the company when presented the opportunity of famed film director Frank Capra attending a performance to possibly cast the two for a movie. Their temperamental daughter Rosalind splits time between fiancé Howard and ex-fiancé Paul, the company's stage manager. Charlotte's nearly-deaf mother, Ethel, and Richard, a would-be suitor for Charlotte, make their contributions to the mayhem as Eileen, a young actress in the company, reveals her pregnancy to all. The hopeful actors sprint through the tangle of confusion to produce a woefully misbegotten mixture of two different plays in their hoped-for presentation piece, and in the play's climactic scene, manage to set everything right despite more coincidences and mishaps. Overall, *Moon Over Buffalo* is a fast-paced and energetic night of entertainment. August 11-September 17.

400 E. Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton  
Tickets: (714) 525-4484  
[www.stagesoc.org](http://www.stagesoc.org)



## The Art of GERMS @ Fullerton Museum Center

The Fullerton Museum Center's latest exhibit "Under the Microscope: The Art of GERMS" runs from July 29th through October 22nd.

Los Angeles based painter Jaime Zacarias, better known as GERMS, creates work that echoes his Chicano art heritage with infusions of LA subculture and surrealist imagery. Iconic images like the luchador mask are given fresh life with protruding tentacles, surrounded by floating amoebas playfully flirting with viewers' imaginations.

This world premiere exhibit chronicles Zacarias' many-tentacled career, from childhood drawings and borrowed works in prominent collections, to new, never-

before-seen works created especially for this show.

The Fullerton Museum Center will host various events throughout the duration of the exhibit, including "Artist in Residence," which are live painting demonstrations, and "Super Saturday for Kids," where children can do creative art projects inspired by the artist.

The exhibit concludes with Closing Weekend Family Day on October 22nd. Tours and children activities will be held in the museum galleries and classroom.

The cost for some of these events may vary. 301 N. Pomona Ave. Contact the Fullerton Museum Center at 714-738-6545 for more information.

## South Korean Artists Showcased @ The Muck

South Korea's prestigious 150-year-old Ewha Woman's University has alumnae living all over the world, including California. The Southern California chapter incorporate practices and traditions from different cultures in their annual exhibition at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center, which opens Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed!

Some of the featured artists include:

**Jung Ran Noh.** An abstract painter, Noh juxtaposes intense color fields to create visual symphonies that seem to hum. She is considered one of the most distinguished alumna from Ewha Womans University.

**Kee Soon Kim,** the first artist in Southern California to specialize in the Korean folk art form known as Minhwa. Literally translated as "the art of the commoner," Minhwa uses simplified drawings with vivid colors to express the dreams and aspirations of the Korean people. Often laden with rich folkloric symbols, these paintings thus become like prayers for those who own them. As the president of the Korean Folk Painting Association of America, Kee Soon Kim promotes and teaches this treasured art form through lectures, workshops, and exhibitions across Los Angeles.

**Janet Seo.** With her background in graphic design, Janet Seo's work uses bright colors to render complex natural structures into simplified, flowing forms that call to mind deep canyons and desert streams.

**Goo Woon Choi** is a representational artist whose work has recently transi-



tioned from highly-detailed renditions of everyday objects to ethereal depictions of Korean hillside ghettos known as *daldongnes*. Choi has enjoyed a distinguished career within the Los Angeles Artist Association and has been featured in numerous exhibitions in Bergamot Station Gallery in Santa Monica.

The Muckenthaler Cultural Center is located at 1201 West Malvern Avenue, Fullerton California 92833. For more information, visit [www.TheMuck.org](http://www.TheMuck.org)

## FULLERTON ARTWALK

Friday August 4th  
6pm to 10pm

Lots of venues showing art  
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See map at:  
[fullertonartwalk.com](http://fullertonartwalk.com)





Portraits of authors by artist Melinda Hagman at the Magoski Arts Colony, were set up in a space reminiscent of an old book store. PHOTO BY SEOYUN CHOI

## First Friday ArtWalk Downtown

by Agnes Lee

The First Friday Art Walk is a multi-venue event that brings local artists and art lovers together by showcasing artworks through the streets of Downtown Fullerton. Just as its name suggests, the Art Walk takes place on the first Friday of each month, and showcases a wide variety of artwork in many diverse styles and venues.

Art Walk was developed by the downtown art community in hopes of connecting the citizens with the rich culture embedded in the city through art. Galleries are curated with local and national work in the familiar streets of Downtown Fullerton, creating a homey vibe without forgetting the social aspect. The addition of beverages, food, and live music help keep the conversation going. Some of the Art Walk venues are frequently visited on a daily basis, such as Lolo Boutique, Comic Book Hideout, and The Night Owl.

