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Students Walk Out of Class

by Brooklyn Jespersen

A walk-out took place at 10am Wednesday, March 14 at schools in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District and throughout the nation. It showed students care about their safety, and the safety of their peers.

A sea of orange could be spotted on Magnolia Avenue at Buena Park High with students holding signs with slogans such as "protect kids, not guns" and "we are students, we are victims, we are change." Chants arose out of the crowd of students shouting, "stop the violence, end the silence." People in cars honked as they passed by in support of the students.

Junior Krista McAtee said, "when people go hunting, they wear orange vests in order to prevent others from shooting them. I think the color was adapted to represent this movement for the exact same reason--to prevent any more innocent people from dying at gunpoint."

"The color orange represents power because it is a bright color and it demands to be seen just like the students demand to be seen," said senior Megan Broussard.



Fullerton High School students joined students across town and the nation walking out for gun control. PHOTO BY CAMILLE SALUD

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Council Votes Against Expanding Areas for Homeless Shelters

by Jesse La Tour

At the March 6th meeting, city council voted down a proposal to expand the areas where homeless shelters and multi-service centers (for the homeless) may be built, despite the fact that both the Planning Commission and city staff recommended approval, as a way to address the ongoing problem of homelessness in our community.

Currently, the only place where shelters may be built "by right" is an area called the Emergency Shelter (ES) Overlay Zone, in a southwest industrial area of the city. The proposed ordinance would have allowed for shelters and service centers in some manufacturing and commercial

areas outside the designated ES Zone with a conditional use permit (CUP) and approval by the planning department.

The ES overlay zone encompasses approximately 72 buildable parcels with a total area of 222 acres. The proposed amendment would have allowed emergency shelters and multi-service centers by CUP on an additional 1306 parcels having a combined area of 1749 acres.

The proposed expansion of allowable shelter areas came as part of a settlement agreement of a lawsuit brought by the Legal Aid Society of Orange County (on behalf of two formerly homeless individuals) alleging that the city was not offering enough affordable housing and homeless services.

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Park on Truslow Put Up For Sale by City

A linear strip of land stretching west from Harbor past Colony Drive and encompassing five acres of land from Walnut to Truslow & Valencia, near Downtown Fullerton was made available for sale or lease on March 12th by the City of Fullerton.

The property includes Union Pacific Park on Truslow and former Union Pacific rail spur properties identified in the city's General Plan as part of the city's Backbone Trails system and future Class 1 Bike Path (see page 12 for what Brea did with its former rail spur property).

Any sale of the park is subject to the provisions for the disposition of public park land in California Gov Code.

The 1.7-acre Union Pacific Park opened and closed in 2003 under EPA orders that SoCalGas clean it of contaminants left by its former gas manufacturing plant. The cleanup was completed in 2012 but the park has remained fenced by the city.

Development could be commercial, residential or mixed-use, and incorporate existing privately owned structures including the historic Elephant Packing House. The deadline for Request For Qualification (RFQ) submissions is May 11, 2018.

For more information, and to obtain a copy of the RFQ, visit <https://www.city-offullerton.com/WalnutTruslowValencia>.

CSUF LIBRARY DEAN ABRUPTLY FIRED

On Friday, March 2, CSUF Library Dean Clem Guthro was summoned to the Provost's office and told that he was being terminated from his position, which he had served in for 11 months. He was to leave all papers and belongings in his office and exit the campus immediately.

His staff, the CSUF faculty, and the Patrons of the Library support group, when notified, were as stunned as Guthro. He was given no reason for his dismissal. The previous Dean, Richard Pollard, had retired in 2014 and two different faculty members had served as acting deans for three years.

In March, 2017, after a year-long, nation-wide search, Guthro was hired. Having served as Head Librarian at Colby College in Maine, Guthro moved his wife and family from Maine to Orange County to begin his tenure at CSUF on March 30, 2017.

Guthro arrived at a library still torn up for repairs and reconstruction after the 2014 earthquake, which had left Library

South closed to students for safety reasons. One of his many tasks during the past year has been to oversee the completion of the reconstruction and the reopening of the first floor of the library, which is now a pleasant, welcoming space for students and faculty as well as providing an area for Patrons and Emeriti to reopen their book sale center.

On a personal level, Guthro was also faced with a major illness suffered by his wife, who is now recovering from a liver transplant. But these challenges never interfered with his effectiveness as an efficient, thorough, kindly and knowledgeable administrator.

