



## Anti-Bullying Super Bowl Champ to be Honored at City Council

At the Tuesday, March 18 council meeting at 6:30pm at city hall, Fullerton Mayor Chaffee and the council will honor Super Bowl XLVI-II Champion and Seahawk fullback Derrick Coleman for his actions both on and off the field. The Troy High grad is the first deaf offensive player in National Football League history and continues to be an inspiration to millions around the world, using his celebrity to encourage individuals with challenges to pursue their dreams. Derrick is home through the end of April when he returns to Seattle for off-season training.

## Recall: Freeze Dried Real Fruit Snacks

59,780 cases (each containing 20 pouches) of Kirkland Freeze Dried Snacks sold at Costco with best use date thru March 2015 have been recalled due to Salmonella contamination. The product was produced by Oregon Freeze Dry Inc. Go to [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) for details or call 1-888-641-2933.



Fullerton and Brea residents asking for a moratorium on Acidizing of oil wells in their towns met in Rolling Hills Park for an info session. They were joined later in the morning by a handful of nearby residents concerned about wells near their homes. PHOTO BY MIKE RITTO

## Acidizing's Happening Here

A rally was held on Sat., March 15 at Rolling Hills Park on E. Bastanchury. Its purpose was to make residents aware of the unanswered questions surrounding the acidizing and fracking oil recovery processes happening locally, including potential dangers to air and water quality. The group hopes to encourage the cities of Fullerton and Brea to put a moratorium on both practices, as LA recently did, until questions are answered.

Updates about the persistent leak of water from Mountain View Park, ongoing since May 2013 were also offered. The park, located at the corner of Bastanchury and State College, sits across the street from the source of the January 2, 2014 oil spill, which required a 24-hour, four day hazmat cleanup.

Acidizing and fracking are two of the methods used to bring up the last remaining oil from aging wells near the end of their productive life span. Both methods use cocktails of hazardous chemicals which are forced into the wells and may end up in our air and water supply.

Thanks to new state disclosure laws, oil companies are now required to give notice within 24 hours of their intention to acidize or frack wells. You can find information on the wells being fracked or acidized near your home, and a list of chemicals used, on the AQMD website. (See links on page 8.) Five wells in Fullerton are listed as being acidized by Breitburn Operating, LP.

In Fullerton, over half of our water is pumped from the underground aquifer and it is important to protect that resource. But, there is little oversight or regulation of acidizing and fracking methods, or of the transport of the chemicals through our towns.

There is a link on the city website to the Dept. of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resource map of all oil wells in California. Once on the site you can zoom into Fullerton and see the enormous number of old oil wells we have.

As more aging wells are acidized, what is the combined effect on air and water quality? While many communities across the nation are playing catch-up Continued on page 8

## CREATING A SUSTAINABLE HOME LANDSCAPE

A free public forum "Creating a Sustainable Home Landscape" will be presented by Neighbors United for Fullerton at 6:45pm on Monday, March 24 at the Osborne Auditorium at the Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth.

In 21st-century Southern California, we are experiencing significant changes in the availability of water and space. We are surrounded by a built-environment deficient in the regenerative resources of natural wilderness. Yet there is an instinctive bond between human beings and nature, and a well-designed landscape can be responsive to its inhabitants in powerful ways.

Mike Sullivan, a licensed landscape architect and Fullerton resident, will discuss "Everything You Didn't Know You Wanted to Know about Creating a Sustainable Landscape." Mike will share what he has learned about creating environments that meet our needs for both beauty and practicality. We will see exciting examples of how nature and technology can work together to create new self-supporting, aesthetically pleasing, sustainable gardens. By wisely using items such as recycled and repurposed materials, regionally adaptive plants, edible plants, rainwater harvesting, and solar energy, we can improve our home environments.

With more than 25 years of experience, Mike has lots to tell. He will show slides of beautiful spaces he has designed over many years, including award-winning landscapes in SoCal as well as international projects of distinction. Mike's sense of humor and knowledge of his field will surely entertain, educate and inspire. The session is free. For more info contact [info@nuffpac.org](mailto:info@nuffpac.org)

## No-Bid Contracts for High School Lunch Food Vendors

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District agreed to enter into no-bid agreements with two fast food restaurants to provide food items for the district's seven campuses.

The controversial Chick-fil-A agreement (see *Early March Observer* frontpage "High School District Fast Food Lunch" in the past issues section at [www.fullertonobserver.com](http://www.fullertonobserver.com)) was approved on Jan. 14, 2014 and the Taco Bell agreement was approved on Feb. 25, 2014. Both are short-term agreements ending June 31, 2014. Staff recommended the limited duration in order to evaluate student acceptance of the products.

According to high school district Assistant Superintendent Rob Lebs, if a contract is under \$84,100 the district does not have to go out for bid. That is the case with the recent agreements which will provide food items at high school campuses for an estimated \$20,000 each. He said that the two firms

approached the district with proposals and the district's food service department worked with them this past fall to bring forth recommendations for products meeting the nutritional guidelines.

Could lunch at local high schools include offerings other than from these two fast food restaurants? According to Director of Admin. Services Jennifer Williams, proposals from other food vendors with items falling within the nutritional guidelines would be considered. Those guidelines for school year 2013-14 include a lunch that provides 750 to 850 calories with less than 10% of calories coming from saturated fat, zero grams of trans fat, and less than 740 mg of sodium.

The guidelines are available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-01-26/pdf/2012-1010.pdf>.

Parents and students may comment by calling Ms. Williams at 714-870-2801 or email [jwilliams@fjuhsd.net](mailto:jwilliams@fjuhsd.net).

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## Former Lawmaker and Wife Accuse Each Other of Abuse

by Noberto Santana Jr. & Tracy Wood  
[voiceofoc.org](http://voiceofoc.org)

Martha Norby, wife of former Assemblyman Chris Norby, told *Voice of OC* Thursday that during five years of marriage she has been subjected to repeated verbal and mental abuse as well as the alleged physical abuse for which Norby was arrested Wednesday.

For his part, Chris Norby, backed by Board of Supervisors Chairman Shawn Nelson, the lawyer who bailed him out of the Fullerton city jail, said it was Martha who was the violent personality.

"I'm the victim here," said Norby. "I've never laid a finger on her. I've been subject to abuse - physical, emotional and financial - over the past few years. ... She's extremely bipolar."

But Martha Norby, who said Thursday she is filing for divorce, claimed she's the victim. "My husband has the bipolar," she said. "He's a very mean father, very bad father. He always calls me 'f#\*\*ing b\*#\*h.' I don't know why I married him."

On Thursday afternoon she went to the office of Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva to get information on community services that may help her. The assemblywoman was out of the office at the time.

"She spoke with me and my case worker, Pam Keller," said Javiera Cartagena, Quirk-Silva's district director. "She needed some constituent services, so we treated her like any other constituent."

Ironically, it was Quirk-Silva, a Fullerton Democrat, who defeated Republican Norby when he ran for reelection to the Assembly in 2012.

Martha Norby said she wasn't violent toward her husband. Instead, she said, "sometimes he hit me. Sometimes he bite my finger. He's a verbal abuser and a mental abuser."

The couple have one child born in 2011 and are raising three of Martha Norby's children from a previous marriage. She said that in the past she has sought psychological help for the children.

"My kids have too much trauma," she said. "I love my kids. I'm a very good mom."

Martha Norby was born in Honduras and speaks accented English. Among other things, she said he makes fun of the way she speaks.

Norby acknowledged previous incidents when police were called to their home. "I don't wish her any harm, but she's caused a lot of harm to her family... Filing a false police report is a very serious thing."

When they had another argument this week, Norby said, he thinks his wife panicked, thinking he would call police and instead alerted police herself.

Nelson, who is an attorney, backed Norby's story, saying family friends have had concerns about his wife and witnessed instability and physical abuse by Martha for some time.

It's the second time in two years Fullerton police have been called to the Norby home to investigate reports Chris Norby physically abused his wife.

In 2010, the district attorney's office investigated but decided there was "lack of sufficient evidence" to prosecute Chris Norby after he and his wife acknowledged having an argument but denied that he hit her. Police had been called by a man making a delivery to a nearby home who said he saw Norby push his then pregnant wife. The Sept. 2, 2010, police report indicates Martha Norby initially confirmed she was struck but later publicly denied it.

In the latest incident, Chris Norby was charged with misdemeanor child endangerment and domestic violence. He is scheduled to appear in Superior Court, Fullerton, on March 19. He is free on a \$10,000 bond.

*This is an excerpt of a much longer report.  
Read the entire story at [voiceofoc.org](http://voiceofoc.org)*

## Women's Transitional Living Center Help for Domestic Violence Victims

Women's Transitional Living Center (WTLC) is a non-profit dedicated to helping individuals and families escape the depths of domestic violence and exploitation. The organization provides the tools and resources to build self-esteem and empower people for independent living.

15.5 million children in the US live in families in which partner violence occurred at least once in the past year. Abuse can include: extreme jealousy, forced sexual relations, verbal abuse or harassment, disrespectful or demeaning comments, harassing telephone calls and

texts, spying and stalking, threats against you or another family member, creating disturbances at your workplace, or forced isolation from friends and family.

WTLC provides support services including emergency programs, confidential transitional shelter up to 2 years, legal services, individual, group and family counseling, and educational workshops.

If you think you may be a victim of abuse, or know someone who is, call the 24-hour bi-lingual hotline at (714) 992-1931. More information on the WTLC programs can be found at [www.wtlc.org](http://www.wtlc.org).

## COMMUNITY OPINIONS continued next page

### No SCA 5: NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HARD WORKING STUDENTS!

Dr. Martin King said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character..."

As a nation, we have come a long way for racial equality in the past 50 years. We should not turn the clock back to the days when students were discriminated against based upon their skin color.

The California Constitution prohibits the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

SCA 5 is a California Senate Constitutional Amendment that would overturn key parts of Prop 209 passed in 1996. SCA 5 would eliminate this prohibition on state discrimination or preference in the operation of public education. In other words, SCA 5 encourages public schools, colleges, and universities to discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. This means that high school students will be accepted or rejected by University of California, California State University, and Community colleges based upon their ethnicity, a move that is not only a step backward, but also unconstitutional.

Asian communities are outraged that SCA 5 was proposed and passed in the Senate 27 to 9. As an educator, I ask myself, "When will I grade my students

based upon ethnicity?" My answer is "never." We educators are color blind. We accept students for who they are and always encourage them to be the very best they can be.

SCA 5 creates division in our community. It creates inequality. Colleges and universities must continue to accept students based upon their merit, not ethnicity. Those who are rejected by the universities due to ethnicity will carry hatred and animosity forever in their life time. In turn, those who are accepted by the universities without merit will encounter problems staying in the school. More importantly, those who are accepted might doubt themselves as to whether they are accepted by merit or only by the color of their skin. SCA 5 does not serve any purpose to any ethnicity, nor to our community.

We cannot choose our last name or skin color; therefore, we should not be penalized because of our last name or skin color. All men are created equal. We must encourage our students to work hard to be accepted to colleges. Regardless of financial situation and family status, all Asians value education. Many of us came to this land

with nothing. We believe in hard work and education. It is not right to punish us because we work hard. When a person has the same last name as me, he can be very rich, very poor, blind, disadvantaged, CEO, criminal, have blond hair, or black skin. There are too many possibilities. We must not judge a person by their last name or skin color. We need to reward hard work and not encourage entitlement. We urge you to join us and ask our Assemblywoman to vote "NO on SCA 5."

Dr. Sueling Chen Fullerton

**ED:** Despite being opposed by affirmative action advocates Prop 209 was passed by 54% of the vote and ended affirmative action quotas at California colleges and universities. SCA-5 seeks to put a measure on the ballot for voters to decide whether or not to reinstate some aspects of affirmative action giving *qualified*, but under-represented minorities, a chance to attend. Dr. Martin Luther King would probably vote yes on it if he was still around.

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## OUT OF MY MIND

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### What's the Fracking Problem?

How did fracking become the new "F" word? We need natural gas and oil, and they must be extracted from beneath the surface of the earth. When regular pumping methods no longer work, we need to put in some liquid to force the extraction—down to the very last drop of energy-filled goodness. Given our need for power, why is this controversial?

Let's start with the fact that every kind of power has a negative environmental impact. Our question isn't if there are environmental costs but what those costs are in environmental degradation that we'll accept to fuel our life-styles.

Oil is dirty to extract and then leaks and spills. Broken pipelines and wells have hurt our environment and have decades-long harmful consequences.

Oil is far more expensive than it seems. We spend much of our military budget protecting areas that produce oil, and then we have to guard it in transit. Europe pays more for gasoline than we because we hide our subsidy in our military budget. Any thought that we would have gone into Iraq and Libya or spent billions in Egypt if there were no canal at Suez or no oil in the region?

However, oil is not the only problematic energy source.

Fukushima demonstrated the problems with nuclear power. Now having had 3 Mile Island, Chernobyl and Fukushima, we should understand the downside of living with our friend the atom. It has an energy cost to mine and a greater cost to refine. Then you have a toxic and deadly substance that keeps giving its poisoned gifts for centuries. We still have no safe place to put our spent, but still deadly, Uranium and Plutonium. No one wants it in barrels. It's not safe in cooling towers, and trucking it across states to bury in a mountain is proving problematic.

Falling water going through turbines to generate electricity seems like a good idea. It's clean and relatively efficient. However, there's considerable impact on the environment when we dam up rivers. Nor are most of us happy with high-tension electric lines running near our homes. Towers are unsightly, and the electromagnetism may cause serious health problems.

