A month of March, and it’s too soon to stop watching skies and weather maps for southerly flowing jet streams with their low pressures and rain clouds.

Looking around Fullerton, more and more lawns are being replaced with beautiful and drought tolerant shrubs and succulents. Other lawns are looking quite green and healthy. Maybe those folks are optimistically thinking the drought is over since snow has fallen in the Sierras. But, in truth, the drought hasn’t ended and we may be in for a new dry normal.

You often hear people say that climate prognosticators don’t know much and their models are wrong, but that is not true. The models can’t say exactly where and when any given change will happen, or what the temperatures will be, or sea levels, at any given time.

Take Flight First Place Winners  Marcus Green, Justin Trujillo, and Jacob Vasquez won the first place trophy for their school in the annual Take Flight competition held this year at the Fullerton Airport. photo by Jere Greene

END OR REOPENING OF HUNT BRANCH LIBRARY?

by Jane Rand

The Hunt Branch Library is nestled into a mostly forgotten corner of Southwest Fullerton, disconnected from the north by railroad tracks, hidden behind a behemoth of a church to the west, and denigrated by a dog park to the south. This once cherished William Pereira designed structure is named for the Hunt Foods Foundation, which donated the building to the City of Fullerton for use as a library. After nearly 50 years of operation, 2011 funding cuts rendered the Hunt nearly useless, only operating two days a week.

In 2012 homeless people began living in the area surrounding the library. Portable toilets were delivered and maintained and Fullerton Police trained as Homeless Liaisons frequently visited the enclave.

However, library staff felt unsafe in this environment prompting the Library Board to vote in favor of a temporary closure of the Hunt Branch at an emergency meeting on March 28, 2013.

Police eventually began searching, citing, and finally evicting residents of the tent city on the tracks and on the steps of the Hunt. By October of that same year the City Council approved a lease agreement with neighboring Grace Ministries International (GMI). The multi-story former library was rented for the same rate as a single bedroom apartment, $1,500 a month. In exchange, GMI has secured and maintained the property while using it for office space.

“The lease is now nearing the end of its term and we request direction for the use/disposition of the Hunt Branch Library,” read an agenda letter submitted to the Library Board of Trustees by Library Director Maureen Gebelein at the regularly scheduled February 25 meeting. The Director’s letter reiterated the conclusion of the Ad Hoc Committee tasked with assessing library assets over a 6 month period between October 2012 and April 2013, “The Hunt Branch is not a viable option for delivery of library services to Southwest Fullerton.”

OCTA M2 Grant-Purchased Open Space Properties

As the City of Fullerton seeks grant funding for purchase of open space property in West Coyote Hills consideration should be given to encouraging Chevron to come up with fair prices on the sites it is willing to sell.

At right are properties that have been purchased with OCTA M2 grant funding over the last few years compared to Chevron’s asking price.

See related “Is Chevron Charging too Much for Coyote Hills” page 13.

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*Compare to Chevron’s Asking Price Below for Parcels in West Coyote Hills*

| Site #1              | $9.6  |
| Site #5              | $20.0 |
The Homeless Can Operate the Shelter

Many of the homeless are very thankful to the taxpayers for our $4.2 million dollar homeless shelter on 1000 N. Kraemer Place in Anaheim.

We, the homeless, myself included, along with Mary’s Kitchen in the City of Orange, the OCTA bus drivers union, CSUF students along with other local homeless people who can operate the shelter themselves.

The above organizations have over 30 years working with the homeless in working with the homeless in Orange County.

We, the homeless, do not want to spend another $3 million of the taxpayers’ money. Again, we, the homeless, can do most if not all of the work/jobs related to the shelter ourselves. We do not want or need to spend the taxpayer’s money including the $3 million to retrofit the shelter along with annual operating costs in excess of $2 million dollars.

Many of my homeless friends from Fullerton and Anaheim joined the homeless in the City of Orange to work with Mary’s Kitchen which has served the homeless since 1984 in Orange. We were with Mary’s Kitchen in 2010 when they did their expansion which gave many of them the experience to do any retrofitted Kraemer Place need.

The same 700 people/church members & local business owners experience to the homeless to have the shelter in Anaheim are more than happy to support it by way of donations of time as well as money.

We are asking that the keys to Kraemer Place be forwarded to us. We do not need an RFP (Request For Proposals) if we can run the shelter ourselves.

Carras Gamble - Homeless
carrasgamble@gmail.com 714-209-0073

Homeless Woman with Child at Your Door

Questions: If a homeless woman comes to your door with a little child who is obviously cold what can I do? Should I invite them in or could that be dangerous? Who could I call that could help them? I am elderly and live alone. I am worried about many more homeless people lately in our neighborhood by the airport. Some seem to be up to no good, such as the children playing in the window of the vacant house on the block.

Still I would feel bad not to help someone if they came to my door. Trying to think ahead on what I could do for them.

Anonymous Fullerton

ED: We passed your question on to the Fullerton Police Department which has a special Homeless Liaison Unit to help on issues of this nature. From Sgt. Gary Hamel said, “For the safety of the reader and the well-being of the mother and child call the police so that we can find appropriate placement and resources for them. If you feel you are in danger or the mother or child are in distress call 911. For non-emergency calls contact the new President of the FRSC. I have contact with a couple for years, and he is exactly the type of leader needed to steer that organization out of troubled waters, and restore public and civic confidence in the Fullerton Rangers.

Kirk G. San Roman Fullerton
A STANDUP COMEDIAN, A CLERGYMAN & A FOOL

So, a standup comedian, a clergyman and a fool walk into a bar and sit on a stool. How do they all fit on a barstool? Simple. They are in fact one person, me.

Most of the good folks in and around Fullerton know me as the retired clergy guy up at the UUC Congregation co-located with Beth Tikvah. You might not know that before being ordained in 1970 to the service of Liberal Religion, I had been a standup comedian—doing political satire. And now, two years post retirement, I’m returning to my standup roots. I’m doing a show at the Ice House in Pasadena (April 3 at 5:30PM).

How did I get from there (1960s on the Sunset Strip) to here (in Fullerton) and now back to a whiskey, wine and wait-staff club? Well, it’s been a long strange trip.

I had fallen in love with Mort Sahl, back in the late 50s and modeled my comic persona after his. I loved him, like prophet old he stressed the outside the establishment and told his truth to the powerful. His humor wasn’t funny. It was about something: civil rights, the arrogance of power and the everyday hypocrisies of society. Comedians with heart, his keen insights through the filters, and laughter made people acknowledge that a point had been scored. We could tune our reasoned argument or prepare your response while someone is speaking, but a truthful joke bypasses the censors and creates your own insight.

I was enraptured by Mort Sahl’s 1959 album, “The Future Lies Ahead—Mort Sahl Iconoclast.” The play on words: The Future Lies Ahead was at one-bound but, in any political season, anticipating the lies that were to come. Pure inspiration.

When I got my first job doing satire in 1961 at the Unicorn on the Sunset Strip, I billed myself as an “Iconoclast.” It wasn’t grand chap—only petty larceny. It was meant as an homage.

Now, some years later, the world is, of course, different from when I started, and certainly from when I stopped doing standup. Why back then, Jerry Brown was Governor of California, we were protesting an unpopular war, our cities were filled with violence, the homeless were everywhere and we were arguing about how to steal water from the Sacramento Delta.

...the hidden influence of money in politics is no longer hidden or even against the law.

...a Senate that will not confirm judges, justices, ambassadors or even cabinet level appointments of this president.

...a presidential candidate who runs on insult humor, xenophobia and mockery of the weak, but satire assumes the ability to exaggerate reality. So, we might possibly look at how we who caused the chaos in Libya are trying to bomb them into order. I’m not sure bombs work that way. However, I don’t want to dromenize. I know, that clergy of all faiths are often accused of speaking in code. However, the real job of the clergy is to speak truth to power—and unlike the prophets of old, clergy are supposed to physically survive their truth-telling. Though to be accurate, our jobs/careers are not in danger. The successful clergy should model not the prophet but the Fool.

That has always been my ambition, and it pretty much worked for 45 years. In fact over the years, when I’d run into Mort at the market or a coffee shop, we’d joke that he was a conman who was accused of being a preacher, and I was a preacher accused of being a comedian. Both charges are correct, because at bottom, we are both classic fools.

