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City Cuts Adventure Out of Summer Program

Despite the unanimous endorsement of the city advisory commission set up to advise it on community service issues, and the moving appeal of a 9-year old architect-to-be along with his articulate and supportive father; the city council has cancelled (with Norby and McClanahan dissenting) this summer's Adventure Playground in Beechwood School Park.

Apparently outweighing the views of the commission and the users of the program, in the minds of the 3 councilmembers who voted to axe the program, were: its higher cost per participant, negative comments made by the city's risk-manager, Ron Dickinson, and cancellation recommendations by city staff.

In voting for continuation of Adventure Playground for at least one more year, Councilmember Chris Norby said he was in favor of raising the fee somewhat, and then seeing if the enrollment could at least be maintained at its most recent 1985 level of 137.

"If enrollment drops after an increased fee this year, then I would be willing to saw the program next year," he said.

It is not clear, however, which enrollment figures would have been appropriate to use in making such a decision; those presented by the head of the Community Services Department, Ron Hagan, or those presented by former Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, Ms. Chris Heusser.

Hagan showed enrollment and cost numbers demonstrating that with a smaller enrollment and higher expenditures, the average cost per week of the unstructured Adventure Playground Program was just about twice the average cost/week of each of the other more conventional summer playground programs.

But his figures were contradicted by Heusser, who reported that her personal inspection of the enrollment cards showed

substantially higher participation in this more unique program than staff had cited.

For example, in 1981, Heusser said that 344 families with 503 children were enrolled, more than twice as many as the 200 children Hagan indicated. No explanation of this discrepancy was given.

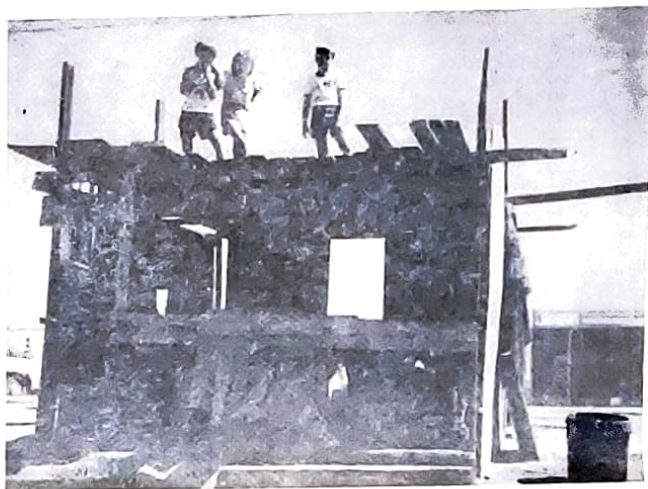
Yorba Linda, one of the 3 other Orange County cities offering such a program, has maintained a very successful program with an enrollment of 120, despite a fee which is 10 times larger than Fullerton's, according to Recreation Department Director, Steve Rudometkin.

Fullerton's new Risk Manager, Don Dickinson, told the council that he had carefully considered the program and found it to be too risky, because of the sharp tools being used by young inexperienced children.

Ms. Heusser said that she didn't think he would have reached this conclusion had he been able to see the program in operation with the 3 well-trained supervisors.

Councilmember Norby also took issue with this rationale for cancelling the program, saying,

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ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND--Some of Fullerton's future architects are shown atop one of their creations at Fullerton's Adventure Playground, recently cancelled by the Fullerton City Council.

"IMAX Economically Feasible"

A city consultant's economic analysis of the proposed IMAX-Museum Complex has shown that even with more conservative projections of future revenues, the project can be economically feasible, according to city manager Bill Winter.

The final report will be made available to the public on July 15, with a full public hearing before the city council on the 29th of July. City Community Services Director Ron Hagan recently told the Observer.

Some of the options which Economic Research Associates (ERA) considered to scale down the costs, so that they could be covered by the scaled-down revenues now considered to be more realistic, are:

1) Allowing the project's patrons to share the Plummer and other downtown parking accommodations, thus eliminating the need for another parking structure on Chapman Avenue, for a savings of \$3 million.

2) A smaller version of the theater building, without the dome, for a \$65,000 saving. (Hagan is opposed to this change, believing that we need the unique, landmark-type architecture that the Mediterranean-style dome represents)

3) A scaled-down site plan. Although ERA's report will show that IMAX could be successful at the downtown Fullerton site, there are still several "what-ifs" remaining to be answered, according to Hagan.

These include, e.g., negotiations with IMAX Inc. on the degree and extent of exclusivity which the Fullerton IMAX would enjoy in Orange County, the amount and nature of payments to IMAX by the city, and the lease rents on the equipment.

One feature which has been added to enhance the flexibility of the theater is a 35mm projection system, which could be

used for special art, foreign, and novelty films at late-night showings, when IMAX shows are not scheduled.

"With all the colleges and universities in this immediate area, this feature would enable our facility to be used as part of a film festival," Hagan explained.

Although the city's community services director is convinced that one of the "what-ifs" is not whether the IMAX Company

will survive and thrive, he did acknowledge that the supplementary capability could be useful in accommodating commercial movies, if the need should ever arise.

The use of the IMAX format itself for commercial movies is probably not feasible, however, because of the prohibitive costs of production, especially if the film lengths were expanded to 90 minutes from their current maximum of 45 minutes.

Council Approves Grant for Homeless-Families Shelter

In a dramatic turnaround, the Fullerton City Council has reversed a previous negative vote, and approved by a 3 to 2 vote an \$11,820 rehab. grant to Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services for their recently-acquired "New Vista" Shelter for Homeless Families.

Mayor Buck Catlin was the swing vote, citing as primary reasons for changing his mind: 1) A broad show of community support and commitment to the project, and 2) Limitation of the grant monies to one-time capital improvements. (The previous request had included \$4600 for operating expenses)

Councilmember LeQuire continued her opposition to the project which she fears will, "make Fullerton the regional site for the homeless in Orange County."

Councilmember Ackerman cast the other vote against the grant, reiterating his philosophy that, "Government can't do everything."

Councilmember Norby continued his support of the grant, noting the vast community network which has developed in support of this shelter.

He and Catlin were joined by Council member McClanahan who reminded her colleagues of how important it was that

private volunteers have done most of the work to date on this needed shelter.

FIES leaders, contacted after the meeting, were satisfied with the outcome. "Of course, we would have preferred to get the whole \$16,420, which the city's Community Development Citizens Committee unanimously approved; but we're pleased to have this local government support," said FIES Director Barbara W. Johnson.

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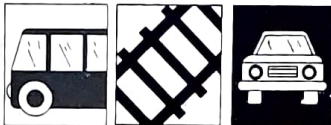
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Transit Topics



ROUTE 37 SERVICE CUTS:

Will take place in September, if OCTD goes ahead with its plan to reduce the frequency of the Euclid Street line from Commonwealth to La Habra Boulevard.

Route 37 currently operates every 30 minutes between Huntington Beach and La Habra, via north Fullerton; but service north of Commonwealth will be reduced to every 60 minutes under the new plan.

North Fullerton completely lost its other OCTD routes several years ago when line 28 (La Mirada to Brea, via Bastanchury Road) was eliminated.

The auto-oriented land-use patterns of the Fullerton hills make transit use difficult and ridership levels low, so OCTD is shifting its efforts to areas where there is more potential for ridership.

It would be nice, however, if the district would consider shifting some of that service to the higher-density areas in North Orange County, such as Valencia Avenue in Fullerton.

Another nice gesture would be to re-route north county service in ways that will increase ridership, before resorting to service cuts.

Or, perhaps a city-run minibus system, similar to those in Whittier and Laguna Beach could be used to connect hillside neighborhoods with local shopping centers and a "hub" connection with several OCTD routes at the Transportation Center.

OCTD BUS STOP SIGNS:

Don't give inexperienced riders a clue as to which bus they are waiting for. RTD signs, on the other hand, now show the route number, destination, and days of operation for all the routes using each stop.

This user friendly tactic helps visitors to the city as well as people who have trouble figuring out which direction they are going.

These informative signs are increasingly common in cities all over the world, and it's time for OCTD to make a similar change.

The existing blue signs could be updated to include this feature through the use of decals, printed in white to provide maximum contrast.

The decals could give the route number and destination of buses using each stop. For example, on the northbound side of Harbor Blvd., the signs would read 43A-La

Habra, while southbound signs would read 43A-Newport Beach via Disneyland.

At stops served by multiple routes, a second small sign could be bolted to the pole, with information on each line.

For example, the northbound signs on Harbor Blvd. between Commonwealth and Chapman would read: 43 Brea Mall via CSUF, 43A La Habra, 47 Santa Ana.

The decals might also include days and hours of operation. For example, 43A Newport Beach-Daily/Evening Service, 26-Yorba Linda-Daily Service, and 22-Brea Mall-Weekday Service.

The decals would reduce the cost of updating the signs, since they would be cheaper than replacing all the signs.

WITH SUMMER UPON US:

Crowds of young beachgoers will return to surf-bound routes, such as 43, 37, and 29. All riders, including commuters and tourists will suffer from slow, overcrowded and late buses as a result.

It takes well over an hour to traverse the 15 mile run to Newport Beach from Fullerton. The same trip could be made on a "Light Rail" system in half the time and quiet electric-powered comfort, but county officials continue to drive potential riders away in droves with their archaic policy of roads and buses.

The recent OCTD newspaper ads, show-

Transit Confab Comes Up Empty

by Ron Kobayashi

Citing transportation as a major concern in Fullerton, a panel of county transportation experts, city staff, Fullerton councilmembers and city business people met June 16 at Fullerton's Main Library, but could not reach any consensus as to what should be done.

The meeting was organized by Fullerton Mayor Buck Catlin and Robert Von Esch, Fullerton Chamber of Commerce President.

However, the only point of agreement was that a problem exists and must be addressed by the city in terms of improving existing transportation modes.

Opinions on what should be done ranged from implementing a bicycle lane down Harbor Boulevard, to encouraging Fullerton businesses to stagger work shifts in an effort to reduce traffic flow.

Bicyclist of the Month

BICYCLIST of the MONTH-Leonard Parrish is the Fullerton Observer's Bicyclist of the Month. He was observed following approved Fullerton Type III Bikeways (signed only) on South Highland and Walnut Avenues, to a Type II Bikeway (striped and signed) on South Richman Avenue.

Leonard is an electrician, employed at Hughes in Fullerton, and reports that he rides about 400 miles per month.

We were pleased to see that not only was he wearing a safety helmet, but also a small rear-view mirror on his helmet. Such mirrors serve to provide bicyclists a quick view of what's coming up from behind, without the necessity of frequent and dangerous looks behind them. A one-year free subscription to the Observer has been entered in Mr. Parrish's name.

There won't be a Bicyclist of the Month during August, since the Observer staff will be on vacation.

ing rows of diesel buses, vans and automobiles is quite ironic when viewed in this light. The ad reads: "It takes more than buses to move 260,000 people every day."

