Resident Ask Representative Ed Royce to Stand Up  by Barbara Sobin

It’s “homecoming week” for US Congressmen. District 39 Congressman Ed Royce’s constituents have been writing and phoning him expressing concerns over a variety of matters and requesting that he hold an in-person town hall meeting. These letters are all answered with form letters, and the constituents are being misled into thinking that their requests are being heard.

Sixty to eighty constituents have visited Royce’s Brea office every day to deliver messages with their concerns and requests that he meet face to face with his constituents. With no answer, the Indivisible 39 group organized a town hall-style dinner at the Fullerton Steiler on February 22 and invited Congressman Royce to attend. Although Royce failed to show up, a group of over 100 constituents did attend and spent several hours talking to an empty chair with Ed Royce’s picture on it.

Each attendee was offered the opportunity to raise a topic and address the emty chair about their concerns. A very long list was developed and delivered to the congressman. Participants expressed concerns that these are not normal times and this is not a normal administration. For this reason, the group expressed the belief that Congressman Royce needs to stand with his constituents and do what is morally and patriotically right, even if it means breaking with his party on some issues.

Many in the group expressed concerns about repealing and replacing the ACA and several people told stories about how crucial the act has been for the health of their families. A pedestrian from Brea pointed out that many of her patients are totally dependent on the ACA.

Many participants said that they are deeply concerned about climate change, elimination of the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), repeal of regulations that protect our air and water, and the threatened cancellation of the Paris Climate Agreement.

Fears were also expressed about the racist alt-right advisors, Steve Bannon and Steve Miller, having such tremendous influence in the administration and Trump’s choice of Bannon to serve on the NSC (National Security Council). The Russian involvement in our election and the potential role of several people in the Trump administration was a topic of major concern with a call to support an independent commission to investigate.

There were great concerns about the future of public education and the possible decrease in services for children with special needs. A high school government teacher spoke about how much she loves teaching her students about government, but that their motivation in coming to school centers around music, the arts and sports.

TROY SHOOTER SUSPECTS ENROLL AT LA SIERRA

Two 16-year-old Troy students were arrested by Fullerton Police on February 1, 2017 for plotting to “shoot up” the Troy campus in an event “bigger than Columbine.” A warranted search by police of the students’ computers showed they had conducted internet searches on school shootings and firearms prior to their arrest, however no weapons were found at their homes in Anaheim.

The students have been newly enrolled in the Fullerton High School District’s on-line education program which includes a once-a-week meeting with a teacher on the La Sierra/La Vista Campus, located adjacent to Troy High.

According to a parent, none of the La Sierra/La Vista teachers or parents were notified that these students, who need careful supervision, were on the campus. However, an email memo was sent to Troy High teachers who were asked not to share the information. Fullerton PD’s anonymous informant contacted said they were not notified. Superintendent Scambray was asked to return a call from the Observer.

ARSON SUSPECT ARRESTED

Fullerton Police officers conducting surveillance in the area plagued with fires in the 1200 block of N. Gilbert Street watched as Esther Eunjung Cha, 24, of Fullerton attempted to start two separate fires on February 19. She was approached by officers and taken into custody for arson. She admitted to setting numerous fires within the area.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Fullerton Police Dept. Property Crimes Sgt. K. Hamel at 714-738-5336 or by email to khamel@fullertonpd.org. Anonymous information can be provided by calling 1(855) TIP-OCCS or at www.ocrimestoppers.org.

The OC District Attorney, on February 22, charged Cha with four felony counts of arson of another’s property, two felony counts of attempted arson, and misdemeanor counts of possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. Cha is accused of setting fires at the Fullerton Hills Apartments including the contents of a trash can located in the mailroom, a cardboard box in the laundry room, and the building’s dumpsters contact were not fulfilled. Superintendent Scambray was asked to return a call from the Observer.

Embroidered Felt Mural: Annis Foundation: $50,000

Friends of Coyote Hills: $2 million

City of Fullerton: $2 million toward the acquisition of a 10.4-acre parcel in West Coyote Hills

Lower Los Angeles Rivers Mountains Conservancy: $2 million toward the acquisition of a 72.3-acre parcel in Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve, made possible by the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Prop 1 Water Bond).

Furniture: $50,000

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City of Fullerton, announced a $50,000 grant to the City of Fullerton to assist in acquisition of land at West Coyote Hills.

Visit www.cityoffullerton.com/waterconservation for more information or contact Parks & Recreation Manager Alice Loya at AliceL@cityoffullerton.com.
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President Trump senior policy adviser Stephen Miller made the rounds on the Sunday news shows to assail the federal judges who have ruled against the administration’s anti-refugee and travel ban, and expanded Trump’s attack on the independence of the judiciary.

Miller’s statements accused the courts of “exceeding laws” and seeking “judicial law and providing a vital check against overreach by another branch of government. Perhaps the most chilling moment of Miller’s interviews was the one in which he told CBS’s John Dickerson:

“The end result of this, though, is that our opponents, the media, and the whole world will soon see as we begin to take further actions, that the powers of the president to protect our country are very substantial and will not be questioned.”

Checks & Balances

By Sinh Dang

According to the Washington Post, the U.S. has one of the world’s most restrictive systems in refugee vetting. The process starts with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). This agency collects names, biographical information such as “where each person comes from and why they fled, and then confirms whether the person qualifies as a refugee under international law.”

If yes, the agency then refers the applicant to the U.S. government’s Resettlement Support Center under the State Department. This agency conducts an in-depth interview, cross checks the information collected, and then sends the application to U.S. National Security Agency’s Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, and National Counterterrorism Center. There are agencies that sign off on the application. They screen the applicant for:

• Past immigration violations
• Criminal violations
• Connections to “bad actors”
• Double check background information on the application against both classified and unclassified records.

Homeland Security reviews the screening results and takes a few more steps:

• Collects fingerprints
• Runs fingerprints through their own database in addition to the FBI, State Department, and Department of Defense’s databases.

Homeland Security makes the final decision on the screening results. If the applicant passes the medical screening, they will be matched up with a volunteer agency in the U.S. to help them arrive and settle in this country.

Once here, the refugee will undergo additional security screenings: One from Custom & Border Protection, and one from the Transportation Security Administration. If they are the person who received the approval to enter the country.

The average wait time for a refugee to be Clear to enter the U.S. is 2 years. However, this period is longer for refugees from certain countries such as Syria because they are subject to even more careful screening.

Once in the U.S., refugees are eligible for Medicaid, become U.S. permanent residents, and are authorized to work.

After a year, they are eligible for a green card, and 5 years after that they can become a U.S. citizen.

So the process is very thorough, and the screening is very careful.