I always wanted to be a Fool, and I seem to have achieved my goal. You might think it is a low bar of ambition, but I consider it a high calling. Jousting at windmills, a Chiswick Quest and a Fool’s Errand. Sounds good to me.

I recently received information from the city about the high-density townhome development proposed for the corner of Bastanchury Rd and Moredia Ave. There was a section entitled “Who To Contact For Questions or Comments.”

As one of the many disillusioned Fullerton residents whose voices and votes were ignored in the Coyote Hills decision, I find it absolutely hilarious that the Fullerton Planning Commission is pretending to be interested in the opinion of ANYONE in Fullerton who might have comments or questions about ANY development proj- ects that are in the planning stages.

If you had asked me five years ago whether I would have commented on the proposed development, I would have said that the Fullerton Planning Commission was pretending to be interested in the opinion of ANYONE in Fullerton who might have comments or questions about ANY development proj- ects that are in the planning stages. We now know that our concerns are utterly ignored. Don’t insult us by acting as if you would give the least atten- tion to what the citizens of Fullerton think about your plans to build as many dwellings as any developer dreams up and to clog further our already jammed streets.

Oh, and thanks for the invitation to the public meeting about this project, but since there is no democracy at work in these decisions, such a meeting makes little sense. I think I will stay home and spend my time more wisely—maybe organize a sock drawer.

Beth Dieckhoff Fullerton

College Town

My former house was very close to the 5 freeway. Caltrans bought the houses at the end of my street in anticipation of freeway widening. They sat empy for a number of years and when construction finally began the noise and dust that were present unpleasant. But it is a given that freeway widening, resulting in the smoother flow of traffic, is in the public interest and trumps any adverse effects on near-by neighborhoods. In time, how- ever, these nice wider freeways just fill up with more cars.

Today I live off State College Blvd. across the street from Cal State Fullerton University and am watching as “Our Town, Not College Town” signs pop up in my neighbors’ yards. I believe that the student population will grow whether or not the College Town project is approved. Shall we continue to widen freeways and surface streets so that stu- dents can commute from long distances? Shall we build more parking structures for their cars?

College Town provides a more envi- ronmentally sensitive option: let stu- dents walk, bike, and campus shuttle and places for recreation, shopping, dining and work. Hopefully a significant number of students will be interested in car culture to one in which walk- ing, biking and bus riding are attractive options. Let’s let College Town be part of this process.

P. Hlavac Fullerton

Author Seeks Fender Employees & Friends

I am researching a new book on Fender guitars and seeking local resi- dents who worked at the Fender factory or knew Leo Fender. The general-inter- est history of the electric guitar will focus on Fullerton inventor Leo Fender. I am interested in the experiences of those who worked at the Fender factory or sales office any time between the 1940s and the 1960s. I am also eager to speak with anyone who knew Leo Fender or his first wife, Esther Klitzky. Both of them lived in Fullerton and Anaheim for most of their lives. You may speak anonymously or give your name for attribution in the book.

You can reach me any time at (714) 253-7860 or iansmithporter@gmail.com.

Music journalist Ian S. Port
City Council Notes

The City Council meets at 6:30pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Upcoming agenda information and streaming video of council meetings is available at www.fullertonca.gov.

Meetings are broadcast live on Cable Ch 3 and rebroadcast at 3pm and 6pm the following Wed. & Sun. & 5pm Mon.

City Hall is located at 303 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton.

Contact Council at 714-565-6311 or by email at fullerton.ca.us

Feb 16 Council Meeting (Next Meeting March 1)

After the Lord was properly thanked and asked for wisdom the meeting started.

Presentations

New Officers: Newly elected officers Danielle Reidl and Tori Thayer were welcomed to the city. (See Mid Feb Observer page 4).

Heroes: Fire Chief Knabe presented lifesaver awards to Paul Dominguez, Jere Greene, Christina Reese, and Tracy Nolan from dispatch, for helping save the life of a man experiencing a heart attack at the Community Center. Greene and Dominguez performed CPR and used a defibrillator on the man who had stopped breathing. When paramedics arrived the man was breathing again. He was transported to the hospital and is improving. "The police officers, Firefighters Captain John Fugett, Dan Lancaster, and Chris Tran, were also honored. Photo at right.

Public Comments

• Development: A speaker said the planning commission put a hold on College-Town until issues brought up by the public can be resolved. He said, $40 million in park fees go to the city while the city gives away 2.5 acres of city property for free to shut down Northwood. Another speaker asked for resignations of everyone who had voted for the downtown core and corridor project saying it is worse than College-Town. Why are we ramming through projects that residents do not agree with! Nobody wants 8 and 10-story buildings. Sean Paden asked if the March 15th hearing was still happening. City Manager Felt said no that will be set for a council hearing on College-Town until after the proposal returns to the Planning Commission.

• Water: Tony Package spoke on water issues saying Fullerton has been very good with no rain. The city paid $27,000 for an intern program, he said, to help with enforcement of water wasters. Where are they?

• Gas Prices: Ryan Fasthid, an Arco station owner (with some of the lowest prices in town) said oil is overpriced and inflated. The fluctuation in price is variable with no reason. He has to buy oil at a set price but is being undercut by Costco which sells it cheaper. How do we protect ourselves?

• Chamber Fundraiser: CEO Theresa Harvey invited everyone to the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, "The City on April 15 at 11:30 am at CSUF featuring Mayor Fitzgerald. The event is a fundraiser for the Chamber. $65 tickets include lunch. Register online or call 714-871-3100 by March 4. Perhaps our mayor will do a second City of the State for those unwilling to pay the ticket price as former mayors have done. (The person next to me asked an interesting question, "Why does a association of businesses need a fundraiser?"

# Check Register

• Luxury Hotels: David Carlee pointed out last month’s check register again had $1,600 in expenses for luxury hotel stays for the police department. He said the explanation that it isn’t city money being used is not good enough. It is excessive. He also asked why there is a large payment to the city of Orange County Cities when council put payments to the organization on hold at the last meeting. Councilmember Maldonado also asked for an explanation of the $2,800 to MODOC. Councilmember Flory said that although the city is not a member of MODOC it provides educational features that are required by the state. If we didn’t pay them to do it we would have to hire our own experts. Passed 4-1, Whittaker no.

• Gilman Park Repairs

Insurance money came through to repair Gilman Park restrooms and utility room where a tree fell on the roof. 5-0.

• Funding for New Officers

Councilmamer David Carlee asked why the police department is using four sworn officers to run a social media team if we are so strapped for officers. Why aren’t we using cadets? It seems like an entertainment rather than informational effort with things like tweets on Felon Fridays, etc.

He said the chief should stop worrying about PRing the public, “If you put the truth out that is enough.”

Soon, the City Manager Felt said that no date returns to the Planning Commission.

• Downtown Parking

Development Director Karen Haluza said, “Providing parking is an important factor in how places work, especially in our historic downtown.” She presented the parking management plan possibilities based on recent and former studies on supply and demand and economic impacts, but stressed that community outreach and input on the plan is needed before implementation.

The 1887 town map identified the central business district which is essentially what we have today, though conditions have changed since the days of cars and buggies. Ten surveys on parking done since the 1950’s showed there was not enough parking downtown and in 2012 the SOCO Parking Structure was funded through Amtrak and OCTA grants to add parking.

The Fox Block Parking Structure in partnership with the Stephen Peck Trust will add a 200-space parking structure and $6.2 million is set aside for the project. But even without that project completed, the most recent study indicates there is adequate parking downtown, though it could be managed better.

• Downtown Businesses: BID has to be brought about by the people, not the council. Councilmamers Flory and Taylor are not in favor of charging a fee for parking and implementing a BID (Business Improvement District) where downtown businesses would agree to be taxed for increased security, marketing and public improvements.

• Public Comments: Janes Rands said a BID has to be brought about by the people. She wants a fair and agreed basis. Strategies to recoup the cost to the city in providing free parking, such as maintenance and enforcement costs included charging a parking fee and implementing a BID (Business Improvement District) where downtown businesses would agree to be taxed for increased security, marketing and public improvements.

Saturday and Friday at 5pm and all day Sunday. The city receives reimbursement from the state for maintenance of the structure.