They're right, especially if they want to move enough people to make a dent in congestion, pollution and energy consumption.



It will take rational land-use planning, better pedestrian facilities, bicycle paths, mini-buses, light-rail, regional "heavy" rail, commuter railroads and even more inter-city AMTRAK service to move a million people every day.

But Fullerton Councilman Dick Ackerman disagreed.

"Trying to get people out of cars is not realistic. Encouraging bicycle usage is 'pie in the sky' thinking," said Ackerman.

Richard Edgar, Tustin councilman and Orange County Transit Commission member, stressed the need for cooperation between cities.

Edgar voiced concern over computer programming coordination between cities.

"The technology is at the point now where we should be able to coordinate traffic from city to city with computer systems," he said.

"One thing that frustrates me is knowing that much of the traffic through Tustin is from outside of our city. Many people use our streets as convenient short cuts. These people do not shop or live here, and therefore do not contribute anything directly to pay for traffic improvements," he said.

"This is why cities must cooperate with each other when dealing with traffic problems," said Edgar.

Fullerton City Manager William Winter said he is concerned with the inability of Caltrans, a state agency responsible for California's freeways, to work in concert with local governments.

"Caltrans's major concern is the freeway system, and we (the city) have very little control over traffic signals near offramps and onramps," said Winter.

Winter said he would like to see more authority given to cities for regulating traffic off freeways.

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Commentary/Opinion

New Stalling Technique

The threat of excessive liability exposure is becoming the newest tactic of that special brand of reactionary politician (who believes that local government should consist solely of a sheriff and a street-sweeper) to use whenever they need an excuse not to fund some recreation, social, library, or cultural program.

While sitting through this year's budget hearings, I was overcome with a feeling of déjà-vu, as the city's recently promoted Risk Manager was called upon to testify on the continued funding of Fullerton's Adventure Playground; and 3 city council members then used his predictably cautious testimony to rationalize their opposition to the program.

Almost 10 years ago, the same kind of hypocritical politicians were foisting an unnecessarily stringent property-tax measure on the California public.

The appeals for property-tax relief had some merit, as do the current measures to minimize dangers to which local residents are exposed; but as was the case then, legitimate concerns are again being exploited to serve the biases of political ideologues.

A perfect example of this duplicity was councilmembers Catlin and LeQuire's use of the liability argument to justify their votes to cancel the Adventure Program.

The new Risk Manager, who it turns out had never had the opportunity to see the program in operation, helped by testifying

to the program's excessive danger.

None of these 3 were influenced by the testimony of former Parks & Recreation Commissioner Chris Heusser that across the country adventure playgrounds had proved to be no more risky than other conventional summer playground programs.

Nor were any of these three impressed with the relatively injury-free experience our own city has had during 5 years of operating this program.

On the other hand, elsewhere in this issue of the Observer, we have reported on a truly dangerous condition which has existed for years without any city concern or action to eliminate it. (See the report on the Malvern-Basque intersection)

As Ms. Heusser said, the council is reacting to the illusion of danger, rather than to the real thing.

We would go further and say that the council has used the illusion of danger as an excuse to cancel a program with which they have some basic philosophical disagreements.

Councilmember Norby put legitimate considerations of risk in the proper perspective when he said, the real question for this council is not whether there is a risk involved in Adventure Playground. "Everything we do involves some risk," he said.

"The question for this council is whether or not the benefits derived from this particular program are worth the particular risks which it entails?"



Readers' Soap Box

A Matter of Trust

by Morris Spatz

"Trust me," he said as he whispered into her shell-like ears. "I do," she said. Some weeks later, when the tests came up positive, she looked for him and he was gone. "Trust me," said the politician. "I promise, if elected, I will do this and that, all for you."

Later on, after settling into office, he is too busy to see you. If you write him a letter, you get back a standard form which tells you nothing you didn't already know. "Trust me," says the government. Now that you're eighteen you must register. It's the law. Of course, you'll never be drafted. We absolutely will not have a war anywhere.

"Trust me," say the big power companies. "We'll make those nuclear plants absolutely foolproof. Besides, see how cheap we can produce electricity, all we'll ever need."

"Trust me," say the big chemical companies. "I will give you all the things you need to make your life comfortable and easy. Don't worry about pollution; it need not concern you."

"Trust me," say the big oil companies. "Don't control us, because it only makes it harder for us to do our best job for you."

"Trust me," says Social Security. "There is enough for everyone, if we only cut a little here and a little there." Don't worry; we know what we're doing. Have no fear. If we run short of money, we'll print some more. Nothing to worry about."

"Trust me," say the Russians. "We've got everything under control. It's true that we've got a runaway nuclear fire, but nothing we can't take care of. Don't see what everyone is getting so excited about."

It is this matter of trust that has caused me to be skeptical about what I read, see and hear.

Where and what is the truth? How can I, an ordinary citizen, believe without questioning what is given to me as truth?

I understand that it's only the other guy who lies. He thinks it's only me and my government that lie. The truth is we're both right.

I can understand that the other guy, living as he does in a totalitarian state, should feel that he is always right. He must base his judgement on those facts and information which his government allows him to have.

On the other hand, I have access to all the information given me by a free press, an uncontrolled news media and free radio. I should be able to make judgements, because I have all the facts. Well, maybe not.

What my government tells me and what they do may be two different things. The most recent paradox took place when our Armed Forces were bombing Libya, while our oil companies were still doing business there.

Time and again the later facts given to us are not the same as the ones they started us out on.

One of the worst was the incident that led to a substantial escalation in the Vietnam War. Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution on the reports that our naval vessels had been attacked by ships belonging to North Vietnam. These reports later proved to be inaccurate.

It seems to me that we have come a long way from what our founding fathers had in mind. The axiom, "The truth shall set you free," is correct as long as we know what the truth is.

Mr. Spatz is a free-lance writer in Orange County, and a political activist who acts on his conviction that change takes place only if people make their voices heard.

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school. But they won't let you go to school without an address. We understand it isn't your fault that you don't have one. Don't hurt too much little guy.

The supervisors said something about a committee. If you can just hold on a little longer...until Dad can find a job...how do you contact a man in a park?...and don't get too discouraged when you have to miss

so many meals. You're right Tiger. It's hard when you're hungry...and have no home...and Mom and Dad aren't feeling too good...and you're only five.

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Letters to the Editor

Reader Decries Supervisors' Inaction

Dear Editor,

Hey, little guy--sorry if you had to go to bed hungry again tonight! Real sorry!

But the Orange County Supervisors just didn't have the time to hear about you and your problems.

They were in a terrible hurry Wednesday.

They had been sitting in those great big comfortable chairs in the pleasant, air-conditioned hearing room - oh, maybe for half an hour or so - and they got tired real fast

of hearing about all those homeless, hungry people who are wandering around Orange County streets.

Not their problem one of them said. "It is everybody's problem", the one who is running for Secretary of State told the people who had come to give the supervisors information. This problem belongs to the 26 cities, he said.

So when you go to bed hungry again tonight, Tiger, please excuse the supervisor. He probably was thinking about the million dollars he has to raise for that state political campaign.

Well, Supervisor Clark, who was running the meeting Wednesday, did let some of us get up and talk - reluctantly.

He didn't like it much. Kept saying "your 3 minutes are up"...would you please bring this to a close"...now, we're not going to hear any more people...things like that.

And "we've heard all of this before." Like if he didn't have to hear it, well it wouldn't be his problem either...right?

Little guy, you explain to your 7-year old big brother that all the people who took their time to go to talk to the supervisors Wednesday didn't really get any closer to any solutions...like what you should do when you can't sleep because you're too hungry.

Mom and Dad have been telling you it's going to get better. They meant it. But last night they didn't even have money for one more phone call to see if they could find some food.

And Dad looked like if he took one more step without a good meal in him, he was going to collapse. They're doing their best, Tiger, since you were all evicted from that apartment.

And they are very proper people. They began their meeting with a pledge of allegiance to our country...yours too Tiger. Then they heard a beautiful prayer. We know you and your Mom and Dad have been praying a lot too while you're sleeping at night in a park in North Orange County.

I had hoped to tell the supervisors about you and several other families who have to look carefully for a safe place to lie down when it gets dark. Sorry Tiger, it's just that so many "big" people want the supervisors' attention.

You're five now, and you ought to be in



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The Polar Bears of Hudson Bay

by Chuck Greening

The windswept shores of Hudson Bay do not seem to have much potential as a late-autumn vacation destination. In addition to numbing cold, the lack of hills and trees means there is no shelter from the perpetual winds out of the frigid northwest.

Yet, the little town of Churchill, halfway up the west side of Hudson Bay, is bustling with tourist activity during that season. The reason - this is the time the polar bears line up along the shore waiting for the bay to freeze, so they can go out seal-hunting for the winter.

Consequently, it is the only place on earth where one can see numbers of polar bears each day, while based each night in a comfortable hotel.

The Hudson Bay population of polar bears spends the dark frigid winter out on the ice, catching and eating ringed seals.

The seals must come up for air, so the bears find open leads or channels in the ice, or breathing holes kept open by the seals; and patiently wait for a seal to surface.

Then with tremendous quickness and strength they stun the seal or break its skull with one blow, and haul it out on the ice to eat.

By early summer, the ice has largely melted, and has been blown into the southern end of the bay. The bears have no choice but to waddle ashore, sometimes carrying up to 500 pounds of extra weight in the form of body fat.

They move inland and dig shallow summer dens. To keep cool, they prefer digging down to the permafrost layer. They eat very little during the months from July until the fall freeze-up, subsisting on the fat from last year's feasting.

In the fall, the bears grow restless and wander back to the shoreline, in a state of "walking hibernation", to wait for the freeze-up.

It is at this time that the bears are concentrated in the tundra and dwarf willow along the bay, and a few tours are offered

for those who really like to watch animals in the wild.

A-J and I traveled with VanOs Nature Tours. We had the use of a "tundra-buggy" with driver-guide, and also a biologist/tour leader.

The tundra-buggy (which has been seen in several magazine articles and TV documentaries) has a bus-like body

mounted high above a set of enormous wheels. The fat tires distribute the load, and give the vehicle a light "footprint" on the fragile tundra.

Each morning, for 5 days, we were up well before daybreak. Fortified with good Canadian oatmeal, we were bused about 20 miles out to the end of the road, where our tundra-buggy was waiting - engine running

and cabin "heated" to something a bit above freezing.

Then we spent the day exploring the shoreline and adjacent areas, looking for bears and any other wildlife.

We saw arctic fox, caribou, ptarmigan, snowy owls, gyrfalcon, and even had a lemming on board for a close-up look.

Each day we had a "picnic lunch" in the buggy, and stayed out until near sunset.

Bears were plentiful (we saw over 80) and beautiful. They are cream or buff-colored, not snow-white; so they aren't hard to see against the snow.

Some were alarmed by our vehicle, and loped off into the distance. Others were so curious they stood up, leaning on the wheels, to get a close "sniff" (their noses are their keenest sense).