Wind power seems like a safe energy source, but it too is controversial. The windmills are not attractive in our mountain passes, deserts or in our shallow bays. Even Ted Kennedy fought to keep them out of Hyannis Port. They also impact, literally, our bird population, cuissarting and pureeing our feathered friends into pâté.

Then there's solar. It's pretty much accepted on residential rooftops. However, when you try to install a solar array in the desert, where the sun does shine, some environmental activists rec-

ommend sticking them where the sun don't shine. They are called ugly and may impede the migration of some desert denizens.

Swapping oil for electric energy for our cars isn't yet a good choice either. Batteries are dirty and difficult to manufacture. But they are far worse to dispose of. Their impact in the form of toxic substances is considerable.

This seems to leave us with the once royal pretender King Coal. Dirty to mine. Dirtier to burn. It leaves ugly scars in the earth and uglier scars in the lungs of the miners. The high particulate smoke is a friend to no one.

So, here we are again, back to oil. Even with all its obvious problems isn't fracking an acceptable risk? Can't we have an intelligent, dispassionate conversation of risks and benefits—particularly given the problems with every other energy source? The answer is: I don't know.

In order to have an intelligent conversation and make rational choices, we need clear information and enough transparency to build trust. And frankly, given the PR spin and lies that have been associated with almost every accident—from the Gulf to Fukushima—trust is a problem.

The problem with fracking is that we don't know exactly what they're putting and pumping into the ground. It isn't just high-pressure water. It's all kinds of chemicals that will eventually find their way into the aquifer, our drinking water, our food chain and into us.

Many of the chemicals have not been studied as to their impact on us, or what concentrations in water are either harmless or deadly. Nor do we know what happens when these chemicals are in combination with other mystery chemicals.

The energy companies have disclosed that their fracking brews "contain or may contain": Methanol, Naphtha, P-Mentha, Hydrochloric Acid, Hydrofluoric Acid, Ammonium Chloride, 2 Butoxy Ethanol and Aromatic Amines. MMMM. Yum. What could go wrong? These are the disclosed chemicals. The truly frightening part is their claim that they can't fully reveal what they are putting into the earth because the formulas are "proprietary trade secrets," like, I guess, the formula for Coke.

Locally, some of the wells set for fracking are as near as 111 feet from homes. Does this seem a reasonable risk or a sensible policy? Not without better information. We have bad choices and worse choices. Every source has an environmental and health cost. We have to pick, but intelligent choices are based on good information. This we do not yet possess.

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### About the Trolley vs. Frequent Buses Early March Front Page

Your article "Fullerton Trolley Boon or Folly," about the proposed trolley from the Cal State campus to downtown Fullerton got me thinking about both this project and bus riding in general.

Having contributed more than my share to global warming with a 27-year commute to my job in Long Beach, I decided when I retired last year to take advantage of the senior bus pass (only \$4 a month!) and drive my car as infrequently as possible.

But driving is just so darned convenient and so far I have fallen woefully short of my goal. The bus I am most likely to ride is the number 26 from the Cal State campus near my house to exercise classes at the Fullerton Community Center (presumably this is close to the proposed route for the trolley). Someone in your article asked whether there are empty seats on this bus — an excellent question and the answer is yes—I have never had trouble finding a seat.

Although I love the trolley idea, what we really need is a better bus system for all

of Orange County. But rather than blaming the Orange County Transit Authority, which is probably paying close attention to the numbers of those empty seats, let's look at our own reluctance to use the system we have.

Many of us (myself included) have said that we would ride buses more often if they ran more frequently and if bus stops were closer to our houses. But should OCTA be expected to add more buses and bus routes if it may mean more empty seats?

I appreciate that many *Observer* readers are busy working people or parents with children to chauffeur around, or that they live far away from a bus stop. But is there one particular trip for which some readers could substitute bus riding for driving? Might there be any city council members willing to try it?

I, for one, will try to leave my car in the garage more often. Hopefully fewer empty bus seats will put the pressure on for better service.

Penny Hlavac Fullerton

### Fireworks, NonProfits, & Mountain View Leak

First of all, Mr. Whitaker is correct to want to use what we already have for non-profit banner placements, but using the fences at corner intersections is very dangerous. We continually have incidents at the corner of Bastanchury and Associated Road where banners and signs placed on the fence limit and restrict the view for drivers going through the intersection.

This intersection is already one of the most dangerous we have due to the way speeding is involved in the up and down natural terrene of the hills.

Next: The leak at Mountain View Park. Maybe the water should be tested, if it has not been tested yet, for the chemicals cracking pumpers force into the ground for reclamation of the oil and gas. This could tell us if it is or is not caused by the drilling. Or maybe it is water coming from somewhere it is not supposed to come from, other than a spring.

And lastly, I understand that groups want to use fund raising events like selling fireworks to raise money for their particular interests. Fireworks is not the way.

Until last year we were a city without fireworks and it in no way has hurt our city; it has actually had a benefit, fewer fires. When we first moved here some 50 years ago it was like a war zone, and finally the voters outlawed all fireworks. We are in a very significant drought, why do

we continue to allow fireworks of any kind into our city to be used at the absolute worst time of the year for fires.

I might also mention that we are a "Tree City" - and that trees and fire are not a good combination.

Although the voters did vote for this, it makes no sense to me. Our city fireworks celebration has been great and well attended for many years. Thanks to the *Observer* for giving us a voice to respond.

A. A. Davitian Fullerton

### Pancake Breakfast Blast

Thank you so much for the article and pictures in the *Observer* about the troop's pancake breakfast. We had a great showing of people despite the rain. My youngest son was old enough to flip pancakes this year and had a blast.

I had several people tell me they saw the article and came to the breakfast from that. We appreciate your support by getting the word out. Thanks again,

Melanie Anderson Fullerton

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Thom Pari Anaheim

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### March 4th Council Meeting (next meeting is March 18)

**Separation of Church & State:** The meeting began with, the now customary, prayer "to our heavenly father..." this time from a representative of the Salvation Army who said the organization is known as a religion in some countries. He said the SA's drug and rehab programs are totally funded by its thrift stores. The Anaheim facility has space for 145 men and 130 women. (*It's other low income housing, however, is subsidized by large government grants according to IRS records.*)

**SHHS Vocal Ensemble** The 21-student ensemble dressed in formal wear sung the Star Spangled Banner for the council and audience. The vocal group has received superior rating in the CSUF Choral Fest.

**CalGRIP** Museum Center Art Education Director Amiee Aul described the gang reduction program which began in 2011. The program has provided opportunities to students that they would otherwise not have been able to participate in supported by \$50,000 in grant funding to date.

**Arbor Day** Maintenance Director Dennis Quinlivan and arborists Wayne Elms, Bill Kaiser, and Booker James (not present) were honored by the Mayor for Fullerton's Tree City USA designation. (*This year 20 big Ginkos were planted at Woodcrest Park on March 15 to replace the sick trees that had to be removed.*) The program invites the community to help plant

trees in a different park each year.

**ArtWalk** The mayor and council honored founder Jesse LaTour and the organizers of Fullerton's First Friday ArtWalk and invited everyone out to the 4th Anniversary Celebration. See page 12.

**Sister City** President Mike Oates gave an update on upcoming events including a visit by 10 Junior Ambassadors and 3 chaperones visiting from Fukui, Japan in time to celebrate the 25th anniversary with Fullerton. The 50-year anniversary with Morelia, Mexico will be coming up. Fullerton Sister City has been invited to visit Jong-in, Korea for the ten year anniversary with that city. The 12-member group will be leaving on March 24th and includes Mayor Chaffee and his wife, City Manager Joe Felz and other representatives of the business and education community. All are paying their own way.

Oates gave special credit to Ted Kim for organizing an agreement which now brings Korean business leaders to Fullerton instead of LA and reminded everyone that Sister City is a non-profit so donations are tax-deductible.

**Volunteer of Month** Ted Kim accepted the Volunteer of the Month parking plaque for Daniel Kang who is out of the country on missionary work in India. Mayor Chaffee presented the honor in thanks to Mr. Kang for initiating our Sister City relationship with Jong-in.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Fracking & Acidizing:** Sherri Davison a longtime Fullerton resident spoke about how difficult it was to get accurate information about what oil companies are doing. She said the Air Quality Management District had given her quite an education. She found that 8 wells in Brea and 5 in Fullerton are being acidized or fracked. "Little is known about acidizing," she said, "though it is possibly even more dangerous due to the toxic chemicals used which may be putting our water supply at risk." She asked the council to consider following LA's lead in recently putting a moratorium on acidizing and fracking. "LA researched it and are concerned," she said. She invited everyone to an informational rally on March 15 at Rolling Hills Park on Bastanchury. (see frontpage story for more on this)

Councilmember Jan Flory asked staff to look into fracking and acidizing. "These are important issues for our water."

**Police Review:** An organized group of people finished each others sentences - in the three minutes allowed - to advocate for a Citizens Police Review Board. In the process some listed all the cases where officers have been found to have broken the law themselves and called for the end of POBAR.

Councilmember Flory objected to some speakers efforts to besmirch the police dept. She said as a "44 year resident my experience has been very good. POBAR protects officers from the dangerous issues - drugs, etc - they have to deal with." She noted that Chief Hughes, after being appointed in 2012 had already made many of the reforms listed by the independent office of review audit of the department and now nearly all of the 59 recommendations. "He is involved in the community and has accomplished an

amazing amount in the last two years." She added that, "all cases of abuse should be listed on the city website."

**CollegeTown:** A citizen objected to adding new student residential housing units in the area around CSUF and asked council to think about the people who pay taxes and actually live here instead of the transient population of students when considering approval of university expansion. Neighborhoods are already impacted by the university traffic and parking.

Councilmember Flory said that parking seems to be a hot button issue and the public needs to be involved in the planning process.

**Street Lights Still a Problem:** Erin Lewis, who has spoken several times in past years, said that the street lights on her street are still an unaddressed problem. She asked for an update about what was being done. She also said the 3-ton trash trucks were also causing damage to the streets.

**Water Board:** Tom Babcock, former Metropolitan Water Board representative, who was replaced on the board by Jan Flory and the alternate Jennifer Fitzgerald, noted that both were absent from the very important budget and rate setting meeting so Fullerton had no representative. "As a ratepayer I expect more."

### REGULAR BUSINESS

**Vets Cemetery:** Post 142 Commander Marilyn Harris gave a presentation on Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's bill to locate a state veterans cemetery in Orange County. She asked the council to support it. "There are a couple hundred thousand of us here."

The item passed 4-1 (Whitaker, no, because he said the federal government should do it.)

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### Cleanup of Union Park on Truslow Complete

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has announced that the city-owned Union Park on W. Truslow Ave. in Fullerton, which was contaminated with toxic chemicals, has been cleaned up to a level that allows unrestricted use.

Historically, the property, located just south of the railroad tracks and the old Manufactured Gas site was vacant land and variously housed warehouses, light manufacturing buildings, storage yards and a makeshift soccer field.

The City of Fullerton purchased the vacant property in 1998 and converted it into a park in 2003.

After Southern California Gas cleaned up the polluted Manufactured Gas site just north of the park in 2008, a citizen's group asked the DTSC to order testing of the adjacent park site where children would play. The tests revealed the same pollution discovered at the Manufactured Gas site were present in the park: hydrocarbons and lead in the soil, and low levels of other contaminants in soil vapor. The park was fenced off to protect public safety and the DTSC arranged several public meetings to explain the next steps.

The city was forced to sue SoCal Gas to spur cleanup of toxins to residential levels.

The company contended that it was not the only responsible party, citing use of the vacant land by the railroad and a roofing company and inadequate testing by the city. After the city won the case in court, the cleanup process began.

In late 2012, DTSC approved a work plan to facilitate removal and disposal of more than 1,849 tons - or about 80 truckloads - of contaminated soil from the Site. DTSC worked closely with The SoCal Gas and the Union Pacific Railroad Company, while maintaining communication with the City of Fullerton to facilitate the successful cleanup.

Documentation is online at the DTSC EnviroStor data base: [https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=60000511](https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60000511)

The 'Removal Action Completion Report' and the 'Certification Package' are under the "Activities" tab.

City Parks & Recreation Director Hugo Curiel said that outreach to neighbors and the community will take place in the next few months so residents can weigh in on the future use of the park site. The plans will then go to the Parks & Rec Commission and then to Council. To be put on the Union Park meeting notification list call 714-738-6575.



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## High School Board Meeting Highlights

by Vivien Moreno

Fullerton Joint Union High School District Board meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at district headquarters, 1051 W. Bastanchury Rd., Fullerton 92833. For more information call 714-870-2800. See the agenda at [www.fjuhsd.net](http://www.fjuhsd.net)



### Feb. 25th FJUHS Board Report

I usually report these meetings chronologically, but this time I am going to switch it up a bit. I will come back to the FAA students who were honored this night and hit the nutritional services portion of the evening first.

•**FAST FOOD:** Kristin Hilleman, Director of Food Services for the FJUHS District, is exploring the possibility of adding additional food options for both students and faculty this year. Taco Bell and Chick-fil-A both responded to her request. The district's main focus is that the food items provide the government approved nutritional balance and that they have the appropriate price range for the district's students. On January 14th, the Consent Calendar included the contractual agreement with Chick-fil-A to bring the sandwiches on school sites to sell to the students. The board approved the agreement in its consent calendar with no public discussion.