There are 721 yellow-striped employee parking spaces throughout the study area. In 2015 the city issued 826 employee parking permits at $6 each per year. Locating employee parking in the most desirable lots during peak daytime hours shortens the supply available to short-time visitors. The recommendation is to increase the yearly employee fee and transfer the most of the designated employee parking to undersized areas (for example the top level of the Wilshire structure which is operating at only 7% occupancy during peak hours).

There are 1,634 additional parking spaces in private lots which could be open to a fee and agreed basis.

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The letter continues, “The Library Board of Trustees concurred that if adequate funding cannot be provided to keep Hunt open on a full schedule, there is no choice but to shutter the facility for a limited period of time while options are explored.”

At the February 25 meeting the discussion on the Hunt was led by City Manager Felz. He explained that the City Council has “declined” the board’s previous recommendations to improve access to the Hunt to overcome “challenges due to its location.” He clarified that the Hunt Foundation has “fully released” the property to the city with no reversionary rights. Therefore, the city does not have to maintain the property as a library.

Citing the City Council’s unwillingness to fund the Hunt, Trustee and former City Manager Chris Meyer made a formal motion to recommend that the city sell the Hunt property and in the intervening time continue to lease it to GMI. Trustee Zonya Townsend asked to reconsider the Hunt as a children’s library. She pointed out that the children’s section of the main branch is small and that the secluded nature of the Hunt is beneficial because it provides a quiet space for children to enjoy books and the out-of-doors. No one else on the board seconded this option.

Continuing the conversation on selling the Hunt, City Manager Felz reminded the board that the historic Hunt property would be protected from demolition because an application for the building has been submitted to the National Registry of Historic Places. Board President Ellen Ballard expressed her disappointment with the lack of options other than to sell. “Every time we go to Council, funding is denied.” After expressing his frustration with the Council’s unwillingness to fund the library in the past, Trustee Ryan Cantor asked to amend Trustee Meyer’s motion, to specify that the Council has a choice to either appropriate $1.5 million in the 2016 budget to fully operate the Hunt or sell the property.

City Manager Felz interjected that GMI is interested in purchasing the Hunt. He suggested that City Council should “sell source” the sale to the church to integrate the Hunt into the campus grounds and the other Pereira building. “They (GMI) have been accommodating by inviting people to see the architecture.”

Trustee Meyer noted that there is an opportunity for the City Council to consider funding the Hunt during the upcoming budget planning for the upcoming fiscal year. In support of his amendment, Trustee Cantor cautioned that recommending a sale now would be “precipitous.” He said the board should “go back to city council” and make the public aware that “the Hunt is on the block unless Council ponies up with the bucks.”

President Ballard agreed to “give it one more try.”

During public comments Stueling Chen, founder of Arborland Montessori School said “We love our library!” She said that the Hunt Foundation has “fully released” the property to the city with no reversionary rights. Therefore, the city does not have to maintain the property as a library.

Ms. Chen further noted that the lack of library resources in Southwest Fullerton coincides with the argument for Council election by district. She queried the board and did find that at least one Trustee, Kristine Dennehy, does live in the Southwest portion of Fullerton. She closed her comments by asking “What we can do to help [keep the library open].”

Marty Shepard, a teacher at Arborland, lamented no longer having a place to walk to. “We have to be advocates for children.”

Jerry Young said that reopening the Hunt would be an “opportunity to build a sense of community” in an “under-served” part of the city. Former Trustee Kathy Damsey said that the main branch already serves ten schools and cannot absorb the six more that could be served by the Hunt. Marty Shepard, a teacher at Arborland, lamented no longer having a “walking library,” a library the children could walk to.

City Manager Felz answered the public’s concerns saying that the closure of the Hunt is “not an eastside or westside thing” but a financial decision. Trustee Cantor reiterated the board’s recommendation for council to either appropriate $1.3 million for operating the Hunt or to designate it as surplus. The board unanimously approved the board’s recommendation will next go to Council for their decision, to fund or sell the Hunt Branch Children’s Library.

District Elections Community Meeting

Residents interested in creating their own district boundary maps was City of Fullerton.com and click on the “District Election Mapping” icon to locate the application and draft a map for consideration.

Community meetings to gather citizen input on the mapping process in a workshop setting will be held:

• Thursday, March 3, 6:30-8:30pm: Parks Junior High School, 1710 Rosencrans Avenue

• Tuesday, March 8, 6:30-8:30pm: Orangeholte United Methodist Church, 2351 W. Orangeholte Avenue

• Thursday, March 10, 6:30-8:30pm: Fullerton EV Free Church, 2904 Brea Blvd., Room NC190.

For more information email district-election@cityoffullerton.com or call Lucinda Williams, City Clerk, at (714) 738-6555.

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Fullerton Honors Recap

Once the We Love Fullerton banners went up a few years ago, a number of people asked why we did not have banners honoring those who are serving our county as a member of the military like so many other cities do. We brought the subject up with the City Council and all parties agreed that something should be done.

We expanded our eligibility to include those who served in the past, and also included a number of Fullerton residents who lost their lives in the line of duty serving as police officers. My own Dad, Sydney Ritto, who served in World War II, is in front of City Hall next to Tom Dalton’s Dad who was also a veteran of that war. Many others who served in the past or are currently in the military fly proudly over Commonwealth Avenue, our “Avenue of Honors.” We bring this up now because……

JOHN F. GARDNER

Many of you will recognize the name John Gardner, since he was born here in Fullerton in 1988 and attended local schools including Fullerton High School. Sgt. Gardner entered active duty in September of 2011 as an Intelligence Analyst and was assigned as an Intelligence Specialist at Fort Carson Colorado in 2013.

John received many decorations including medals and ribbons for his service. He passed away after a valiant battle with cancer and is of course greatly missed by his family, shown above as his banner is installed on Commonwealth at Harbor on Saturday morning, February 13th. We have not forgotten you, rest in peace.

Last Chance Day of Music

You may have noticed the new DOM banners on Harbor. We installed many new ones and have another round coming up but act fast or you will miss out. Contact Mike at allmedia@sbcglobal.net for info or go to www.thedayofmusic.com. Yes, you can call too, 714 855-8855. Big additions and surprises this year: it will be an inspiring day of music in our town, so get involved if you can. Become a sponsor, a participant, become a venue, and of course be there! FREE FREE FREE on June 21st, the first day of Summer.

DRIPP Coffee Bar

Five-month-old Neal was among the first to check out the opening day of operation for DRIPP at the corner of Harbor and Chapman adjacent to the Fox Theater. Neal and Mom wondered when the beer and sausage place next door would be opening so they could tip off Dad and his friends. “Two weeks, Neal, two weeks.” Also spotted last Monday were some familiar faces who also seem to be the first to know when something new is happening in downtown Fullerton. We spent some time under the olive trees in the courtyard and recalled the many incarnations of the Firestone corner. This is no doubt the most impressive and appears to have instantly become a popular gathering place. Next up, Stadtgarten.

Above: The fun interior of DRIPP drew an instant gathering. Just next door (and brought to town by the same owner) the Stadtgarten sausage shop is expected to open in about two weeks.
**Fullerton Photo Quiz**

**Question:**
At Top: Just a bit outside of our downtown to the east, one of the last remaining traces of our citrus heritage. Name the type of orange that made Fullerton well known for the massive groves that stretched as far as the eye could see.