A member of the Academic Senate said, "There was no indication that there was any problem that should result in the dismissal of a high-ranking person when it was so abrupt and there was no obvious replacement."

Dr. Joanne Gass, retired from the

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OUT OF MY MIND

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War by Any Other Name

We are at war! Well, that's not precisely true. We are at wars—wars all over the world. We are also being attacked all over the world and at home. The problem is that we don't really seem to notice.

If you wonder why we don't seem to notice, one answer is that we have virtually banished war. More effectively than the Kellogg-Briand Pact that outlawed war, we just don't use the word in its Constitutional meaning. We have not declared war since 1941. Yet we sent troops and fought wars in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq. We sent soldiers into Syria, Grenada, Laos and Columbia. We have advisors—well armed—all over the world. We have American "boots on the ground" all over Latin America and Africa. We have 800 soldiers in Niger and 6,000 spread across Sub-Saharan Africa from Djibouti (400), to Cameroon (100+). We are also in Mali.

Are these deployments a good idea or bad? Do we have a reasonable chance of success? Do we have a definition of success? I don't know, but shouldn't we be discussing this?

We fight. We kill. We die. We do this while in uniform and from planes and by drones marked with our identifications; so these are not really secret wars. They are only under-reported and badly understood.

Since we don't declare war anymore, these are "police actions," "advisory deployments," and, my favorite current term of art, "kinetic actions." These non-wars are only a small part of the violence we deal in.

We also have "contractors," who once were called soldiers of fortune. They are not uniformed members of our armed forces, but they do kill and die for our government—but with less legal accountability and far fewer benefits if they themselves are hurt or killed. At the moment, we have more contractors in Afghanistan than official troops.

So we get rid of wars that have to be declared by our sleeping Congress. War today is only used to modify other issues. We have a War on Drugs. We had a War on Poverty. And, of course, there's the War on Christmas.

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The great question is not IF we will go to war with Iran, Russia, North Korea, or China? We are at war. When we, along with Israel, launched Stuxnet against Iran, this malware was not for espionage but sabotage. It harmed Iranian nuclear technology. I was fine with this, but it was an attack and we, in the public, didn't understand it as an act of war on our part.

Iran is currently fighting a bunch of wars—semi-proxy wars—against Saudi Arabia, the whole Sunni Arab World and, of course, Israel. Their major battlegrounds are Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

North Korea attacked the United States using cyber warfare. This was not merely stealing embarrassing information from a movie studio but probing into our infrastructure. Some of the electric blackouts we've experienced might not have been just from our old power grid, but from

actions by North Korea.

China also is believed to have probed our electronic infrastructure and taken down whole areas of the nation briefly, as a test—and possibly a threat. They may have left their blurred electronic fingerprints to warn and intimidate us.

Only this week, when Russia tried to assassinate a former Russian spy in England, the world began to react. Killing on foreign territory, whether your own citizens or foreign nationals, is an act of war. Thus, the question is not about if there will be wars but what constitutes the meaning of the word War? What level of violence and damage move the category from one cat to another? Russia's use of nerve agents last week, along with another Russian citizen killed with Polonium a few years ago, is not only war but deeply transgressive. This is breaking a taboo as well as a law against chemical and biological weapons. This is a big deal!

Then again, this week we admitted that Russia had infiltrated our power grid, including some nuclear reactors. They may well have a kill switch that can take our electric system down, or worse, as with Stuxnet, they might be able to over-heat our reactors and cause massive damage—even explosions.

We have reason to believe that Trojan Horses are planted throughout our infrastructure, secreted by a whole host of unfriendly nations. Think about bringing down the grid. No ATMs. No credit card purchases. Little ability even to open cash registers for cash transactions. How about wiping out our bank accounts and stock portfolios? How would we prove our electronic assets? Offer paper copies of statements (most of which are being switched to digital)? And if you're in the air, what happens to air traffic control if the whole system goes down?

Will there be war? No! There are wars. And neither Congress, nor We the People, seem to notice.

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Please No More Early Morning Flights

Dear Fullerton Municipal Airport,

I read online that your hours are first to last light (sunrise to sunset).

I assure you there was no light at 4:40am this MORNING when I was awoken by the first plane taking off. Nor at 4:55am with the subsequent takeoff of the probably 3 other planes that took off before first light.