Located in the Magoski Arts Colony on Santa Fe Avenue, multiple galleries including the Violet Hour, Hibbleton Gallery, Mind Flirt, and Monkwood are set up together. Upon entrance, the energy coming from the venue is hard to ignore.

One of the first displays seen at the July Artwalk was the "Prints for Peace" project, which follows the 900-year tradition from

Tibet and Nepal with blue, white, red, green, and yellow prayer flags hung up in hopes that the flags' mantras and printed blessings would be carried by the wind and to those surrounding them.

Following the zigzagged hallways in the venue, various artworks ranging from photographs to small paintings are hung up on the walls. One gallery was reminiscent of a cozy bookstore, as colorful novels were lined up above the portraits of famous authors. Dainty light bulbs hung from the high ceiling added to the ambience.

In addition, the Art Walk included the #FullertonType project by Kneadle at FLDWRK. This gallery in particular documented found type across Fullerton, in square photos similar to what would be found on an Instagram feed. The gallery even hung scissors next to the photos, allowing visitors to cut out their desired type photo and take it home.

The next Art Walk will be on Friday, August 4th, 2017 from 6-10pm and is a must-go not only for those interested in art but also for anyone interested in spending time with their community.

Because of the variety of venues it may be helpful to look through the map beforehand and select which galleries interest you the most for a more efficient experience. To see the map visit [www.fullertonartwalk.com](http://www.fullertonartwalk.com)



## VIDEO OBSERVER

by Emerson Little © 2017

### New Muckenthaler CEO Farrell Hirsch



I recently sat down with Farrell Hirsch, the new Chief Executive Officer of the Muckenthaler Cultural Center, to discuss his plans for the institution. Mr. Hirsch has taken over the position from Zoot Velasco, who was Executive Director of the Muck for the past nine years.

Farrell Hirsch started in the entertainment industry as a playwright and theatrical producer. For the last fifteen years, he has worked for SiriusXM, running radio stations. Perhaps his most unique position before this one was a job on the phone selling ball point pen ink refills to preachers in the mid-west. Hirsch said that he lasted 90 minutes at that job.

On Thursday, July 13th, after waiting in the lobby with my tripod, camera and audio equipment in hand, I was greeted by the Muckenthaler's Chief Communications Officer Allison Town. We walked upstairs to the CEO's office, where I was introduced. Mr. Hirsch was kind enough to find a quiet section of the gallery for us to start the interview.

When asked what attracted him to this job, Hirsch answered, "It's a culmination of a lot of different directions that I've taken in my career. I have worked in the arts quite a bit, I was Vice Chair for the Board of Theatre LA and I have worked as both a writer and producer on stage. I have been around the arts. I have also served on a lot of nonprofit boards [and] have worked with cure finders, a chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. I was also president of the school board. If you take the arts and the education and the nonprofit work that I've done, you pretty much mix up a soup that is the Muck. So it was a logical, sensible, and exciting next step."

What is his vision for the Muckenthaler's future? The new CEO said that the vision really started with the Muckenthaler family, and it's about invigorating people's imaginations and the arts. He went on to say, "We're giving people something more, it's experiential."

Over the next couple of years, Hirsch is looking to build events. For example, he plans to turn a one-man show about Robert E. Lee into a larger presentation with civil war reenactors covering the lawn in an interactive experience. "Let's coordinate all the different prongs of what we do and try to establish events here that are special," said Hirsch. He is interested in "blurring the lines between" the performing and fine arts.

Although many Fullerton residents may associate the Muckenthaler with the fine and performing arts, it is much more than that. The Muck provides a lot of the STEAM programming for the Anaheim

school district and STEM programming in Fullerton. I know this from personal experience because when I was in elementary school at Golden Hill, we took many field trips to the Muckenthaler. Hirsch went on to say, "We do programming in prisons, in homeless shelters, in immigrant centers. We're reaching out to every piece of this community and fulfilling that mission and vision we talked about earlier from the Muckenthaler family."

The new CEO wants to continue serving the larger community. The Muckenthaler holds four festivals every year that are absolutely free, one for each season. "The community is welcome to come and be part of those," Hirsch stated. "There's a summer solstice festival, there's a Day-of-the-Dead festival, there's a holiday festival, which are absolutely community events with and for the people. We're always going to do more... until we are fully integrated in the community and filled up to our capacity, we won't rest."

Several residents on the west side of the Muckenthaler have concerns about the dead lawn and wondered why that section is not being maintained. I asked the new Muckenthaler CEO about the situation. He said, "The lawn is having problems over there and that's the truth. If I was a neighbor, I would have come in and said something about it. The Board has noticed it, I have noticed it and our in-house caterers here have noticed it. I can tell you that I have had a meeting with Bruce Whitaker [the mayor of Fullerton], and he's agreed that the city at the very least needs to look into it, try and help us find a solution. We know it, we see it, it's a big project and we're looking forward to the city's help in solving it."