They are disarmingly cuddly looking, with dense, soft fur and lovely brown, "chocolate-drop" eyes. They have huge, hairy feet, like over-sized bedroom slippers, to give them traction on snow and ice.

We had to be warned to keep heads and arms inside the vehicle. Almost everyone underestimates how fast bears can move, and how far they can reach. Polar bears are notoriously unpredictable, but it is hard to think of them as dangerous.

Photo opportunities were irresistible. The bears seem to be natural-born models, and the backgrounds were austere beautiful on clear days.

We woke to a blizzard one morning, but went out anyway; and it cleared shortly after noon, with fresh snow sparkling in the low arctic sunlight.

Yes, we were cold and miserable at times. But vacations are a matter of taste, and we would not have wanted to miss such a memorable and unique adventure.



POLAR BEAR--Definitely king of the Hudson Bay country is this magnificent polar bear. Notice how huge its paws are, the better to traverse the ice-covered bay in search of his favorite dinner, the ringed seal; and the better to kill his prey with one mighty swat, then yanking him through the ice to eat.

City Joins Toxic Waste Authority

Possibly the most volatile issue in local, county and state politics these days is where toxic wastes will be treated, stored, and disposed of.

To deal with this problem, a Southern California Hazardous Waste Management Authority was formed last year, with members representing the cities and counties of the eight southern counties, plus the major cities of San Diego and Los Angeles.

The city representative for each county is appointed by the California League of Cities.

Because Orange County, although a major urban county, does not have a core city like San Diego or L.A.; a special cities joint power authority was proposed to also represent Orange County cities, and thus provide for a balancing of city representation on the regional authority.

To get this extra rep, the Cities JPA had to gain the unanimous support of the 18-member regional authority.

After some negotiations between the Southern California and the special Orange County Cities JPA's, the latter has now been accepted, and its representative will become the 19th member of the regional Authority.

Fullerton has voted to join the Cities JPA, setting aside its share of the \$10,000 annual dues in next year's budget.

In so doing, Fullerton joins Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Garden Grove, Orange,

Fountain Valley, Irvine, Santa Ana, Brea, Newport Beach and San Juan Capistrano.

Although the regional authority is presently only an advisory body, as citing and related toxic waste problems become more controversial, legislation could very well be passed which would give it influence and clout comparable to the Southern California Air Quality Management District and the State Air Resources Board, according to Admin. Asst. Chris Meyer.

Teachers/District Agree

An agreement has been reached between the Fullerton School District and the Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association on professional growth requirements.

Each person who receives an initial teaching credential issued after August 31,

1985 receives a Professional Clear Credential.

This credential clearly indicates that the holder must complete 150 hours of professional growth and service requirements at 5-year intervals.

A committee comprised of teachers and administrators reviewed the guidelines of the California Professional Growth Manual, and developed implementation procedures for the district.

The procedures were negotiated with FETA on May 22 and approved by the Board of Trustees on June 10.

Significant aspects of the agreement state that 1) No members of the bargaining unit will be advisors. Mentor teachers will be available to provide advice and support to advisees.

2) There will be a "Professional Growth Advisory Board" with at least 3 members. The chairperson of the board will be the official advisor to approve the professional growth plans.

The district will determine the board membership. Membership on the board may include, but not be limited to, current administrators, retired administrators, and/or retired teachers.

3) Within 30 working days after the beginning of each school year, the district will schedule a joint meeting with FETA to provide information to advisees regarding the professional growth requirements.



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City Approves \$60 Million 1986,87 Budget

A City of Fullerton 1986,87 annual budget without any major service changes, except for those already approved by the city council, was presented by the city manager and approved by councilmembers during their June budget hearings.

Most of the discussions during the hearings on the proposed \$59,083,070 budget were on about \$2 million worth of capital and service changes, which the city department heads had individually suggested and then met together to prioritize.

The \$6.87 revenue dollar was collected from the sources depicted in the accompanying pie chart, entitled Revenues \$1; and in the amounts shown there.

Note that, as has been the case since Prop. 13 was passed, the sales tax will provide the largest share, 23.2 cents of each dollar collected.

The water utility 17.5 cents will, of course, be paid directly by the users for the water provided to them, and thus is not

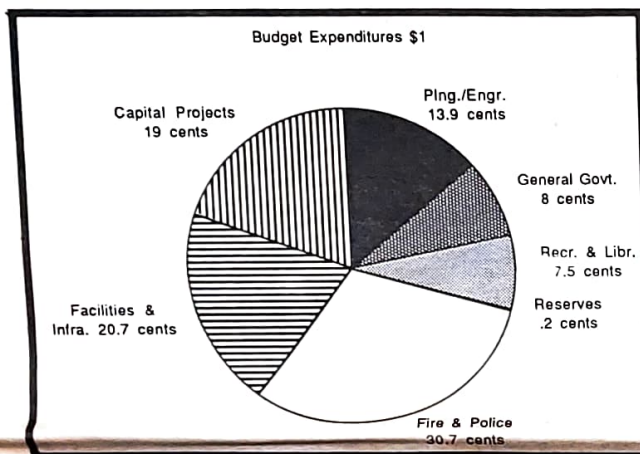
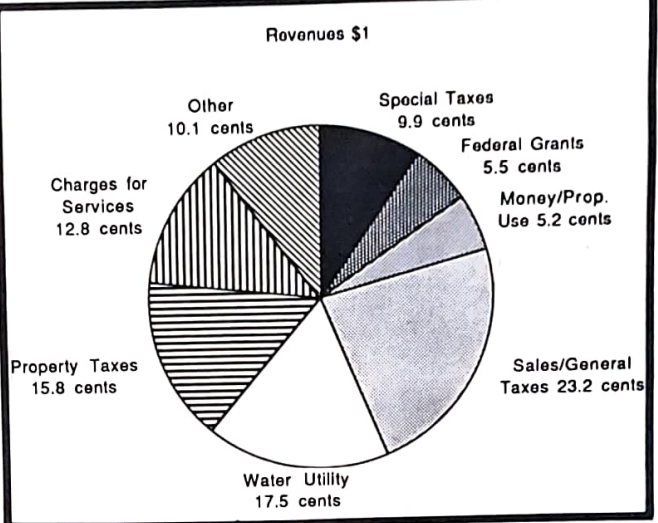
available for any other city program or capital expenses.

Although no longer the biggest revenue producer, property taxes will still account for a hefty 15.8 cents of each dollar raised.

On the spending side, most of the city's money, as shown in the Budget Expenditures Pie Chart, will be spent on maintenance and operations of the city's facilities and infrastructure, and for public safety, i.e., fire and police protection.

The expenditures approved for new equipment and expanded services are even more heavily weighted towards facilities and infrastructure, with almost 80% of the additional \$571,410 allocated going for maintenance & operations equipment and services. (See the column-chart entitled Budget Increases).

Staff and council explained this imbalance by noting that by far the most citizen-complaints were in such areas as tree-trimming, and street/sidewalk repairs.



Police Recruits Hard to Find

by David Crawford

As it continues to grow, Orange County needs more police officers; unfortunately there are fewer applicants now than ever.

This is strikingly evident here in Fullerton, where there are only 3 police trainees now in the academy to fill ten vacant positions.

According to Nancy Spencer, personnel manager and head of recruitment in Fullerton, the number of aspiring officers this last January -- even after extensive promotion -- was only 335, down from nearly 800 for the same period ten years ago.

But not only has the number of applicants dwindled, the percentage who suc-

cessfully complete police training has also dipped.

Someone wishing to be a Fullerton police officer must pass a written test, an oral interview, a test of physical ability, a background check (which includes contacts with former employers), polygraph test, and a psychological evaluation.

Of the 335 who began these examinations, 6 months ago, only three have passed. These three were admitted to the police academy, run by the Sherriffs Department, to begin their training as officers.

Ms Spencer feels there are many reasons for this increasingly high failure rate, including changes in American society over the last 10 years and the structure of Orange County itself.

"First of all there's less structure in the home today. Kids don't grow up with the kind of discipline which is required at the academy," she said.

"Also there has been an unfavorable view of authority. There may be a different image today but many negative stereotypes remain," she added.

The failure rate is also related to the use of drugs. It is unclear exactly how many fail for this reason, but it is "most definitely" a problem.

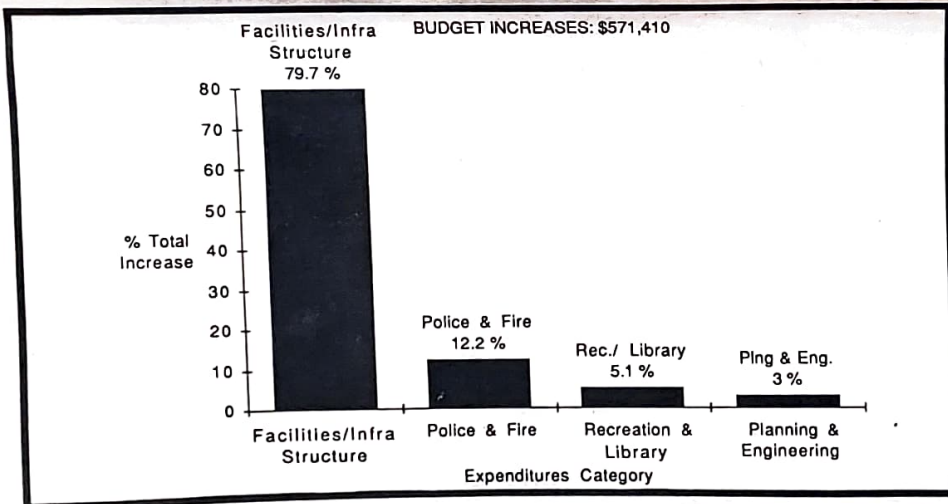
"With this affluent society (and the availability of drugs here, especially cocaine), some Southern California cities are going elsewhere to recruit, such as Houston where there's a higher unemployment rate," Spencer explained.

Fullerton hasn't had to resort to this yet. "We're looking for long range solutions, such as changing our image and stopping the use of drugs among kids."

"Currently we're sending officers to junior high and elementary schools with say-no-to-drug programs and to generally encourage a more positive image of the police," she continued.

The problem is that you can't hire just anybody. "It's a very delicate balance; they can't be too hard line but they can't be too soft either. They're out there on their own, and they have to be able to make independent decisions."

And those kinds of people are getting harder to find.



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Correction, Correction

The Observer wishes to correct some inaccurate information we published in our June 15 issue.

The city's Dorothy Lane project consisted of five 3-bedroom-with-garage homes; not four as we reported. Furthermore over the last 4 years the selling prices have ranged from \$84,000 to \$90,000; not \$95,000 as we reported.

The 5th home will probably be auctioned off this summer. For more info: 738-6854

Fullerton Witness for Peace in Nicaragua

by Dorothy Callison

When I learned that I was chosen as a Witness for Peace delegate to Nicaragua in May, I was pleased that I would have a chance to visit the Claudia Chomorro Children's Center in Managua that has a "twin" relationship with the Children's Center at Cal State Fullerton.