The February 19th edition of the Fullerton Union High School newspaper, *Pleiades*, ran an article questioning the suitability of offering such a product and the endorsement by school district given the controversial and highly publicized political beliefs professed by Chick-fil-A's CEO, Dan Cathy. The district's position on the matter was questioned by Trustee Montoya who asked Director Hilleman what the ramifications would be if the district chose at this point to not order from this company after the contract has already been signed. Director Hilleman replied that the district and the school sites would incur no monetary loss since the profits are only affected by how many sandwiches are purchased at the school site. If a school site does not choose to have the product sold on the campus, there is no loss or problems with the contract. The district is asking for student and parent input. Please send your opinions to the school site principals in this matter. Principal Rani Goyal at FUHS stated that she would be asking for opinions from student groups on the matter. A similar type of food contract with Taco Bell was approved at the February 25th meeting.

(For more on this story see frontpage article in this issue and in the Early March issue online in the "Past Issues" section at [www.fullertonobserver.com](http://www.fullertonobserver.com))

•**Student School Report:** The Board Meeting started with the Student School Report given by Lindsay Angeli, a Fullerton Union High School senior who plans on attending Boston College in the fall. The high schools are transitioning from winter to spring sports and using various spirit raising activities to help students focus on their studies. Sadie Hawkins and Stag dances were held at many of the high school sites to announce the beginning of spring and singing grams could be heard celebrating Valentine's Day at Sunny Hills High School.

•**FAA & Ag Programs:** The board and the district recognized the FAA and agricultural programs offered at many of the high school sites. These programs offer students hands on experience and allow students the chance to develop new skills they would have a difficult time gaining

on their own. Food production includes scientists, farmers, business leaders and distributors who will face increasing challenges from world population growth, limited arable land, and changing climatic conditions. The FAA students were well spoken, enthusiastic and hopeful for the future of providing food for the world in the next generation.

•**SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVED:** The board approved the proposed 2014/2015 school calendar and it is posted now on the FJUHS website.

•**BUDGET UPDATE:** Ron Lebs, Asst. Superintendent for Business Services, provided a budget update regarding the increased revenue allocated by the state and the reshaping of the budget due to the Local Control Funding Formula. The good news is that there are no budget cuts this year, but the sad news is that we are not going to be back to the 2008 education budget levels until 2020. So in essence, increased revenue doesn't mean any additional money, it just means that our students are not getting more of their future hacked away this year, and some of the money is going back into educational programs for them.

The interesting portion of the new funding is that the board will have greater flexibility in allocating the funds received. Unfortunately, as Dr. Giokaris stated and as others have also mentioned, the best analogy to the LCFF is that we are flying in a giant aircraft that is still being built in transit. Much is still to be determined by the state and the district as to how the money will be spent and how much flexibility the district will have.

•**SUMMER SCHOOL:** Dr. Jennifer Williams, Director of Administrative Services gave a presentation assessing the success of last year's summer school session. The board took into account the outcomes from last year and approved the funding for 2014 summer school session. Last year almost 8,000 students participated in summer school. Even more students are expected this year. Students attend summer school for three main reasons: in order to retake a class that received a failing grade, to take classes that remove pressure from impacted programs (like taking health and computer science in summer) and to earn additional units in order to graduate. Students outside the district may not attend FJUHS summer school, as it is too cost prohibitive.

*The March 11th school board report will be in the next issue.*



Bill McGarvey presented this year's scholarship awards to Ernesto Rangel and Laila Huff (pictured above right).

### 4th Annual Bill McGarvey YWCA Scholarships

The 4th annual Bill McGarvey Scholarship Luncheon was held at the Holiday Inn & Suites, in Fullerton. The scholarships are awarded to CSUF adult re-entry students. This year's scholars are:

**Ernesto Rangel**, an accounting major due to graduate in 2016, has been working at the Law Offices of Thomas Kerns McKnight for the past four years. He plans to become a certified public accountant. In addition to being an excellent student and employee, Ernesto is also father to a one-year-old daughter.

**Laila Huff** is currently working toward her Bachelor of Science in Human Services. A single parent since her husband passed away of terminal cancer in 2012, Laila ultimately hopes to inspire her daughters to overcome difficult circumstances. She interns at ResCare Home Care and hopes to pursue a Master's in Gerontology, as well as work at a community agency promoting independence and quality of life for older adults. Laila will graduate in May 2014, just two weeks before her daughter graduates from the University of California Irvine.

#### Scholarship Applications

Applications for the Thurmond Scholarship are available by calling the YWCA of North Orange County at (714) 871-4488. The scholarships are designed for reentry women, 24 years or older, attending Fullerton College or Cal State University.



PHOTO JERE GREENE

**DRIVERS BE AWARE OF BICYCLISTS:** Police and paramedics help a 15-year-old bicyclist who was hit by a vehicle at the intersection of Chapman and Highland on March 6th around 3:20pm. The young man was taken to the hospital but is expected to be okay.

### CSUF Honors SchoolsFirst for \$500,000 Gift

Cal State Fullerton recognized SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union on March 5 for its \$500,000 naming gift to the College of Education's Center for Creativity and Critical Thinking now located in the Pollak Library.

The center's new name is "SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union Center for Creativity and Critical Thinking," in honor of the gift. "We're proud to partner

with SchoolsFirst, which supports teacher development and advancing education," said Claire C. Cavallaro, dean of the College of Education. "The center has become a premier educational hub for the development, evaluation and dissemination of innovative educational approaches that infuse the arts, technology and science as central components of an integrated curriculum."

For over five years, the center has provided direct professional development services to local educators and future teachers, promoting infusing the arts, science and technology into K-12 curriculum. This has resulted in the center serving 850 teachers and CSUF teacher candidates and more than 11,000 young learners — made possible with an initial \$250,000 gift from SchoolsFirst. The credit union's latest pledge will advance the center's reach even further, said Teresa Crawford, professor of elementary and bilingual education and director of the center.

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**MOMS Club Spring Fling Event Seeks Vendors by April 1st Deadline**

MOMS Club will hold a family friendly fair and auction on Saturday, April 26 from 11am to 2pm at the Fullerton Community Center Courtyard, 340 W. Commonwealth. Admission to the event is free and will include an auction and various children's activities and vendor exhibits.

Vendors interested in participating may request a registration form at momsclub-fullertoneast@gmail.com. Forms are due by April 1. Vendor registration fees are \$20-\$30 for space at the event. One 6-foot table and chair will be provided. The vendor may also use their own equipment within the allocated space.

Funds from vendor registration fees and the auction items will benefit the MOMS Club Mother-to-Mother Fund, which offers grants for emergency expenses to club members experiencing financial and natural disasters. The proceeds will also be shared with Pathways of Hope, which provides services to families affected by hunger and homelessness.

MOMS Club members are stay-at-home and/or working mothers living in Fullerton. Members gather at parks, in homes, at the library, and attend community events together. To find your branch of MOMS Club of Fullerton go to www.momsclub.org.



**Bike Route Report**

At the March 18 meeting (6:30pm at City Hall) the council will hear a presentation on "Bicycle Routes and Trail Updates." While it is not certain what will be included in the report, among the items that bicycle activists have asked to hear about are: the proposed Wilshire Bike Boulevard, the completion of the St Jude/Rolling Hills class I (paved, offroad) bike route, a class I bike route along the Brea Creek flood control channel next to Malvern, the use of "sharrows" in Fullerton, installation of signage, appointment of a transportation czar, and plans for getting future external funding (grant writing). This will be a good time to hear about what the city is doing to advance safe bicycling, and to provide your input.



**The DOWNTOWN Report**

with text & photos by Mike Ritto

**Downtown Fullerton Market**

**The Beginning: You Say You Want Some Evolution**

The "stage," and to call it a stage does require quotation marks, well, it was really just a framework covered with an unstable, nearly flat substance that may have at one time been plywood. The thing was located in the corner of a dirt lot, across from a parking lot that was equal parts bare dirt and asphalt crumbles. Took some time to convince the first bands to play there. "Hey, you live here, do it for your home town!" It paid \$150. The stage remnant was quickly replaced in time, no harm, no fallen guitar heroes.

One of the early vendors had freshly baked cookies, salads, and huge baked potatoes and for some crazy reason, they all were not only really good but also really affordable. She sold out of a camping trailer and every order came with a good smile and a bad joke.

Things got even better when the Kettle

Korn vendor showed up. Free samples, what a genius! The aroma drew you in and there is no way any normal human could eat a handful of that too good to be legal goodness and walk away. Just like you, I bought a bag every week and every once in a while some even made it home.

The street itself was vintage cool, turned white from years of sun exposure and the cracks were filled with black tar to keep the thing from drifting off in the next rain. Back in those days it rained in Fullerton, sometimes even enough to create puddles.

The beer garden was less than half the size it is now and you could still get a seat. Hard to believe but all of this is true, and all of it led to what is now known as one of the places you need to see and be seen in if you are going to be considered a true "Fullertonian."

**Let the 2014 Fullerton Market Begin**

Fresh produce. Prepared food. Artisans. Non-profit organizations. Merchants. Live music. Kids activities. Beer garden. A real stage and a plaza devoid of rock crumbles. The beer garden pranksters have not grown up but the trees have so we now have some nice shade. This is where Fullerton becomes a true community and it starts soon.

The Farmer's Market side of things has been brought together since the very beginning by Kay Thomas. She has a Masters in Social Work so she naturally branched out and added the Farmers Market duties when the new nighttime Farmers Market came to be. It must have seemed logical at the time and over 20 years later she is still a fixture so it has been a perfect fit. If you want to know anything about everything or everything about anything at the market, find Kay

when you are there.

"It is very popular with the returning farmers who always ask about it to make sure they are one of the farmers who get to participate. They have come to know each other as well as the customers and that really adds to the popularity of the market. When we open on April 3rd we will have tomatoes, asparagus, mushrooms, and all of the other fresh produce we're known for." As the weeks pass, more and more fresh fruit will arrive from near and often quite far, including peaches, plums, strawberries, well, I guess we could list just about every type of fruit and vegetable that grows in Southern California and you will likely find it there.

Let's all promise to meet at the market soon. I'll be one of the many wearing a shirt with the word Fullerton on it. See you then!



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**ANSWER TO EARLY MARCH.**

Below: The roof of the former Masonic Temple building, now the Spring Field Conference Center on corner of Chapman and Harbor



**Changes**

Sorry to say but Café 109 on Harbor seems to have closed their doors. We'll keep an eye on the place. CHA2o is moving into the southeast corner of Harbor and Commonwealth. Looks like they will have a large menu with smoothies, slushies, teas, and a large Asian inspired food menu plus fruit platters, salads, and desserts. Make that a very large menu and they appear to be moving quickly on the remodel so we should have a nice progress report in the next issue. A new restaurant may be moving into the former OPUS bank leasing office, keep an eye out for signage, etc.

**Josua Tree Music Fest**

It's not in Fullerton, but still a fun event with live music continuously from 4pm 'til 2am on Friday; 10am to 2am on Saturday; and 10am to 7pm on Sunday. The 12th annual festival takes place May 15 to the 18th. It's a desert with average high in May at 93, low at 71. Come and go freely from your camp to the festival village. Kids 10 and under are free. More info at www.josuatreemusicfestival.com

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## Observers Around the World



### A Visit to Quintana Roo

"I visited my daughter, Molly Cooper, last summer. She spent about 18 months teaching English at Na'atik Language School in Felipe Carillo Puerto, Quintana Roo, Mexico. We visited the Coba Mayan ruins near Playa del Carmen, saw the sights on the Yucatan peninsula, and swam in the Caribbean and two cenotes (mysterious sink-holes in the Yucatan). It was an awesome trip! Love the Observer!"

- Joan Cooper  
Fullerton resident since 1996

*Pictured at left,  
Molly and Joan Cooper at  
the Coba Mayan ruins.*

### Dave Temple and Sabino Gutierrez Visit the Masai in Kenya



"We spent two weeks visiting national parks and reserves in Kenya.

This was taken while visiting the Masai Mara, where we donated school supplies, books, and solar powered lighting to the local tribes. It was truly the trip of a lifetime!

The program we participated in is a private aid foundation which targets villages based on needs which fluctuate by village (the Masai are nomadic tribes). We also worked with the Kenyan Wildlife Service and the Maasai Association."

#### More Info:

[www.kws.org](http://www.kws.org)  
[www.maasai-association.org/maasai](http://www.maasai-association.org/maasai)



### Inside a Hometown Magazine

The FullertonStories Magazine is an off shoot of the online news site FullertonStories.com published by Davis and Carrie Barber and their crew. The current issue is being distributed throughout neighborhoods by members of CSUF's Rugby team. Davis says he hires nonprofits to distribute the magazine to give them a boost. Give him a call at 714-525-2671 if your group is interested in participating. Inside the February/March issue are many interesting stories including an interview with 96-year-old former Mayor Buck Catlin, and features on home remodeling, independent coffee houses, fashion, and more. You can subscribe to the magazine, which comes out six times a year, for \$36 by sending a check to Fullerton Stories, 305 N. Harbor Blvd., Suite 300C, Fullerton CA 92832. For more information contact the news crew by email to [info@fullertonstories.com](mailto:info@fullertonstories.com).

### The Observer Looking for Funny Items

Submissions for the all funny April First Backpage are being accepted through March 26. Send your short funny faux or real news article, story, cartoon or photo to: [observernews@earthlink.net](mailto:observernews@earthlink.net) or Fullerton Observer PO Box 7051 Fullerton CA 92834

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The group listens to one of several speakers. PHOTO PABLO UNZUETA

**Acidizing's Happening Here** continued from frontpage

on fracking and acidizing issues, here we have a chance to get in front of the situation.