Last, but not least, I asked Mr. Hirsch, "Is there anything you would like to tell the public?" He responded, "Whatever it is you're interested in, we've got it and it's not necessarily arts. We've got a day-camp out here, we have another camp for kids that are on the autism spectrum. That is a project that fills your heart with joy. So we are open to an incredible amount of ideas. The breadth and depth of what we do here should be an invitation for you to share your ideas. Thank you because in the months that I've been here, you have been really welcoming to me and I look forward to a long, happy, prosperous embrace."

My full interview with Farrell Hirsch is available on my YouTube channel, which can be accessed by visiting the *Fullerton Observer* website. Just click on the "Videos" tab and click on the words "Emerson Little YouTube Channel," which will take you directly to my page.

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## David William Massey

David William Massey, a 19-year resident of Arroyo Grande, CA, passed away surrounded by his loved ones, on July 12th, 2017, at the age of 54.

David is survived by his wife Daniela Massey; his son, Joey Massey; parents, Bill and Rosette Massey; siblings, Denise Jimmerson; Maureen Harrell; Renee Massey; Mike Massey; Craig Massey; Brian Massey; Bonnie Grant, and 9 nieces.

David was born in Royal Oak, Michigan in 1962 to Bill and Rosette Massey. He was raised in Palatine, IL until the age of 8, then the family moved to Fullerton, CA, where he lived out the rest of his childhood years. Dave attended Fullerton High School and Fullerton College. David then moved to Turlock, where he attended Stanislaus State University. On April 23rd, 1994, David married Daniela Vargas in Turlock, CA. In 1998, they relocated to Arroyo Grande, CA where they celebrated the joyous birth of their son, Joey, in 2004.

David was a devoted husband and father who loved animals, gardening, and any outdoor activity, whether it be fishing, camping, or just walking on the beach. David had an adventurous spirit and loved

nothing more than a spontaneous road trip. David loved people, never met a stranger, and was the life of every party! He lived life to the fullest, had a quick wit and a contagious laugh. David will be dearly missed by his family and the countless friends that he met throughout his life.

David was a talented General Building Contractor, who loved building and remodeling homes, always with an impeccable flair! David's entrepreneurial passion, his vast knowledge in the construction industry, and his strive for perfection, made him a beloved mentor to many.

A Celebration of Life, honoring David, will take place in the near future. For those who wish to donate in David's memory; The Massey family requests donations be made to: Brain Support Network, P.O. Box 7264, Menlo Park, CA 94026, [www.brainsupportnetwork.org](http://www.brainsupportnetwork.org).

If you would like to share your memories, thoughts and prayers for David, a memorial website has been set up at <http://memorialwebsites.legacy.com/davidmassey/homepage.aspx>.



## Claire M. Buckley

Mrs. Claire M. Buckley passed away on July 17, 2017 at the age of 94. A longtime resident of Fullerton, Claire (nee English) was born to Michael J. English and Mary Ellen Duggan English on Nov. 3, 1922 in Quincy, Massachusetts. Siblings were older brother Robert; younger brother William; and younger sister Marie.

Claire graduated from Quincy High School and Burdette Secretarial School in Boston, Massachusetts. On June 18, 1949, she became the bride of Joseph M Buckley, also of Quincy, at a nuptial mass at St Ann's Church in Wollaston, Massachusetts.

The young couple moved to Weymouth, Massachusetts and raised three daughters, Maureen, Ellen and Lisa. In the early 60's, the family moved to Southern California to take advantage of a job transfer and subsequently settled in Fullerton in 1972.

After raising her children for many years, Claire was employed by Kaiser Permanente as a medical transcription secretary and retired after 15 years of service.

Parishioners of St Juliana's Falconieri Church, both Claire and Joe became very active in parish life. She was

involved in numerous ministries (what wasn't she involved with)! She worked for numerous years with the Bereavement Committee, RCIA, St. Vincent de Paul Christmas gift exchange, and had what was termed the 'parking lot ministry' as she drew people in with her outgoing, charismatic personality. She loved her small Christian community which met for many years on Tuesday mornings which she aptly dubbed 'The God Squad'.

She loved music, singing, wordsmithing, language, was known for her stellar vocabulary and especially loved her family and church.

Claire is survived by her children Maureen (Bill) Kelley, Ellen (Randy) McFarland, and Lisa (Greg) Fritz; two grandchildren (Bryan and Shauna) and three great grandchildren (Mikayla, Wyatt and Blake) along with many loving relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Joseph Buckley. Funeral Mass will be at 10am Tuesday, August 1, at St. Juliana Falconieri Church 1316 N. Acacia Ave, Fullerton with reception immediately following. Burial will be 2pm at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, in Orange.