**Bonus question:** still going strong, where in Fullerton is THIS orange grove?

**Send your answers to Mike at AllMedia@sbcglobal.net**

**Last Issue’s Question:**
What long gone mode of transportation is this item, at right, for and where is it located?

**Answer:**
This is a hitch for horses, in front of the main library.

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**Our Town Crossword** © 2016 "Every Four Years" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 19)

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1. Uncovered
2. Pre ___
9. Where some cars live
14. Still sleeping
15. Cut and paste
16. Accomplishments
17. Shoe bottom
18. Fancy cracker spread
19. “Haste makes waste,” e.g.
20. “Scott Bakula/Dean Stockwell” TV series
23. ___ capita
24. Cycle or lateral starter
25. “If all ___ fails…”
26. Double ___ Ore
28. Murphy and Vedder
30. Madre and Leone starts
33. Sly
36. Electron tube
37. Nobel Peace Prize city
40. Athletes Lewis and Walters
42. Curved molding
43. Young pup
45. Bigot
47. Preambles
49. Snacks
53. Game pieces
54. Years, to Giuseppe
56. Mandel’s org.
57. Weep
59. “Blind trust”
62. Feudal lord
64. Prepare for a rainy day
65. Scottish hillside
66. Not together
67. Super berry
68. Take ___ view of
69. Stable females
70. Hammer’s end
71. Part in a play

**Down**
1. Indigenous people of Northern Spain
2. Be plentiful
3. Worked on a tile floor again
4. Barbara of “I Dream of Jeannie”
5. Disgusted
6. Actress Amy
7. Sir or madam
8. Fit to ___
9. Became used to
10. ___ Zeppelin
11. Children’s game
12. Upper hand
13. River of Belgium
21. Adolescent
22. Faulkner’s “___ Lay Dying”
27. College uprisings!
29. Tristan’s love
30. Lip ___
31. Summer drink
32. “Didn’t I tell you?”
34. Broadcasts
35. World’s largest campground co.
37. Hooter
38. “That ___ blow!”
39. 2016, and a hint to the starred clues
41. Irish political party
44. Babies in “Babe”
46. “___, de vivre” (undaunted)
48. The NYSE of India
50. Bob, e.g.
51. Involve
52. Plot
54. Swiftly
55. Star bursts
57. Chowder morsel
58. TV host Kelly
60. “Immediately”!
61. “A priest, a rabbi and a minister walk into ___…”
63. Test for a college sr.
Central Harbor Blvd. Transit Corridor Study

by Jane Rands

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is halfway through the Central Harbor Blvd. Transit Corridor Study to decide how to improve transportation along an eight-mile stretch of Harbor Blvd. The study area begins at Chapman Ave. in Fullerton and continues south through Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana, ending at Westminster Blvd.

OCTA hosted one of two public workshops to inform the public and gather input at Fullerton’s Community Center on February 24 but few people from Fullerton attended.

This is the most used public transit service in the county with over 10,000 riders. This is not surprising as one of the region’s largest centers of employment, the Disneyland resort area, is on the 43/543 route that runs on Harbor. Significant destinations in Fullertonaccordingly are Open Book and Harper Ave. The study area include St. Jude Medical Center, Fullerton College (FC), CSUF, and Disney’s Small World Amusements complex.

### Fixed Rail, Limited Bus Stop and Bus Rapid-Transit are among ideas being considered to improve transportation.

As time went by our answer to the question “Do you speak English?” became “Me no English” to the dismay of the woman driver. She said, “If I were to download a handicapped parking space that was occupied by a shopping cart. N aturally, I walked over and moved the cart the way to place a shopping cart!” My smile disappeared and my jaw dropped “Huh?” I said. I repeated her words, and she was also shocked. We walked to the street and rationalized that the driver must have been having a bad day.

Another time, I had just finished filling my gas tank and pulled her van into a handicapped parking space that was occupied by a shopping cart. Naturally, I walked over and moved the cart away.

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### Do You Speak English? by Sinh Dang

Have you ever driven into a parking space that you thought was available only to find out that a shopping cart was sitting in the middle of it? And did you wish that someone would take the cart away for you, especially when you are driving alone?

Well, I have been there many times, so in the spirit of “Do unto others what you would like them to do for you,” I often, with a smile on my face, walk over and pull the cart away for a driver. And I often receive a warm thank you in return.

One day, as my sister and I exited our vehicle in the shopping center on Mobile St. I pointed at the traffic light and said to her, “A nother tim e, I had just finished filling my gas tank and pulled her van into a handicapped parking space that was occupied by a shopping cart. N aturally, I walked over and moved the cart away.”

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BIKE NOTES by Jane Rand

Bike Connections

There are two critically needed bicycle connections at opposite ends of the city that will be studied by Alta Planning under a $250,000 California Department of Transportation Sustainable Transportation Planning grant. Alta is required to solicit community input. So be on the lookout for upcoming community meetings on the City’s website and in Bike Notes if you would like to participate.

The connection being studied on the west end of town would run along Malvern from Basque to the city limit near Burning Tree. Currently there is nothing more than bike route signage on a 45 mph street from Basque to Gilbert with the portion between Basque and Bastanchury having parking on both sides of the street.

If the new facilities were to be built, they would create a safer connection to Amerige Heights where there are grocery stores and other retail, schools, and parks. It would also provide a better connection for commuting bicyclists to get to the Buena Park Metrolink station just south of Malvern on Dale where both the Orange County and the 91 Lines have stops.

Alta will devise two options for the west side. One will be a class 4 off-street bike path on either the north or the south side of Malvern. The other will look at a way to provide an on-street protected bikeway, essentially, a bike lane with a barrier. The plans will look at the cost to create the bikeways including those associated with reallocating existing infrastructure. The idea of building a bike path along Brea Creek has been around for a long time. It will be interesting to see if the study concludes that it is feasible or if the protected bikeway is the better route.

The new connection on the east end of Fullerton would support bicyclists traversing from one side of the 57 freeway to the other between Nutwood and Yorba Linda Blvd. Currently, getting from one side to the other by either going over the 57 freeway at Yorba Linda or under at Nutwood feels unsafe to most bicyclists. Traffic speeds are fast on Yorba Linda and bicyclists have difficulty merging into the through lanes where the rightmost lane runs into a freeway onramp. The under crossings are narrow and dark. Bicyclists try to share the sidewalk with pedestrians, often creating a conflict.

If a safer route were built under or over the freeway it could enable students living nearby to ride a bike rather than drive a car to CSUF. Conversely, students living on campus could more easily get to shopping destinations, such as the Target shopping center on the east side of the freeway by bike or by walking.

Alta will look at ways to improve Yorba Linda or Nutwood. Nutwood had appeared to be the more soluble problem. However, now that the CollegeTown plan is stalled and the closure of Nutwood may be reconsidered, improvements on Nutwood may be more involved than anticipated. The other option that will get some serious, long-awaited evaluation is a bridge over or a path under the 57 freeway at Madison Ave. This idea has been discussed between the City and CSUF in the past and was even touted in campaign materials soliciting support of renewing Orange County’s half-cent sales tax for road improvements known as M2.

The proposed plans will be complete in about one year. At that time, the plans may be incorporated into Fullerton’s Capital Improvement Plan. However, funding will have to either be carved out of the standard budget allocations or new grant funding will be needed for the plans to become reality.
Kids Take Flight at Fullerton Airport by Jere Greene

Local schools participated in the annual Take Flight program held for the second year at the Fullerton Airport on February 18. Students were able to view real planes up close and compete in various flight-related competitions. Senior Division students from Beechwood, Fisher, Nicholas, Ladera Vista and Park, and Junior Division 4th graders from Beechwood, Fisher, Golden Hills, Hermosa, Orangethorne, Pacific Drive, Rolling Hills, Sunser Lane and Valencia Park competed. The day included flight competitions of student-made paper airplanes, model airplanes made from junk materials at the crafts table, and a display of artwork entries (see page frontpage and page 14 for more).

At Left: Jr. Division team Arizzt & Dominguez won a First Place Trophy for Golden Hill.
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Kids Rule!
by Francine Vudoti © 2016

C AR POOL TO SC H O O L

My school has a new project and it is called "Carpool to school." I wonder what parents and kids think about it?

Carpool is the sharing of ride by a group of people travelling to the same place. Only one car is used instead of travelling in several cars. Our school thought about this idea because there are too many cars that drop and pick up students during school days. The school grounds get too crowded with cars. Some students even end up being late because it takes a long time to be dropped off.

Since the carpool project is new, our school encourages everyone to carpool at least one day a week. Prizes await the lucky carpoolers because each Friday there will be a drawing. Those who arrive in school in a carpool will receive a raffle ticket from a group of students assigned to monitor carpoolers.

Carpooling has other benefits besides solving traffic congestion in school. It helps saves gas and reduces pollution, too. For kids like me, it will be fun to ride with other kids.