I had read about this "twinning" arranged through the MADRE organization in the CSUF Center's newsletter, "Peanutbutter Spreads the News." I phoned the Center staff and offered to deliver something relatively small for them.

On my last day at work before leaving for Nicaragua, a group of children and two teachers walked across the CSUF campus to my office at the Fullerton Arboretum to bring me an album of photographs taken at their Center.

We talked about my plan to take an airplane ride to another country far away where there is another children's center, to deliver their pictures, and to take some pictures of children there to bring back.

The kids showed me their album and I told them about the big blue duffle bag of hospital supplies that was also to be part of my baggage. (These medical supplies were donated through the Quixote Center in Maryland to be delivered to the Protestant Committee for Aid and Relief, CEPAD, in Managua.)

Another of my pieces of baggage was a carton of 20 pounds of tablets and boxes of pencils that Len Seltzer, owner of a Fullerton office supplies store, had donated.

Len heard about my trip from a mutual friend, knew about the severe shortage of school supplies in Nicaragua, and offered to send along as much as I could carry.

Eight of us flew together from LAX. By checking all our baggage through as a group, we were able to avoid airline overweight charges and get eight duffles of medical supplies transported.

We arrived in Managua after a two-day stop-over in Mexico City for orientation and training. At that point I began to wonder if I would indeed be able to deliver the photos from the CSUF Children's Center.

Witness for Peace is a politically independent, Christian-oriented organization which is committed to maintaining a non-violent presence in the war zone in Nicaragua. Delegations go to Nicaragua at the invitation of Nicaraguan churches.

Short-term delegations like the one I was on, go for two weeks, spend one week in the countryside, and follow a very full schedule of interviews during the days spent in Managua. It looked like there might not be time to hunt for the Claudia Chomorro Center.

Also, Managua is not an easy city in which to find one's way around, and I had neglected to get an address. The Managua phone book seems to omit more than it includes, and of course, much of downtown Managua is vacant lots. The earthquake of 1972 destroyed most of the large buildings, which had been built not-to-code by dictator Anastasio Somoza's construction company, and they haven't been replaced.

Somoza pocketed most of the international relief funds received after the earthquake and left the country with a \$1.5 billion debt and only \$3 million in the treasury when he finally fled.

There are often no street numbers in Managua, street names are missing, and directions are still given using landmarks that may have disappeared in the earthquake.

Finally a half-day of free time came up on our schedule, and four of us set out to find a taxi in hopes of locating the Claudia Chomorro Center.

After driving about, observing the roofless cathedral, billboards advertising the public review meetings for the new constitution under development, and murals depicting the history of Nicaragua leading up to the triumph over Somoza in 1979, the driver remembered where the Center was located. It was next to the main marketplace where many of the children's

mothers work.

The center is a beautiful place—clean, light and airy. The 300 children were getting ready for naps and were very interested in us.

We presented the photo album to the directors and found out that their biggest need is for colorful arts and crafts supplies. They simply don't have any.

I promised to tell the parents at the CSUF Center and to try to arrange a personal delivery, perhaps with the October delegation of Witness for Peace from

Southern California.

I should mention that while Witness for Peace delegates can carry medical supplies and other donations with them to Nicaragua, their primary task is to document the continuing incidents of U.S.-supported contra terrorism against the Nicaraguan people, particularly in the countryside.

By far the most important thing U.S. citizens can do for the Nicaraguan people (and 80% of the population are children under 15 or women of child-bearing age) is to insist that our government stop the contra war.

Then Nicaragua can resume the tasks of solving problems inherited from generations of brutal dictatorships and U.S. economic domination.

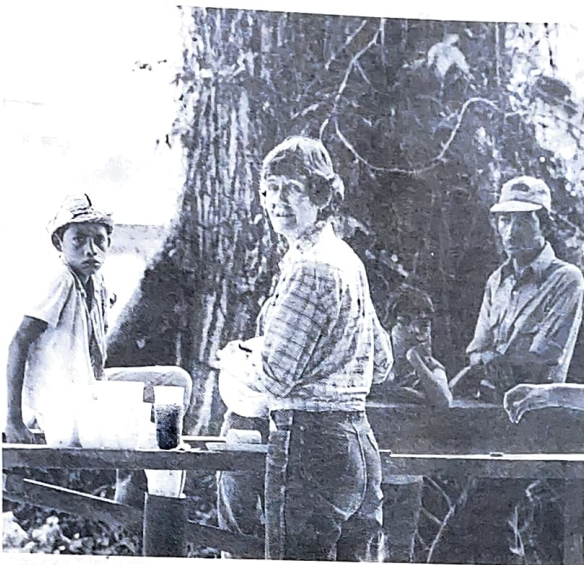
The stated goals of Witness for Peace are: 1) To develop an ever-broadening, prayerful, biblically-based community of United States citizens, who stand with the Nicaraguan people by acting in continuous non-violent resistance to U.S. covert or overt intervention in their country. 2) To mobilize public opinion and help change U.S. foreign policy to one which fosters justice, peace, and friendship. 3) To welcome others in this endeavor who vary in spiritual approach but are one with us in purpose.

I will be happy to show my slides and/or speak with interested groups. Call me at (714) 733-2781.

For information on the October Witness for Peace delegation, Call Tom Clagett, the WFP Pacific Southwest regional coordinator, at (213) 430-4679.

The WFP hotline from Washington, D.C., (202) 332-9230, is updated weekly with documentation from long-term delegates in Nicaragua.

Dorothy Callison is Administrative Operations Analyst at the Fullerton Arboretum, and in off hours a grass-roots activist.



WITNESS FOR PEACE-The Fullerton Arboretum's Dorothy Callison is shown as she washes dishes on a COOP farm in Nicaragua which she visited recently as a witness for peace. Photo by Mike Stoklos.

Cable TV Subscribers' Bill of Rights

If you, like the author of this article, are one of the Fullerton Cable TV subscribers who have been frustrated by interruptions in your service and difficulties in getting prompt responses to these outages by Group W; you should be interested to know that Cable TV subscribers have rights too!

Written into the contract between the Group W Cable TV Company and the City are the following subscriber rights:

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Any period of time in which the cable company cannot gain access to your premises will be added to the 24 hour limitation.

3. To receive acknowledgement of any written complaint by mail within 3 business days after it is received.

4. To be provided access to the cable company's senior management personnel on a timely and convenient basis, provided that the complaint has not been resolved by the personnel normally assigned to handling complaints.

5. To be notified on the system's Automated Program Log Channel of anticipated outages which will last less than 24 hours.

6. To be notified by mail at least 5 days prior to any anticipated outages in excess of 24 hours, and to receive billing credit for any such outage exceeding 24 hours during a one month period.

7. To receive a 10% rebate of your monthly fees, if service is interrupted for 24 cumulative hours, in any 72-hour period; except for acts of God or circumstances beyond the cable company's control and outside the system, and except during an interruption which has the prior approval of the city.

8. To receive a 20% rebate of your monthly fees, if service is interrupted for 48 or more cumulative hours during any

7-day period, except as provided under #7 above.

9. To have any complaint which is not resolved by the cable company in a reasonable amount of time (and to the mutual satisfaction of the parties) brought before the city manager for a hearing.

Complaints submitted to the city must include, but are not limited to the following:

Name of petitioner (subscriber), Address, Telephone number, Specific facts and Relief sought.

The request for a hearing must be mailed to the Office of the City Manager at: City of Fullerton, 303 West Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton, Ca. 92632.

In the event that the decision by the city manager is unsatisfactory to either party, the city manager may submit the complaint to arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

In such a case, the decision of the arbitrator shall be final. The losing party shall pay all costs associated with the arbitration process.

City Considering New Cable TV Provider: COMCAST

The City of Fullerton is currently evaluating COMCAST, one of 5 cable TV companies in the consortium which recently purchased Group W from Westinghouse, to determine if and under what conditions the city should contract with COMCAST for cable services to Fullerton residents.

Being carefully checked are the signal quality and the cable company's financial soundness.

According to Assistant to the City Manager, Chris Meyer, cable TV signal problems are like rust problems. "You may start out with an excellent signal, but in time it can erode and no longer be acceptable."

Meyer explained that since the industry was deregulated last year, cable TV signals are subject only to the FCC criteria.

"Had they continued to be required to meet the tougher requirements Fullerton had negotiated in its contract with Group W, we wouldn't be having this problem now," he added.

Fullerton now has 17,000 subscribers to cable TV representing about 42% of the households; so the city wants to be sure that when a new company is chosen, residents will continue to receive the high quality signal they have been getting to date.



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Shelter for Homeless Families Provided in Fullerton

by Ralph Kennedy

Though Fullerton has lost a "Common Ground" and an "Adventure Playground" this year, 1986 will not go down in history as a complete loss; since another noble experiment, "New Vista", a temporary shelter for homeless families in North Orange County has been born!

"New Vista" owes its birth to a band of tremendously dedicated and persevering North Orange County people, who would not be denied despite a series of heart-breaking setbacks along the way.

On Sunday June 29, the rest of us will get a chance to see the new-born shelter on Amerige Avenue, as its parent agency, Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services, holds an "OPEN HOUSE" from 10AM to 3PM.

The new shelter for homeless families expects to begin accepting families by the end of this summer.

According to the Chair of FIES's Shelter Task Force, Phyllis Knight, the plan is to have 12 beds available within 90 days, building to a maximum of 20 by the end of the first year.

A young Fullerton resident has been hired as the shelter's first on-site resident manager.

Mr. Jaime Gomez, a public adminis-

tration student at CSUF and a key person in bringing the shelter into being, will move into the shelter's bachelor apartment, and be employed part time by FIES to manage the facility, which also boasts 3 other larger living units.

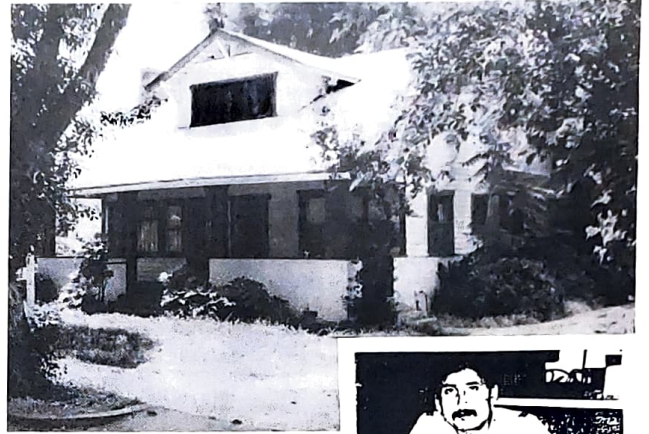
In a related activity, the Orangethorpe Methodist Church has successfully held a "linen shower" for the "New Vista", at which they collected sheets, towels, pillows, and other linens; plus \$130 in cash.