No further information on the oil spill has been released since Fish & Wildlife, the agency overseeing the hazmat clean-up, declared it complete. The oil leak was said to be 98% water. What was in that water has not been released.

The source of the Mountain View Park leak, ongoing since May 2013, is still being investigated and the city has recently hired a new group of experts to help find the source. City tests of the water found no petrohydrocarbons, but, the test did not include chemicals used in acidizing. Because the water is not cold, as it would be if emanating from city water or an artesian source, it is suspected to be connected with the three oil pipelines underlying the park property. The oil companies have denied responsibility.

Several of the wells near Mountain View Park, such as Breitburn Well #30 and Hualde Fee 45, on Bastanchury east of the site, and Hualde Fee 42 in Vista Park across from the site, are listed as using a process called "Water Flood," where enormous amounts of water are injected to increase oil production. The water used in that process may be mostly brine, or a mixture of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes.

Longtime Fullerton resident Heather Sutherland said she was glad she came to the rally. She plans to write city, county and state officials to ask them for a moratorium until more can be learned about the risks. "Fracking and acidizing use large amounts of water - a scarce resource in California - as well as dangerous chemicals that can pollute our air and water. We have the choice to stand idly by and assume someone else will step forward, but, we all have the power to do something to keep our communities safe and healthy."

Interest in the topic was originally sparked by Ann Marshall who first noticed the oil spill into the Fullerton Creek and alerted the paper. The *Observer* January issue contained all we could find out about the spill at the time. That issue can be found in the "Past Issues" link online at [www.fullertonobserver.com](http://www.fullertonobserver.com). Ann's concerns also sparked the interest of Sherri Davison, of Fullerton, and together they organized the info event along with members of the Brea Congregational Church, some of whom are also active members of the Citizens Climate Lobby. Go to [www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org) to find out more about the group.

A surprize highlight of the event was a performance by Steve Noonan of a song he wrote about the issues.



**Above Right.** Mountain View Park closed due to mystery leak. PHOTO MIKE RITTO

**At Right.** Singer Steve Noonan with Sherri Davison. PHOTO MIKE RITTO

**At Left.** Several visitors sign up for more info. PHOTO PABLO UNZUETA

**How to Find Information on Oil Wells in Your Neighborhood**

•A link to the Dept. of Conservation Oil, Gas, Geothermal map is now available on the city website at [cityoffullerton.com](http://cityoffullerton.com). At the site you can zoom in on Fullerton and other California towns to see where all oil wells are located.

Here is the link: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/Pages/Index.aspx>

•Another site which provides a map of wells being acidized, fracked or gravel packed (another form of fracking) can be found at:

<http://baldwinhillsoilwatch.org/action-center/sc-aqmd-rule-1148-2-maps/>

When you get to this site you can expand the map to see any area including Fullerton and click on the dots representing wells for more info.

•For more information on what kind of chemicals are being used in specific wells where permits have been taken out to acidize or frack, and where the closest homes to those wells are located go to the South Coast Air Quality Management District website [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov).

The direct link to the search engine is: <http://aqmd.gov/prdas/1148-2/main.html>

Once there hit the "Community Members" button to get to the "Well Activity" Search page.

Click on "Event Notification Search" and plug in "Breitburn Operating, LP" and "Orange" to see a screen showing Breitburn oil wells in zipcodes 92831 and 92835 in Fullerton. (The "View Document" button does not work unless you have Internet Explorer browser)

If you don't have Explorer, click on the company name and the info will come up on a screen showing five sections:

Under Section D you will note that the well is being Acidized.

Under Section E you will find the closest home to the well.

Hit the "New Search" tab at the top of the page and when there select the "Chemical Report" tab. This will take you to a page again showing the five wells. Click on the "Event ID" of each well to bring up a screen showing well activity. Click on Section B and C to see the list and amounts of chemicals going into the well listed.

You can also just put in "Orange" and find all the wells being Acidized or Fracked in all of Orange County.

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**Above Right:** Puente Path looking north.

**Above:** The old Puente Path looking south.

**At Left:** The north entrance.

**Below:** What the north entrance used to look like.



## Puente Bike Path by Vince Buck

The Puente Bike Path, which was completed two years ago, has proven to be a valuable and popular community asset. The substantial resistance to its construction has now become general appreciation. The accompanying photos show the improvements that have been made.

More to the point, this link between the northern and southern segments of Puente Street provides an important safe commuting route for people living in north Fullerton and La Habra (and beyond) to downtown Fullerton, CSUF and Troy High School.

It also provides a number of new recreational riding possibilities which I enjoy several times a week. Two of them, which I encourage you to try, are described below (others will be included in a later article). Several caveats:

While these rides are mostly on streets that have Class II (striped, on-road) routes, or are wide and lightly trafficked, both have some more challenging sections. If you are not an experienced rider check them out in your car first. Definitely ride the routes before taking your kids on them.

These routes involve some hills. That is a good thing, but it does require some effort.

Pavement is generally in better shape outside of Fullerton. The worst pavement on these routes will be found on Associated Road, north of Rolling Hills; Fullerton Creek Drive; and the 600 block of Dorothy Lane.

Rides, as described, start on Berkeley below the Court House and behind Ralph's. This is the traditional starting point for the off-road Fullerton Loop. One of the most dangerous parts of these rides is crossing Harbor and entering Brea Blvd. The crossing is narrow and there are cars entering Brea from the right at high speeds. You may wish to start your ride someplace else, most likely your home.

All mileages are approximate.

The north slope on the Bike Path is steep. Inexperienced riders or riders who are not in shape may have to walk. Riding south, it is easy to ride too fast. Be careful and watch your speed.

There may be the occasional errant golf ball on the Path. I have yet to encounter one but I have heard that they occur.

### Route #1: Up and back on Puente.

This ride is about eleven miles and is the simplest and easiest ride.

Leave the Court House parking lot; turn left on Berkeley and then right on Valley View. After crossing Harbor, Valley View becomes Brea Blvd. Much of Brea Blvd. is a Class II route but after crossing Imperial the route is narrow for a short distance. The steepest grade on the ride occurs past Longview.

At about 2 miles turn left onto Rolling Hills (class II) and continue until it ends at Puente. Turn right and continue to the Bike Path at about two and a half miles. Currently Puente is an unmarked route but it is lightly travelled. Still, try to avoid times when Beechwood School is opening or letting out.

After exiting the Path, continue on Puente until it ends at the open lands of the Puente Hills (about 5.5 miles from the start). Only part of the northern section of Puente is class II but it is generally wide and/or lightly trafficked. Some of the traffic consists of large trucks. There are several speed bumps. This is a gradual uphill ride, but in the afternoon the onshore wind will help you.

Return by the same route enjoying the downhill run which you have earned.

Since it is a north/south ride, it is a good ride for late in the day because the sun is not in drivers' eyes for the most part. This ride can be extended by riding east to Berry or west to Palm, about a half mile in either direction. Returning on Berry you can either go through Aerovista Park to Brea Boulevard, or by Brea city streets back to the Path.

### Route #2 Central/ Associated loop.

For riders who do not like retracing their steps this is an alternative to Route #1. It is around 12-13 miles.

The start is the same as Route #1, but at Central (about four and a half miles) turn right on a class II route. At Brea Blvd., Central becomes State College and there is a short steep hill. Stay on State College to Birch. (The Class II markings end before Lambert and until it resumes this is a narrow and dangerous stretch. It is important to stay in your lane and not move into the bus stop area after crossing Lambert, since it will be unsafe to move back into the lane until all cars pass.)

At Birch (class II), about half a mile beyond Lambert, turn left for another half-mile to Associated Road (class II) where you turn right. (South of Imperial, back in Fullerton, the surface of Associated is very bad). Follow Associated Road across Yorba Linda Blvd. onto the CSUF campus. Turn right on West Campus Drive, right again on Gym Drive, left on Student Union Drive and right on Dorothy Lane. (Experienced riders might prefer to turn right on Yorba Linda and reach Dorothy via Fullerton Creek Drive, but this route has heavy traffic and narrow lanes.)

Continue on Dorothy (class II and III) to Hornet (jogging left at Longview) and then to Berkeley. Turn right on Berkeley (class II) and back to your starting point.

There are many ways to extend this route including riding all the way to Carbon Canyon Park. The easiest extension is a 2-mile loop around Craig Park.

Next issue will include a couple of routes that go to the west.



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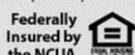
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## A First Novel from Local Author Michael Oates

An interview by Amanda Lara

It's sunny and pleasant in the outdoor patio at Café Hidalgo in downtown Fullerton, and author Michael Oates (also owner of the restaurant) is kind enough to treat me to a soda before we begin the interview. As a writer myself, I'm interested in what inspired him to write his first novel, "Wade in the Water."

Playing the piano at seven years old, Oates says, was the first step in his artistic career. "I took my creative side that was predominately in music over to the printed word, and just let it flow."

Oates, who has been in the restaurant business for twenty-eight years, said that this was the first time that he took a writing idea and "saw the whole thing through to the end."

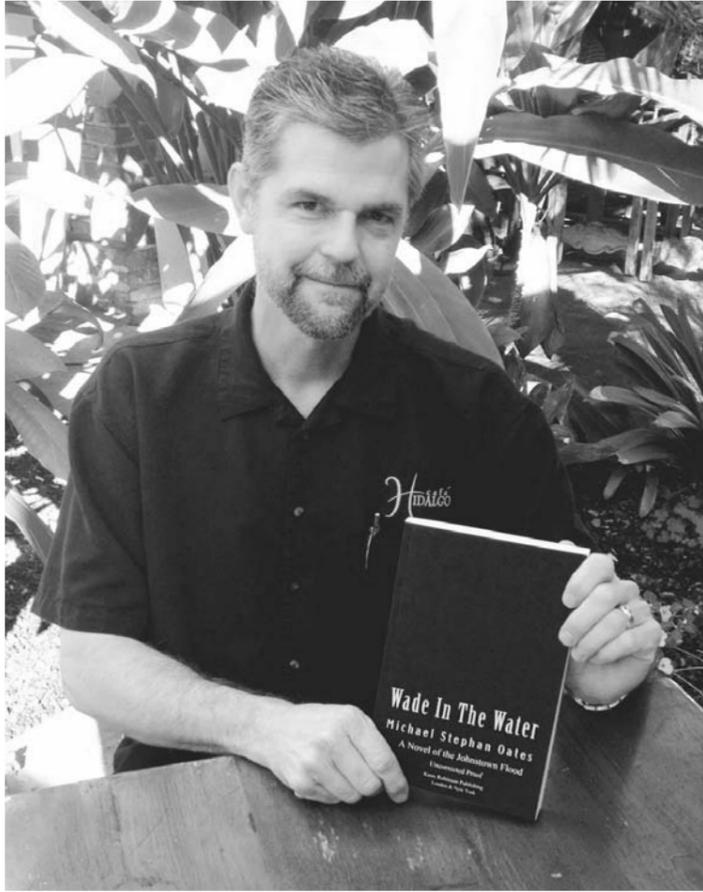
"It's hard to open yourself up – writing makes you vulnerable – because you're saying things that are on your mind and in your heart, and people either accept it or they don't. I think it is the same with any art you do." Oates says, smiling. "If there's something that really interests you, and you want to pursue it, I think there comes a time when you just have to do it."

The idea for this novel started when he became intrigued by a piece of history, the disaster of the Johnstown flood, which took place at the end of the nineteenth century. The flood was the result of a broken dam in the countryside of Pennsylvania, and it devastated the community.

"It's an event I learned about in 1989, when I saw a documentary about it. An amazing tragedy of one catastrophe after another – it just gripped me."

"In life and in literature, I tend to look for a deeper meaning than what's being said on the surface," says Oates. "This flood – this tragedy – it's not simply about the homes and factories that were washed away, but about the people who were there, living it."

His passion for music bled into one of the main characters in the novel – a boy named Bennett who dreams about attending Juilliard. The characters in the novel, including Bennett, come to face adversity as a result of



the Johnstown flood. "Through the flood, you see the father-and-son relationship change, as both realize the admirable qualities in each other. That's one of the cruxes of the novel: the theme of doing what you want to do and being who you are, and being accepting – father, mother, son, daughter."

Oates recalled how early on he expressed his interest in writing the story to his wife, and how she encouraged him to pursue the idea. "The theme of the book is about going after your dreams; stop talking about it and do it, which was kind of how this book was written – thanks to my wife!" Oates laughs.

Between running his restaurant, and the responsibilities and joys of family life, he found the time to write.

"It took about a year to write the manuscript, a year for editing, and eight months for the publishing process." And this did not include the time he devoted to research!

However, the hard work paid off. Now, Oates has a contract with Knox Robinson Publishing, and "Wade in the Water" is garnering some stellar editorial reviews.

Although this, his first book, is set to release next month, Oates is already working on other writing ventures and projects.

Mr. Oates offered me an advanced-reader copy of "Wade in the Water" which I devoured almost immediately. With beautiful prose and a gripping storyline, the novel is a definite must-read.

### HOW TO GET THE BOOK

"Wade in the Water" is available for purchase now on Amazon.com, and will be in stores and as an ebook beginning April 22nd.