I wonder if parents will want to participate in the carpool so I decided to ask my mom. She said she would love to but there seems to be some challenges. First, I tend to wake up just in time to make it to school when the bell rings. Carpooling means waking up earlier and honestly it is my weakness. Second, I tried to think of a classmate who lives along my way to school and I couldn't think of one. But, wait! I remember a classmate in kindergarten and first grade. My house is along her route to school. Maybe I should ask her if she wants to share her ride with me. Hmmm. I'm almost giving my vote to carpooling, but not yet. I still have my biggest challenge to beat – waking up earlier. I will think about it.

Fun Fact: Did you know that carpooling was first started during World War II?

Yes, it’s true according to Wikipedia. Carpooling was used as a rationing tactic. I don’t really quite understand how rationing and carpooling are related but that was how carpooling began. Then, it became very popular in 1970s because of oil crisis.

Francine is a local 9th- grade student who enjoys writing, video games, playing piano, composing music and playing with friends and family.

From Lemon, drivers can spot the Hillcrest Park recreation center, which offers a variety of programs during the school year and summer.

Hiking Hillcrest Park

New York may have Central Park and Los Angeles might have Griffith Park, but Fullerton has Hillcrest Park. The wide open grassy knolls are perfect for picnicking and nature photography. Fullerton residents should get out of the house and enjoy the fresh outdoor air. The park is free and open to the public. Located between Harbor and Lemon and across the street from the Ralphs parking lot, the log cabin can be seen from the Ralphs parking lot across the street. I recently took a hike in the park with my camera and filmed it.

Hillcrest Park dates back to the year 1920, according to CityofFullerton.com. When the City of Fullerton first purchased the 35-acre patch of land in 1920 for $67,306, the land was barren with no trees. It opened in 1922 and was originally used as an overnight auto park camping site. The first trails were made by horse and plow, and in the mid-20s, pine and eucalyptus trees were planted. It was further improved during the 1930s.

But enough about the history, let's talk about the hike. I first drove along the narrow roadway that circles through the park and used my camera to videotape the ride. Then, I parked by a memorial dedicated to people in the Fullerton community who fought in World War II. The veterans' names were painted on a cross-section of a very large tree, which was surrounded by a spiked fence that protects the memorial. It was presented to the park by the Izaak Walton League of America, Fullerton Chapter 15 on May 30, 1948. A short walk away from the memorial is the log cabin, which is the Izaak Walton League clubhouse. The cabin was originally built in 1932 and reconstructed in 1996. The building serves as a meeting place for members of the league which is known as one of the oldest conservation organizations in the United States.

In 1996, a master plan for Hillcrest Park was adopted to guide its development over the next 20 years. The master plan requires the restoration and preservation of historic features and buildings. In 2014, an update to the master plan was presented to the Fullerton City Council. The plan included: restoring the stone fountain on the Great Lawn along Harbor, which was built in the 1930s by the WPA; removing the fence along Harbor and adding a promenade with terraced seating; building stairways on the north side of the park from Lions Field up the hill, and adding lighting, signage, trail upgrades and parking.

From Lemon, drivers can spot the Hillcrest Park Recreation Center. Originally constructed in 1932, the building was designed in the Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style and used to be the American Legion Post #142. During the summer and school-year, the center offers summer programs and after school activities. If you want more information about these events, look in the Park and Recreation Department's youth and teen programs.

As I walked up the stone steps of the recreation building, I noticed that the vines growing over the brick columns seemed to be withering away and turning brown. Like a lot of plants in Hillcrest Park, these vines are victims of California’s drought.

Next door to the recreation center and down some stairs is a playground on the edge of a wide open expanse of grass. This is a great place for children to play. Located nearby the playground is a small white building, which looks like a smaller, blander version of the recreation center. This tiny building is used by the Red Cross and used to be a Children's Library. Along the large open grassy area, I saw people eating and playing. The park also has an older metallic playground at the East Valley Drive entrance. It's open to all as if hardly anyone uses this playground, although I did see one guy testing his metal detector in the grass.

Fullerton residents visiting Hillcrest Park and hoping for a good hike should take a small trail off to the side of the front lawn area near the WPA stone fountain. I did have to walk up a set of stairs that were a bit crooked because tree roots were growing there, but once you get past the stairway, there is a small dirt trail that winds along the top of a hill. I happened to stumble on a small cactus garden with other drought resistant plants growing along the sides of the trail. Some were greener than others. I was hiking on one of the warmer days of winter and forgot to bring a water bottle. I suggest to all my readers who plan on hiking through Hillcrest Park, bring a water bottle and stay hydrated.

There are picnic tables and restrooms throughout the park, along with barbecue pits. In fact, right next to where I parked, a family was using a BBQ and playing soccer. Aspiring photographers like me would also have a field day due to all the plants and wildlife in the area.

On my hike, I spotted several rabbits and birds.

After that, I was exhausted from the walk and drove home to upload my photographs and video clips into my computer to make my YouTube video. Available at the following link: https://youtu.be/Dg7sNdjJcZU. Don't bother copying and pasting this into the URL bar, instead, just visit the Fullerton Observer website, click on the front page of the current issue, scroll down to my column, and click on the link.

Video Column Suggestions?
If you have any suggestions about a place or event in Fullerton that would make a good video and that I could cover in this column, just email me at littlelemonst1@gmail.com.

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More on District/Teacher Impasse

The raw emotions coming from both the district and teacher union sides of the current negotiations tell only part of the considerations that go into the upcoming CSEA (California School Employees Association) and FSTO (Fullerton Secondary Teachers Organization) contracts. The board of trustees must consider complex fiscal realities as part of their communal responsibility to the voters.

Both sides fear the outcome of the case and the word “compromise” seems to be outside of each side’s lexicon. Neither side seems to see the other’s point of view.

On one side it seems easier to flush the complexity of the budget away, see today’s balance and disregard the greater amounts of money that must flow to special education, unduplicated categorical funds, neglected deferred maintenance, or the reality that student attendance is going down over the next 3 years, while faculty positions are shuffled around easier to think that the district and the trustees are sitting on revenue instead of granting teachers their requested 7% raise over the next 2 years. The district, on its part, responded to the request with a 4.5% raise.

Both sides feel hurt and disregard, but we all want our children to succeed academically while participating in a rich social life. This is an oriented high school experience. As voters and parents we want the best programs, highest quality teachers, and talent facilities in order for our children to have multiple options while they zip through high school on their way to their first career and/or higher educational experience.

One of the main ways to get to that goal is to have a safe environment where the teachers feel appreciated and are teaching their best. The complexity of the budget away.

Both sides are hampered by destructive and disillusioning funding cuts for too many years. Teachers are making do with less; they gave more, and helped many students succeed beyond expectations. Teachers feel unappreciated but disregarded.

The funding cuts since the great recession about every 5-7 years and we are on year 5 now, plus Proposition 30 taxes expire beginning this year. This causes a $2.2 billion dollar loss, and Governor Brown is staying by his promise to end the taxes as scheduled. Add to this the state’s mandate of repaying the $74 billion dollar deficit in the state’s teachers and support personnel pensions plans by 2020. Teachers and taxpayers took on the burden of this endeavor, but local school districts perform the heavy lifting on this debt and the state has no intention of shifting this responsibility. In fact, payments for the 20 year old unfunded liabilities are structured so that the districts shoulder even more of the debt now than initially expected. The 8% of the district’s 2013 budget increases to a whopping 19% by 2019 to go to CSTRS and CPERF funds. The amount closely matches the increased monthly payments to allocate to the JFKUSD for the 2019/20 school year.

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Attending board meetings for the last 3 years, I watched the district drown itself out of the deep recession cuts and restore the budget to qualify for a Capital Facilities bond to rebuild aging sites. I watched the board vote to buy back 9 of the scheduled 11 furlough days for the teachers while not replacing cut nurses, librarians, and office supplies. I watched the district gut its deferred maintenance and other non-student operational funds in order to maintain the numerous athletics, CTE, and intervention programs at all high schools. The district retained its summer school program that serves over half of the students in the district each year. None of this is supported by additional state money.

Directly negotiated positions are at an impasse and must directly affect English learners, low income, and foster youth populations.

Districts with over 55% of these designated populations receive an additional concentration of money. FJUHSD currently has 48.5% of students who fall in these designations, putting the district in the position of providing services to a significant group of students who need additional educational support, but without extra funding for these programs.