## Earl Sanford Barackman Jan 13, 1927- July 1, 2017

Earl Sanford Barackman passed away peacefully at his home from natural causes on July 1, 2017. He was 90 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years Roberta (Bobbi to her family and friends), his children Kenneth, Penny, John, 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. His other son Dennis preceded him in 1997.

Born in Los Angeles California on January 13, 1927, Earl was the second of four children and grew up mainly in Bisbee, Arizona. While living in Bisbee, Earl develop skills in radio and communications but never completed high school due to commitments to the family and to joining the United States Navy during World War II.

He served on the destroyer Wedderburn for the duration of his service in World War II as a radioman and as a communications expert. His ship was one of the first ships entering Tokyo harbor at the end of the war. He was in the campaigns of the Philippine Sea, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.



He was able to explore Tokyo two weeks before the surrender agreement was signed. He was discharged in May, 1946. After discharge, he married Roberta Baker in Seattle, Washington and together they moved to Los Angeles, California to raise a family. There he began his education in engineering of which he graduated from UCLA in

1952 with a degree in physics.

After graduation, he accepted a position at Hughes Aircraft as an engineer working primarily on communications and radar projects. He was a Project Manager for most of his career. He remained with Hughes for 37 years until retirement.

After retirement, Earl and Bobby's life consisted primarily of enjoying their growing family, traveling, and competitive skeet shooting.

A Celebration of Life was held at the home of daughter Penny Mitchell, on July 15.

## Maynard Matthew Kambak

July 8, 1929 - July 1, 2017

Maynard passed away peacefully on July 1, surrounded by his caring family. He was born in Gettysburg, South Dakota, and was the only child of Kenny and Dorothy Kambak. He moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota and then to Aberdeen, South Dakota where he met and married his wife, Patty. Maynard and Patty moved their growing family to Anaheim in 1963 and then to Fullerton in 1965, where he resided for the next 52 years.

Maynard was the administrator of Fullerton Internal Medicine Center, eventually becoming part of the current St. Jude Heritage Medical Group. Many of Maynard's most trusted and lifelong friends were physicians. Maynard retired from medical administration to return to his own business, Kambak Consulting. He was known for his imagination and vision.

His dream was to develop a retirement community. He formed a partnership called CoreCare, Inc. Morningside of Fullerton, Park Vista Assisted Living, and Park Vista Skilled Nursing began to take shape. The Grand Opening was held in December 16, 1991.



Maynard and Patty loved spending time with their large, extended family, traveling to fabulous vacation spots. They also enjoyed social gatherings and activities with their many close friends and family. Maynard loved his family deeply as evidenced by his response when asked what his obituary would reflect about his life. "The most important part of my life has always been my family. I am proud of my family and their many achievements as well as their support of each other. My proudest accomplishments are my children, their work ethic and commitment to anything they put their minds to."

Maynard was truly a humble man who had a passion for helping those in need. He quietly helped and supported countless individuals, families, and organizations. He was an active philanthropist in Fullerton. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, traveling, golfing, and watching Angels games and USC football. He was an avid reader. Coaching and supporting his children and grandchildren in their athletic events brought him great joy as well. Several years after Patty's passing, Maynard married Sally Aiken. They liked to sit on the patio where they enjoyed reading by the pond, watching the hummingbirds, and attending family gatherings. One of his greatest joys was

## Rosemary A. Fix June 17, 1927- July 10, 2017

Rosemary A. Fix, age 90, died surrounded by her family on Monday, July 10, 2017 in Fullerton, CA

Rosemary Augusta Jenkins was born June 17, 1927, the oldest of four children, to J. Charlie and Helen Williams Jenkins in Lewiston, Idaho. She married her high school sweetheart, Oliver W. Fix, on August 26, 1945. She then entered nursing school, through the Cadet program of World War II, graduating in 1948 as an RN, while her husband was away in the Navy.

Rosemary and Oliver moved to Seattle, WA in the fall of 1948, where she was a nurse for five years while Oliver attended Air Force ROTC at the University of Washington. In May of 1948, Oliver graduated and was commissioned. In June, Rosemary became pregnant with their first child, and in July, she contracted polio. After recovering, they moved to NY state.

They lived in New York, New Mexico,

Ohio, California and Hawaii during their life as an Air Force family. She also travelled extensively as a result of her work with the American Baptist Church, involved with International Ministries.

She also served on the boards of American Baptist Women of the Pacific Southwest, the Children's Baptist Home in Los Angeles, and Rainbow Acres in Arizona.

She was accomplished at needlepoint, teaching classes and creating original designs. She also enjoyed RVing with her husband.