### BOOKSIGNING EVENT APRIL 26

Author Michael Oates will be appearing at the Barnes and Noble booksellers in the Amerige Heights shopping center on Saturday, April 26 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm to sign copies of the novel. For a list of other appearance dates and information, visit his website at [authormichaeloates.com](http://authormichaeloates.com).



*Amanda Lara is a local high school junior and author of the TeenWorld column for the Observer. She's planning a career as a literary agent.*

## April First Submissions

Submissions for the Fullerton Observer's April First Funny Backpage are being accepted through March 26. If you have a funny item to offer send it to: [observernews@earthlink.net](mailto:observernews@earthlink.net) or Fullerton Observer, PO Box 7051, Fullerton CA 92834

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## WHAT ARE YOU READING?

BOOK REVIEW BY KATHLEEN FAHER

### Looking for Alaska

by John Green

Miles Halter feels like his life is empty and his disappointing high school experience is nothing like he imagined it would be. In search of something new, he convinces his parents to let him transfer from his public school in Florida to Culver Creek Boarding School in Alabama, his father's alma mater.

He becomes best friends with his new roommate, Chip "The Colonel" Martin who gives him the nickname, "Pudge," to poke fun at his tall and skinny frame. Across the hall is Alaska Young, an intelligent, gorgeous girl who soon captures Pudge's attention. Together with Takumi and Lara, other dorm residents, they plan the most outrageous pranks in the history of Culver Creek. But the fun turns sour and the group's friendships are at risk when an accident occurs and everyone is forced to confront the big questions about life, love, and death.

*Looking for Alaska* is written with Green's humorous tone that carries halfway through the novel, until the point where the story becomes darker and far more depressing. In his book *The Fault in Our Stars*, Green's characters can be pretentious and consider themselves more intelligent than their peers, which Green pulled off rather well in "Stars." The characters are similar in *Looking for Alaska* also, but it is not as successful.

Pudge is a generic character, rather plain, but tolerable and relatable. He feels what every teenager feels at some point, like their lives are meaningless in their adolescence. The Colonel is by far more interesting than Pudge, with a deeper and more complex character. Takumi was overlooked throughout most of the novel, but Green saved his shining moments in character development until the end, making him much more understandable and interesting.

Lara was rather underdeveloped, but as this story is told from Pudge's point of view, it makes sense, because he has very little interest in her, though she harbors romantic feelings toward him.

Alaska is the character that Green describes the most. However, she occasionally lacks personality and feels more like a plot point and an object for Pudge to lament over due to unrequited love. When it comes to Alaska, you either like or hate her. She has no qualms with sleeping around and cheating, drinking, and acting impulsively. She introduces

Pudge to misbehaving and smoking, but doesn't give a second thought to returning his feelings. Green portrays her as a self-described feminist; however, with the way she acts, she reinforces negative perceptions of women.

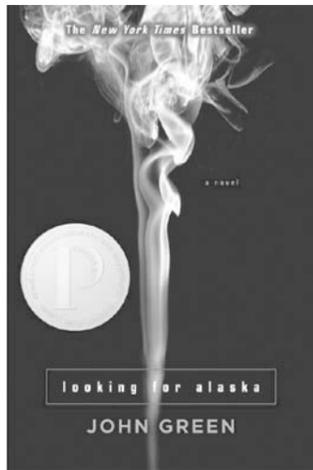
Halfway through the novel, there is an abrupt change of pace. There seems to be less plot and the characters reminisce about life and what

could possibly be after it, when one of the students dies. Though the novel does make you think, it dwells too much on the same subject for long periods of time. The book is littered with bright, humorous notes, but they are few and far between in the depressing sludge, filled with underage drinking and smoking.

*Looking for Alaska* was optioned as a movie by Paramount Pictures, but got stuck in the black hole of predevelopment, an unfortunate fate for most would-be-movies. The screenplay was written by Josh Schwartz, who also agreed to direct the movie. Be sure not to hold your breath about a movie possibility, but don't give up complete hope.



Observer Book Review columnist Kathleen Faher is a Troy High senior and a writer planning a career in the publishing field.



## "Speaking of..." by C.C. Lee



Students performing the traditional "Peacock" dance at the Fullerton Chinese School's 25th anniversary celebration.

### It's Great to be Multilingual

Recently, I attended and helped host Fullerton Chinese School's 25th Anniversary dinner. There were more than 250 people present, and among them was Fullerton Mayor Doug Chaffee, as well as some other invited guests. However, the majority of attendees were families who have been attending or volunteering at the school for a long time. The school is all volunteer-run, mostly by parents who have or once had children attending the school. Most of FCS's teachers were there as well.

Fullerton Chinese School and the Fullerton Chinese Cultural Association were founded in 1989. Since then, it has grown to be an excellent nonprofit organization that has been successful in preserving the Chinese culture and teaching the Chinese language to thousands of students.

I began attending FCS when I was in kindergarten, as did my younger sister. Although sometimes reluctant to go—because Chinese is so hard to learn—I do understand the value of learning another language. At my school, we are required to take Spanish, beginning in kindergarten. Just like learning any other subject, learning a language requires comprehending the basics first, beginning from common phrases and most frequently used vocabulary words, to colors, to numbers, etc.

I believe being multilingual is very important. One of my observations of American society is that we aren't always open to learning and trying new things. Learning new languages is one way to open a new door for people, especially kids. Being multilingual means being able

to communicate with other people from different parts of the world. This will benefit everyone because the world will seem closer; more ideas can be shared.

There are many ways to learn new languages. I am lucky enough to live in a household where my parents can speak another language in addition to English, and I attend a school that teaches Spanish as part of the curriculum. Other schools also offer a choice of learning another language.

Knowing one language can help learn another. For example, the Romance languages (Spanish, French, Italian, etc.) are all very similar. I take piano lessons and many of the terms are in Latin, French, or Italian.

Because Romance languages are related, knowing one can help decipher another.

While foreign languages do help communicate with other peoples while traveling, they also help with certain professions. For example, many students going into the medical field might take Latin or Greek because many medical terms are in those languages; the same with law and Latin. Even though learning and exploring new languages may seem like a lot of work, it will only benefit us in the long run.

*CC Lee is a Fullerton 7th grader who loves to read and write, draw, sing and play piano and volleyball.*

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### Is There More to Teeth Clenching?

If you've ever heard a sleeping individual clenching his or her teeth at night, you probably already know something about "bruxism." Aside from making a horrible sound, this excessive clenching of the jaws and grinding of the teeth poses the potential to wear away tooth enamel, disrupt jaw position, and even crack teeth. For these reasons, the dentist highly recommends that bruxers be outfitted with custom-made tooth guards that are worn at night to prevent tooth grinding and its deleterious effects. In addition, research has recently revealed that bruxism seems to be related to restless leg syndrome and migraines. Because these conditions may have something in com-

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# Fun for All at ARTwalk Anniversary

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The 4th Anniversary ArtWalk celebration held at the Fullerton Plaza was a blast and attended by 1,000 people. Entertainment was provided by the Toyaacan Aztec Dance Group, DJ Philip Higson, and live bands The Moan and Deep Sea Madness. There were also roving entertainers including Fullerton High School Circus Club's jugglers.

The event offered art-related exhibits, demonstrations and vendors including Mobile Tees with a silk-screen booth, Artside Studio, All the Arts for All the Kids, and Artist Supply Warehouse with hands-on art activities for kids. The event also featured Blanquel Popular Art and other arts & craft booths, a photobooth, food trucks, beer and wine garden, booths by Kizh Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians, Comic Book Hideout, and many more.

The celebration was sponsored by Art Supply Warehouse, Diabolo Drinks, the Fullerton Museum Center, and MG Disposal, and organized by ArtWalk founders Jesse LaTour and Brian Prince and Corky Nepomuceno, Kelly Chidester, Monica Johnson and Lilly Tokuyama.



## High School District Art Exhibit

The 28th Annual Fullerton Joint Union High School District Education Foundation Art Show is on display at the Education Center located at 1051 W. Bastanchury Road in Fullerton. The show is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, through April 11.

The show will be juried by Fullerton Museum Art Educator Aimee Aul; CSUF Professor James Dahl, and Muckenthaler Director of Exhibits Matthew Leslie. The winning student entries will be

announced at the Awards Reception on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30pm at the Education Center Board Room.

The nonprofit Education Foundation has sponsored the art exhibit since 1987 in an effort to promote the visual arts of district students.

The student art exhibit was organized by Fullerton High Assistant Principal Sonje Berg and Troy High Principal Amy Avina.

## OLLI Artists Exhibit at the Bradford House

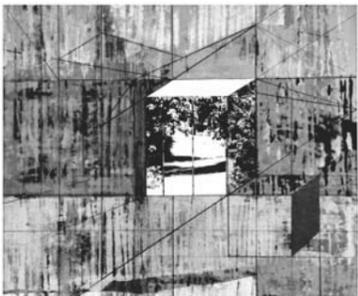
The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Cal State Fullerton in conjunction with the Placentia Historical Society will present an exhibition of its members' art work on Sunday, April 6 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Bradford House, 136 E. Palm Circle in Placentia. Docents will conduct tours of the interior of the historic house during the exhibition. This event is part of OLLI's 35th Anniversary Celebration. More information may be found at

<http://thebradfordhouse.info/> Artwork from OLLI classes in watercolor, photography, drawing, ceramics and textiles will be exhibited on the porch and lawn of the Bradford House while OLLI musicians perform inside the house. OLLI members will appear in Victorian costume. Visitors will have an opportunity to learn about the many OLLI classes and programs that are available for retired and semi-retired people in the area. Free

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*California Indian Feast* is a new statewide traveling exhibition from the Grace Hudson Museum and Exhibit Envoy. The exhibit runs through March 23rd. For more information, please visit [www.exhibitenvoy.org](http://www.exhibitenvoy.org).

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•FOYER GALLERY is showing artwork by Aaron Jones. The resin drawings represent an investigation into the memories of the last villains in society. •STROLLER BRIGADE, free program for toddlers and preschoolers features docent-led games, stories and crafts in the gallery. Every Wed. thru April 9th, 10am to noon.

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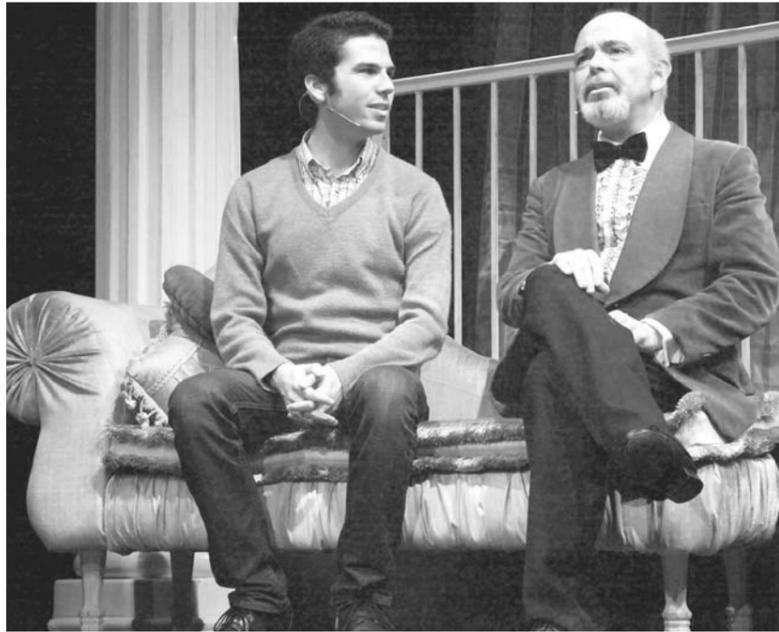
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## REVIEWED by Mark Rosier

**At Right:**  
The soon to be wed Jean-Michel (Michael Phillips) and his dad Georges (Richard Comeau) in "La Cage Aux Folles" playing weekends through April 26.



### La Cage Aux Folles at the Maverick

*La Cage Aux Folles* burst onto the Broadway theatrical scene in 1983 and was nominated for nine Tony awards, winning six. The musical with music and lyrics written by Jerry Herman and book by Harvey Fierstein Brown and is based on the 1973 French play of the same name by Jean Poiret.

Fullerton's local Maverick Theatre brings a glitzy and heartfelt spectacle that entertains on many a level. The musical production tells the story of Georges, the master of ceremonies and owner of the St Tropez drag queen club "La Cage Aux Folles. Georges lives happily with his same sex "wife" the larger than life Albin who performs under the name Zaza with Les Cagelles, an assortment of vivid and unique chorus drag queens and women that bring sparkle and spectacle every instance they are on stage.

George's son Jean-Michel who is the product of a drunken one night stand returns home to inform his father that he is to wed a lovely young lady named Anne who's father happens to be a politician for The Tradition, Family and Morality Party and who threatens to shut down all establishments he deems morally objectionable.

Jean-Michel invites his estranged birth mother Sybil to attend a gathering of both families in a meeting in advance of the wedding and in doing so alienates Albin, the parent who has raised him since birth.

When Sybil cancels at the last minute Albin takes it on himself to portray Jean-Michel's mother with many a laugh out loud result. The story is at the core a love story between Albin and Georges and puzzle pieces that each character brings to the joy of the other.

*La Cage Aux Folles* is a tricky undertaking that takes some precise elements to be considered a worthwhile production. First and foremost the relationship between Albin (Glenn Koppel) and Georges (Richard Comeau) must have a believable chemistry because their relationship is the soul of the entire piece.

Glenn Koppel and Richard Comeau are beyond fabulous with their portrayal of a married couple doing whatever is needed for the happiness of their son.