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The Madness of King Donald

Have we gone totally mad? And by “we” I mean, well, everyone: Democrats, Republicans and President Trump. And by “mad” I mean in both senses: Anger and Crazy. I think it’s clear that the answer to all these questions is YES! In less than three weeks both Democrats and Republicans legislators are deeply troubled that President Trump is actually attempting to keep his, in my view reckless, campaign promises:  

1) He’s authorizing the building of a wall. Making Mexico pay may not work out, but as useless public works go, he’s on his way. That a tariff or border tax would be paid by American consumers doesn’t phase him—if it occurs to him at all. That impoverishing Mexico would increase the flow of Mexicans also seems beyond his ability to calculate. But, to be truthful, walls do work. I was recently in China and visited the Great Wall. I didn’t see a single Mexican. 

2) He’s actively trying to create a way of banning Muslims while denying he’s banning Muslims. In fact, by slowing or suspending the entry of people from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen he’s singled out majority Muslim countries whose immigrants have not perpetrated acts of terror here. (Though, to be fair, Iran has spared loss of trouble and given aid and comfort to plenty of, what Trump calls, “Bad dudes.”) He has, however, left out the North African countries that have recruited terrorists or attacked us—Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. He also, by coincidence I’m sure, left out the Muslim countries where he has business interests.

3) He has, with a stroke of a pen, withdrawn us from the Pacific Trade Pact, to which we didn’t belong. In closing the conversation/negotiations, he’s empowered China in the Pacific.

4) He’s made the National Security Council by marginalizing the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the head of the Director of National Intelligence, while bringing in his Emirine Gries, Stephen Bannnon of the Alt-Right and the White House’s political shop. Unprecedented and un-presidential. It seems utterly mad to decide issues of national security without the people who actually know stuff and thus to emphasize, not our national interests but Trump’s political interests.

5) He’s maintained his combative and insulting attitudes towards all who disagree with him on policy. Schumer’s tears are mocked, Merkle’s leadership questioned, the Euro attacked and, of course, the acting Attorney General got to hear his trademarked (probably literally!) “You’re Fired!”

6) His Sec. of Press, Sean Spicer, has maintained a bullying and condescending attitude reflecting his boss. He’s defended every stab, characterized each missip as a triumph and argued counterfactually (or as normal people say “Lied?”) that Trump’s inauguration was the biggest, best attended and viewed of all time.

7) He’s started to unwind and undermine our Health Care, the ACA. Saborising exist- ing, if imperfect, health care without having “Something great” to replace it may not work politically for him but is a matter of life and death to real human beings.

8) He’s taken the mindless meek approach to deregulation and told governmental agencies that for each new regulation they must cut two existing regulations.

9) Right off the bat he nominated for his cabinet people who detest their own portfolios (Perry at Energy & Price at Health & Pudzer at Labor & Pruitt at EPA) or who know nothing about their portfolios (Carson at HUD & DeVos at Education) or who have overriding conflicts of interest (Tillerson at State).

10) Finally, for now, he issued a Holocaust Remembrance Day proclamation without referencing Jews. 

In less than three weeks, never mind the usual marker of 100 days, he’s set quite a pace. Can he keep it up? With more than a million people taking to the streets of the nation for the “Women’s March,” with thousands of protesters converging at airports to demonstrate for refugees and Green Card holders, with over 100 career diplomats sending the message that his policies are not making us safer, President Trump may have awakened not simply Democrats but also Republicans and Independents who voted for him. People are awakening to the possibility that the Madness of King Donald may not be fringed or calculated but that he might actually be mad.

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Red Oak Unaffordable

The Feb. 17 issue of your paper mentions the Red Oak mixed-use development three times that I saw. Each mention was related only to potential parking problems. I signed the petition, even though the petition-bearers outside Ralph’s market seemed to know nothing about any other issues related to the project and these issues’ detrimental impact on the surrounding neighborhood and possibly, Fullerton as a whole. I’ve seen no mention of any low-income housing set aside in the project. While low-income residents might tend to have fewer cars, the retail-use aspect of the project will likely increase the need for off-street parking, especially during normal business hours.

I have not seen anything about the impact of families (albeit high-income families) living in this high-density housing. Where will their children go to play?

Across Commonwealth, with its heavy traffic, to my knowledge, environmental issues have not yet been addressed; perhaps this will come as part of our elected officials’ responsibility to all the citizens of Fullerton. I would ask the City Council to require in-depth site studies and reports, with respect to the longterm (50 years that I know of) use of part of the property as repair facilities for the car dealerships, with likely spillage of industrial solvents, oils and grease. Also, I have concerns about the release of airborne pollutants into the air during construction, as would be expected on a property adjacent to railroad tracks and the constant barrage of many pollutants created by many years of passing diesel engine trains. Many more issues to be considered, I’m sure.

Cathy Gordon Fullerton

A Snapshot of La Habra

12. Beautification is a problem. The city is missing 4000 municipal trees. We do not have an utilities undergrounding program, nor a Billboard abatement program.

13. The city council failed to adopt a comprehensive Historical Preservation Program to draw people downtown. The Downtown Historic Inventory found 126 potential historic sites.

14. The city failed to expand our County Library, instead they used the redevelopment money for a Costco. Now the Library is closed on Fridays & their garden gate is locked due to crime.

15. The city failed to adopt a downtown business improvement district. Now, no one I know goes downtown except maybe to quickly go to the post office. A lot of people have moved to Brea.

Robert Dale La Habra

How to voice your Opinion

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Concerns: A list of concerns at a recent town hall held by residents. Representative Ed Royce failed to show up.
February 21 Council Meeting
Next regular meeting Tues., March 7 at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

**CLOSED SESSION** Before every public City Council meeting, there is a Closed Session meeting, in which council meets with various parties and discusses topics outside view of the public. According to the agenda provided by the City Clerk, during this week’s closed session, council discussed the dismissal/discipline/reduction of an unnamed City Employee, two pending lawsuits against the city of Fullerton, and negotiation with the public employee union of the Fullerton Fire Department.

**OCWD and Local Groundwater Contamination**
Mike Markus, general manager of the Orange County Water District (OCWD), gave a presentation on where our water comes from and a long time contamination issue.

The item of concern for water users in North Orange County is North Basin Groundwater Contamination, caused by decades of industrial waste from local manufacturing plants, which created a “plume” in our local aquifer, affecting Fullerton and Anaheim.

In 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) became involved in the stalled cleanup, which involves developing extraction wells.

The OCWD provides water to North and Central Orange County. According to Markus, 75 percent of the total water in the OCWD comes from local groundwater.

**West Coyote Hills Update**
Although it was an agenda item, there was no official update on Coyote Hills. However, Councilmember Silva made a motion to have the Parks and Recreation Commission “review the subject of public use of the Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve and return to the city council with recommendations for access, signage, safety, habitat protection, and promotion.” The Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve is a city-owned natural habitat adjacent to the Chevon-owned Coyote Hills land.