Districts still receive less state money than the 2008 levels. The replacement of the “funding gap” is at 52% (hopefully up to 91% by the end of next school year) and the Legal Analysts Office (a nonpartisan fiscal advisor on state legislation) was careful to point out that all districts should be careful about expecting continued increased funding. The future looks good, but California has a recession about every 5-7 years and we are on year 5 now, plus Proposition 30 taxes expire beginning this year. This causes a $2.2 billion dollar loss, and Governor Brown is staying by his promise to end the taxes as scheduled. Add to this the state’s mandate of repaying the $74 billion dollar deficit in the state’s teachers and support personnel pensions plans by 2020. Teachers and taxpayers took on the burden of this endeavor, but local school districts perform the heavy lifting on this debt and the state has no intention of shifting this responsibility. In fact, payments for the 20 year old unfunded liabilities are structured so that the districts shoulder even more of the debt now than initially expected. The 8% of the district’s 2013 budget increases to a whopping 19% by 2019 to go to CSTRS and CPERF funds. The amount closely matches the increased monthly payments to allocate to the JFKUSD for the 2019/20 school year.

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Six Troy High Soccer Seniors Sign

Troy High School Girls Soccer Team celebrated six seniors on National Signing Day who will be continuing their soccer careers at the collegiate level next year.

Six Troy High Girls Soccer seniors have more than one reason to celebrate these days. The Lady Warriors just completed conference play, going undefeated for the second year in a row, and winning back to back Freeway League Championships. Their hard work has been rewarded as they captured the top seed going into this year’s CIF playoffs.

This comes as no surprise to Head Coach and Athletic Director Mike Silzer. “Our goal is to play a technical, possession style of soccer,” good if you will, “I believe focusing on this style of play, rather than just winning at all cost, will give our girls an edge when they go back to their clubs and it will help prepare them for the collegiate level.”

Coach Silzer has also brought some new amenities of which Troy soccer is proud. “Our soccer field is arguably the best grass surface in high school soccer. The field is complete with top quality goal posts and a sheltered bench similar to what you see at the professional levels.” Coach Silzer is quick to credit the quality of the facilities to the tremendous support the program gets from its sponsors and soccer boosters.

What’s the Score on Gender Inequality in Sports?

“Still On the Sidelines: Why 2015 Was Not the ‘Year of Women in Sports’” is the topic of the March 8 Distinguished Scholar Lecture, featuring Cheryl Cooky of Purdue University’s Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program.

The free event begins at 10am at Titan Student Union Theater, CSUF 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton.

Cooky is an associate professor of American studies at Purdue. She earned her doctorate in sociology and a gender studies certificate from USC. Her research centers on the ways gender shapes experiences, cultural meanings and societal structures in sports.

Cooky’s research has been published by: Communication & Sport, Feminist Studies, Sociology of Sport Journal and Journal of Sport and Social Issues. She serves as president of the North American Sociological Societies and has been recognized by The Feminist Wire as a “Feminist We Love.”

“From the outside, women’s sports appear to have come a long way. However, barring participation at various forms of gender inequality persist for females in sport. Dr. Cooky will examine the many ways women remain marginalized in the current sports-climate,” said John Gleaves, associate professor of kinesiology and co-director of the CSUF Center for Sociocultural Sport and Olympic Research which is hosting the event.

Chamber Accepting Applications for Young Citizen Scholarships

The Fullerton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Foundation is accepting nominations for its annual W. J. McGarvey, Jr. Scholarship awards. The 2016 Young Citizens of the Year awards are open to residents of Fullerton who are actively engaged in community and other educational activities.

The deadline for the nominations is Friday, March 4, 2016 at 4 p.m. Candidates may self-nominate. For more information, call the Chamber at (714) 871-3100.

A minimum of two $1,000 and one $500 scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing academic course study at a community college or four year universi- ty/college, or students wishing to pursue education in technical school.

Alonna Clark, CSU Bakersfield; Katelyn Carter, U of Oregon; Riley Hoover, CSUF; Robyn Mourer, Southern Methodist University; Kate Schade, Midland University; Aubrey Barrera – U of Nebraska at Kearney, pose with Coach Mike Silzer (at center).
Is Chevron/PCH Overpricing the Property?

Although appraisals on the West Coyote property were not completed, the Planning Commission, at its October 22, 2015 meeting, passed Chevron/Pacific Coast Homes’ 760-unit development proposal which included an option to buy three sites:

- Site #1: 10 acres for $9.6 million
- Site #2: 18 acres for $19.3 million
- Site #3: 14 acres for $20 million

The city agreed to trade site #2 for elimination of Park Dwelling Fees on the entire 510 acre property. The public has been given one year to raise the $29.6 million to purchase sites #1 and #3. If that is successful site #4 may be available for purchase.

Chevron/PCH has failed to meet all deadlines laid out in the new VTTM agreement including a completed appraisal on the property. As has been the case in the past few years, all negotiations on the property are being conducted in closed sessions with no information available to the public.

The tax value of the property and other land for sale should be considered in pricing negotiations on the city side.

Why is Chevron/PCH Still Suing the City?

Chevron/PCH filed a lawsuit against the City of Fullerton after its 760 home development plan was turned down by the city council in 2010. Chevron demanded and got the city council to again consider the development which subsequently passed in July 2011. Friends of Coyote Hills put a referendum, Measure W, on the November 2012 ballot to let residents decide if the project should have been done and the same approvals to stand.

After the public vote, the city failed to disqualify the development approvals as required at the October planning commission meeting, Chevron/PCH still has a $1 million lawsuit in place against the city.

How this ongoing lawsuit from a supposed willing seller will affect any grant applications to buy the property is unknown.

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TAKE FLIGHT
Art Contest Awardees

Congratulations to the young artists from Fullerton Elementary School District who exhibited their work at the February 18th Take Flight event held at the Fullerton Airport. See frontpage and page 10 for more on the program. - Photos by Jeri Greene

Art Contest Awardees

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Fullerton High School District Art Show

The 30th annual Fullerton Joint Union High School District Education Foundation Art Show opens March 22 at the District Education Center, 1051 W. Bastanchury Road, Fullerton. The exhibit is open to the public from 8am to 5pm thru April 5. An awards reception will be held at 6:30pm on April 5th in the center’s board room. The exhibit is organized by Fullerton High Principal Rani Goyal and juried by CSUF professors Joanna Matern and Bjorn Bernstrom, Andreas Mattern. The exhibit ends April 3.

First Friday
Downtown ArtWalk
Friday, March 4
6pm–10pm
www.fulltonartwalk.com

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National Watercolor Society
Plein Air Painting Exhibit

The National Watercolor Society selects artwork from its members around the world for this exhibit of over 70 true plein air paintings made by artists working outdoors including Thomas Schaller, Mike Bailey, Robbie Laird, Dean Mitchell, Frank Eber, David Teter, Stephanie Goldman, Bjorn Bernstrom, Andreas Mattern. The exhibit ends April 3.

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301 N. Pomona Ave, at E. Wilshire, Downtown Fullerton
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PLASTICS UNWRAPPED shares what life was like before plastics, how they are made, and what happens after they are thrown away. The exhibit runs through Sunday, May 1, 2016.

•March 3, 7-10pm: Free Live Plein Air Demonstration and Talk with Artists and Muckenthaler curator Matt Leslie, Artists Joe Cibere, Debbie Absehe, and David J. Teter. Will each share their techniques in a live painting demonstration followed by exclusive insights into their exhibited works. Light refreshments and a cash bar available to enjoy.

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STAGES THEATER
400 E. Commonwealth, Fullerton
Tickets: 714-525-4484 www.stagesoc.org

•RAISED IN CAPTIVITY a black comedy written by Nicky Silver, directed by Jack Millis opens March 4 and plays thru April 3, Fri & Sat at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm. When Miranda Bliss is killed by a blow to the head from a loose shower nozzle, her estranged twin children Sebastian and Bernadette are reunited for the first time in years. Sebastian, a failed writer, suffers from emotional issues since the death of his lover. Bernadette is married to a successful dentist who declares he is quitting dentistry to become a full-time artist.

•BLOOD MONEY by David Macaray, directed by Phil Brickey opens March 12 and plays thru April 2, Sat. & Sun. at 5pm. An older sister and her husband summon her younger sister and her husband to their SoCal home in order to make a momentous announcement. The news turns out to be one of the most thrilling and potentially life-altering announcements a person can make.