Rosemary is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Col. Oliver W. Fix, USAF. She is survived by daughters Cheryl (& Robert) Fecht, and Karen (& Ed) Curry, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was held at 2pm, Saturday, July 29 at Sunrise of Fullerton, 2226 N. Euclid St., Fullerton, CA 92835.



singing.

Maynard passed away from complications due to Alzheimer's. His quick wit and sense of humor were with him until his passing. He will be loved and missed and his legacy will live on forever.

Maynard was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Patty, infant son, Craig, and son-in-law, Greg. He is survived by his six children: Keith (Marsha), Scott (Michele), Kym (Lou), Cindy, Lisa (Chris), and Jeff (Nathalie); his twelve grandchildren: Kevin (Abby), Cory, Jennifer (Tommy), Kristin (Mike), Brian, Dan (Jenna), Kadi, Amy, Laurie, Kenny (Maryam), Krista (Chris), and Kaden; and his eleven great-grandchildren: Kaylei, Cooper, Catherine, Jeremiah, Sean, Griffin, Michael, Madeline, Kaitlin, Kelby, and Jax. He is also survived by special family friend, Vicki, and his wife, Sally.

A Vigil/Rosary will be held on Thursday, August 3, at 7pm at St. Juliana Catholic Church in Fullerton. A Celebration of Life Mass will be held on August 4, at 11am at St. Juliana with a reception immediately following at the Summit House Restaurant in Fullerton. Graveside services will be held August 5 at Loma Vista.

Donations to St. Jude Memorial Foundation in memory of Maynard Kambak may be made by contacting the Foundation directly at (714) 992-3033.



## Diane Bridgford Nielen

Our beautiful Mom, Grammom, Great-Grandmother, sister and friend died at the age of 81 due to Parkinson's Disease.

Born 9-12-35, Diane Jean Dean was valedictorian at Uni High, Los Angeles, graduating at age 16 in 1952. She graduated from Stanford as a member of Phi Beta Kappa in 1959 with a BA in English Lit while expecting her fifth child. Diane earned MS degrees from CSUF in Computer Science and Library Science along with a secondary education credential.

Never one to sit and relax, Diane preferred a full calendar. She served on the OC Grand Jury 1976-77. She was also on the boards of the OC Marine Institute and the Fullerton Arboretum. She was married to Hugh Wm. (Bill) Bridgford for 40 years. Her work at Bridgford Foods Corp. pioneering the computer department from the 70s to 90s was immensely important to her.

Diane sang in the Capistrano Chorale, the North OC Pops Chorale, Orange Community Chorus, the Cypress Masterworks Chorale, and most recently Chorale Bel Canto. She was a founder of the OC Performing Arts Center and was active with Fullerton Friends of Music. She loved attending jazz festivals and watching her grandchildren's sporting events.

Other activities included Book Club and her longtime Sewing Group "Sip & Sew." As Diane's children were growing up she was a founding member and past president of Clara Barton Coop Nursery School, member of Children's League and Fullerton Youth Science Center, was a Brownie and Cub Scout Den leader, and active with Golden Hill and Wilshire Jr. High PTA boards and Fullerton Recreational Riders.

She loved her involvement with OLLI at CSUF and also her participation in "Saturday Night Circle" for over a decade. Always the historian, our mom published a monthly family newsletter.

As a nature lover, Diane led Newport Back Bay Tours and had been a 4-H Entomology leader. She climbed dozens of mountains, rafted many rivers and explored every continent.



**"I had a glorious life... All my dreams came true. Don't grieve for me, LIVE for me."**



Diane and daughter Deàn laugh over last year's April First "Fullertoon Obsorber".

Diane was a regular contributor to the *Fullerton Observer* for many years, gracing the back page with her nature-themed articles.

Diane is survived by her 5 children: William (Susan) Bridgford, Brian (Sally) Bridgford, Blaine (Belynda) Bridgford, Deàn (Dave) Mastromatteo, and Debra (Joe) DeAlcuaz. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren: Mike (Angela) Bridgford, Nick (Danielle) Bridgford, Brandon (Claire) Bridgford, Brittany Bridgford, Brooke (Tom) Freestone, Ryan Bridgford, Dominic Mastromatteo, Danielle Mastromatteo, David Mastromatteo, Joseph DeAlcuaz, Anthony DeAlcuaz, and William DeAlcuaz.

Her 8 precious great-grandchildren are Ellie, Lillie and Chaz Bridgford, Charlotte and Thomas Freestone, and Baxter, Luke and Sawyer Bridgford.

Diane is also survived by her sister, Dr. Paula Fitzgerald (Chris Nielsen) and brother Don (Joyce) Dean and her life-

long best friend Sylvia Thompson Park. Diane is survived by her ex-husband Hugh Wm. (Carmen) Bridgford. She was pre-deceased by partners Don Bauman and John Homme.