Councilmember Fitzgerald was opposed to this suggestion. “As it stands, the Friends of Coyote Hills are holding the city and Chevon hostage, there’s nothing else we can do, and I don’t know with what money you think you’re gonna do that.” By “holding the city and Chevon hostage” she was referring to the Friends of Coyote Hills’ recent appeal of a Judge’s decision to uphold the Development Agreement (VTTM) of Coyote Hills, which council approved in 2015, in apparent defiance of the 2012 Measure W vote. Chevron/Pacific Coast Homes has a lawsuit against the City of Fullerton ongoing since 2012.

Silva continued, “I want to see what it would cost [to make the city-owned Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve accessible to the public], and I want to know that until we look at it and see what it would take to open our land, to make it usable.” Mayor Whitaker requested agendizing this item, to get more information about what the city could do to make the Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve more open and accessible to the public.

**Short Term Rental Regulations**
City staff gave a presentation on the potential of regulating Short Term Rentals (such as Airbnb) in Fullerton, which has seen an increase in recent years. Our current municipal code does not address or regulate short term rentals. Currently there are between 80-100 short term rental listings in Fullerton, ranging from whole house to single bedrooms. Suggested regulations include taxes, obtaining a business license, insurance, and safety measures.

During public comment, speakers were divided on this issue. Some criticized short term rentals, particularly in neighborhoods with homeowners associations, for upsetting the character of the neighborhoods, and creating potential nuisances and problems, citing the example of Anaheim, which recently banned short term rentals. Others, particularly those who offer their properties as short term rentals, argued that complaints have been minimal and that it provides business activity in the city. Council voted 5-0 to “receive and file” this report for further discussion.

**District Elections**
Following the passage of local Measure II in last November’s election, the City of Fullerton will change its city council elections from at-large (in which candidates must get the majority of all residents in the city to win) to a district election system (in which the city is divided into voting districts, and candidates are elected by voters within the district where they live). This change came as a result of two lawsuits alleging that the City of Fullerton’s at-large system violated the California Voting Rights Act.

Fullerton staggered its City Council elections, so in 2018, two council seats will be up for reelection (Chaffee and Sebourn). In 2020, three council seats will be up for reelection (Whitaker, Fitzgerald, and Silva).

At this Meeting, City Council decided that in 2018, Districts 5 and 2 will be up for election, and in 2020, Districts 1, 3, and 4 will be up for election. See map below:

**Protecting Healthcare** Above, three locals of up to eighty who have been visiting 39th District US Representative Ed Royce’s office in Brea every day to ask for a Town Hall to express their concerns about his votes on ending healthcare and other issues.

Will There Be a Downtown Business Improvement District?
Council voted 4-1 (Sebourn “no”) to postpone discussions and study regarding creation of a Business Improvement District (BID) for Downtown Fullerton. Over the past year, the Community Development Department has begun meeting with Downtown business owners, property owners, and residents to gauge interest in creating a centralized Business Improvement District, which would create additional funding and staff to provide downtown maintenance, safety, capital improvements, parking, beautification, marketing, and special events. These funds would likely come from downtown property owners.

Judith Kalunzy, a property and business owner downtown, spoke against the creation of this BID, suggesting that it would create another layer of government, a tax agency, and that it would disproportionate benefit downtown bar and nightclubs owners (whose operations are the major cause of the need for increased enforcement and maintenance downtown). Hubert “Skip” Davis, also a downtown property owner, opposed the BID, expressing his frustration that he only received notification eight days ago, and called the letter he received “calculated, misleading, deceiving” calling the BID an unfair tax on property owners. Tony Bushala, another Fullerton property owner, spoke against creation of BID, saying that its unfair for all business and property owners to pay for the problems created by the downtown bars, saying: “We all know what’s wrong with Downtown Fullerton. It is a culture of booze, violence, and public nuisance. It is an economic sinkhole costing the city at least $1.5 million more than the city brings in.”
Fullerton’s Heritage

by Terry Galvin

Beckman Instruments

Constructed in 1953/54, at a cost of $2.5 million, the headquarters and administrative office building of Beckman Instruments, Inc. (later Beckman Coulter, Inc.) is an early local example of Mid-Century Modern architecture applied to a non-residential building. Well preserved with few alterations, the building is the best example of this style in Fullerton. The building has remained vacant since the corporation moved its facilities to Brea in 2010. The structure is situated on a 0.5-acre parcel that, in addition to the Administration Building, was developed with low, rectangular laboratory and manufacturing facilities. Those buildings were all demolished in 2014.

The Administration Building is one story, but its irregular footprint comprises 43,000 square feet of interior space. At the time, the building’s design was highly modern and reflected the precision and high technology associated with Beckman Instruments. The building’s main architectural features include cut stone (flagstone) and smooth mucoo walls; a flat roof with a wide overhang, and a modular window treatment. A good portion of the structure has glass curtain walls with a continuous modular pattern. The exceptional large cantilevered roof, almost wing-like in appearance with its flat profile and tapered design, is the defining feature of the building.

Arnold Orville Beckman (1900–2014) was a creative scientific genius. His brilliant inventions, and the company he founded to commercialize them, represented the beginnings of the American chemical instrument industry. His devices, credited with saving countless lives, transformed the practice of clinical medicine. His professional life was intertwined with 20th-century history. Jonas Salk used a Beckman centrifuge to isolate the virus that causes polio; a Beckman device made it possible to develop radar in time for use in World War II; Beckman provided the diometer worn by staff members of the Manhattan Project; and Beckman instruments are on the moon and Mars. The start of silicon electronics in Silicon Valley began in 1955 when physicist William Shockley and Beckman created the Shockley Semiconductor Laboratory.

It was not an accident that Fullerton was chosen by Arnold Beckman for his new corporate headquarters. It was the result of a concerted effort by Mayor Tom Eadington and the Fullerton City Council to expand the industrial base of the city. In 1952 Bob Clark was hired to implement that program and he is credited with the success of bringing Beckman and other major industries like Kimberly-Clark and Hughes Aircraft to Fullerton.

Based on the architectural significance of the administration building and the relationship with Arnold Beckman, and with the support of the current owners, applications for Local Landmark and National Register listing for the Beckman Administration Building have been prepared and submitted by Fullerton Heritage. The building was listed on the National Register on January 31, 2017. The Local Landmark application will be considered by the Planning Commission at the Wednesday, March 22 meeting beginning at 7pm at City Hall.