Songs like "We Are What We Are," "With You On My Arm," and "Song On The Sand," provide a touching heartfelt tone and subtle yet poignant messages about self pride, romance that can stand the test of time, as well as the fact that love knows no gender, age or race.

Michael D. H. Phillips and Angela Griswold make a quirky and endearing pair who's chemistry is as authentic as you'll find on any Orange County theatre stage. Matt Jennings as Jacob brings a fierceness and wonderfully effortless sense of timing to every scene he inhabits.

Director Curtis Jeromes masterfully crafts humor, pathos, spectacle, glitz and a cast of beautiful singers who bring depth and true emotion to the story. Curtis Jerome's additional elegant and deliciously over-the-top costume design and energetic choreography make each dance number ooze with an adventurous sense of exhilaration and energy.

The themes of acceptance, tolerance and self pride are as prevalent today as they were when this show first captivated and enlightened audiences in 1983.

*La Cage Aux Folles* at The Maverick Theatre runs weekends through April 26.

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• **LA CAGE AUX FOLLES** music & lyrics by Jerry Herman, book by Harvey Fierstein, directed by Curtis Jerome plays through April 26 with Fri. & Sat. shows at 8pm and Sun. at 5pm. Audiences may be familiar with the story from the popular movie "The Birdcage" starring Robin Williams. \$25 (\$15 for students with current ID). Not intended for anyone under 13.

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• **LOOT** written by Joe Orton, directed by Jesse Runde, opens March 28th and plays thru April 27th, Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm. A masterpiece of satirical dark farce following the fortunes of two young thieves, Dennis and Hal. Dennis works for an undertaker. Hal's old Mum has just died. They rob the bank next door to the funeral parlour and find the perfect place to hide the loot. When Inspector Truscott turns up, the already thickened plot goes topsy-turvy. The show premiered in London in 1966 and remains one of the most potent works from this comedic master.

• **AMERICAN DREAM** by Edward Albee, directed by Philip Brickey, opens April 5th and plays through April 26th. The classic comedy is about an average family trying to keep up in a materialistic society. When Albee wrote the play, the popular culture ideal of the American family was rooted firmly somewhere between *Father Knows Best* and *The Donna Reed Show*. Albee himself described the play as, "an examination of

the American Scene, an attack on the substitution of artificial, for real, values in our society, a condemnation of complacency, cruelty, emasculation, and vacuity; it is a stand against the fiction that everything in this slipping land of ours is peachy-keen."

Edward Albee once said, "I have a fine sense of the ridiculous but no sense of humor." It's that sense of the ridiculous that governs the action in this early Albee one-act. The American Dream features the twisted archetypal family of Mommy, Daddy and Grandma, whose collective cruelty is rivaled only by their need for each other. "*American Dream* by Edward Albee is as important today as when it was written in 1960. It reminds us that everything is not perfect in the good ole USA. It forces us to ask ourselves whether the American Dream is dead or was it ever attainable in the first place," says director Philip Brickey.

The play performs on Saturdays & Sundays at 5pm April 5 through April 26.

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10am "Learn the choreography from Lysistrata Jones" - with Kelly Todd  
11am "Community Speak Up" - with Marilyn Boehm, Sarah DuVal, Maile Fok, Christopher Hughes, Courtney Mitchell and Regina Niles  
12pm "Friday Night Film Fights" - a live podcast with Sam Well & Kyle Haas

1pm "Rachel Mount" - a cabaret  
2pm "Truth Be Told" - a one-man play with Doyle Smiens

3pm "Dis-FUN-ction" - a cabaret with Joanne Juliet Lapointe

##### Leg 2: 4pm-10pm

4pm "King of the World" - a cabaret with Ana Bomgaars and friends

5pm "Pump Room 111" - a new play by Gabriel Carrasco

6pm "So Happy (Singing) Together" - a concert with Robyn & Robert Wallace

7pm "Seventh Street Jazz" - with Cristiana Franzetti

8pm "Let's Duet" - with Melinda Porto & Miguel Cardenas

9pm "Craig in the Stone" - with

Jocelyn A. Brown, Aimee Gomez, David McCormick, Erika C. Miller, Bill Strongin & Scott B. Well

##### DAY 2 - Sunday, March 23

##### Leg 3: 9am-4pm

9am Wild Things Children's Theatre Troupe

10am "Speak the Speech" - OCSA  
11am "Take a Chance!" - a musical revue by Ragtag Entertainment

12pm "We Will Rock You 2!" - OCSA  
1pm "Musical Revue 4 U" - with local middle and high school students

2pm "Inspired" - with St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church Choir  
3pm "The Jenga Princess" - a new play by Tiffany Reid

##### Leg 4: 4pm-10pm

4pm "Judevine: A Solo" - starring Brian Rickel, directed by Kari Hayter  
5pm "Ragtime For All Time" - with Eric Marchese

6pm "Blue Skies" - a concert with Erika C. Miller, Rob Blaney, Jon Hyrkas and Bill Strongin

7pm "Miscast: A Broadway Cabaret!" - with Jared Kaitz and friends.

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9pm "Role Reversal 2" - with Laura M. Hathaway, Katie Brown and Matt Takahash.



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The Fullerton High School Circus Club added to the merriment. PHOTO BY JERE GREENE

### Mardi Gras for Autism a Success Despite Rain

This year's Mardi Gras for Autism event was held on March 1st and drew 2,000 people of all ages despite falling on one of California's very few rainy days. Huge tents were set up in the parking lot on E. Santa Fe to keep the revelers dry. The event was truly fun for all with interactive activities and exhibits for all abilities, live dance, music, magic performances. And Fullerton High School's Circus Club performers.

The annual event is sponsored by Larry Houser who became involved with autism after his son was diagnosed. Admission is always free but part of the funds raised from food and drink sales are donated to Fullerton Cares, the autism support group Larry founded. \$8,500 was collected before expenses this year. Proceeds will help support autism programs in the Fullerton School District.

Find out more about Fullerton Cares at [www.fullertoncares.com](http://www.fullertoncares.com) or on the fullertoncares facebook page. Also check out a AutismLive youtube review of the event at <http://youtu.be/IA14lk9xDm8>



King & Queen of the Autism Mardi Gras were Bruce and Linda Whitaker.

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**Below:** Huge tents kept Mardi Gras attendees and performers dry during the sometimes torrential showers during the event.

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### Get Your Garden Started

by Warren Bowen

There is more home gardening of vegetables now than at any time since WWII with its "Victory Gardens" This is good for budget economy, nutrition and exercise. Your best choice to get an early start is to stop in at the Fullerton Arboretum for the annual plant sale of veggies. It is more than tomatoes and peppers this year...a real Veggiepalooza. That name is new but the annual event has been going on for a quarter of a century.

This year there will be over 600 varieties of vegetable plants, fruits, and companion plants from around the world including 200 tomato choices and 190 peppers. People drive from places like Temecula and North Hollywood to get the rare pepper varieties they seek! Some of the hottest will bring in folks with backgrounds in India and the Philippines. One local motel already has a reservation by an Alaskan!

The giant plant sale takes place Saturday and Sunday March 22 and 23

and opens at 9am. Admission is always free (*donations welcome!*). For this event get there early for parking in the Arb lot though parking in the Cal State lots nearby will also be available. OC Master gardeners will be present to help

**Veggiepalooza at the Arboretum Over 600 varieties of vegetable plants are offered Sat. & Sun. March 22 & 23**

select plants and offer gardening demonstrations.

The Arboretum is located at 1900 Associated Road just east of State College Blvd. off Yorba Linda Blvd. on the Cal State Fullerton campus. Bring a wagon if you plan on stocking up in quantity.

Members of the Friends of the Arboretum support group will be admitted on Friday, March 21 at 3pm. Don't belong?...you can join at the gate and become more involved in the Arboretum's annual events!

Call 657-278-3407 or visit [fullertonarboretum.org](http://fullertonarboretum.org) for more information.

If you miss out on this sale don't despair. The Arboretum will be selling plants for weeks after the event. Pop in on Saturdays and Sundays for your plants and free gardening advice.

### Free Every Tuesday Sierra Club Singles Hike & Dinner

4 to 5 mile hike in the gentle hills of Fullerton. The slow to medium pace is great for beginners. Optional dinner afterwards. The hike begins at 6:30pm.

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## HITS & MISSES

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### DALLAS BUYERS CLUB: *Two Hits*

"Dallas Buyers Club," a film not memorable for plot but elevated by its performances, managed to receive nominations for Best Picture, Best Leading Actor, and Best Supporting Actor at Hollywood's Academy Awards ceremony. It won two of these Oscars, thanks to the exceptional work of Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto.

Starting in the early 90s, McConaughey's career began with small parts that gradually morphed into leading-man roles in romantic comedies, a specialty that brought him notice in the 2000s but made him restive to shed the handsome, leading-man stereotype. His shift to more challenging roles began when he played the small-town Texas lawyer in "Bernie" and the runaway outlaw in "Mud." But even these memorable roles are overshadowed by his portrayal of real-life Ronald Woodroof.

Shedding over 40 pounds from his already slender physique, McConaughey is barely recognizable as Ron, the electrician and part-time rodeo rider, who in 1985 tests positive for H.I.V. A heterosexual, promiscuous womanizer and raging homophobe, Ron resents the homosexual stereotype associated with the diagnosis as much as he resists accepting the doctors' findings. But his T-cell count is 9 (100 being normal), and Ron is told he has approximately 30 days to live.

AIDS treatment in 1985 is experimental at best and Ron learns that a double-blind trial using AZT is being conducted in a Dallas hospital. But, as yet, no conclusive results have been found and the drug lacks F.D.A. approval. So Ron searches for alternative treatments. He visits an unlicensed American doctor living in Mexico, who tells him that massive doses of AZT are dangerous but he would like to start Ron on a mixture of zinc, aloe, vitamins, fatty acids, Peptide T and DDC.

This medical cocktail does extend Ron's life well past the 30-days the doctors had predicted. So the renegade electrician/rodeo rider/hell-raiser becomes an entrepreneur as he starts illegally importing these drugs and offering them to AIDS patients "free." The catch is they must join his Dallas Buyers Club with a monthly membership fee of \$400. But to reach his customer base, he needs to find a partner with contacts in Dallas's gay community.

During Ron's brief stay in the hospital AIDS ward, he has met Rayon (Jared Leto), a transsexual, who wears provocative clothes and abundant makeup. The two have an antagonist relationship because of Ron's intolerance for non-heterosexuals, but recognizing a mutual need, Ron and Rayon become reluctant business partners, enabling Ron to travel for the drugs to Japan, Germany and Mexico, where they are legal. But in the U.S., no drugs for treating AIDS have yet received FDA approval. Understanding Ron's desperate search for medical help, a dedicated doctor and researcher named Eve (Jennifer Garner) offers sympathy and acknowledges that her profession cannot yet offer help to AIDS sufferers.

"Dallas Buyers Club" is not a pretty movie to watch. Scenes in seedy motels, run-down trailer parks, and narrow bull pens provide a rough and raw edge to the movie. But the authentic and dynamic performances of McConaughey and Leto elevate the film as the two actors squeeze humanity out of two basically unsympathetic characters. Some of the film's redemptive qualities can also be attributed to French-Canadian director Jean-Marc Vallée ("The Young Victoria") and scriptwriters Craig Borten and Melisa Wallack.

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

#### MON, MARCH 17

•**4:30-6:30pm: Forgotten Heroes of the UFW** at Pollak Library, Room 130, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Johnny Itliong, son of UFW co-director Larry Itliong, will discuss the legacy of his father and other Filipino farmworkers and organizers of the Delano Grape Strike and boycott in 1965. Free but parking is \$2 per hour or \$8 for daily permit. For more info call Carolina Ojeda-Kimbrough at 657-278-2006 or email [cojeda-kimbrough@fullerton.edu](mailto:cojeda-kimbrough@fullerton.edu)

#### TUES, MARCH 18

•**8am-4pm: 23rd Annual Linguistics Symposium** CSUF Titan Student Union, 800 N. State College, Fullerton. Speakers include Rebekha Abbuhl, Rong Chen, Eniko Csomay, and Robert Malouf. Free but parking is \$2/hr or \$8/day. For more info contact Michael Hein at [mleehein@csu.fullerton.edu](mailto:mleehein@csu.fullerton.edu)

•**12:45pm-2:30pm: Duncan Tonatiuh, award-winning children's author, illustrator on Social Justice issues** at Pollak Library, Room 130, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Storytelling and the social issues explored in his books, including "Diego Rivera: His World and Ours," and, "Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant's Tale," are the subject of this free lecture by Tonatiuh who grew up in San Miguel de Allende. Free but parking is \$2/hr or \$8/day.

•**6:30pm: Fullerton City Council Meeting** at Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth. Superbowl Champ honored (see frontpage); Bicycle Update; MADD Awards; PLC Harborwalk Apartments; Amerige Court DDA Extension; Political sign update; Towing RFP; Housing Bond Funds & Affordable Housing Project update; T&CC Crosswalk enhancements at uncontrolled crosswalks

#### WED, MARCH 19

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

#### THURS, MARCH 20

•**11:30am-1:30pm: AAUW No-Host Lunch & Speaker Masako Kawase** at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1401 N. Harbor, Fullerton. Masako Kawase will speak about the book "The Inspiring Story of Takahashi Bird Pins," and the history and artistic talent of the Takahashi family.