Gayle Schoeff, Chair of the FIES Board, encouraged other religious and community organizations to hold kitchen, bathroom, etc. showers, as they seek to outfit the new shelter.

Already work parties are being formed to perform minor repairs and clean-up of the recently-acquired property. Warren Bowen is in charge of this phase of the work, and hopes to eventually organize a team of home-repair people, who can regularly visit the facility to keep it in top running shape.

The major rehab. work will be done by a contractor, using funds made available in a block grant from the city of Fullerton.

If you or your organization would like to help by volunteering your time, talents, and/or treasure; please call FIES Director, Barbara W. Johnson on 738-0255.



"NEW VISTA"--This house on Amerige Av. in Fullerton is the site of the new Shelter for Homeless Families, "New Vista", which will be opened soon by Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services.



JAIME GOMEZ-Resident of Fullerton and CSUF Public Administration student Jaime Gomez is "New Vista" on-site manager.



LINEN SHOWER-Members of the Orangethorpe Methodist Church successfully held a "linen shower" for the "New Vista" Shelter. They are shown here with some of the pillows, towels and other materials they collected for the shelter's summer opening.

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Agency Approves Downtown Housing/Commercial Concept

by Amanda Wray

Members of the Redevelopment Agency recently approved an exclusive negotiating agreement with the Howard-Platz Group of Irvine for development of a West Wilshire Housing and Commercial "mixed-use" project.

The developers plan to build and operate a 130-unit apartment complex, and approximately 10,800 sq. ft. of retail commercial space. They have also proposed to build a parking structure with 288 parking spaces.

The Agency has already invested \$850,000 in the project. The Howard-Platz Group offers to pay for the cost of building the parking structure and to put an additional \$1 million into acquisition of land and pre-leasing costs. Any monies left over will go back to the Agency.

Other developers considered by the Agency would have required the Agency to pay for building the parking structure and for most of the additional land purchases.

Although the "proposals are similar from a design point of view," said Redevelopment Director Terry Galvin, the Howard Platz Group's proposal would require the smallest financial investment by the Agency.

Only the MRW proposal seemed even

slightly competitive. Although costing the agency more than twice as much, MRW proposed to provide 20% more apartments and almost 50% more commercial square-footage. No information was available on the planned MRW rents.

Mike Howard, of the Howard-Platz Group, stated that the residences will be geared toward the "working class couple" or "singles, 25 to 45 years of age." Howard also said that although the projected rents are "a little above the average paid in the current market, the project is still a few months away."

The Observer has determined that the projected rent schedules by Howard call for about \$600/month for 1-bedroom units and \$800/month for 2-bedroom units.

Galvin stated that current plans provided for one level of subterranean parking to service the apartments, and a second level of commercial and guest parking. The next four levels would consist of one and two bedroom units.

For the next four months, the Redevelopment Agency and the Howard-Platz Group will negotiate the terms of their agreement. Before finalizing the agreement, however, a noticed public hearing will take place.

Fwy.Barrier Requested

by Ron Kobayashi

Fullerton residents living along the 91 Freeway on Houston Avenue, have organized an effort to bring about construction of a sound wall between their homes and the freeway.

More than 600 residents on and near Houston Avenue, have signed a petition asking the city of Fullerton to allocate money for the wall's construction.

The residents' request is scheduled to be heard by the city council on July 15.

The wall is estimated to cost over \$2 million. It would stretch one and eight tenths miles from Highland Avenue to Euclid Avenue, and from Euclid to Brookhurst Street along the 91 Freeway.

Because the 91 Freeway is state property, the state is ultimately responsible for constructing the wall.

However, the California Streets and

Highways code allows cities to supply the funding needed for construction of the wall, with the understanding that such money will be reimbursed by the state at a later date.

The effort to build a sound wall was sparked by the recent reconstruction of the 91 Freeway by the California Department of Transportation, according to petition organizer Sal Restivo.

"Now with the reconstruction, we're experiencing even more noise, soot and pollution from the freeway," he said.

Councilmember Chris Norby is working with the residents to gain support for the wall. During the last city council election, Norby pledged to make the wall a top priority of his as a councilmember.

Restivo said he hopes to "pack the council chambers" for the July 15 council meeting, with hundreds of residents who border the 91 Freeway.

Citizen Complains of Hazardous Intersection

"People keep telling me, 'You can't fight city hall; but I'm not willing to wait until somebody gets killed to get this corner fixed,' retired Fullerton machinist Walter May recently told the Observer.

May was referring to the multiple safety hazards which he says exist at the intersection of Malvern and Carhart-Basque Avenues near his home.

In fact, the southwest corner of Malvern and Basque looks like a traffic-engineer's nightmare.

A chain-link fence greets west-going pedestrians as they reach the end of the Basque crosswalk, requiring them to walk in the street to get around the end of the fence and on to the sidewalk.

In addition, public transit riders at the same corner must balance themselves on the curb for about 15 feet before reaching a narrow dirt sidewalk, on the way to the bus stop on the south side of Malvern, about 50 feet west of Basque.

After years of listening to the screeching of brakes, and silently watching all manner of traffic violations at this corner, about 2

months ago, Mr. May finally ran out of patience.

Since then, he has written and talked about the dangers he perceives to just about everyone in city government from the traffic engineer, Paul Smith, to Mayor Buck Catlin.

Smith explained that the Basque bridge across the flood channel and the sidewalk there were built at different times, thus at least partially accounting for the strange configuration described above.

He also indicated that the city's maintenance and operations people are looking into the more obvious hazards that May has brought to their attention.

According to May, while most of the city people have listened to his complaints, nothing has been done yet to correct the most dangerous conditions. At least one city employee was even less sympathetic, telling May in no uncertain terms to mind his own business.

Unperturbed by what he perceives as inactivity and hostility, Mr. May, with the help of his neighbors recently conducted their own traffic survey at the busy corner over a period of 10 days.

According to his report of the results, more than 2000 cars were observed between the survey hours of 7:30 and 9:30AM; and:

1. Over half the cars on Malvern were exceeding the speed limits.
2. Twenty percent of the cars had one or both of their license plates missing.



PEDESTRIAN HAZZARD--Walter May stands on the sidewalk facing middle of the crosswalk on Basque Av., where a fence prevents pedestrians from reaching sidewalk, causing them to go around it.

3. 50% of all vehicles and 35% of city vehicles making left turns did so without signaling.

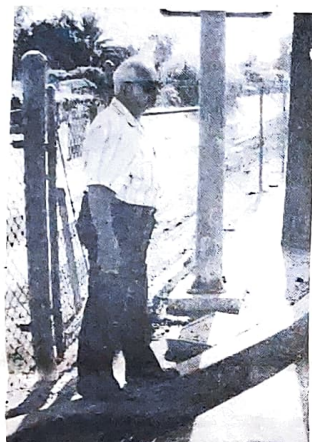
4. 75% of all, and 50% of city vehicles making right turns also did so without signaling.

5. One half of all vehicles observed were into the crosswalks when they stopped at this intersection. In some cases, this necessitated children from Fern Drive School walking out of the crosswalk to get around the cars.

6. 50% of all drivers did not have their seat belts fastened.

All this has led May to suggest to the Fullerton Police Department that even if officers were paid overtime pay to police this corner, the revenue collected from citations issued would more than pay their salaries.

May was heartbroken last year when his beloved Doberman, Lili, was accidentally run over at the same intersection; and he is determined to see the city improve it before some small child becomes its next victim.



PEDESTRIAN HAZZARD--- Mr. May demonstrates precarious route on the curb, which bus-passengers must take to reach OCTD bus stop on Malvern.

Fullerton School District Allocates Lottery \$

The Fullerton School District Board of Trustees has allocated \$50,000 for curriculum development in 1986-87.

The District Curriculum Steering Committee currently has task forces developing curriculum based on state guidelines. They will work through the summer months to complete prescribed tasks in language arts, mathematics, health, music and physical education.

The new health and music curricula will be implemented during the 1986-87 school year. Language arts, math, and physical education are ongoing curriculum development efforts to be implemented in subsequent years.

The Trustees have also allocated

\$300,000 to increase staffing ratios at K-6 schools by 1/2 staffing unit, and 1 staffing unit at 7-8 schools.

This funding will allow schools more flexibility in staffing with possible consi-

deration for full time media specialists, administrative interns, reductions in class size, additional office clerical staff, and counselors/advisement coordinators at junior highs.

Houses For Sale, Cheap!

Unless someone comes forward quickly, two very livable downtown California bungalows will soon be reduced to rubble.


Of over 75 eager inquiries received by the city's redevelopment agency when these houses at the corner of Wilshire and Malvern were first made available 6 months ago; all have since fallen through, according to Redevelopment Agency Director, Terry Galvin.

"Those who had the money, didn't have a lot; and those who had a lot, didn't have the money," he said recently.

"And we just haven't had the time to try and get any of these people together," Galvin added.

With the severe shortage of affordable housing throughout Orange County, it certainly would be a tragedy to let these perfectly good dwellings be demolished, he indicated.

If anyone or any organization has a lot or even a part of a lot with at least 5000 square feet of vacant space; they are urged to call Terry Galvin at 738-6876 and/or the Observer at 525-7225.



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Confessions of a Failed Fullerton VOLUNTEER

by Rhoda Levinson

By the time I reached middle age, I had accepted the fact that I would never be rich famous. That came hard.

After several years of being a retired person, I know that I am not likely to be nominated "Volunteer of the Year" either. However, if anyone were to come up with an award for the woman who has tried the most volunteer projects, I might very well qualify.

When I retired from my job, I was divided to find an activity that would give me as much satisfaction as working had. That was a real challenge but one I took seriously.

Somehow, the suggestion seemed to include a subtle threat that otherwise my mind would compete with my body in the lab department.

And so, I started my quest for interesting, challenging volunteer jobs that would engage me. These, along with classes and some consulting would, I reasoned, provide a healthy foundation for dealing with this new stage of my life.

My first volunteer job was assisting at a placement center answering the phone and updating office records. Eventually, I was scheduled to become an interviewer, but I had to learn the operation first.

I hate clerical work with a passion and, after years of giving orders, it was hard to take them--especially from a woman who seemed to have only the vaguest idea of how to do her job.

Most difficult of all was resisting the urge to make suggestions for improving the system. Although I was new to voluntarism, I did realize that the new girl on the block was supposed to maintain a low profile. After six weeks, I knew the job was not for me, but was unwilling to look like a quitter.

My chance to leave on principle came when I reviewed a request for a "white only" housekeeper, to care for a blind woman. Now there was the ultimate irony! I felt the agency should not accept such an application. My superior could not understand the basis for my objection. And that was my last day on that job.

Next I took on an assignment merchandising the gift shop for a non-profit organization. Here was something I knew how to do, I reasoned, and it would be fun to go into the Gift Market, besides. Little did I guess that the minuscule budget of \$500 per season was spent by consensus.