Consent Calendar

The final part of the Council Meeting Agenda is called the “Consent Calendar.” This is a slate of items to be voted on “en masse” with a single vote, unless someone “pulls” an item for further discussion. One item was pulled for discussion, which was the second reading of the Council’s February 7th decision to repeal Fullerton’s 2010 ordinance imposing residence restrictions on registered sex offenders. This decision was made following a California Supreme Court decision that found “blanket” residence restrictions such as this to be unconstitutional, as well as a lawsuit filed by a Mr. Frank Lindsay against the City of Fullerton and 17 other cities in California, most of which have since repealed similar ordinances. Three residents, including Barry Levinson, who spearheaded this 2010 ordinance, expressed frustration and anger at the Council’s decision. City Council voted 5-0 to uphold their repeal of the ordinance. All state laws are still in force to track and monitor registered sex offenders.

Public Comments

• Slidebar Noise (Again): Local Resident and property owner Tony Bushala once again (for the third City Council meeting, in a row) criticized local watering hole The Slidebar for its alleged illegal use of outdoor amplified music, citing their lack of a required conditional use permit, violation of a local noise ordinance, and a long history of noise complaints. As explained by Development Director Bob Galloway, “table” the fire department merger aspect of the JPA. Fullerton City Council voted to 5-0 to postpone discussion of the Fire Department merger aspect of the JPA, which means it is not going to happen (at least for now). It is important to note, however, that Fullerton and Brea do share a Fire Department Command Staff, led by Fullerton Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe.
Local Author John Roche

Fullerton resident John Roche wrote the new non-fiction book Unforeseen Journey about his taking on the role of caregiver for his dying mother, not knowing the effect this would have on his life.

He wrote the book to provide insight to other home caregivers about the downsides of home care for aging family members, but also to chronicle his experience of caring for his mother - an experience that opened his eyes as to what it means to really love a parent.

The book chronicles John's in-home care for his aging mother for many years, detailing the ups and downs of taking on all the care himself, rather than relying on an institution or medical facility.

It includes the story of John's family - a story of alcoholism, stroke, and redemption - as well as a detailed journal of John's interaction with his mother during her brave last days and several chapters on how caregivers can better care for their loved ones.

John Roche lives in Fullerton and is a Physical Therapist in Downey. He has three young adult children: Breanna, Evan, and Kaityln.

The book is available at Amazon.com as a print book and as a Kindle.
Residents Ask Representative Ed Royce to Stand Up

Her concern is that, if these programs are eliminated, many of her students will not even be motivated to attend school.

Immigration and deportation of undocumented non-criminal residents was another very emotional topic. Several teachers said that many of their students were afraid to come to school due to fears about deportation. Jay Chen, a member of the Mt. SAC Board of Trustees and previous congressional candidate, stated that 10% of the students at Mt. SAC are undocumented, including several leaders of the student government.

The Muslim ban, rising anti-semitic acts and hate speech were repeatedly mentioned as great concerns. A few parents expressed fear of taking their children to Jewish day schools and community centers due to increasing bomb threats and other acts of vandalism. It was noted that the president’s language on these issues, as well as the manner in which he speaks to leaders of other nations, is unacceptable and that Congressman Royce should demonstrate leadership by standing up to such unacceptable language.

The group also made it very clear to the empty chair that they absolutely oppose: building a wall, elimination of the Consumer Protection Bureau and the Immigration and deportation of undocumented residents, changes in Medical and MediCare, unnecessary and discriminatory obstacles to voting, and any restriction of funding for Planned Parenthood.

What they do support is: a free press (not “alternative facts”), women’s rights and equal pay, LGBT rights, campaign finance reform, infrastructure re-building, creation of green jobs and programs to help the middle class, and criminal justice reform which supports education and rehabilitation programs rather than building more prisons (especially privately operated ones).

It was noted the congressman will soon be holding his annual Conference for Women at CSUF, but most in the group considered this to be nothing more than a public relations move - since his past actions do not support the majority of issues of concern to women.

Perhaps the empty chair did not hear all of these emotional appeals, however, the group holds out the hope that Congressman Royce will read this article and know where they stand and perhaps he will reconsider and schedule a face to face meeting in the near future to let them hear his positions on these topics. The group would like to assure him that they wish for a mutual listening session and promise a respectful interchange of ideas.

For more information on Indivisible visit www.indivisibleeca439.org

Crossword

“Think Twice” by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 15)

Across
1. La ___ opera house
6. Short run
14. Hyatt, for example
15. An average grade
16. Online Ming?
17. Where chicken’s lay/life
18. Spur of the moment
20. Kiefer, to Donald
21. Sleep disorder
23. Bee and Jemima
24. Foot part
25. Film director’s cry
26. So out it’s in
28. 1999 documentary about single mothers
33. Beast of burden
34. Summers, in Sonne
35. Charged particle
36. One way to listen to music
39. Shock’s partner
40. Clearasil target
41. Trump (Father of Taoism)
42. Stripped
44. “Oh-huh”
46. 2014 Jim Carrey sequel
52. 1982 film “___ Runner”
53. Sgt., for one
54. Drop the ball
55. From the East
57. Former Angels Hall of Fame pitcher, with 68-Across
59. “Frozen” actor Josh
60. “May I attend as well?”
62. Idiotic
64. Nothing, in Nice
65. Arm bone
66. “Kane of “All My Children”
67. “If all ___ fails...”
68. See 57-Across
69. International soccer player Jahic

Down
1. Siskiyou County mountain
2. Caterpillar cover
3. Made amend for
4. “Seinfeld” uncle
5. Llama relatives
6. Small and pretty
7. Cartoon corporation
8. Divided
9. Part of H.M.S.
10. Primates of Madagascar
11. Sleep inducing
12. Norwegian for head covering (a little longer than the English word)
13. ___ chef (second in command)
19. Hall & ___
22. Bars
27. Bardly make, with “out”
29. Billy Bob Thornton film “Santa”
30. Cried, feline style
31. Hit the jackpot
32. Metallica’s first hit
36. Town San Diego
37. Flagstaff college, abbr.
38. Incorporates
39. Tediously
40. Gorilla
42. Extended shot?
43. NBC’s “Parks ___ Recreation”
44. The Village People stayed here
45. Deep black hues
47. Boy’s last name in “Casablanca”
48. Decide not to lend, say
49. Get back
50. Half-concious state
51. Tough going
55. Land measure
56. Breeze (through)
58. A Chaplin
61. “Days of ___ Lives”
63. Gun gpp.
The Fullerton Joint Union High School District Board meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at district headquarters, 1051 W. Bastanchury Rd. 714-870-2800 • See the agenda at www.fjuhsd.net

**The next board meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th at 7:30 pm.**

**February 21 Board Meeting**

**FUTURE FARMERS**

The February 21st FJUHS/D Board meeting honored Future Farmers of America (FFA) teachers and members from the 5 comprehensive district high schools that offer agricultural programs. Throughout SOHS, SHHS, LHHS, FUHS, and BPHS, students diligently learn to grow crops and care for sheep, goats, swine, cattle, chickens, trout and catfish. The purpose of the programs is to prepare students with skills that will allow them to enter the food production industry directly after graduation, or propel them into higher agriculture degrees at universities. FFA stands behind the belief that food production and sustainability is a never-ending issue for all societies.