It was me who called the airport manager (number posted online) before 5am to ensure he was awake WITH me.

Odd that he didn't answer. I'd like my full hour of sleep back please, I hope this isn't your new normal! Sincerely,

Keralea Pratt *Sleepless in Fullerton*

Keep Hunt Branch Library

My blood boiled when I read that our Mayor wants to sell the Hunt Branch Library! There is a history and significance to the Hunt Branch Library.

It was the first building of a possible cultural center. The building is by William L. Pereira, a well known 1960s architect.

Hunt Branch Library was a gift to the city by Norton Simon, Hunt Foods & Industries Charitable Foundation, presented in 1962. It is a special library in a special community.

Interested citizens may read the entire story by Suzanne Muchnic titled, Norton Simon and the Pursuit of Culture," ODD Man IN", chapter 12. The book is avail-

able in our main library 353 W. Commonwealth Ave.

I applaud Councilman Silva who recommends: KEEP HUNT BRANCH LIBRARY. **Marjorie Kerr Fullerton**

Meeting to Discuss Saving Hunt Branch Library Building

A group is forming to explore viable options for saving the former Hunt Branch Library building for public or community use rather than allowing the City to sell it to a private concern.

We are looking for volunteers, advice, and support.

To keep up with our latest, please call or text (714) 729-3019 or sign up at www.SaveTheHunt.com

WAR COSTS in Life & Money

IN IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN

- **180,807** Civilians killed by violence www.iraqbodycount.org (3/16/2018)
- **4,540** US soldiers killed in Iraq: (DoD 3/16/2018)
- **2,410** US soldiers killed in Afghanistan (3/16/2018) www.icasualties.org
- **32,223** US soldiers wounded (DOD reports) www.icasualties.org Iraq 3/2003 to present (no updates since 11/2011)
- **17,674** Afghanistan 10/2001 to present (no updates since 9/2012)
- **\$1.822 Trillion** Cost of wars Since 2001 www.costofwar.com (3/16/2018) (rounded down) (Iraq \$821 billion) (Afghanistan \$801 billion)

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Five Fullerton Teachers on Arming Teachers

We are five retired teachers from the Fullerton School District who represent collectively over 160 years of classroom experience. We strongly oppose current proposals to arm classroom teachers as a potential solution to the possibility of further tragic shootings in schools. We take this position not only because of our traditional role as nurturers rather than sentries, but also because of some very practical concerns.

We understand that intensive and thorough preparation as well as continual updating of qualifications and knowledge are necessary for someone to be able to function as a skilled professional. This is what we did throughout our teaching careers, and this is what we know that professional law enforcement officers and military personnel do. To ask one person to master the intricacies of two jobs with such high-skill requirements is, in our view, both an unreasonable request and an unachievable goal. And less than thorough training for the job of armed guard would be a recipe for further mayhem and disaster in the classroom.

What about the weapons that teachers might be expected to carry and use? We don't see a teacher armed with a handgun against an assailant with a rifle such as an AR-15 having much of a chance of doing anything other than accidentally inflicting collateral damage on students or other

school personnel. How could such a firearm be safely secured out of the reach of any student while at the same time being instantly accessible in the event of a real armed attack? Wouldn't a teacher with a drawn gun be a logical target for law enforcement personnel entering the scene of a reported active shooting? What would happen to a teacher who refused to carry a gun or participate in firearms training? Would that be cause for demotion or dismissal? And how would such weapons and programs be funded in an era when school budgets are strained already?

If the calls to supply firearms to teachers are sincere, we ask that those who back such a dangerous and disturbing suggestion rethink their approach. Circumstances that have resulted in gun violence in schools did not originate in schools. It is unfair to expect schools and teachers to shoulder the responsibility of trying to stop such attacks at the last possible second. Preventing gun violence is a problem that the larger society must address squarely, honestly, and soon.

Sincerely,

**Gloria Hill, Irene Landsberg
Belle Sprague, Freddie Terrill
Beverly Kamp Weatherill**

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Why Aren't We Willing To Do More than Thoughts & Prayers?

by Sean Scanlon

This is the 8th deadly school shooting this year and it's only March. The 8th time where the most we've had to offer is "thoughts and prayers." At this point I'm kind of surprised Facebook doesn't have a Thoughts and Prayers emoji to tag your post with.

I think one of the more shocking things about reading it was the 8th time this year is that I couldn't recall any of the others.