A committee of us went into Los Angeles for several consecutive days at our own expense, and we looked and shopped and how-cutted while I surreptitiously took all the antacids the package instructions allowed.

This situation was more than I could handle with grace after years of spending tens of thousands of dollars per season in our own business without anyone's questioning my judgment.

I survived the year and exposed the group to the mysteries of buying on credit, requir-

ring completion dates and maintaining a stock control system. But I didn't make any money for them.

Another promising job was doing press relations for a museum. This was a once-a-week kind of arrangement where I came in to pick up information and did most of the writing at home.

The problem here was the work-style of the volunteer coordinator who was herself a volunteer on an internship. Since she was juggling home, family and classes along with her work at the museum, she was pretty busy, too.

The day I came in by appointment and waited an hour for her to appear was my last. If the museum did not value my time, I did.

I also took Laubach training to teach English as a second language. My student was an adult male who was working on his Master's degree in electronic engineering and worried about passing his oral.

This interesting experience lasted for a school year and I learned quite a bit about his culture as well as the difficulties of adjusting to ours.

I did resent the fact that he was unwilling to do any outside preparation for these free, private lessons; while I spent two hours each week on lesson plans and special materials.

I also felt that he should have been taking one of the many English classes available to him since he had both the time and the mobility.

Meanwhile, I had signed on for a 12-session course with VICA--Victims in Child Abuse--which would prepare me to serve as a para-social worker in the field.

The course was marvellously well done, but I found the work deeply depressing and was constitutionally unable to tell strangers how to run their lives. After all, I wasn't particularly impressed with my own results.

Sometime along the way, I took a course in oral history at Cal State and worked on the Brea project, wrote and produced a slide show to help raise funds for the upcoming Gerontology Center, and did publicity and promotion for a Fullerton Friends of the Library Book Sale.

Fire Chief Farley Quits His Favorite Job

In his 29 years with the Fullerton Fire Department, Division Chief Rod Farley figures he has taken just slightly more than a month of sick time, most of which came last year when gall bladder surgery forced him to take some time off.

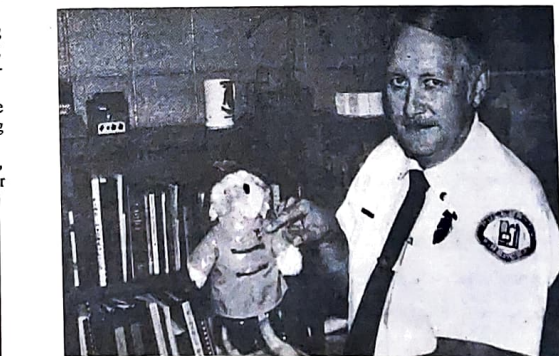
"I'm ready to retire, and I'm looking forward to it," said Farley, "but I'm going to miss this job and the camaraderie between the firefighters."

"There hasn't been a day in my whole career that I got up in the morning wishing I didn't have to go to work."

For Farley, a farm boy from Blairsburg, Iowa, firefighting wasn't initially a career

choice. A four-year stint in the Navy, which included duty in the Korean War, had prepared him for a civilian career as a teletype repairman. But when he and wife Janice came to Fullerton in 1957, Farley

fighters. Today's fire recruits must take college-level fire science courses, and, once on a department, they can expect daily training sessions on a variety of highly technical subjects such as handling hazar-



FIRE CHIEF RETIRES--Captain Rod Farley shows one of several dolls from his wife's collection. This one, decked out in firefighter togs, has been watching over Farley from his office bookcase.

found the only teletype repairman jobs were in Los Angeles. Since he didn't like the L.A. area, he began looking for another career. A firefighter relative recommended the fire service, and Farley applied to several departments. He was hired by Fullerton in 1957.

For Farley, of the many changes in the fire service brought by the past three decades, the most prominent has been in the training of firefighters. For rookie firefighter Farley, training meant lessons taught at the department by veteran fire-

dous wastes.

Farley has no immediate plans for his retirement, "other than taking care of a big 'honey do' list my wife has waiting for me," he said, chuckling. In September, the Farleys plan to load up their motorhome for a leisurely tour of the East Coast.

"This has been a very fulfilling job and one where I've gotten a lot of personal satisfaction from being able to help people through some bad times," he said. "It's a job I'd recommend very highly to anyone interested in public service."

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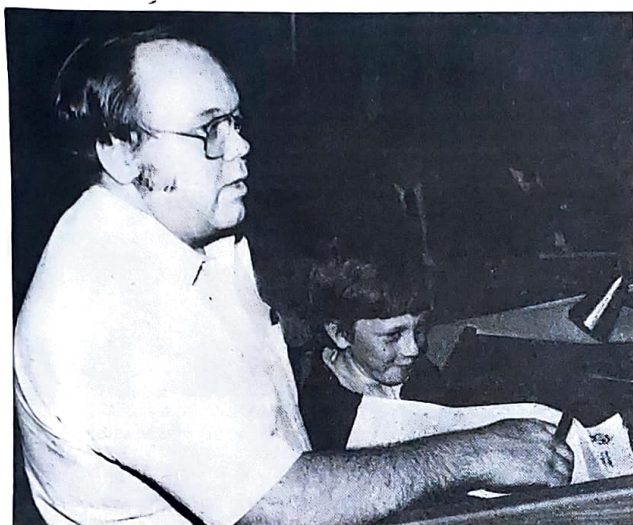
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FATHER and SON-- Michael Voeltner and his 9-year old son Jeff were successful in persuading the Community Services Commission to continue Jeff's favorite summertime program, the Adventure Playground; but failed here in their attempt to convince a majority of the city councilmembers not to axe the program.

Adventure Playgnd Cancelled

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"Everything we do involves risk. I guess a risk expert could recommend that we close down all our programs, because they increase the liability exposure of the city," he conjectured.

"But the question for this council is, are the benefits to users of this program worth the risks being taken? From the testimony I've heard, I would have to conclude that they are," he added.

Councilmember McClanahan failed in a last minute attempt to save the program by suggesting that its continuance next year be tied to a minimum enrollment to be achieved this summer, when councilmember Ackerman failed to support her in this technique which he had himself endorsed just minutes before in a college-class context.

Mayor Catlin stated his philosophical disagreement with such unstructured programs, and especially those involving small children in construction projects without the supervision of an instructor with a manual arts degree.

Michael Voeltner, whose 9-year old son Jeff had asked the commission and council to continue his favorite program, testified strongly in favor of its continuance.

"I don't know if Bob Carufel has such a degree or not, but he has had a deep and very positive effect on my son," he testified.

Voeltner also said he'd be willing to pay a somewhat higher fee and for short-time special liability insurance coverage, as suggested by McClanahan; but wasn't sure what the response of the other parents would be.

Ms. Sylvia Jarvi, Chair of the Community Services Commission, warned the council that if they dropped the Adventure Playground, they would be "losing something totally."

"There is no other opportunity in the city's or private scout programs for this kind of self-motivating, unstructured, creative experience," she said.

Councilmember Ackerman felt that while the program was a good one, the city is not obligated to continue every good program, even if it is relatively cost inefficient.

He mentioned that kids already have such opportunities in their own back yards under their own parents' supervision and at no cost to the city.

The city will save about \$10,000 this summer with the cancellation of this program.

Laura Scudders Workers Strike to Maintain Benefits

by Ron Kobayashi

About 250 production and maintenance workers at the Laura Scudders potato chip plant at 1525 N. Raymond Ave., walked off their jobs May 6, and remain on strike as of this printing.

The workers, members of the Bakery, Confectionary and Tobacco Workers' Union, Local 83, AFL-CIO-CLC, are demanding the retention of health and welfare benefits, vacations and holidays and an increase in wages.

The collective bargaining agreement between the union and company expired May 6. Both sides are meeting on a daily basis according to union president Ed Nasser.

Nasser said the Laura Scudders Company is attempting to "gut the entire agreement through roll backs and give aways."

The union president also said the company has shown a profit over the past three years, but has not been willing to share any of it with its workers.

"Laura Scudders showed a \$3 million profit over the past three years. Yet they continue to strive for even bigger profits at the expense of their workers," said Nasser.

However, company president Joel Halligan said the union is not accurately communicating the company's offer to the workers.

He said the company is offering several benefit and wage increases for the workers over the life of the contract.

Halligan cited a total increase in benefits and wages of 19.1 percent, which includes a 13.3 percent wage increase.

In answer to the union's claim of a \$3 million company profit, Halligan said, "Mr. Nasser doesn't know what profits were made. The numbers he quoted are totally inaccurate."

Halligan further stated that the company was recently acquired by new investors, and took a major loss the first year, with only a minor profit the second year.

"In the first year, money for the company came out of the investors' pockets," he said.

"One must also understand the business

environment," said Halligan. "We are competing with the Frito Lay company, which is the largest manufacturer now. The union is totally misrepresenting the financial situation of this company," said Halligan.

However, when asked to reveal the company's profits, Halligan refused.

Additionally, Halligan said most workers on strike "really don't know what they're striking about."

And as proof that the company's offer is fair to the workers, Halligan cited the Teamsters Union's refusal to honor the striking workers' picket lines.

The striking workers are members of an AFL-CIO union, while other workers still on the job, are members of the Teamsters Union.

But a worker who asked to remain anonymous, said the company is refusing to consider the needs of its workers.

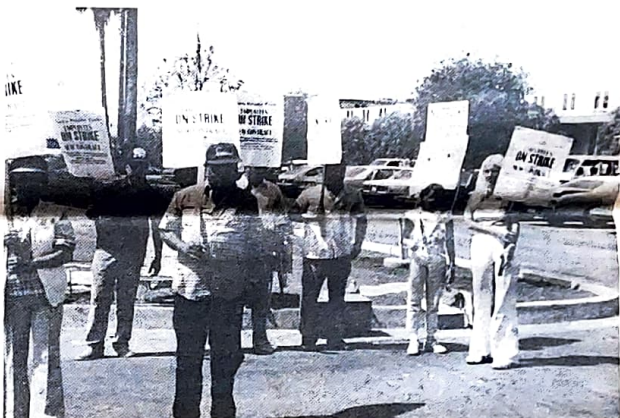
The worker said the company is attempting to refuse workers overtime pay, while implementing a four-shift rotating work schedule which sometimes forces workers to work two shifts in one day.

The worker also claimed the working conditions at the plant are substandard.

"We want to work. I've been here 15 years and I want to keep my job, but under these conditions, no," said the worker.

However, company president Halligan denies the company is refusing earned overtime.

"This is an unusual business. Manufacturers do not have Saturdays or Sundays.



LAURA SCUDDERS STRIKE--Production and maintenance workers at Laura Scudders plant on S. Raymond Av. are striking to maintain their health/welfare benefits, and to retain their vacations/holidays

A worker will not receive overtime for working a Saturday, if that worker does not work over 40 hours," said Halligan.

"Workers are not given premium pay for non-premium hours," he said.