**NEW ELA CURRICULUM**

The board approved the purchase of a new Pearson English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum for $149 per student that includes hard copy texts, e-texts, consumable resources (workbooks) and additional English learner components with licensing and updates for 8 years. This will affect all the prep ELA courses district-wide. It will not change the AP or IB level English language courses.

**SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE**

Dr. Jennifer Williams, Executive Director of Administration, presented the annual summer school presentation and let the trustees know how many students participated in last year’s on-line health course. Students now get their health requirement done over a two-week summer school course by showing up at school the first and last days and completing the work on a home computer; or they can attend school daily and complete the course work in the school’s computer labs. Board President Montosa asked Dr. Williams about the success rate of the 38% of students who attend summer school to repeat a failed class. She had no data, but stated that she would get back to him about it. Another percentage of summer school students take classes to prepare for the following year, complete internships, and take required courses so that they can add classes during their regular school year. Students retaking a math course, or taking an additional math class, have their placements determined by year end assessments and teacher determination.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY RAISE**

The board approved a long awaited district-wide substitute teacher’s pay increase. It raises the payment per day to $125 and long term sub payment to $140 per day. High schools have experienced difficulty finding adequate substitutes to cover absences. This raise in pay will make the district competitive with other school districts and allow teachers to attend scheduled professional development seminars. The increase takes effect on March 1.

**USEFULNESS OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES DISCUSSED**

Dr. Singer brought up recent news reports questioning the usefulness of AP (Advanced Placement) curriculum for high school students. Some colleges and universities accept AP test credit to replace units for incoming freshman. AP test credit is a complex issue and constant higher education policy changes have always confused parents and students. AP tests are overseen by the College Board which sets a consistently rigorous standard for the courses and tests it administers. Every college and university has the option to accept outcomes of these tests to replace entry level courses, but there has never been a time where all colleges and universities have used the credits in a unified way.

The high level of rigor and exposure to greater course availability has attracted many more high school districts in recent years to offer these courses to an increasing number of students. The growing number of students with AP coursework on their transcripts brings the meaning of these courses into the spotlight.

In the increasingly stressful and highly competitive arena to get into a college or university, students must acquire certain achievements if they are available to them, and one of those is certainly having a few AP courses in their transcripts. The FJUHS offers AP courses at all 6 comprehensive high schools along with fee waivers for students who receive free or reduced lunch. The argument is not necessarily if these courses are equivalent to college level classes, it is how well the district prepares students to handle increased writing and organizational needs of higher education.

Student Boardmember Hannah Officer stated that her AP Government class may not have the same depth that a university course may offer, but it exposed her to the increased workload and organization necessary to succeed at that level of education. She feels that high school is preparing her for her future scholastic and career demands.

**KIDS RULE!** by Francine Vudoti

School Fundraising & Selling

Have you ever participated in a school fundraiser? I usually don’t pay attention to them. I would just bring the flyers home and give them to mom. Recently, however, I was inspired to participate. It is all because the organizers in school made the fundraiser exciting for the students.

It was a pizza fundraiser to raise funds for our field trip this month. They told us that for every 6 orders of personal pizza we sold, we would be entitled to one spin in a wheel of prizes. The prizes could be chocolate, toys or money. During the briefing to students about the pizza fundraiser, they let us spin for prizes when we were able to answer their questions. I volunteered to answer one question and almost got to the gold prize which was a money prize. I guess the organizers did not have money at that time so the guy moved the arrow to the next spot where I won a chocolate bar.

My mom doesn’t usually ask people to help with fundraising. She just pays if there is anything that needs to get paid. However, this time, I encouraged her to help with the pizza fundraiser because I wanted to have a chance to spin again. Every order of 6 boxes of personal pizza was for $20. It was the kind of pizza that you can store in the freezer and heat for 15 minutes in the oven when you want to eat them.

Days before the deadline, my mom surprised me with a list of 9 people who ordered the pizza. I was so excited. Nine orders meant I was entitled to one spin on the wheel of prizes. I wanted to earn two spins. I needed three more orders.

I checked the list and I got an idea. I would ask my dad, my mom and my friend’s mom to order pizza. I have no experience in selling but I want to become a business owner when I grow up so I thought this would be a good experience for me. Selling to my mom and dad was so easy. Each of them placed an order. The hardest part was talking to my friend’s mom. I don’t usually talk to my friends’ parents unless they ask me something or I when I greet them.

During a play date, I gathered all my nerves and spoke to my friend’s mom. My knees were shaking but I managed to explain the fundraiser and the ordered pizza. I was so happy. With the 12 orders, I was entitled to 2 spins.

When the pizza orders were distributed in our school, they set up the wheel of prizes. I got to spin twice and won $8. Not bad.

I thought it was a great experience not only to win prizes but also to help my school raise funds. I’m sure all schools have fundraisers. I guess it is important to make it more interesting for students so that they, too, can enjoy the experience and just relying on their parents.
Troy High School Youth Volunteer Selected by National Program

Sharleen Loh is spreading the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Sharleen Loh, a Junior at Troy High School and member of Girl Scouts of Orange County, has been selected as a California Distinguished Finalist by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. Only ten California students received the award.

Sharleen has been developing STEM curricula and bringing fun, hands-on activities to children around Southern California since 2013 when she founded a nonprofit organization, STEMup4Youth, and mobilized more than 140 volunteers from 10 different schools to bring weekly STEM programs to over 3000 children.

Sharleen has been passionate about STEM since she was young and has won several awards in the Science Olympiad, the Chemistry Olympiad, and various computer science competitions. Her drive to educate children about the STEM fields "stems" from the projected shortage of skilled STEM workers to fill millions of such job openings in the next few decades.

Sharleen believes the root cause of this issue is that we do not have enough kids interested in these important fields. Her goal is to expose kids—especially the underprivileged population with the least resources—to the fun and exciting aspects of STEM, in the hopes that they will be inspired to walk the path to a future career.

Sharleen has developed over 100 STEM activities and partnered with over 30 organizations to host her programs. Her organization, STEMup4Youth, has hosted STEM programs at Boys and Girls Clubs, public libraries, expos, children's festivals, showcases, and elementary schools.

Over 260 Celebrate 25th YWCA Gala

The YWCA of North Orange County honored outstanding community leaders at their 25th Annual Chocolate Fantasy Gala/Fundraiser on Friday, February 10. Event proceeds will help the YWCA of North Orange County provide free mammogram screenings for uninsured women, youth employment services, college tuition scholarships to adult reentry women 24 years and older. Also, because of YWCA, 200 high school girls from low income families receive formats to attend their prom, and over 300 wives of enlisted Marines at Camp Pendleton receive formats to attend the Black Tie Marine Birthday Ball.