•**4pm: Micro-Inequities: What Are They and Why They Matter** is the focus of a lecture about the small, unjust inequalities part of a larger story about the unequal place of women in the workforce presented by Samantha Brennan, professor of philosophy at Canada's Western University. CSUF Humanities Social Science Room 110, 800 N. State College, Fullerton. Free but parking is \$2/hr or \$8/day.

#### FRI, MARCH 21

•**9am-10:30am: Veterans Affairs Breakfast** at North Orange County Community College District, 1830 W. Romneya Dr., Anaheim. Come to discuss veterans issues with Assembly member Sharon Quirk-Silva. RSVP at [Tige.Richardson@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Tige.Richardson@asm.ca.gov) or call 714-526-7272.

#### SAT, MARCH 22

•**1pm-3pm: Bridal Gown Sale at Assistance League Benefit** at the Assistance League meeting room adjoining the Bargain Box Thrift Store, 233 W. Amerige in Fullerton. The event features once-worn bridal gowns modeled by Assisteens Auxiliary members. Proceeds go to League philanthropies. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

•**2pm: An American Girl in Hitler's Germany** at Fullerton Museum Auditorium, E. Wilshire at Pomona, downtown Fullerton. Free with museum admission to the Memories of WWII exhibit of AP photos. 714-738-6545. 9-year-old Eleanor Ramrath Garner was on a ship in the mid Atlantic when war broke out. Unable to return to the US, she and her family spent the entire war in Germany. Her best selling memoir is a story of trying to maintain hope, in a world full of terror. Fullerton Museum Auditorium, E. Wilshire at Pomona, downtown Fullerton. Free with museum admission to the Memories of WWII exhibit of AP photos. 714-738-6545.

#### SAT & SUN, MARCH 22 & 23

•**Veggiopalooza Plant Sale** at the Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Rd., on the CSUF campus. For more info call 657-278-3407 and see article on page 14.

#### SUN, MARCH 23

•**8am-2pm: Family Health Fair** at Buena Park High School, 8833 Academy Dr., Buena Park. Come learn about state resources available to you and your family and about health care options and how you can enroll in Covered California. The free fair is sponsored by 65th District Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and the Anekant Community Center. Call Buena Park High at 714-992-8601

#### WED, MARCH 25

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

#### THURS, MARCH 27

•**9am-3pm: Literature, Culture & Language Conference** at Titan Student Union, CSUF, 800 N. State College, Fullerton. Over 40 student presentations related to literature, culture and languages including: 9:50am Vietnamese & Spanish; 11am Chinese and Spanish; 1pm Luso Brazilian dramatic monologues & TESOL; 2pm Japanese, Spanish American & TESOL. Free but parking is \$2/hr or \$8/day. <https://sites.google.com/site/aaeanualconference/conference-program>

#### THURS, MARCH 27 continued

•**11:30am-2pm: Lunch with League "Our Dysfunctional Congress"** presented by Pat Ganer, PhD, who has been on the faculty of Cypress College since 1971 teaching Speech Communication and Political Science. Meridian Club, 1535 Deerpark Rd, Fullerton. RSVP by leaving message at 714-254-7440 or online at [lunchwithleague@lwnoc.org](mailto:lunchwithleague@lwnoc.org) no later than Mon. March 24. \$18

#### SAT, MARCH 29

•**11am-1pm: Assembly District 65 Women of Distinction** honorees will be presented in a ceremony held at the Buena Park Community Center, 8150 Knott Ave., Buena Park. Call Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's office at 714-526-7272 with questions or go to [www.asmdc.org/quirk-silva](http://www.asmdc.org/quirk-silva)

•**2pm: Life Aboard a Pacific Battleship** Veterans panel discussion, organized by American Legion Post 142 will be held in the Fullerton Museum Auditorium, E. Wilshire at Pomona, downtown Fullerton. Free with museum admission to the Memories of WWII exhibit of Associated Press photos. 714-738-6545.

#### THURS, APRIL 3

•**4pm-8:30pm: Downtown Fullerton Market** opens with fresh vegetables, fruit, flowers, craft and food vendors, beer and wine garden, live entertainment, and kids activities. Downtown Plaza, and along E. Wilshire between Harbor and Pomona in downtown Fullerton. Admission is free. Free parking in the structure next to the park across the street from the Museum Center. Call 714-738-6545 for more info. Be there or be square!

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**Dr. John T. Walker**

Dr. John T. Walker, 75, passed away at the Solace Center Hospice in Asheville, NC, on February 27, 2014, 3:55 pm, after suffering a stroke in January.

John was born in Chicago and moved to Whittier California as a ten-year-old. He graduated from Whittier High in 1956 and received a full scholarship to Dartmouth College where he majored in German Language and Literature. One of the most formative experiences in John's life was to study at the University of Freiburg in southeastern Germany for a semester in his senior year. A multi-generational friendship with his host family has endured.

In 1963, after completing his MA in German at the University of Southern California, John was hired at Fullerton College where he would spend the next 48+ years. John was a German professor until 1981, engaging his students with his pedagogical antics.

He served in various administrative capacities, including Dean of Instruction until 1995. From 1995-2011, his love of teaching led him back to the classroom as History Professor. During his time at Fullerton College and while actively raising his four children, John earned a PhD in History from the University of California at Irvine

While an administrator, John led like-minded faculty in the establishment of a Study Abroad Program for both Fullerton and Cypress colleges, a program that has endured for a quarter century.

The high point of his teaching career was in 2011 when he was co-leader of the first study abroad program to be taught in Berlin. His Study-Abroad experience was



one of the most satisfying in his career. He was proud to have assisted at least 1,000 students in their desire to study in places like England, Paris, Costa Rica, Florence, and Salzburg.

Being a father always came first. During all of this time, he was able to be a loving father to his children, attend all of their athletic games and make the school lunches. Though his lunches were famously horrible, it was the effort that his children will never forget and will always appreciate. John was the most amazing father and has the utmost respect and love from his children and his wife Joy.

An incredibly polite person who would never say anything disparaging about anyone, John also had an infectious laugh and a great sense of humor. He was certainly loved by all who knew him.

John retired in 2011 to the Great Smokey Mountains of North Carolina where he shared an amazing last two years of his life with his loving wife of 22 years, Joy. They were inseparable. Joy was with John almost every minute of his last 7 weeks in the hospital.

John was extremely close to his daughter Janine who passed away in 2005. John adopted Kristin Sunanta Walker (Joy's daughter) in 2009. John is survived by his wife Joy Wanden Walker of Waynesville, NC, brother Craig Walker of Redlands, CA, sister Joyce Walker Breithaupt of Everett, WA, sons John R. Walker of Carlsbad CA, David Walker of Costa Mesa and Robert Walker of Rolesville, NC, and daughter Kristin Sunanta Walker of Waynesville, NC. The bereaved also include daughters-in-law Ellen Walker of Costa Mesa, CA, and Jeannine Walker of Rolesville, NC, granddaughter Kylie Walker of Costa Mesa CA, grandson Kellen Stover of FL, brother-in-law Stephen A. Breithaupt of Everett, WA, sister-in-law Barbara Walker of Redlands, CA, and nieces Nancy Shaffer of PA and Faith M. Walker, of Flagstaff, AZ, Genevieve Morrissey and her husband Dr. James H. Morrissey of Champaign, IL and their daughter, niece Sarah Elliott and her husband Frank Elliott, of Frederick, Maryland. He is also survived by his first wife, Pamela M. Walker, of Fullerton, CA.

In lieu of flowers the family requests you instead donate to the Fullerton College Foundation at: [www.fullcollfoundation.org](http://www.fullcollfoundation.org)

**Warafterwar** by Thom Pari

The old men are rumbling  
 They want another war  
 They love war for the young  
 They took US to Korea  
 So many died in snow  
 A futile effort in a draw  
 The took US to Vietnam  
 60,000 died for nothing  
 Fifteen wasted years  
 President after President lying  
 While it was we who protested labeled  
 Commie scum who were right  
 911 came we must have a war  
 The old men screamed  
 Another President lied as did his VP  
 The old men and the President  
 Would not fight nor the VP  
 So again the young went  
 They died in the thousands  
 For nothing ever found except waste  
 Send them to another country to war  
 Screamed the old men because we must kill  
 So more young died and did the despicable  
 Torture and then sent in the drones  
 Better we send in the clowns whose idea  
 War is the answer to all  
 Now again they scream in yellow paper  
 Wrapped in Fox News with blond anchors  
 Send troops to the Ukraine Where  
 In the middle of Russia sits a bear  
 The German's had such good luck in WW2  
 Let US too get bogged down  
 In yet another fiasco war  
 We have 662 military bases around the globe  
 In over one hundred countries  
 Mustn't let them stand idle  
 We have no hand in this poker game  
 Between evil Putin and the Ukraine  
 We took our gold medals and went home  
 Let US not go back and show we are evil too  
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 Bring home the troops  
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**At Left:** Barbara Johnson, Jo-Anne Matsuba, Jan Fontes, and Barbara Dietterle were the team from Fullerton accompanying children in a visit to parents in jail on the most recent Get On The Bus event.

Jazz pianist Ron Kobayashi and friends will perform at a dinner fundraiser for the program at 5pm on March 29th at St. Juliana's in Fullerton.

## HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY DORA MAY SIM!



Happy Birthday to Dora May Sim who will be celebrating her 95th birthday on March 24th.

Well wishes may be sent to: Dora May Sim, 2527 Brea Blvd. #214, Fullerton CA 92835.

Dora May was hospitalized late last year but has now recovered and is doing fairly well in her apartment home at Morningside's Park Vista Assisted Living says daughter Maureen File..

A retired Fullerton librarian, Dora May Sim is also the author of "Ostrich Eggs for Breakfast: A History for Boys & Girls" about the history of the city of Fullerton. The book, illustrated by Wanda Collins, was first published in 1972 and republished in 1986 in time for the city's centennial celebration.

*Ostrich Eggs for Breakfast* is available to borrow at the Fullerton Public Library and copies are on sale at the Library History Room, 353 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton. Proceeds go to support the library. Go to [www.fullertonlibrary.org](http://www.fullertonlibrary.org) for more information on the library or call 714-738-6333.

### A Thank You Note from Fullerton Historian Dora May Sim to Fullerton Residents

"Words cannot express what it means to have so many kind, caring thoughts and encouragement from so many people in our city of Fullerton. The helpfulness and pleasure of your gifts, such as flowers from private gardens, have brightened my home here at Park Vista Assisted Living at Morningside. And so many cards and visits from friends continue to brighten my life. Please accept my love and deep appreciation for all of your kindness."

*Still Loving Fullerton,*  
Dora May Sim

## "It Was a Privilege to Go to Prison" by Barbara W. Johnson

If these words cause you to be shocked, I am not surprised. Let me explain why I feel this way. For the past 8 years I have been part of the "Get On The Bus" program of the Center for Restorative Justice Works (CRJW), a nonprofit organization that unites children, families and communities separated by crime and the criminal justice system.

My church, the Congregational Church of Fullerton, United Church of Christ, has been partnering with St. Juliana Catholic Community for the past 4 years to raise the necessary funds to provide the buses to transport the children, their caregivers and other volunteers often long distances from Orange County to many different prisons throughout California. However, 2013 was the first year I was privileged to be part of a volunteer team selected to accompany the children on the bus to Soledad, and Valley State Prison to visit their fathers on Fathers' Day last June.

Our team consisted of Barbara Dietterle, Jo-Anne Matsuba, Jan Fontes—all from St. Juliana's— and me. Our bus started with a group from San Diego at 12:10am on Saturday, June 15, and then picked up our group in Fullerton at 3:30am and another group in Santa Clarita at dawn. On we went to Soledad, and Valley State Prison, where we arrived at about 10am for our scheduled 4-hour visit.

Barbara Dietterle and Jo-Anne Matsuba were assigned to one unit, and Jan Fontes and I to a different one. After passing through intense security, Jan and I arrived in a pleasant room arranged with low tables and chairs set up for the families to gather around. The tables were filled with games, drawing materials, and other activities. There was a special photographer to take the family's photo, which was definitely a highlight of the day and we were touched when these precious photos and their family stories were shared with us.

At lunchtime, 3 kinds of pizzas were delivered, and Jan had fun being the "waitress" taking orders from each family, and I had fun putting the order on each plate for her to deliver.

We were told that an attached outside grassy area that is never open was specially opened that day so that the little kids with bubble blowing equipment could go outside and not make the inside floor wet and slippery. The fathers and their children loved being outside together. I was touched by overhearing a father and son talk about baseball and watching as the dad taught his son some special moves.

The four hours went by very quickly, and soon it was time to leave—another emotional time for the families and for us. We stopped at a Community Center for a simple supper on the way home and then watched Disney movies on the bus with the children (or slept) until we got home to Fullerton at 10:30pm to end a day I will never forget and an experience I felt privileged to have!

When I began educating myself on this issue, I was surprised to learn from the Center for Restorative Justice Works (CRJW) that "more than 200,000 children in California have a parent in prison and that 50% of Get On The Bus mothers and 40% of Get On The Bus fathers report that they would never see their children without Get On The Bus.

Experts in the field stress that regular visits with incarcerated parents maintain healthy emotional and social adjustment for these at-risk children. Regular visits also help to strengthen family bonds—a significant factor which can result in lower rates of recidivism for the parents." To learn more, visit [getonthebus.us](http://getonthebus.us) or contact Barbara Johnson of the Congregational Church of Fullerton, 714-529-5166.