We offer our thoughts and prayers to the victims of senseless violence and carnage while leaving them behind with their broken lives, crushed dreams, and destroyed families - as if those empty platitudes and lit candles will somehow protect us from the 9th "senseless tragedy." Maybe someone can invent a thoughts and prayers Kevlar school uniform for kids to wear.

Why aren't we willing to do more? How can we not demand our elected officials heed our wishes? The support for strengthening background checks, putting limits on assault style rifles, banning bump stocks, limiting magazine capacities is through the roof. Yet we still re-elect the same representatives that ignore us. Did you even realize Congress has not acted on banning bump stocks yet?

And what about mental health issues? Fine, you think that is a core part of the problem...then insist that, rather than empty words, more funding is provided for mental health programs. For years that has been offered as a half-hearted excuse and yet what has been done on that front?

Did you know we don't allow the CDC to study gun violence? Our government has neutered federal organizations' ability to study the issue. Shouldn't we demand the handcuffs be taken off?

Why aren't we having a select congressional committee to study and develop bipartisan recommendations? We spent

years and tens of millions of dollars investigating Benghazi and we can't toss more than a few thoughts and prayers towards trying to understand and combat the slaughter of innocent children in our schools?

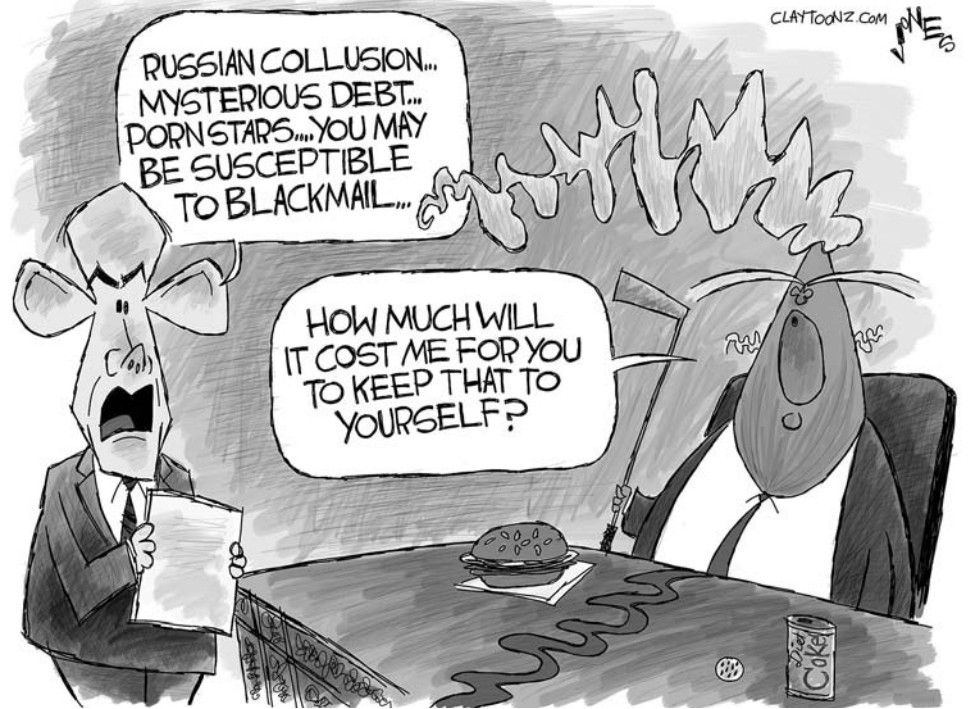
Gun owners. Do you support this? Members of the NRA, ask yourself, is this lobbying organization for the gun manufacturers truly representing you and your interests? Does Wayne LaPierre really speak for you? If not, then why aren't you demanding they truly represent you and your interests?

How is it you are willing to continue to contribute and support an organization that will go to great lengths to protect the profits of gun manufacturers and will actively work against measures to try and prevent the senseless slaughter of children?

There was a period in our history where the NRA worked with the federal government in the development of common sense gun legislation. From what I can tell there are approximately 2 million voting members of the NRA. Is it time to hold each and every one of them accountable.

I've held an assault rifle in my hand...I've taken sight of the target and pulled the trigger, felt "the tingle"...the awesome power, I can see the appeal. But not at this cost. Assault style rifles, large capacity magazines...those aren't devices designed for hunting or home protection. They are designed to maximize carnage. They are weapons designed for the battlefield, which by definition should not include our schools, concert halls, shopping centers, and public places.