For more information about the YWCA, visit their website, www.ywcanoc.org.

Nicolas Junior High Students Earn Cash Prize

Congratulations to four Nicolas Junior High School students, Shelly Fonseca, Cassandra Hermosillo, Jocelyn Salas, and Neva Patel, who were each presented with an award check for $250, on February 14 from GoGuardian for their coding work in creating an app.

The students worked as a team to create a Poisonous Plants app. Engineers from GoGuardian volunteered their time to work with Nicolas students to develop apps as part of the Congressional App Challenge.

"GoGuardian is one example of business partnerships that bring real world insight to the classroom," said FSD Superintendent Dr. Robert Pletka. Nicolas Principal Robyn Clemente said, "The project has been inspirational to the students."
Sometimes a story is so good that writers and directors set aside innovative filming techniques and opt for a traditional narrative movie. These films seldom win at award ceremonies but they win the hearts and admiration of movie audiences, and “Hidden Figures” has exceled by word of mouth, filling theaters ever since it opened in December.

Based on Margot Lee Shetterly’s nonfiction book, director Theodore Melfi tells the true but little-known story of a talented group of mathematicians, all of whom are African American women, working at NASA’s research lab, headquartered at Langley Research Lab in Hampton, Virginia, is under orders to make America surpass the Russians and lead the world in the race to space.

The movie focuses on three of these women mathematicians, first seen in a 1957 Chevrolet that has broken down on their way to work at Langley. Practical as well as brainy, Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) is under the car finding the part that needs fixing, and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monae) strives to get herself into an engineering program that has been denied her because of her race.

Another dramatic element important to the story told in “Hidden Figures” is the backdrop of the emerging Civil Rights movement. Constant reminders of racial inequality abound. Dorothy, who is in charge of several dozen female computers—the term used then to identify mathematicians, not machines—is denied her rightful promotion to the title supervisor because of her race. Katherine must walk a half mile to use the women’s restroom marked “Colored” and cannot pour her coffee from the same coffee pot as her white co-workers.

The man in charge of the Space Task Group is the formidable but decent Al Harrison (a convincing Kevin Costner). Tough on his staff and insistent on enough to cause him to overlook Katherine’s race once he becomes aware of this woman’s abilities, decides to court her.

Co-writers Melfi and Allison Schroeder create a script that keeps in balance the professional and personal lives of these three main protagonist, even as they focus mainly on Katherine. A widow, Katherine is raising three young daughters and has little time for a social life outside her church activities. But a handsome, military-colored (Mahershala Ali), after making the misstep of understating her impressive capacities, decides to court her.

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Two Hits: Don’t Miss It!

A Hit & A Miss: You Might Like It.

Two Misses: Don’t Bother

HIDDEN FIGURES: Two Hits

SUN, MARCH 5
•2pm - 4pm: Author Mike Oates and CSUF Professor Dr. Stephen Neufeld a discussion of “Kidnapping for Ransom,” plus a book signing. Presented by Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free. RSVP 714-738-3366

THURS, MARCH 9
•4:30pm: Job Search Boot Camp People who attend job search groups find positions four times faster than those who do not. Presented by WorkForce Edge. Free.

TUES, MARCH 14
•6:30pm: City Council Meeting Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave. Red Oak Major Site Plan (continued from 1/17/17) PRJ15-00271; Early Morning Parking exemption for Citrus Ave; Traffic Signal synchronization; Citywide Salary Schedule; Tree Services contract award; Personnel management system changes; 1416-17 AB 17-01 (PRJ16-00396, SUB16-00020); Vacation of unneeded utility easements at 770 W. Fullerton Ave.

WED, MARCH 8
•8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market See at for details.

THURS, MARCH 9
•7:30pm: Performing Arts at the Muckenthaler, 1201 W. Malvern, Fullerton. Choral music from the first half of the 16th century by Josquin, Tallis, Morales, Isaac and others. $16/students/embassies; $25/non-members. 714-638-6599 or www.themuck.org

FRI, SAT, MARCH 10-12
•12pm - 4pm: Friends of Library 3-Day Book Sale at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. SAT, MARCH 11
•10am - 2pm: Nature Walk in Coyote Hills meet at the Laguna Lake Equestrian Center on Lakeview Drive and enjoy a walk through the last open space in North Orange County. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes. See the spring wildflower bloom and crystal clear views of the local mountains. Free. Visit www.coyotehills.org

SAT & SUN, MARCH 18 & 19
•9am-5pm: Veggiepalooza! Monster Tomato & Pepper Sale at Fullerton Arboretum. Over 500 varieties of tomatoes, peppers, and other vegetable plants for sale. 1900 Associated Road, at Yorba Linda Blvd., Fullerton. More details at www.fullertonartwalk.com

SAT, MARCH 25
•10am-2pm: Local Author Day at Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave. Free. Visit www.fullertonartwalk.com

SUN, MARCH 26
•12pm-4pm: Alphonse Muma Family Day at Fullerton Museum Center, 110 E. Commonwealth, Fullerton. Always a fun day, with crafts, scavenger hunts, games and much more. Visit www.fullartmuseums.org for more info.

FRI, MARCH 31

SAT, APRIL 1

THURS, APRIL 6
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S A L A D  B O W L  D R E S S
by Marjorie Kerr
Do you have clothes you are tired of yet are still wearable? Let Mary Colmar work her magic “Salad Bowl Dress” to recreate an outfit for you.

Colmar, who has a background in professional patternmaking, began with revising her own clothes - then helped friends renew theirs in a mashup of function and form.

“What I am doing is keeping clothing out of the landfill. Colmar says, “It harkens back to a lifelong desire for a cleaner environment and being sustainable. Also, I see making and refurbishing as a better way to express ourselves rather than buying the corporate version.”

Visit www.SaladBowlDress.com for more information on this artist.

**TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA**

by Shakespeare, directed by Mark Ramont
plays thru March 12 at 8pm in the Young Theatre with matinees at 2pm on March 4, 5, 11, and 12.

**TALLGRASS GOTHIC**
by Melanie Martich, directed by James R. Taulii,
opens March 10 and plays thru April 8 at 8pm, with 2pm matinees on March 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, and April 8 & 9 in the Hallberg Theatre. Haunting play captures the love, longing, isolation, desire and fear of the classic Jacobean tragedy The Changeling. Recommended for adults.

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Recently, my friend, David Konefsky, invited me to attend his FAST swim meet at the Janet Evans Swim Complex at Independence Park, next to the Fullerton DMV. Since the Fullerton Aquatics Sports Team is planning on hosting the Junior Olympics in July, I wanted to cover the meet before things got too busy.