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## Damas de Caridad's Building Dreams Together Fundraiser for St. Jude Medical Center

by Erin Wilkinson

When St. Jude Hospital was opened in Fullerton in 1957 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, local philanthropist Marcy Arroues Mulville recognized the value of having a quality hospital in our community.

To help raise money for this new hospital, Mulville founded Damas de Caridad in 1961 with its sole mission being support for St. Jude through philanthropy.

Over the years St. Jude has become one of the premier medical centers in the region and along the way Damas has donated nearly \$2 million to St. Jude and the programs it supports, including the Children's Dental Clinic and the Mobile Pediatric Clinic. We continue to be very passionate about St. Jude and the life-saving work that happens there. Since St. Jude is a not-for-profit hospital and depends on a generous community in

order to provide care to its patients, we are proud to be one of the organizations that provide support.

In keeping with the mission of support for St. Jude through philanthropy, we will be hosting a luncheon fundraiser, "Building Dreams Together," on April 5th at The Richard Nixon Presidential Library. Our event will feature a live and silent auction as well as opportunity tickets for purchase with a chance to win a cash prize. We will also be recognizing Dr. Michael Sugarman and his tireless work on behalf of St. Jude Medical Center.

We are very pleased that all of our net proceeds are earmarked once again for state of the art equipment and technology in patient rooms and surgical suites in the new Northwest Tower. This will be a wonderful addition to our community and we are pleased to be a part of the fundraising effort.



Funds from the Damas de Caridad fundraiser are earmarked for equipment and technology improvements in patient rooms and surgical suites in the new Northwest Tower.

Contact Lorraine Lappi at (714) 529-1671 to request an invitation or visit our website at [www.damasdecaridad.com](http://www.damasdecaridad.com) and

completing the Contact Us form. We hope to see you on the April 5th – we would love to have you join us!

## March 4 City Council Report continued from page 4

•**IT Upgrades:** A \$3 million IT upgrade plan to replace obsolete phone and computer systems was discussed. IT Director Hellen Hall said that the department will issue RFPs and get at least three bids with exact pricing on each item. The list of needed upgrades including cabling and infrastructure was made in a long process with help of consultants. The cost will be spread among all the departments. In the long run the improvements will save the city money.

Passed 3-2 (Whitaker and Seburn, no)  
•**Bastanchury Rd. Expansion OCTA Project Extension:** Jane Rands of the Bicycle Users Committee said that the committee was not included and has several problems with various sections. She asked that the plan go to the committee. Public Works Director Hoppe said that "The plans are done. This is just for a 24-month extension to complete the project. If we changed the plans we would have to go back to OCTA with the new amended proposal." He said the Bicycle Users Committee did look at the plan two years ago. Passed 4-1 (Whitaker, no)

•**Fireworks:** A proposal to increase fees will pay for two extra police and one fire unit and add electrical hookups to booths. The fees would be \$94 to cover just law and fire enforcement and \$217 increase to cover for enforcement and electrical hook ups over the current charge. Passed 3-2 (Whitaker and Seburn, no)

•**Airport Restaurant Lease:** Airport Manager Brendon O'Reilly said Requests for Proposals for a tenant at the restaurant located at the airport went out Oct. 2013. Three interested restaurant operators responded and two of those moved on to the interview phase with staff and airport stakeholders. Criteria included experience, conception, financials. The highest scoring proposal was selected. Brian and Sherri White are from third-generation restaurant families. They operate the

Gallery Cafe in Newport Beach. They proposed and upscale 1950s Americana diner and menu. After they get the restaurant on its feet (in about a year) they plan to add an outdoor patio and entertainment center dining hall. The 10 year lease includes two 5-year options at \$1,250 per month plus percentage of gross sales. (49¢ a square foot to start). O'Reilly said that they wanted to give them a fair rate to get started. Approved 5-0

•**Safety Unit & Dispatcher MOU:** Human Resources Director Gretchen Beatty presented the plan to reimburse Safety and Dispatch employees for increased amounts previously paid into CalPERS in lieu of taking raises.

Approved 3-2 (Whitaker and Seburn, no)

### AGENDA FORECAST

**March 18:** Super Bowl and Anti-Bullying Champ Derrick Coleman honored; Bike Routes & Trail Update; MADD Awards; Harborwalk Apartments; Pelican Laing "Amerige Court" development agreement extension; Coyote Creek Class I Bike Lane; Political sign update; ; OC Korean War Memorial; Towing RFP; Bicycle update (see page 6); Housing Bond Funds & Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing Project; T&CC Crosswalk enhancements at uncontrolled crosswalks

**April 1:** Mayor's Day of Service proclamation; Donate Life proclamation; OC Human Relations presentation; Title VI Plan; T&CC Recommendations; Agreements for Access/ Park projects; Political Signs; City Improvement Update; PLC Harborwalk Apt.

**April 15:** Fireworks Lottery; Airport update; Street Light replacement contract; Consultant contract renewal; Water main replacement/street & sewer contracts; AT&T Cell Site at Richman Park; Legislative Platform.



Allyson Sonenshine and Wilma and William Peloquin, three of this year's YWCA honorees, with 65th District Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva at the Chocolate Fantasy.

## YWCA Raises \$55,000 at Chocolate Fantasy

Over 220 guests attended the Chocolate Fantasy raising over \$55,000 to support the work of the YWCA of North Orange County. The event was dedicated to the memory of Dottie Young who was the 2008 YWCA Woman of the Year.

The National Charity League of Fullerton, Eastside Christian High School, the CSUF President's Scholars Club, and Troy High School provided volunteers for the evening. Ann Patrick-Green played the piano during dinner and Jim Williams was the perfect Master of Ceremony. At the event the YWCA recognized outstanding individuals as exemplary role models who capture the YWCA mission:

•**2014 Health Advocate of the Year Allyson Sonenshine, JD,** was recognized for nearly 20 years of nonprofit legal and volunteer experience in women's health and reproductive justice. She is the Founding Project Director for the OC Women's Health Project, a nonprofit that facilitates improvements in local women's health through data analysis, policy development, education and advocacy, and which brings together local stakeholders

at the annual Orange County Women's Health Policy Summit.

•**2014 Entrepreneur of the Year Jael Tanti** is the president of Happy Cooking Company. Born in Nicaragua, Jael moved to Costa Rica at the age of 16 and then to Canada. Her diverse experiences instilled in her a sense of take-charge optimism that has colored her goals and decisions.

•**2014 Man and Woman of the Year William and Wilma Peloquin** Bill is a retired Navy Captain with 21 years of active duty. He is a WWII Veteran and spent time as a flight surgeon with the Air Marines. He is an example of "Service above Self" and is a past district governor of Rotary 5320. Wilma's background as an Ophthalmic assistant provided support to her husband and District 5320 in the effort to raise over \$30,000 for the elimination of preventable blindness. In addition, Wilma worked to inspire the Rotary to put together a \$27,000 matching grant for cataract surgery in India in 2006.

"The YWCA of North Orange County thanks all who attended and congratulate all who were honored," said YWCA Executive Director Diane Masseth-Jones.

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## Raymond Underpass Construction Begins

Story and Photos by Jere Greene

Work in preparation of the underpass on Raymond is underway. The area west of the street, south of Commonwealth Avenue, beginning at Walnut, past the Railroad tracks to Ash is now enclosed with fencing.

Two houses are gone, and the industrial buildings that line Raymond are next. A bypass road will be built on the west side of Raymond and the various underground utilities will be rerouted before the actual excavation can begin. State College is

about to have an underpass installed as well that will result in complete closure of that street.

The major work on the Placentia Avenue underpass was completed on March 12, with two lanes in each direction opened to the public. That project which began in Jan. 2012 resulted in the relocation of the old Home Depot Store. Finishing details are expected to be complete by June. Until then pedestrian and bicycle detours will remain in place.

These projects are part of seven under



Construction begins on the Raymond Underpass alternative road.

and overcrossings to separate car traffic from rail traffic being funded primarily through \$630 million in OCTA Bridges Program grants.

After completion an added advantage for local residents will be the elimination of the day and night train horns now required by the constant railroad traffic that passes through Fullerton. These are

all long-term projects, but will improve the flow of traffic on the east side of Fullerton in the long run.

Nearly 70 trains travel each day along the BNSF rail line through Anaheim, Fullerton and Placentia and that number is expected to increase by more than 45% by 2030.

For more information on the projects

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## CHANGE & BALANCE

by Michelle Gottlieb



### A Healthy Balance of Selfish

Is it healthy to be selfish? Now, most of us have been taught that the answer to that question is a resounding no, but I would challenge you. I feel that there is a healthy level of selfishness, especially if you define selfish as taking care of self.

Now, just to be clear, if I am only thinking of myself, then that is an unhealthy amount of selfish. But if I never focus on myself, that is unhealthy, too. The challenge is to find that healthy amount, keeping a good balance. Some of that includes the right amount of sleep and nourishing foods. Another piece is beneficial exercise, along with an active spiritual life. Of course, a strong relationship is crucial

as well. All of these things take time to create and keep in harmony. If we are not being selfish, in a wholesome way, we are unable to achieve that balance.

One of the ways that you can check to see if you are in balance ask yourself how you would feel about your friend taking the time to do these things. Would you think that he was being selfish? Or would you be impressed that she is taking the time for herself? If it is the latter, than you can trust that you are achieving a healthy balance of selfish.

So, today, go out and experiment with being selfish! And see how your world changes!

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**100th Member**

Pictured at left, Shanthi Ramesh, the 100th member to join the Woman's Club of Fullerton, received her pin from Membership Chair Kathy Evans (wearing glasses). The club has experienced a dramatic rebirth over the past several years, rebuilding membership from only five in 2007. The members have devoted their time to supporting Faces of Fullerton, Crittenton, WTLC, Fullerton Historic Theatre Foundation, Fullerton College Foundation and many other organizations.

Learn more about the club at [www.womenscluboffullerton.org](http://www.womenscluboffullerton.org)

**Women's Club Spurs Domino Effect in Efforts to Rebuild Woodcrest Park**

by Debbie Stout

The Women's Club of Fullerton's ambitious project to rebuild a park that is in dire need of improvements has spurred individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations to get involved.

At first, WCOF Conservation Chair Linda Holman-Konieczny was interested in raising funds to plant some trees at Woodcrest Park, but after hearing the needs of area community leaders at a meeting organized by Habitat for Humanity, it became apparent to her that the park, which is adjacent to Woodcrest Elementary, needed more than just trees.

Habitat for Humanity and the Woodcrest community received a grant to erect a fence around the school because of unlawful activity taking place on school grounds at night. Before the fence was put up, parents would wake up early to clean up detritus and graffiti they didn't want their school children to see.

The fence solved the problem, but left the approximate 300 children in the community without the use of the school playground and facilities when the school closed after hours. They were left only to use the languishing park.

"We are seeking more donors and the community's help to revitalize this park," said Holman-Konieczny. "People can be part of this effort by donating money, services, auction items for fundraisers or volunteering their time."

Holman-Konieczny asked Landscape Architect Kathryn Rue, who donated her services, to create a concept for the park. Rue asked Precision Property Measurements to provide an accurate map of the park when it was discovered none existed. That company also donated their services.

When Kiwanis International learned about the project, they set aside a grant for \$25,000 in honor of their 100th Anniversary. Kiwanis CNH District then earmarked an additional \$7,500 towards the playground.

"We need to raise another \$25,000 for playground equipment," said Holman-Konieczny, "plus funds to refurbish or replace the picnic tables, the concrete slabs, enhance the landscape, and install barbecues and a gazebo."

Anyone who would like to make a donation of funds, wish-list items or time can contact WCOF Conservation Chair Linda Holman-Konieczny at [enriched-spirit@aol.com](mailto:enriched-spirit@aol.com) or 714-329-8177

**Fullerton Public Library Serves Thousands National Library Week, April 13-19, 2014**

by Maureen Gebelein  
Fullerton Public Library Director

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. I thought this would be a good time to let you know how your library is doing.

The Main Library reopened almost three years ago after the completion of the expansion and renovation project. I hope everyone in Fullerton has had a chance to visit since the reopening.

Portions of the Library were closed during the construction and many of you experienced minor disruptions to service. During the project, we wondered if our patrons would remember us and come back or if they would find another place to go. We were happy to find that on reopening day, July 23, 2001, we were busy and were confident that our patrons would return. Since then we have also been tracking statistics (something we do anyway!) and are thrilled to say that our statistics are showing that we keep getting busier and busier!

I thought I'd take this opportunity to tell you briefly how we did in 2013! Of course, statistics are just numbers and they can't convey the thrill of putting a book in the hands of a new reader, the squeals of delight you hear coming from the story time rooms, or the success patrons feel when they are able to find work using our computers. But, they do convey that Fullerton Public Library is quite busy!

Last year people made 509,048 trips to the library as automatically registered by the door counter. We circulated 803,550

items (books, CD's, DVD's, magazines & eBooks, for example) to the public. Our staff answered 69,475 reference questions. We held a total of 880 programs during the year that were attended by 20,160 people of all ages. Last, but not least, we were lucky enough to have 14,566 hours of volunteer help during the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy National Library Week and to invite you to visit Fullerton Public Library in 2014, if you haven't already. And we would like to thank all our patrons, as they are the ones that give us our purpose.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our support groups, Friends of the Fullerton Public Library and the Fullerton Public Library Foundation, as well as those community groups that have helped fund our programs by donating money and hands-on help for special programming needs.

While there are many quotes that pertain to the value of public libraries, I will close with a quote from Lady Bird Johnson.

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