The family would like to thank the caregivers of Accentcare, Comfort Keepers, Salus and Diane's grandchildren Danielle and David Mastromatteo for many months of loving care. Our gratitude goes to UCI, Chapman Medical Center, and the exceptional caring people at Karlton Residential Care Center, Anaheim.

Private family graveside services will be held at Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton, California. No flowers please, per Diane's request.

As a prolific writer, Diane left many messages for us. She wrote "I had a glorious life with 5 beautiful children and 12 fascinating grandchildren. All my dreams came true. Don't grieve for me, LIVE for me." We will Mom!

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## Fullerton's First Inhabitants (Part 2): The Kizh Creation Story

by Jesse La Tour

In the last issue of the *Observer*, I began what I intend to be a series of articles about the native American tribe which comprised the original inhabitants of Los Angeles and north Orange County, including Fullerton. This tribe is called the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians Kizh Nation (or just "Kizh").

In my last article, I described my first encounters with actual living members of this tribe, including Chief Ernie Salas and tribal historian Timothy Poyrena-Miguel. The story of their people, like all native American peoples, is one of suffering and survival, often against impossible odds. Not many people know about the original inhabitants of this region, and it is my hope that, with this series of articles, I might shed some light upon them.

For this article, I would like to share the Kizh creation story, as told to Father Geronimo Boscana, who lived with Kizh people in the days of Spanish California.

Before this world was, there existed one above, and another below. These two were brother and sister. The one above was the heavens, and the one below was the earth. All below was dark, without sun, moon, or stars. The brother went to the sister, and brought the light, and they were married.

Their first offspring was earth and sand, followed by rocks and stones, then trees and shrubbery, herbs and grass. Then came the animals. Finally was born a special being called Wewyoot. He became king, or grand captain, of the first family, who were a species of talking animals. Wewyoot had many children, both male and female, and they spread all over the earth.

When Wewyoot became old, his subjects formed a conspiracy to destroy him, believing that he was too old to govern. They poisoned his drink, and he immediately became sick, and left the mountains where he had lived, and went to the sea shore.

His mother (the Earth), hearing of the danger to her son, mixed for him a remedy, which she prepared in a large shell. Unfortunately, the trickster Coyote, attracted to the spot by its fragrance, overturned it, and thus doomed Wewyoot, the world's first chief, to die.

After Wewyoot's death, there appeared among his followers a ghost-like figure, appearing and disappearing, sometimes in one direction and sometimes in another. Finally, they asked this mysterious figure if he was their Captain Wewyoot.

"I am not Wewyoot," he said, "but a captain of greater power; and my name is Chengüichgech. My habitation is above." As it turned out, this Chengüichgech was the ultimate creator-god of the universe.

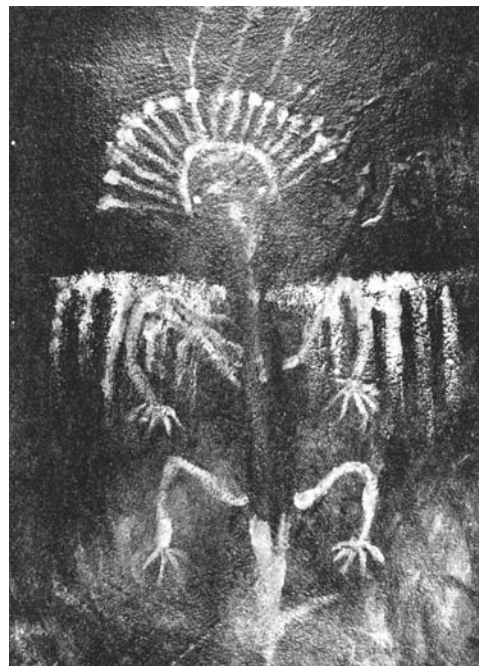
Chengüichgech gave power to

Wewyoot's descendants to be shamans, and endowed them with the ability to cause it to rain, to influence the dews, to produce acorns, to create rabbits, ducks, geese, deer—so they would have food to eat. The descendants of these first shamans still exist, and are crucial to ensuring a steady food supply.

Then Chengüichgech created man and woman, forming them of clay found upon the borders of a lake. Humans of the present day are descendants of these first ones. Chengüichgech also gave the humans a moral code to live by—how to treat each other properly, how to care for the earth. If people didn't do good, then Chengüichgech would send "Avengers" in the form of serpents, bears, and other creatures to chastise mankind. He also taught them rituals to maintain proper connection to the spiritual world.

Chengüichgech's first commandment was to build a temple, called a yovaar, which existed in every Kizh village. It was a sort of "intermediary zone" between this world and other worlds, where there dwelled gods and demons. The yovaar was important during all special events and rituals of the tribe, involving puberty, marriage, the harvest, and the seasons.