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ARTS CENTER
Cal State University Fullerton
800 N. State College, Fullerton
Tickets: 657-278-3371 www.arts.fullerton.edu

•THE MIRACLE WORKER by William Gibson, directed by Joseph Arnold plays thru March 13 in the Hallberg Theatre.

•MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR by Shakespeare, directed by Sarah Ripper opens March 11 and plays thru March 26 at 8pm (with 2pm matinees on March 13, 19, 20, and 26) in the Young Theatre. The play follows the character of Falstaff who courted two wealthy married women, sending them identical love letters. When the two women find out about each other’s letters, they pretend to respond to Falstaff’s advances for their own amusement and revenge.

CHANCE THEATER
5522 E. La Palma, Anaheim
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•STINKY CHEESE MAN a comedy for the whole family plays thru March 6, Thurs. at 7; Sat. - Sun 11am & 2 & 6pm

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Above: Andy Mendez won the Outstanding Use of Color Award for her painting “Soaring into the Sunsets”
TRUMBO: Two Hits

Dalton Trumbo, a prolific and highly paid screenwriter in the 1940s and 1950s, was blacklisted for his involvement in movies such as “A Guy Named Joe” and “Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo.” In his personal life he supported unions, equal pay, and civil rights, and openly attended meetings of the Communist party. This was enough to put him in the crosshairs of the House Un-American Activities Committee. 

Subpoenaed by that committee in 1947, he refused to testify and was convicted of contempt of court. The list of Hollywood directors and producers who refused to answer the question “Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?” Everyone on this list was blacklisted from further work in Hollywood. Trumbo was sentenced to one year in prison.

Playing this complicated, larger-than-life figure is Bryan Cranston, fresh from his fame as the math-teaching chemistry teacher in “Breaking Bad.” Cranston has shared in interviews the research he put into recreating this unconventional writer, who liked to write in the barthub with a glass of whiskey, a cigarette in a holder, and reams of paper. Both Cranston and director Daniel A. Snyder bought input from Trumbo’s two daughters, now in their seventies.

Released after 10 months in a Kentucky prison, Trumbo has a wife (Diane Lane) and three children to support. The family sells in Los Angeles their home and moves to Los Angeles, where they live in a hotel room in Park La Brea. Trumbo offers his talent to B-movie producer Frank King (John Goodman), who agrees to let him write for him, promising him a screen credit. For more than a decade, Trumbo cranks out dozens of screenplays for King and writers under cover for a couple major studios, winning an Academy Award in 1953 for “Roman Holiday,” attributed to British writer John Patrick, and another Oscar in 1956 for “The Brave One.”

By the end of the decade, a young Kirk Douglas (Dean O’Gorman) has heard rumors and comes to Trumbo asking for a rewrite of a script he composed and feared the committee would use against him. “Spartacus.” By 1960, Stanley Kubrick feels free to credit Trumbo’s writing for this movie and Otto Preminger marks the end of the blacklist with its epic “ Exodus.”

Some fine acting bolsters this biopic with Michael Stuhlbarg playing the actor Edward G. Robinson, who sells a van Gogh painting to help Trumbo’s legal expenses, and Helen Mirren as William Wyler’s assistant. The epic “Exodus” end of the blacklist by crediting him for the epic “Exodus.”

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Carol: A Hit and Miss

Impeccably acted and beautifully mounted, “Carol” is a love story about a romance forbidden in the early 1950s, when the story takes place, yet oddly quaint to us some sixty years later. Adapted by screenwriter Phyllis Nagy from a 1952 novel “The Price of Salt,” this story is about Therese, an 18-year-old with a toy train. The two women sense an immediate attraction grow into a deeply romantic relationship.

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TRUNCHEON: 3-Day Book Sale


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Carl André saying her daughter in the toy section of a New York department store. Behind the counter, a youthful Therese Beltve (Rooney Mara), wearing the store’s digneu Star, suggests that Carol surprise her 4-year-old with a toy train. The two women sense an immediate affinity and when Carol leaves behind her gloves, Therese locates her address and mails them to her. With a marriage in the offing and a former same-sex relationship behind her, Carol calls Therese and invites her to lunch. Eventually, she takes Therese to her lovely, spacious New Jersey home. Their immediate attraction grow into a deeply romantic relationship. Eventually, she takes Therese to her lovely, spacious New Jersey home. Their immediate attraction grow into a deeply romantic relationship.

Two Hits: Don’t Miss It!

A Hit & A Miss: You Might Like It. Two Misses: Don’t Bother.
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Community Easter Egg Hunt - March 26 at 10 a.m.
Easter Sunday - March 27 at 9, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Easter Breakfast served from 7 - 11 a.m.
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SAVE THE DATE APRIL 30
Fullerton Take Back Drug Day

Most drugs that are abused come from family and friends. You could be a drug dealer and never know it. Fullerton is participating in the National Take Back Day where anyone with left over prescription and over-the-counter drugs can come by the Fullerton Police Department from 10am to 2pm on April 30 and drop them off to be safely disposed of with no questions asked. The program is free and completely anonymous.

Drop off location is at curbside at the Highland Avenue side of the police station located at 237 W. Commonwealth Ave. in Fullerton. Call the department at 714-738-6836 for more information.

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Chocolate Fantasy: A Taste of Excellence

The YWCA of North Orange County raised $54,000 at the 24th Annual Chocolate Fantasy fundraiser. Over 230 guests celebrated with chocolates while residents at the event held at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds on February 5, 2016. Chief Dan Hughes was the event’s Master of Ceremonies. Hughes was the event’s Master of Ceremonies. Hughes was the event’s Master of Ceremonies. Hughes was the event’s Master of Ceremonies. Hughes was the event’s Master of Ceremonies.

Cozy Coyotes Country Club underwrote a three foot Milk Chocolate Fountain surrounded with delicious fruits, marshmallows and pretzels.

Excite, Engage, Empower, Generations is at the center of the YWCA of North Orange County which provides programs in four key areas: women’s health, educational college scholarships, economic and personal empowerment, and social justice.

Visit www.ywcanoc.org or contact Diane Masseeth-Jones at (714) 871-4488 if you would like more information on how you can get involved.

Free Income Tax Prep for Seniors

Free income tax preparation assistance for low and moderate-income senior citizens will be offered at the Fullerton Community Center, at 340 W. Commonwealth Ave. on Thursdays through April 14. Call (714) 738-6305 for appointment time.

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• Kim Rhynes, owner of the Brownstone Cafe, Fullerton, was honored as Business Woman of the Year. For the past 15 years, Kim has managed the successful Brownstone Cafe located in Downtown Fullerton. With Kim’s expertise and attention to detail, Brownstone Catering has successfully catered hundreds of weddings, holiday parties and other events catering to those such as Serena Williams, Leslie Neilson, and the Anaheim Angels. The Brownstone has become one of the top catering companies in Orange and LA Counties.

• The Honorable Judge Nancy Wiesen Stock, Ret. The Hon. Nancy Wiesen Stock was honored as Family Advocate for the Year. She was appointed to the Orange County Superior Court by Governor Deukmejian on January 25, 1990. After a distinguished career, she retired on February 11, 2014 to begin a second career as a private mediator and arbitrator with JAMS. She has been a lawyer and a judge for the past 39 years. She was honored for her quest for justice and for her decades of service in healing the human spirit that has been lost or shattered through human conflict, cruelty, or ignorance.

• Marlene McGlensey was recognized as Woman of the Year for her work with troubled youth and their families. For over 25 years, Marlene has worked tirelessly in building the Crittenton Services for Children and Families’ Volunteer program, getting others to join in making a difference through volunteering and empowering the lives of girls and young adults. She is also active with Meals on Wheels, the Needlework Guild of America, and the National Charity League.