At the swim meet, I watched and the swim complex itself on Olympics in July, I wanted to cover the recorded my friend swimming which I have now compiled into a video link: https://youtu.be/nHp89L_QL0.

The Fullerton Aquatics Sports Team is a nationally-recognized competitive swimming program for kids ages 5 and over and affordable for families of all income levels, according to its website “aims to be successful in swimming of all levels, including the Special Olympics.”

The swim facility was built in 1975. In 1997, the pool at Independence Park was named in honor of its most famous swimmer, Olympic gold medalist Janet Evans. In “Los Angeles Times” article about the Fullerton City Council naming the pool, Evans said, “I’m honored. I swam a lot of laps in that pool, and I hope that it will inspire other kids to be the best that they can be.”

There is an Olympic-sized pool and a heated teaching pool. General Admission is $3.

After successful management at their home facility, FAST was selected in 2012 to also program and operate the new pool at the Fullerton Community Center, an indoor 6-lane x 25-yard pool. The Fullerton Aquatics Sports Team provides all of the activities listed previously as those designed specifically for senior citizens.

At the meet 1 attended, swimmers and their families were gathered in clusters of tents with the word “FAST” on them. The tents were set up on the lawn surrounding the larger pool. It seemed like most of the people attending the event had brought their own chairs.

Before the first swimming event, I strolled around the pool and took a look at the diving boards. It was so cold that morning that I could see the steam rising from the water. There was also a snack bar set up in case any of the swimmers were hungry.

Standing at the side of the pool where the tents were set up, I was able to look at a large, black scoreboard, where the digital red numbers turned as each event began. When there are more swimmers than there are lanes, the events are divided into smaller races called heats.

David participated in the 100 meter free style, 100 meter back-stroke, 100 meter breast-stroke and the 50 meter free style. I stood on the side of the pool where all the parents and family members of swimmers also stood taking photographs. The timers were on the opposite side of the pool, underneath tents, along with the coaches and other FAST members. An announcer, called out the names of the swimmers before each finished their timed laps.

It was a rather overcast morning, and seemed as if it was going to rain, but nobody seemed to mind. There was a smaller swimming pool by the snack bar. Before the swimmers started training, I noticed that there was a duck in the pool, which kept swimming around, minding its own business.

At FAST, they believe that “competition is vital to the personal growth” of the children and teenagers who join their team. The organization has been set up with the primary purpose of developing athletes and continues to put their athletes first.

My footage showing the highlights of the FAST swim meet I attended can be accessed by visiting the Fullerton Observer website. In order to view my video, just click on the “Videos” tab and click on the words “Emerson Little YouTube Channel,” which will take you directly to my page.

**Video Column Suggestions?**

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**Your Dental HEALTH**

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

**MISSING SOMETHING?**

If you are missing one or more teeth and think that you can get along fine without them, keep in mind the old adage “nature abhors a vacuum.” If missing teeth are not replaced with a bridge or implant, the teeth adjacent to the open space(s) will shift out of their normal positions and fill in the empty spaces on their own. Moreover, the corresponding teeth in the opposing jaw will begin to protrude, because there are no biting forces holding them down. As a result of all these unchecked movements, missing teeth can lead to chewing problems and looseness of remaining teeth. Instead, work with the dentist to develop a plan to replace missing teeth before further problems arise.

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Ode to Millie Kouzel

by Marjorie Ker

Mildred “Millie” Kouzel came into my life when she joined the Orange County Art Association in the late 60’s or early 70’s. She was getting her BA and MA at Cultural Center, Fullerton, CA. The painting, sculpture, printmaking, ceramic – we worked in a variety of mediums – discussing everything “under the sun”. Millie and I were jazz fans and together we attended the Muckenthaler Jazz Festival annually for seven years. Millie’s engineering husband, Bernie (talented photographer too) introduced her to jazz when they lived in Connecticut. It was there they had their three creative daughters. Prior to that Millie was trained as a nurse and served in the U.S. Army assigned to the VD ward in Germany at the end of WWII. Millie had so many talents to share – she loved dance, folk and modern – she had a sense of humor about current affairs and trends and wrote humorous articles or poems. We attended the writing group at Temple Beth Tikkah in recent years. She sold a commissioned bronze and with the proceeds was able to add a gallery like entrance to the house and add on to a studio to her custom designed house in Fullerton. She would have celebrated 93 years December 21, 2016. We lost Mildred “Millie” Kouzel on October 14, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband Bernie and her daughter Eileen. She is survived by daughters Lynn and Janet and two grandchildren. She is missed.

WAR COSTS in Life & Money

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

In Iraq & Afghanistan

- 170,993 Civilians killed by Violence www.iraqbodycount.org (2/23/2017)
- 4,516 US Soldiers killed in Iraq: (DoD 2/23/2017)
- 2,392 US Soldiers killed in Afghanistan (12/16/2016) www.icasualties.org
- 32,223 US Soldiers wounded (DoD reports) www.icasualties.org
- 17,674 Afghanistan 10/2001 to present (no updates since 9/2012)
- $1,745 Trillion


Rounded down) (Iraq $420 billion) (Afghanistan $763.9 billion)
Cost of Military Action Against ISIL $13.7 billion
Pentagon Shash Fund $412.9 billion www.nationalpriorities.org

Every Hour US taxpayers are paying $8.36 million for costs of war since 2001. What could we be doing with this money instead?
Effort to Place Red Oak Development on Ballot for Voters to Decide Comes Up Short

Over 4,000 registered Fullerton voters signed a referendum petition circulated by volunteers with Friends for a Livable Fullerton (FFLF). Although the petition did not reach the required 6,829 signatures, the focus on a new housing development has increased dissatisfaction with the density and impacts of new developments in the city. The Red Oak Mixed Use project is a 2-block, 295-unit, 4-story, 610,182 square foot mixed-use apartment project on the site of the former Mullahay Chevrolet dealership at 660 W. Commonwealth (cross street Cherriman Plaza / D St.). The council will decide on the Major Site Plan for the development at its March 7th meeting.

Traffic and Parking

Although residents feel the traffic in the area will worsen, the city says it will not cause significant impacts. The project has been under-parked by 93 spaces compared to normal requirements. The Council may be fixing this issue on March 7th.

Water Protector Update & March on Washington DC March 10

The Standing Rock Sioux will lead a march on Washington DC on March 10. They have called for supporters to organize similar demonstrations in their home cities.

The Army Corps of Engineers issued a deadline to close the 200-acre floodplain to Water Protectors due to danger of flooding. Many have gathered at the higher ground Standing Rock Camp located on Sioux reservation land where numbers have swelled to the several thousands.