The name Chengüichgech means "all-powerful" or "almighty." He was actually known by different names, which related to his ability to dance. When he could not dance, he was called Saor. When he first learned to dance, he was called Quaguar. And finally, when he could dance really well, enrobed in a dress composed of feathers, with a crown upon his head, and his face painted black and red, he was called Tobet. Once, while dancing in this costume, he was taken up into heaven, to the stars. His final order was that, during their grand feasts, people should dress and dance like him.



Kizh rock art depicting a deity.



## FULLERTON'S HERITAGE: by Terry Galvin

### The Firestone Building

While fans of the Fox Fullerton Theatre often call it a "theater with a pedigree" because of its association with a famous architect and building firm, the Firestone Building on the south side of the Theatre has a pedigree of its own. It was one of the city's first super service stations, a new form of building design that started in 1914. Initially filling stations had fuel pumps curbside, which caused traffic jams, but owners quickly found that placing fuel pumps in the center of a court made refueling easier. Owners also found that if they offered customers a full complement of services—greasing, washing, brake repair, restrooms—along with gas, they could dramatically increase their revenue. Like the Firestone outlet, most super service stations were L-shaped buildings set toward the rear with a large forecourt that allowed drivers to see at a glance the services offered.

The building opened on July 13, 1929, with a Saturday night community dance on the forecourt's polished cement floor. Customers purchasing five gallons of gas, then selling for eleven cents a gallon, received a free quart of oil. Charles C. Chapman, Fullerton's first mayor, built the 7,150 square-foot auto service center for \$17,000. The outlet was operated by the Firestone (later Bridgestone) Tire and Rubber Company. In the 1920s, the three largest tire manufacturers, Firestone, Goodyear and B. F. Goodrich, all of which had plants in Los Angeles, developed and built full-service outlets throughout the United States to distribute their products. In May 1931, Harvey Samuel Firestone (1868-1938), the president and founder of the company, made a well-publicized visit to the Fullerton store.

Stiles O. Clements, the building's architect, was one of the first architects in Southern California to design buildings to accommodate growing automobile use. By the 1920's, Southern California led the nation in car ownership, forcing architects to design more buildings that reflected the area's growing reliance on the automobile.

At the same time he was designing the Firestone Building, Clements was work-

ing on two other buildings in Los Angeles for the Chapman Brothers that reflected this change in architecture: the Chapman Park Studio Building which provided adjacent parking for clients, and the Chapman Park Market Building, the first "super" drive-in market in Los Angeles, which provided free parking for 500 cars. It was the costliest and largest drive-in market in the western United States at the time.

Clements was born on March 3, 1883, in Centerville, Maryland. His maternal grandmother, Rebecca Todd, was a sister of Mary Todd Lincoln. He was educated at private schools in Delaware, attended Drexel Institute in Philadelphia, and did postgraduate work at both the Drexel Institute and the Boston Institute of Technology (now M.I.T.).

In 1911, he moved to Los Angeles where he practiced architecture, joining the firm of Morgan, Walls & Morgan (later replacing the 2nd Morgan) in 1922. He designed thousands of buildings throughout Southern California, 1691 of them between 1920 and 1940. They included such notable landmarks as the Hollywood Race Track, the Samson Tyre and Rubber Company Plant (now the Citadel Shopping Mall), and the Pershing Square Parking Garage, as well as the Mayan, Belasco, Music Box, and El Capitan Theatres.

The firm of Morgan, Walls & Clements only designed nine buildings in Orange County. The Firestone building was converted into retail space in 1978, with a major restoration in 2016, but the building's original use as a super service station is still evident in its layout and arrangement.

The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on October 16, 2006, and was designated as Fullerton Local Landmark No. 90 in May 2012.

The Fullerton Public Library only has a few partial photos of the building, mostly because they happened to be in the same photos as the Fox Theater. If anyone knows the location of more complete historic photos of the building, please contact Cheri at the Local History Room, 714-738-6342.

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# THE AIR TRAVEL CORNER

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Aaaah the Summer of 2017, families are going on vacation, and flights are full. There are last minute discount fares, mostly to Europe, where some Americans prefer not to travel. The State Department continues to provide outdated information in their country updates, and the 18% of Americans that have never travelled by plane, are starting to lower that number because international air travel is getting more affordable with fares of \$300 to Europe and \$490 to Asia. Yes, it is cheaper to fly to Iceland, Ireland, and France from the west coast, than to fly to New York.