This is the same conversation we've had, or rather ignored, eight times this year alone - just taking into account our schools. Who knows, maybe this will be the time we decide a school shooting or mass shooting is more than just the warped punchline on a "freedom isn't free" bumper sticker.



Representing Chevron or Fullerton Voters?

Dear Councilman Whitaker, I would like to address some of the things that you said in response to me when I spoke before the City Council at its meeting on February 20, urging support for SB 714.

1. You stated that Measure W was a vote on one development plan and that the current Path Forward development plan is a different plan.

The legality of this new plan is being challenged in court. The City Council knew voters' intentions were to prevent development in West Coyote Hills and to save it in its entirety as open space when 61% voted for Measure W. The fact that the Council approved this new development plan that includes 760 homes and a shopping center as a Vesting Tentative Tract Map (VTTM) that is not able to be put to a referendum shows an intent to go against the majority of Fullerton voters. I think it is very disingenuous to continue to use this argument as justification. As I said at the meeting, the City Council is supposed to represent its voters, not find ways to work around and/or against them.

2. When I continued to contest your letter of opposition to SB 714 (sent to the

State Senate and now the State Assembly), as being inaccurate because it stated it represented the Fullerton community, you disagreed. You stated that because you were elected you represent the Fullerton community. Again, I feel this argument is very disingenuous. Because you were elected does not mean that you can do what you want on the City Council. 61% of voters opposed development in West Coyote Hills. That is the most recent representation of their views in this matter and to state otherwise is inaccurate. If you were to ask if these voters, who opposed development in West Coyote Hills, oppose SB 714, I don't believe you could honestly say they do.

I urge you and the entire City Council to work with Fullerton voters/residents/community to find ways to save West Coyote Hills in its entirety as open space (as expressed by a majority in approving Measure W) and to support SB 714 as a way to fund purchase of this land, both now and in future years, rather than working with the developer (Chevron) against us.

D. Vena Fullerton

The Recall is a Ruse

As a resident of Fullerton with a daily work commute that averages an hour on a good day, I know firsthand the deplorable state of our roads. Taxes are never popular, they are a necessity. SB 1 will finally afford all of California the ability to repair our infrastructure, which is why the Senate as a whole voted to support this bill.

The backlash against this law is unjustified. The vote on SB 1 was not even close so it's obvious that the California Senate was doing what was necessary statewide. This is not a bill that benefits some localities and punishes others as all California drivers need roads that do not damage their vehicles. SB 1 is not a punitive tax nor are funds being misappropriated.

The attempt to recall Senator Newman is blatant partisan politics at its worst! On March 3rd I heard Senator Newman speak about the recall. The opposition was also in attendance. Instead of a respectful discussion, someone with a megaphone blared siren sounds while Senator Newman was speaking, just like an infantile toddler trying to be the center of attention when adults are not paying enough attention.

I welcome discussion on issues, but disagreeing with somebody does not entitle anybody to be disrespectful, rude or to

not allow the other party to speak their mind.

Senator Newman's supporters outnumbered the opposition and will rise to the challenge of the recall. I know that they will work as hard as possible so that he can continue his great work for our district.

This is how non-partisan people like me are drawn into politics. I will not quietly stand aside and allow this unjust recall to occur without making my voice heard.

Though I am still not a Democrat and will vote my conscience, Senator Newman is what is best for our district and I stand by him. I am not supporting one candidate over another candidate in a regular election, but making my voice heard in opposition to an unjustified recall campaign.

Desmond Tutu once said that "To be neutral in a situation of injustice is to have chosen sides already. It is to support the status quo."

I have had enough of the political status quo gridlock and the lack of open discussion about issues that need to be resolved. We need to move beyond partisan divisions to work for the good for all of the our community. I am ready to fight to keep a great state senator in office!

Stacey Nisperos Fullerton

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CITY COUNCIL NOTES by Jesse La Tour

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March 6th Council Meeting Report

Next Council meeting is Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30pm.
Come see your local government in action!

CLOSED SESSION: Before every public city council meeting, there is a "Closed Session" in which council meets with parties outside view of the public. According to the agenda provided by the City Clerk, during this week's closed session, council met with representatives from the local police officers union to negotiate salaries, benefits, and working conditions. There was no closed session report.