• Marty Burbank, Esq., was recognized as Man of the Year for his second career as a private mediator and arbitrator. Marty’s other accomplishments include: founder of the Evan’s Children Foundation, Rotarian, Rotoract, former director, Paralegal Studies advisor at Coastline Community College, and Captain (JAG), United States Air Force Auxiliary, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

The YWCA 2016 HONOREES

YWCA Awards Business Woman of the Year Kim Rhynes, Family Advocate for the Year Judge Nancy Wiesen Stock, Woman of the Year Marlene McGlensey and Man of the Year Marty Burbank. PHOTO BY BILLY BODEN

CONGRATULATIONS
A Different Kind of Camp
A Mini-History on US Internment Camps

Japanese internment during World War II is a dark period in our history, but in many history classrooms, the camps are only touched on briefly — if at all. Here are four key things that you should know:

1. Internment Order. Japanese internment began Feb. 19, 1942. On that day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order that paved the way for detention and the relocation of Japanese-Americans.

2. Freedoms Removed. Most of the camps were isolated, and they lacked the resources and freedoms outside the world. The camps weren’t fully constructed when the detainees were being evacuated, so some families were held in “assembler centers” like Tule Lake, a racetrack. According to a survivor, they slept in horse stalls, didn’t have access to bathrooms.

3. Life at Camp. The detainees worked hard to make the camps feel like home. Compared to the victims of the Nazi death camps, most of the people incarcerated in Japanese internment facilities had a much higher quality of life, and outright violence was rare. The detainees knew they wouldn’t get to go home anytime soon, so they started making the camps their own.

4. Going Home. When the camps closed, many Japanese-Americans didn’t — or couldn’t — go back home. Because the internment period devastated businesses owned by Japanese-Americans, many families lived in poverty in the years after the war. The families who were detained left almost everything behind, but there was very little to come back to.

“We lost everything. We were given a one-way ticket to wherever in the United States we wanted to go to, plus $20. Housing was impossible. They would denies us housing. Jobs were very, very difficult.” - George Takei, Democracy Now!


A Notice was poste informing Japanese-Americans they would be evacuated.

In the coming months, almost 120,000 West Coast residents were removed from their homes and sent to 10 camps across America.

The detainees were instructed to only bring belongings that could fit in one suitcase, and they were forced to leave behind their homes, businesses, and schools. Most of them had no idea if or when they would return. Most families didn’t know where they were going or when they would come back.

In addition, a portion of the OC Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum, located at the Fullerton Arboretum, includes the Japanese-American community’s contributions pre-World War II in the growth of Orange County. For more information: www.coph.fullerton.edu www.fullertonarboretum.org

CSUF Oral Histories of NISEI Internment in the US

Cal State Fullerton is one of 15 California State University campuses collaborating on the digitization of almost 10,000 documents and more than 100 oral histories related to the confinement of Japanese-Americans during World War II. The National Park Service awarded Cal State Dominguez Hills $321,544 to continue the digitization and transcription of this material across the campuses. The Center for Oral and Public History is leading Cal State Fullerton’s efforts with the assistance of the Pollak Library’s Special Collections unit. The collection is online at http://csujad.com/
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Models predict what changes will occur over large areas and somewhat long periods of time. In line with this, the last few years have broken heat records around the world. 2014 was the hottest year on record, 2015 was even hotter, and January 2016 was the hottest January on record. It’s clear that things are changing. Warm air holds more humidity; climatologists say the atmosphere holds about 7% more water than in the past. This helps account for the sudden and massive downpours in different areas around the world when rains fall several inches per hour.

Climate models are alike in predicting a much dryer California and Southwest. Here is a simple analysis:

Surface water and evaporates water around the equator. This warm, wet air rises by convection; it flows northward and eventually meets cold northern air, water vapor condenses and falls as rain—hopefully in Southern California and throughout the Southwest. As climate warms and the air becomes humid, the rain pattern moves farther north before it air cold enough to cause condensation and rain. As a result, rains bypass Southern California and fall closer to Oregon, Washington, and Canada.

Now you’re probably saying, wait a minute! What about ocean currents, dust particles (aerosols), earth’s rotation, trade winds, on and on. Admittedly my analysis is an oversimplification and all those effects do occur and are obviously important. But they all operate along with a system that allows warmer, wetter air to move farther north before condensation happens. So, on average, less rain falls here.

Dr. Frances Mathews is a Fullerton resident and professor emerita at CSUF.

West Nile Virus & Day Biting Mosquitoes

Cases of West Nile Virus in Orange County totaled 97 with 8 deaths reported in 2015. No WNV cases have been reported so far in 2016 and doctors are suggesting people take precautions including fixing screens and emptying all standing water from properties. For more information and updates visit www.ocve.org or call OC Vector Control District at 714-971-2421.

West Nile Virus Control and Prevention reports that no locally transmitted Zika cases have been reported in the continental US, but cases have been reported in travelers returning to the continental US from visits to Cape Verde, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Mexico, and the Pacific Islands.

The virus is primarily transmitted by Aedes and Culex mosquitoes which can also transmit dengue and chikungunya viruses. The small, black mosquitoes with white stripes are active and bite during the day. Although no Zika virus infected mosquitoes have been found in the US, the mosquitos have been reported in Orange County. If you see one call OC Vector Control at 714-971-2421.

No vaccine or medication prevents the virus, which has been associated with an increased risk for congenital microcephaly and other abnormalities of the brain and eye. The World Health Organization declared the Zika virus outbreak a public health emergency of international concern on Feb. 1, 2016.

Prevention includes wearing long-sleeved shirts, pants, and using insect repellents containing ingredients such as DEET, picaridin, and IR3535, emptying all standing water and screen repair.

Fullerton-born resident Valerie Brickey has been constructing puzzles for numerous years. She has agreed to keep us entertained with more in the future!
**John, Lauren, Caitlin, Lynne, and Terry Orr in Quebec City**

**THE ORR FAMILY IN QUEBEC CITY, CANADA**

“When it is 20 below and you want to take a break from your fabulous vacation to read your terrific local paper, you find a bench. And this time of the year in Quebec City, Canada, that bench is made of ice!” - Caitlin

**THOMAS FAMILY SKIING IN ASPEN**

The Kilpatrick family, with friend Stacy, rented a lodge and took a week’s break from their regular lives to enjoy skiing in Aspen, Colorado. They celebrated their last night at the lodge with a delicious three-layer homemade cake.

**Jazz in the Afternoon with Ron Kobayashi Trio at Fullerton Library**

This year’s Fullerton Public Library Foundation fundraiser features Jazz in the Afternoon with the Ron Kobayashi Trio. The event takes place at 2pm, Sunday March 6 at the Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth.

Tickets are $25 and include wine and hors d’oeuvres. All proceeds benefit the non-profit Fullerton Library Foundation and $18 of the ticket price is tax-deductible. Visit fullertonlibraryfoundation.com to purchase tickets or call 714-738-3366. You can also reserve tickets by mail by sending your check along with name, address, phone and email to Fullerton Public Library Foundation, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton CA 92832.

**About the Trio**

The Ron Kobayashi Trio was formed in 1994 and has recorded five discs which have received airplay across the US and Canada. The LA Times said “The Ron Kobayashi Trio are “superb jazz stylists.” Their live recorded disc, “No Preservatives” (Carpet Cat Records) was described as a “five star session from three of the Southland’s finest,” by the LA Jazz Scene. In 2012, the trio was nominated for “Best Jazz” at the OC Music Awards. The group has played at numerous festivals and events and was the house band for the annual Hollywood Diversity Awards (2001-2006).

Ron Kobayashi, a jazz pianist and composer who grew up in a musical Fullerton family, is a CSUF grad who began playing piano at 9-years-old. He has performed with Mel Tormé, Margaret Whiting, Tom Scott, Peter Frampton, Herb Jeffries, Tim Weisberg, Eric Marienthal, Jules Day, Peter White, Kenny Burrell, Dave Koz, Bill Watrous, Teddy Edwards, Pete Christlieb, Paula Kelly Jr. and the Modernaires, Karen Gallinger, and more. He was the featured performer on the international “Johnny Yune” TV shows and the Jerry Lewis Telethon. Bassist and composer Baba Elefante has performed with Roy Hargrove, Pete Christlieb, Justo Almario, and many others. Drummer Steve Dixon has worked with legend Lee Oskar, Richie Cole, Bill Watrous, Tierney Sutton and many others. Visit www.carpetcat.com and rkobamusic.wix.com/ron-kobayashi

**The trio (pictured above) with Steve Dixon on drums, Baba Elefante on bass and Ron Kobayashi at the piano has been together for over 20 years.**

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