**Passports:** What is the most common excuse that people give when asked why they don't travel internationally? They say that they don't have a passport. And, if they did, their passport has expired. Did you know that passports can be issued within 24 hours for a hefty fee? Did you know that you can travel to Puerto Rico, US virgin Islands, Antigua and Barbuda, Guam, and American Samoa without a US passport? However, you will need a government issued ID to get past TSA.

**TSA:** There is always news about the TSA. Yes, every single week. And it is always negative publicity. A mother of a 10 year old diabetic child was bullied by TSA screeners to dump her juice bottles despite the TSA rule that "You may bring necessary medical liquids, medication, and creams in excess of 3.4 ounces". The juice can be a life saver for diabetics when they get a blood sugar low. In another incident, a female passenger was pulled aside after the feminine hygiene device in her body set off a scanner alert. After explaining to the screener what it was, and clearly seeing what it was on the monitor, she was told that she would have to be body searched in her "vaginal area and her buttocks". The woman refused, and when she realized that she would not be permitted to board her

plane without a search, she complied.  
**Updated news on the travel ban:** Travelers from Libya, Iran, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen will not be issued a visa to enter America unless they have an immediate family member already in the US. Definition of an immediate family member was redefined by court order to expand the Trump Administration's much shorter list and now includes: spouse, parents, children, brothers and sisters (including half and step), grandparents, grandchildren, uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews, and brothers & sisters-in-law.

**Pets, Other Animals & Insects:** Have you watched "Snakes on a plane"? The past month has been crazy with similar, but not as dangerous creatures. A Westjet flight had an enormous swarm of bees descend onto it before takeoff, delaying the flight. US customs discovered 5 King Cobras in a Styrofoam container labelled "plastic trays" that was going to be loaded on to the plane at John F Kennedy Airport in New York. Also at JFK, approximately 40 turtles were mating on an active runway, delaying flights. The turtles, identified as Diamondback Terrapins, encroached on the runway from nearby Jamaica Bay. An airport spokesman stated that it is the season when the turtles come on to airport property to lay their eggs. On the same day, a Qantas flight from Australia to London had a bird and a dog die in the cargo hold due to hypothermia. Animals of all types and sizes are transported by plane, but unfortunately there seems to have been a temperature control problem on board.

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At left is the answer key to the crossword "It's HOT" on page 7.



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**My Summer in Kenya**  
by Annie Choi

On June 7, I left on an 18-hour flight across the globe to Kenya. My aunt, who works as a missionary from Korea, has her own music school there and has also started choirs at local schools.

I made the trip both to get away from all the pressure of colleges and the big scary future as well as to experience a different culture and figure myself out. Looking back, I got exactly what I needed but not in the way I thought I wanted.

The Kenyan saying Hakuna Matata, forever immortalized by the Disney film *The Lion King*, perfectly summarizes the ambiance of the part of the country I visited.

The young adults I worked with—despite having lost at least one family member during their short lives—were very generous, extremely open and unafraid.

The kids at the schools I visited seemed to have no inhibitions about approaching me and touching my skin and hair.

By my aunt's music school, a neighbor named Mary welcomed me into her home. She showed me her chickens on the way in and gave me a papaya on my way out. She treated me like an old friend even

though this was the first time I had met her and most likely would be the last.

The Kenyans love peace and are proud of how long it has been since their country has gone to war compared to countries like Somalia or Tanzania.

Paradoxically, there are great tensions starting to grow. The tensions between tribes, which roughly determines political party as well, greatly increases during presidential elections such as in 2007 when the post-election violence killed hundreds and displaced thousands. In anticipation of the 2017 elections in August, Kenyans are traveling back to their

tribal homelands, the only place they will feel safe during the turbulent times expected.

Other than the political crisis, Kenya is a beautiful, rustic mix of a developing modern country and a love affair with the traditional Kenyan ways.

Traveling to Kenya is truly like entering a land of Hakuna Matata. These people were so content and grateful for the situation they were in, and I believe that is something everyone can learn from.

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**JOYA Scholars at Reagan Library**

This year's Joya high school students attended the 2017 Student Leadership Program at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley.

Along with 30 students from all over the country, the six Fullerton students shown above were chosen for this unique opportunity. The purpose of the camp is to equip young men and women with

leadership tools and help them make a difference in their community. Pictured above are: Laura Macias, Executive Director of JOYA Scholars, students Nancy Torres, Gabriela Tronco, Ruben Jaime, Saul Zuniga, Magdalena Rodriguez, with Alissa Whitely, Associate Director of Education for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation.

**1st Place Angler Erma Aalund in Alaska**

Local Fullerton resident Ermagene Aalund, 72, won the Seward Alaska Halibut tournament in 2 divisions.

The largest fish caught in the overall division as well as the winner in the Women's division. The fish weighed in at 232.2 lbs. In addition she also won largest fish caught for the day on another day. The tournament ran through the month of June 2017.



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