Friends of Coyote Hills Challenge Mayor Over "The Path Forward"

Angela Lindstrom, president of the Friends of Coyote Hills, challenged three points Mayor Chaffee made at the last meeting regarding Coyote Hills:

1.) Chaffee claimed that "The Path Forward" (the euphemism for the current development plan) is an acquisition plan with a fallback for development.

Lindstrom pointed out that the basis of the "Path Forward" is the Vesting Tentative Tract Map (or VTTM), which is a development instrument—a tract map tells you where you can put homes. She quoted from the city web site: "The VTTM authorizes Pacific Coast Homes to subdivide the 510 West coyote Hills to develop up to 760 residences."

2.) Chaffee claimed he was working on a plan to acquire the entire site when the Friends sued the city and "killed it".

Lindstrom responded that Chaffee voted for the VTTM in 2015, and for only partial acquisition in March of 2016. She pointed out that Chaffee repeatedly said that acquisition beyond "neighborhood 4" (the VTTM calls

areas of Coyote Hills "neighborhoods") was not worthwhile, meaning he didn't feel full acquisition was worthwhile.

3.) Chaffee claimed he gets lots of e-mails telling him to save Coyote Hills, but no one ever tells him how.

The basis of the "Path Forward" is the Vesting Tentative Tract Map, which is a development instrument.

Lindstrom responded: "We've brought local and national experts on acquisition to you, including the Trust for Public Land, the entire board of the Friends of Harbors, Beaches, and Parks with hundreds of thousands of acres of acquisition success behind their names. We've also shared with you our granting source for acquisition—many of those granting sources for acquisition are actually on your web site today."

Chaffee responded that he stands by the comments he made.

"I seem to be misunderstood all the time about Coyote Hills," said Chaffee, adding that he has "dedicated a lot of time to finding money to buy as much property as we possibly can."

Public Land for Private Use?

City Council voted 4-1 (Whitaker "no") to change the Fullerton municipal code to allow "for commercial amenities and special events on City-owned properties" or on land zoned for public use (P-L). The change also makes it so that re-zoning is not required prior to the city selling public lands to private entities.

Examples of existing commercial amenities in the P-L zone include the cafés at the Fullerton Municipal Airport and Main Library, the Farmer's Market at Independence Park and the St. Jude Neighborhood Health Center at Richman Park.

According to a staff report, "Such amenities serve users of public facilities as well as the general public and demonstrate that the intent of the P-L zone is to allow commercial amenities that are beneficial to the community."

Local resident Jane Rands expressed concern over the implication of what this change might mean—that people in the city may be losing access to public land and amenities. She gave the example of the city's current leasing of the Hunt Branch Library (a 10,000 sq. foot historic building) to the local church Grace Ministries for \$1,500 month.

"Would that count as a public use?" Rands asked, "Because right now it's

not. It's posted that I'm trespassing if I go in what I would think is public space."

Council Member Silva echoed this concern over the Hunt Branch and other public spaces being used by private entities.

Director of Community Development Ted White said that any use would be subject to city council approval, and that this ordinance change would not assume any change to Hunt Branch other than what council authorizes.

Community Choice Energy

Wayne Taylor, a retired chemistry professor now working with a group called Citizen's Climate Lobby, urged council to explore something called Community Choice Energy (CCE), which focuses on cheaper and cleaner energy. He invited the public to a meeting to learn about CCE on April 11th 10am-3pm at UCI. Jose Trinidad Castañeda also urged the council to attend the event, which is co-hosted by OC Clean Power and Orange County for Climate Action, to learn about how we can save money by switching to 100 percent clean, renewable energy.



FRIENDS OF JAZZ STUDENTS PERFORM: Students from Beechwood Elementary School performed three songs on their recorders as part of Fullerton Friends of Jazz, a local nonprofit created to keep music in local schools.

Council Votes Against Expanding Areas for Homeless Shelters

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Local residents who spoke were divided over the issue - some advocated for increased homeless services, while others feared having shelters near their homes, businesses, and schools.

Janice Wagner, a Fullerton resident, spoke on behalf of the League of Women Voters of North Orange County, stating that contrary to stereotypes, the fastest-growing portion of the homeless population are people over the age of 65 and young families with children. She urged council to pass the ordinance.