Camp members remaining spent their last days in efforts to clean up the camp littered with abandoned structures, cars and cast-off goods left by the up to 10,000 no longer there. Bulldozers were construct- ed by the Standing Rock Sioux tribe to help with the clean-up. But, Water Protectors say they were given enough time to clean up and were told that all media and all protestors were ordered to leave by 2pm, February 23.

Law enforcement officers, including National Park Service rangers, have arrived from many parts of the country. They were told to remove the riot gear and night vision and thermal scopes. The two camps, Rosebud and Oceti Sakowin, were cleared by late afternoon on February 23 with forty-five people arrested according to the Lakota Law Project.

Tribe leaders from the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Sioux tribes continue to battle the pipeline in the courts.

David Archambault II, chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux, said the tribes are appealing a court order denying request for an injunction, on the basis of treaty rights. Over 700 protestors, including members of the media, have been arrested since the beginning of the protest according to nativenewsonline.net.

The Standing Rock Sioux’s fight against the pipeline began in 2014, when Energy Transfer Partners announced plans to build a 1,172-mile pipeline that would pump 470,000 barrels of oil per day from North Dakota to Illinois. The conduit would run beneath a lake on the border of tribal lands and cut through land the Sioux believe was taken from them unlawfully, said Archambault.

Tribe leaders objected to the pipeline because it would damage lands considered sacred, including burial sites and a lake where the pipeline crosses the Missouri River would be catastrophic to the surrounding environment and endanger the water supply. Despite protests the pipeline construction began in 2016.

People, including several thousand veterans, from across the country came to join the protest despite snowstorms and freezing temperatures.

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Facial Recognition Instead of a Boarding Pass?

KLM Airlines is doing that. A pilot program at Amsterdam airport is using pre-screening in order to be a biometric system that will expedite boarding. To address privacy concerns, the data will be deleted 10 days after the passenger has been screened.

Do You Have a Complaint?

Very few passengers are aware that their alternative place to complaint should a airline turn a deaf ear to your complaint. For passengers on flights (even foreign airlines) in and out of the US, the Department of Transportation’s Aviation Consumer Protection Division may be reached 24 hours a day at 202-366-2220. Complaints regarding safety and security issues are excluded.

More Information

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

The AIR Travel Corner

by Ravi Perera

Missed Flight?

What happens when you miss your flight? Many things. So, let’s start at the beginning. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, the airline is not obliged to put you on the next available flight to your destination. If space is available, the airline will ask you to purchase a new ticket, but full price. However you do have the option of going online and purchasing a ticket for later that day or the next, which is cheaper than purchasing at the airport.

The “no show” penalty for an international flight can be pretty steep, and even result in cancellation of the remaining segments of your travel.

A couple of years back I was traveling on United Airlines to an Enid flight to South Africa. Even though I had kept a six-hour gap in between flights, United’s five hour delay was possibly going to make me miss my international flight. When I called Enid to inform them about the flight delay, and possibly missing my international flight, I was told that I would have to pay a “no show” $250 penalty. If I had not called them, I would have had all my remaining flights, including my return flight to the US, cancelled. Since my United flight was not booked with them, Enid had no obligation to offer me a free alternate flight.

On a previous occasion, I was flying on British Airways from London to Dubai, via Zurich on Swiss Air. My flight was delayed out of London due to bad weather, and I missed my connection to Dubai from Zurich. Swiss Air had already arranged to put me on the next available flight – which was on Emirates, leaving a few hours later. I loved it, as I was flying on a newer aircraft, and with a far better inflight service.

I always purchase insurance for my international flights, and my policy includes coverage for flight delays and missed connections. Even though compensation might not cover the full cost of the flight, even paying the balance 25% is well worth it when you consider the chain reaction of prebooked hotel rooms, tours etc.

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**FCCC Music Theatre Retires**

FCLO Music Theatre, also known as Fullerton Civic Light Opera (FCLO), today announced that as of July 1, 2017, the company will focus solely on the John Raitt Awards for Youth program (JRAY). The scenery and dress inventory is now being offered for sale and will no longer be available for rentals to customers. However, costume rentals will continue under new ownership.

This shift is due to the retirement of co-founders Griff and Jan Duncan, along with Scenic Rentals Manager, Larry Knigge. Fullerton Civic Light Opera was founded in December of 1971 and presented their first musical “Fiddler on the Roof” in January of 1972. Over the span of 50 years beginning in Northern California, the Duncans produced over 170 total productions. FCLO has held a special place in my heart these past years and I’m very proud of the business we’ve created and how well we’ve served our community. My retirement is bittersweet, as I’m ready for the next stage in my life,” said Griff Duncan, owner of FCLO.

For more information, please visit www.fclo.com or for sale of scenery equipment, please email or call Larry Knigge at scenicrentals@fclo.com or (714) 595-8850.

**MUSLIMS LEAD FUNDRAISER TO HELP REBUILD VANDALIZED MOSQUE**

After an anti-Semitic attack on a Jewish cemetery in St. Louis, Muslim activists exceeded their goal many times over to raise $20,000 to help repair the vandalism. Most of the 1,500 donors are from the US Muslim community. “This is another way for us to publicly defy the stereotype that Muslims and Jews can't get along,” said organizer Linda Sarsour. Both Jewish and Muslim community centers have received threats since January.

**SPCL Annual Report on Hate & Extremism**

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups and crimes nationwide, has released the annual report on hate and extremism in America, and unfortunately the number of hate groups rose for a second year in a row. As Donald Trump’s campaign electrified the radical right, the number of hate groups grew to 917 in 2016 – up from 892 in 2015. The most dramatic growth was the near-tripling of anti-Muslim hate groups – from 34 in 2015 to 101 last year. The growth has been accompanied by a rash of crimes targeting Muslims, including an arson that destroyed a Texas mosque just hours after the Trump administration announced its ban on travelers from certain predominantly Muslim countries.

As the Trump administration promotes its “alternative facts,” it’s important that we all stay informed about these troubling developments. Read the report and view the updated interactive hate map at https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2017/02/15/hate-groups-increase-second-consecutive-year-trump-elections-radical-right

**UNIFIED WE DREAM**

The #HereToStay Network is a group of people ready to fight for immigrants at risk of deportation. Many immigrants will be completing with orders from government agencies and doing routine check-ins at ICE Detention Centers. We need people to be there with them during these check-ins, to stand with them and protect them, and to ensure they return safely to their communities and are not deported and separated from their families.

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

Please Take Action
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**ANSWER KEY**

As left is the answer key to the crossword “Think Twice” on page 7.

Fullerton-born resident Valerie Britby has been constructing puzzles for numerous years. She has agreed to keep us entertained with more in the future!
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Hermosa Students Deliver a Memorable Valentine Surprise

by Mrs. McTague
Hermosa First Grade Teacher

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