Halligan also stated that the working conditions are safe, but admitted that much of the plant's equipment is outdated.

Union president Nasser said the company is compensating for the loss of its 250

workers by producing a lower quality product.

"An inferior product to what the company is capable of making, has been marketed by the company in the last 30 days," said Nasser.

According to the union, the striking workers include packagers, cooks, machine operators, quality control workers and maintenance mechanics.

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Children may participate any time during regular library hours at the Main Library, Hunt Branch or on the Bookmobile.


Feature film programs will be presented weekly at both libraries. Children under six must be accompanied by an adult. All library programs are free.

Library Films	Main	Hunt
Rascal	July 2	July 3
The Three Lives of Thomasina	July 9	July 10
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	July 16	July 17
Summerdog	July 23	July 24
The Black Cauldron	July 30	July 31
Benji	Aug. 6	Aug. 7
Swiss Family Robinson	Aug. 13	Aug. 14
Toby Tyler	Aug. 20	Aug. 21
Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory	Aug. 27	Aug. 28
Dumbo	Sept. 3	Sept. 4

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High Schools Seek to Recover Drop-Outs

by Nancy Boyer

The Fullerton Union High School District will tackle the dropout problem with both barrels when the Dropout Recovery and Retention Program begins this summer, under the guidance of Gail Haynes, recently named program recovery retention specialist.

Haynes, who started her teaching in Fullerton 20 years ago, is currently a teacher of learning-handicapped students at Crenshaw High School in the L.A. Unified School District.

She worked here as a recovery team member in the district's first recovery program during 1978/79, and said she is very excited about the new program.

She will begin her new duties on July 1st, and says she is happy to get back to the "best district in the state."

The first project was very successful, according to Haynes. "The year I was there we recovered over 700 students and retained 500. We had 112 students receive their diplomas that year."

The program was cancelled for several reasons, including lack of money when its funding source dried up and the closing of Lowell High School, which changed the nature of the recovery team as staff members were reassigned.

The new project is aiming for self-sufficiency, with state monies for average daily attendance per student eventually covering all costs.

In addition, the district's Alternative and Continuing Education was designated a model program for drop-out prevention, and recently received a \$3,000 grant.

Based on information from district enrollment reports, it is estimated that as many as 1,435 potential students are available for the program this year. Haynes said she will try to reach not only people under 18, but older potential students as well.

This time, Haynes said, the program should be even better than before. "We'll learn from some of the past mistakes. For example, we'll be much more systematic in our coverage of the community, to find

out where these people are."

Haynes and two recovery team members will contact industries, service organizations, police stations, and various community groups to get information out to potential students in the district, on the various ways to earn their high school diplomas.

Careful monitoring and placement are also necessary for a successful program. Haynes said that most students will receive one-to-one attention two to three times a week, depending on need.

"We don't just want the body, we want to work with the whole person and really help him further his education, and get that high school diploma or equivalent; because it's so basic."

There are many alternative education

programs and sites here, Haynes added, and the student can enroll in day or evening classes or independent study.

Haynes will work under the direction of Jean Klinghoffer, district Alternative and Continuing Education Coordinator. Klinghoffer said she is extremely happy to have Haynes back in the district and heading the drop-out recovery program.

"We already have classes in place, so this program is taking people to the resources," she said.

"This concept is going on all over California. We were one of the first to do this, and now we're doing it again. My druthers would be to make this program on-going."

For more information, contact Jean Klinghoffer at 879-5930.



GAIL HAYNES--Hired by the Fullerton High School District as Program Recovery Retention Specialist is Ms. Gail Haynes, who previously worked for the FUHSD in 78,79. Gail starts 7/1 driveways.

This blind spot, as well as a "hump" in the bridge that Hoppe says "is sometimes used as an acceleration ramp for kids," could be eliminated with a new design.

It was estimated that bridge improvements would take approximately eight to nine months, but before work begins, Councilmember Molly McClanahan felt that "citizens should be involved as closely as possible with the design process" so all aspects of conformity and safety can be taken into account.

Councilmember Linda LeQuire stated that not only should problems of design be addressed, but the design itself should be compatible with the rural ambience that distinguishes the Valencia Mesa Drive area.

But safety was still Buck Catlin's main concern. "We have studied this issue. Anytime we can enhance safety, we should do so."

Replacement of Valencia Mesa Bridge Gets Council Go-ahead

by Amanda Wray

After reviewing comments from the City staff and local residents, City Councilmembers unanimously approved the commencement of the Valencia Mesa Drive Bridge Replacement project.

The project, which will be 80% federally funded, is an attempt by the City to increase the safety of the substandard bridge.

City staff engineer Don Hoppe, who presented ideas for bridge improvements to the Council, proposed widening the bridge to 44 ft. This would allow for no more than two lanes of traffic, a sidewalk, a horse trail and/or a bicycle lane. In order to receive federal funds, the bridge width must span at least 40 ft.

Although the City has already chosen Willdan Associates as design consultants for the bridge improvements, "we are not deciding yet on a design or a width," said Councilmember Chris Norby.

Mayor Buck Catlin cited a national study on bridge safety that indicated a 35 to 40

percent increase in safety could be achieved by widening the Valencia Mesa bridge to be more compatible with the width of the street, but Debbie Curley was not convinced.

Both Curley and Harry Brown, a resident of 640 Valencia Mesa Dr., felt that widening the bridge would eventually necessitate widening of their street.

Mayor Catlin stated, however, that such a move would not be possible without another public hearing.

Residents of the surrounding neighborhood were especially concerned about the widening of the bridge, because of current traffic back-ups and speeding violations in the area.

But Councilmember Dick Ackerman felt that speeding problems would probably not be changed by bridge improvements.

Besides the danger of the sharp narrowing of the street's width, the bridge creates a blind spot for some residents who cannot see cars approaching from the East when they wish to back out of their

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Organic Gardening, Organic Living

by Marie Louise Burns

Aha! July and August, the warmest months of the year in which to plant. Warmth-loving vegetables that can be seeded directly into the garden are green and lima beans, cabbage, beets, carrots, cauliflower, radishes, summer squash, and turnips.

Cantaloupe may be planted in July, but probably will not mature if planted in August. Celery and collards may be started in August to take advantage of the cooler months to follow.

A late planting of corn and cucumbers are possible in July. Plant corn every 2 weeks to ensure a continual supply into late Summer.

Okra and peppers can also be planted in July, as well as an early bearing watermelon, such as Sugar Baby.

Tomatoes, zucchini and squash should be well established in your garden by now, and if they become droopy and wilted in the heat of the day, mulch them heavily with old hay or grass clippings to keep the soil a bit cooler.

The heat of Summer will burn up the humus in your soil, so keep your compost pile aerated and ready to incorporate into the soil for your Fall and Winter garden.

Watering can be a real chore in Summer, especially in hot, dry and windy weather. A drip system will work well in certain

circumstances, but can be expensive to get established; so investigate carefully the different varieties offered before investing in one.

Heavy mulching will allow moisture to stay in the soil, and if Fall and Winter prove too wet, the mulches can be removed then and composted for Spring.

Leaves, grass clippings, hay or straw, and black plastic are all good mulches. Some gardeners use newspaper, but I'm reluctant to use it due to the lead in the inks.

There is a special aluminum foil backed paper sold in lumber yards as insulation; that may be used as mulch, but only in shaded areas that need more reflected light from the sun.

There are plenty of insect critters waiting to pounce on your plants at all times, so close observation is important to spot damage before it becomes critical. Sinking toothpicks upright around the base of young squash and tomatoes and peppers will keep the cut worms from cutting off the plants at the base.

Diatomaceous earth is helpful to kill grubs, cutworms, gypsy moths, thrips, earwigs, cockroaches, slugs, fly larvae, cornworms and tomato horn worms.

If it is applied at random and carelessly, it can also kill your beneficial insects like ladybugs, praying mantises, honey bees, and the larvae of parasitic wasps. Diatomaceous earth is used by farmers to kill parasitic worms in cattle, horses, dogs, and poultry.

We pay our children 5 cents each to catch the little white cabbage butterfly with the butterfly net. It gives them the motivation to earn a little and keeps the cabbage loopers out of the cole crops.

Several drops of mineral oil into the cornsilk of an ear of corn, when the silks are wilted and turn brown, will suffocate the corn earworms.

The trichogramma wasp, green lace-wings, and damsel-bug parasitize the earworm eggs. Try to keep the cucumber beetle larvae under control as they can spread fusarium wilt to melons which destroy vines quickly.

There are several resistant varieties of melons available. There are several companies which sell beneficial insects for your garden if you choose to practice I.P.M.—Integrated Pest Management.

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Organic Living

The Summer sun can be great for your garden, but not so great for your skin and hair. Studies indicate that the younger generation, in striving to achieve a dark "healthy" tan, are creating a destructive skin condition in which repeated heavily-tanned skin ages prematurely, wrinkles and dries.

The most dangerous result of overtanned skin is skin cancer, especially in the facial areas, tops of shoulders and the legs.

Smoking also causes premature wrinkling of facial skin. Young girls who are darkly tanned now will show signs of skin aging in their 30's and 40's.

Hot Summer days will challenge our ability to prepare cool, light meals that will also be nutritious. Substituting fruit juices and herb teas for caffeine and nitrate-loaded sodas provide healthy changes.

It's tempting to grab something at a quick-food restaurant when it's too hot to cook, but many items on their menus are fried or processed with many additives and chemicals.

You can prepare foods more simply and more nutritionally with some forethought. Steaming vegetables and meat is a healthy way to prepare food with little loss of nutrition and no addition of fat as in frying. Sprouting beans or lentils can provide protein and vitamins and can be eaten raw, stir-fried or steamed.

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1 cup sunflower seeds
1 cup cubed tofu

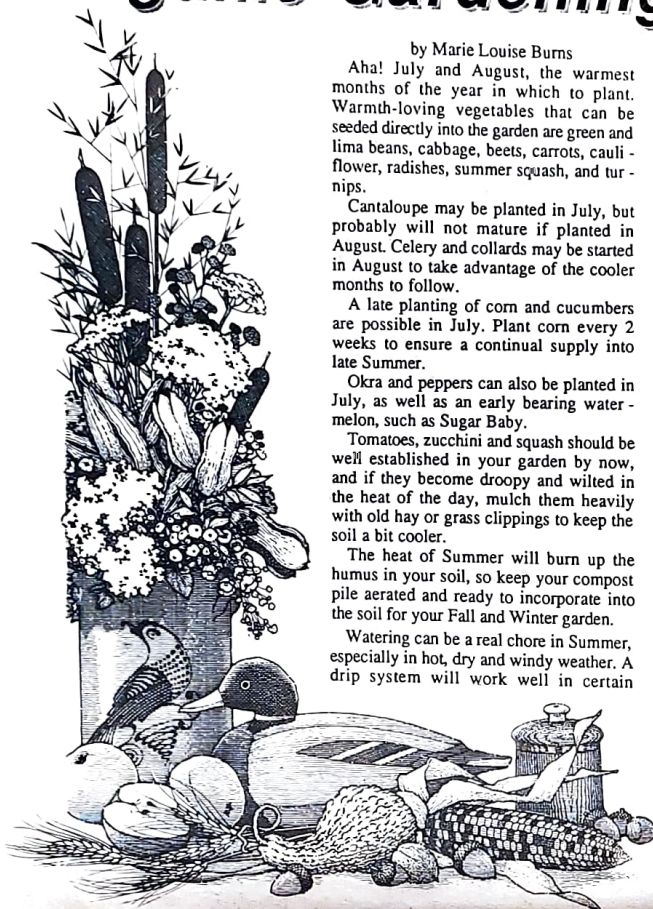
Dressing
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1 Tbsp. olive oil
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City Solicits Allen Hotel Redevelopment Bids



ALLEN HOTEL REDEVELOPMENT--The old Allen Hotel on South Harbor, which is the object of proposed city redevelopment, now houses controversial adult bookstore and a convenience market.

by Ron Kobayashi

Fullerton's Redevelopment Agency is considering a project to rehabilitate the Allen Hotel, 412 S. Harbor Blvd., according to a Request for Proposals issued by the agency.