Debra Pember, Pathways of Hope boardmember, spoke in favor of the ordinance, saying that "there is a large population that needs the help, has fallen on unfortunate circumstances, and those are the people we need to help."

Harry Langenbacher, who volunteers at the new at Bridges at Kraemer Homeless Shelter in Anaheim, spoke in favor of the ordinance and said that contrary to residents' concerns, Bridges "has virtually no impact on the neighborhood that it's in...you go there and you can't even tell that it's there. They have strict access requirements."

Curtis Gamble, a homeless advocate who was the plaintiff on the lawsuit which prompted the settlement agreement, said that "This new zoning change would be more conducive to reducing homelessness rather than expanding it," and pointed out that "It doesn't mean that we're going to get a shelter in every one of those areas; it just gives us a choice."

Susan Bolger spoke against the ordinance, saying, "If we're going to take care of people who should be responsible for themselves, it's going to cost us a lot, and we can't afford it."

Martha Adams, said that "the majority of homeless are drug addicts and alcoholics," and spoke against the ordinance.

Sean Paden spoke against the ordinance and scolded the city attorney for "rolling over on these lawsuits." He suggested modifying bus lines to keep shelters in the industrial zone.

Another local resident who was involved in successfully preventing a homeless shelter from being built in Fullerton back in 2013 expressed concern over the potential loss of tax revenue should homeless shelters be allowed in more areas.

Conrad DeWitte spoke against the ordinance saying that "federal programs are sufficient." He gave a personal anecdote about a homeless man he knew who was "faking homelessness" to panhandle. He suggested making begging illegal, saying "Look at the guys who are panhandling. They're fakers, they're phonies, and they're doubling down on all the stupid welfare."

Scott Hess spoke against having shelters in commercial zones, saying that the ES zone is adequate.

Katherine Bullock spoke in favor of the ordinance, and called the attitudes of those

Some advocated for increased homeless services, others feared having shelters near their homes, businesses, and schools.

against it "heartbreaking." She said that the impact of the homeless population in our community has affected her so much that she has gone back to school to become a social worker. She suggested looking at how other cities in the country have addressed homelessness in innovative ways.

Mayor Chaffee said he did not support the ordinance because he wanted to "protect" commercial and industrial sites, and he felt transitional housing is better than emergency shelters and service centers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Seibourn, who also opposed the ordinance, said he was concerned about the potential loss of commercial and manufacturing.

Mayor Whitaker, who opposed the ordinance, also expressed concern over "limiting commercial potential" and homeless shelters becoming "a growth industry."

Council Member Fitzgerald called the lawsuit "inane" and proposed an amendment to the ordinance, limiting the areas where shelters may be built to manufacturing (not commercial) zones.

Council Member Silva, who seemed supportive of the ordinance, expressed concern about the concentration of zones in south Fullerton, which is historically low-income. He wanted a balance in more areas of the city.

Ultimately, council voted 3-2 (Chaffee, Whitaker, and Seibourn "no") against Fitzgerald's modified ordinance.

Thus, for now, the only place where shelters may be built "by right" is the ES zone. It's unclear whether the Legal Aid Society of Orange County will challenge the council's decision.

Council Notes Continued

Re-Structuring or Elimination of City Committees?

City Council began discussion of the possibility of reconfiguring, combining, or eliminating some of the city's various boards, commissions, and committees.

Currently, the City has twelve appointed boards, commissions and committees which are staffed by community members appointed by Council. Examples include the Planning Commission, Community Development Citizens' Committee, Energy and Resource Management Committee, Transportation and Circulation Commission, and others.

The purpose of the various commissions is to act as advisory boards to help council make policy decisions.

The impetus for potential change is "opportunities for increased efficiency, community input, and the City's transition to district based elections," according to a staff report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sebourn suggested that committees should advise council on a department by department basis. He suggested that, in light of district elections, the city should end the practice of using "at-large" commissioners.

Council Member Fitzgerald said she thinks commissions should be staffed with all "at-large" representatives, to balance "What can be the parochial interests of districts with the issues that face the entire city."

She also suggested that some committees and commissions "be folded into others, and their responsibilities honed a little bit."

Council Member Whitaker said there is an efficiency to more direct appointments.

Mayor Chaffee said he wants to make sure that we don't have the same person on multiple committees, and that he sees merit in having at-large appointees.

Parks & Rec Commissioner Jose Trinidad Castañeda spoke in favor of creating a Youth Commission to increase civic engagement across the city.