The request merely seeks applications from interested construction firms, and does not guarantee implementation of the project.

The hotel has received much publicity because of an adult bookstore located on its bottom floor.

The bookstore, Fantasy Adult Books, has been the target of government and anti-pornography groups, who have attempted to place restrictions on the store's operations.

Proposals for the project include three parcels of land: the privately owned Allen Hotel; a privately-owned residential parcel located north-east of the hotel; and a triangular parcel owned by the city, north of the hotel.

There are three proposed uses for the hotel after rehabilitation is completed. They are: all residential apartment units; a

combination of residential or office space on the second floor with retail or office space on the ground floor; or all office space.

The bookstore's attorney was unaware of the Request for Proposal but said he will investigate the impact such a proposal would have on his client.

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NIGHT SPOT	ADDRESS	GROUP	DAYS/HRS	DANCE
Angeline's Continental Cuisine	2425 E. Orangethorpe	Duo/Top 40	W-Sa, 9-1am	yes
Black Angus Restaurant	205 Imperial	Quintet/Top 40	Tu-Sa, 9-1:30am	yes
Cancun Restaurant	2512 W. Orangethorpe	Quintet/Latin	F-Su, 8-1:30am	yes
Cask n' Cleaver Restaurant	1933 Sunny Crest	Duo/Top 40	F-Sa, 7-12pm	no
College Bowl	2475 E. Chapman	Quartet/Top 40	M&F, 9-2am	yes
Country Corner Lounge	1645 W. Orangethorpe	Guitarist/Pop	F-Sa, 7-1am	no
Crosswinds Restaurant & Lounge	4201 W. Commonwealth	Quartet/Rock	F-Sa, 9-1:30am	yes
Del Rae Restaurant	2151 N. Harbor	Quartet/Pop	Tu-Sa, 9-1am	yes
Elmer's Place Restaurant	323 N. State College Blvd.	Duo/Pop	W-Sa, 9-1:30am	yes
The Fox Restaurant	904 W. Orangethorpe	Sextet/Swing	Tu-Su, 9-2am	yes
Orangefair Restaurant	1300 S. Harbor	Pianist/Variety	Th-Sat, 8:30-1:30	no
Mulberry St. Ristorante	114 W. Wilshire	Pianist/Jazz, Pop	Th-Sa, 9-1am	no
Panache Restaurant	444 N. Harbor	Trio/Classical	F-Sa, 7-10pm	no
Pumpnickel Restaurant	305 N. Harbor	Pianist/Jazz	Th-F, Lunch	no
Ruby Begonia Restaurant	1500 S. Raymond	Duo/Jazz, Top 40	W-Sa, 8:30-1am	yes
Rutabegorz Restaurant	211 N. Pomona	Varied	Beginning June	no
Sunset Restaurant & Lounge	1043 W. Orangethorpe	Pianist/Pop	F-Sa, 9-2am	no
Tony's Melody Inn Restaurant	118 S. Harbor	Trio/Jazz	M-Su, 7-12:30am	no
Tricks Restaurant	113 N. Harbor	Pianist/Pop	Su, 8-1am	no
Velvet Turtle Restaurant	1450 N. Harbor	Pianist/Pop	F-Sa, 7:30-1am	no
Westwinds Restaurant	601 S. Raymond	Trio/60s Rock	F-Sa, 9-1:30am	no



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People and Places

by Ellen Morgan Boag

Would you believe that a ball (the party kind) was the impetus for an art exhibit? It happened in the city of Brea and it was the Mayor's ball last September.

Mayor Clarice Blamer had read somewhere about a town that had masks cast for such an affair, and this was so intriguing that she approached Arts Commissioner Delaina Hofacre with the idea of doing it in their town.

After some phone calls to find out how it was done, the project began. Guests had their faces cast in advance by Delaina, a process we are assured is very pleasant.

First, a baggie covers the hair, then vaseline is smeared all over the face. Plastic wrap covers the eyes and plaster impregnated gauze is placed over the face and smoothed into every contour. It hardens rapidly and when removed, Voila!, the likeness needs only personality.

Now comes the imagination and creativity as each person paints and decorates themselves realistically or fancifully as the mood strikes.

It was such a success and the partygoers were so entranced with what they had done that more people wanted to be cast; and so the plan for an exhibit at the Civic Art Gallery was hatched.

The publicity attracted hundreds; teachers, students, members of PTA, Kiwanis, Soroptimists, city employees, in-dividual families; persons from four to seventy four. Breans were eager to get plastered. Ms. Hofacre was busy!

Two work parties were held at the gallery to complete the faces. It was exciting; everyone relaxed, forgot their "image" and let their hair down. And speaking of hair, everything from steel wool to homemade noodles to dried flowers and yarn were used.

The painted faces range from lifelike to fantastic, and the end result is very revealing! Each one has an identifying card with the owner's comment.

One that says "I live and breathe Paris" accompanies a face half-covered with a map of France.

The eyeglasses of another resemble a bicycle, and one of the fire chiefs has a cast of clasped hands in the framed masks of himself and his wife.

The graphics are marvelous. One wall has a big school bus with little faces in the windows, another a fire truck and firemen, a police car etc.

Fanciful titles are over each group. "Earth Angels" describe the clergy. Lots of

credit must go to Marie Sofi, gallery coordinator, who got over 400 masks delightfully displayed.

It isn't just interesting to the locals (of course, people love to recognize their friends on the walls); but we didn't know anyone and found the whole thing full of humor and fun.

It closes July 3rd.

Saturday--time to get dinner and time to tune in K.U.S.C. for Garrison Keillor and *A Prairie Home Companion*. What better way to start the evening!

Our daughter, in the last days of her teen years, dropped in. At first she looked merely puzzled and then a look of alarm crossed her face as she asked, almost in panic, "What happened to the picture?" I explained how it is to be entertained just listening, without seeing anybody.

Reminds me of those long gone days working at CBS radio. There was a pres-

tigious program called *Columbia Workshop of the Air: the Theatre of the Mind*. A good concept that.

The audience cast those characters in whatever mold their imaginations took them. Remember *One Man's Family* and the terrible mistake the network made when they sent out a photo of the cast?

It was devastating; no one looked as they should. We knew what Paul and Claudia and father Barbour were like and that picture was a lie.

Fortunately, no such thing can happen to the inhabitants of Lake Wobegon as their images are safely locked in Garrison's head. It's his town and his people, and he keeps us informed about what's happening there; and the news he gives in that warm, confidential voice makes it all real and important.

There he is in St. Paul, Minnesota, in a theatre with a real live audience doing a real live radio show. Probably the last of its kind. He's been on the air since 1974 and is the winner of the Peabody and Edward R. Murrow awards. He must be doing something right.

On this night, there's bluegrass music,

hymns (with the words under the seats so the audience can join in), New Orleans group of musicians and some very sad songs; because Garrison Keillor has had a miserable, lonely, awful week because his wife has gone to visit her mother and he is desolate.

There was a segment about how animals speak in their native languages. France, Russia, Italy, Denmark and Ghana were represented. Cats pretty much say "meow", but horses have lots of variety except there was silence from Ghana as they don't have any.

When the Scandinavian gave "Vol-vol" as their dog bark, Keillor objected, saying that dogs cannot pronounce V. Well, maybe, I've not heard one.

We have a Japanese Siamese and when he first arrived from Tokyo, we put on the Japanese TV station every day to help him feel at home.

By the time he went to Dr. Glassberg for a checkup, he was doing well in English and we could have anything we wanted on television, which was fortunate as we found the language of the mysterious east very mysterious.

Bonnie Harris Chosen "Officer of the Year"

Detective Bonnie Harris, an officer four years with the Fullerton Police Department, has been named "Officer of the Year" by the Fullerton South Rotary Club.

This is the first time in the department's history that a woman has been selected for this honor.

Harris, 26, was nominated for the award by her supervisors. Police Chief Martin Hairabedian praised Harris by saying her "consistent daily effort, obvious devotion to duty and steady performance have contributed significantly to the attainment of the goals and objectives of this department."

Becoming a police officer fulfilled a longtime goal for Harris, who was born in Long Beach and reared in Stanton.

A role model was set by an uncle whom she admired very much, who was a police officer in the small town of Los Banos. "I thought what he did was really neat," she remembered.

Asked if she ever watched "Hillstreet Blues", Ms. Harris answered, "Yes, it's so realistic --- and Barney Miller every night at 11. I never miss it," she added.

Harris joined the police department seven years ago as a records clerk, and later was made a dispatcher.

"I first wanted to see if law enforcement was really what I wanted to do for a living, and it was," she explained. After 3 years of working with officers, she persuaded her superiors to send her through the Orange County Sheriff's Academy.

Upon graduation, Harris was assigned to patrol. She remained a patrol officer until



OFFICER-OF-THE-YEAR---Detective Bonnie Harris has been chosen Fullerton Police Department's "Officer-of-the-Year" by the Fullerton South Rotary Club. Harris was nominated by her supervisors.

this past March, when she was made a detective in the Juvenile Bureau, where she investigates sex crimes and molestation cases involving children.

While she enjoys being a detective, Harris admits to having a special fondness for patrol work.

"I like being outside on the street, wearing the uniform and doing the job," she said. "I really miss the contacts I was able to make with the community."

The slender Harris admits her size has, on occasion, placed her in ticklish situations on the street: "Because I'm small,

men especially seem to try to pick a fight with me - it's definitely an ego problem they have. When that happened, I'd use my baton if I needed to, and I was not embarrassed to radio for help if I needed it."

"But most importantly, you learn very quickly not to put yourself in those kinds of situations."

Harris added that her fellow officers have been very supportive, and "treat me as an equal."

Bonnie, who is single, lives in La Mirada. In her spare time, she enjoys water skiing and racquetball.

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