Council Member Silva said he likes the idea of direct appointments, and expressed concern that if we fold committees into others, we're going to lose a lot of citizen participation.

"I don't want to curtail the involvement of our residents who sign up, who want to participate in our city," said Silva. He also suggested creating a Youth Commission to get input from the younger crowd.

Jose Trinidad Castaneda, who serves on the Parks and Rec Commission, spoke in favor of creating a Youth Commission "to increase civic engagement across the city." He also serves on the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Youth Advisory Council.

"To hear the level of intelligence and knowledge coming from young people is really inspiring, and I would love to see that opportunity here in Fullerton," said Castaneda.

Model Small Cell Agreement

As the use of wireless telecommunication services has expanded, providers have shifted from large cell towers to smaller facilities known as small cell sites. Small cell sites boost signals in areas with weak or slow data services. Small cell equipment is typically be located on street lights or other city utility poles.

As small cell sites spread, many cities have adopted ordinances and policies governing their installation, especially in the public right-of-way. City staff contracted with Colliers International, a property appraisal firm experienced in small cell site valuations, to perform a rate study and recommend a reasonable rental fee for

utility companies who want to put small cell towers on city-owned utility poles. Colliers recommended an annual rate of \$2100 per year per small cell tower.

City staff created the following rate structure for small cell rentals, which council approved.

1-14 sites: \$2000/year
15-29: \$1750/year
30 or more: \$1500/year

Council Member Fitzgerald suggested a lower rate for utility companies.

Council unanimously passed staff's recommended rate schedule.

Political Musical Chairs

Paulette Marshall Chaffee (wife of Mayor Dug Chaffee) filed on Feb 27, 2018 to run for Fullerton City Council in the fifth district (one in which she does not currently live).

The address given on the paperwork is the address of the law offices of various attorneys including Chaffee & Marshall at 810 E Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831.

Since residence in District 5 is a requirement to run for a seat in that district the *Observer* asked Chaffee if she was planning to move to District 5 and she sent back a one-word email answer

on March 8 - "Yes".

City Clerk Lucinda Williams said, "As long as she is registered to vote in that district (and remains registered in that district) at the time she pulls nomination papers, she can run for that office. The deadline to file is August 10."

Current Fullerton Mayor Doug Chaffee is one of six who will be on the ballot running for the 4th District OC Supervisor position vacated by termed out Shawn Nelson who is running for the 39th District US House of Representatives seat vacated by Ed Royce.

Chen & Janowicz Drop Out of 39th District Race

The very crowded 39th District US Representative race lost two candidates recently as Jay Chen and Phil Janowicz, decided to step down as to not split the Democrat vote. With five Democrats still in the race whether that will be enough to secure a win remains to be seen.

Eleven candidates face off in the June 5 Primary where only the top two vote-getters go on to the November General

Election. The top two can be of the same or different parties.

The five Democrats on the ballot are: Sam Jammal, Andy Thornburn, Suzi Park, Gil Cisneros and Mai Khanh Tran.

The four Republicans are John J. Cullum, Young Kim, Shawn Nelson, and Steven Vargas.

Karen Lee Schatzie is running as a No Party Preference, and Sophia Alexander is running as American Independent.

Who's Funding the Recall Against Just Elected Senator Josh Newman?

The Sierra Club California and the California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV) have come out against the recall of 29th District California State Senator Josh Newman.

"In just seven months, Senator Newman has sided time and time again with the people of his district against large special interests like Chevron," said California League of Conservation Voters CEO Sarah Rose, "We're standing behind Newman and his efforts to protect our air and water, and warning voters that this huge corporate polluter is trying to buy this election."

The *Observer* wondered who was actually funding the recall campaign effort and looked into official candidate and committee records available at www.cal-access.sos.ca.gov.

According to those records the Republican Party spent over \$822,000 from May 2017 to July 2017 on the effort to recall State Senator Newman, a Democrat. That doesn't count contributions the party made to other groups also fueling the recall.

The largest contributions to the Republican Party were made by Chevron (\$500,000) and the California Hospitals Committee with contributions of \$600,000. Other big contributors include The New Majority PAC, California Realtors, The Irvine Co, Phillip Morris Cigarettes and AT&T with over \$200,000 each; California Charter Schools, BSNF Railroad, Union

Pacific Railroad, Sempra, PG&E, Edison, Comcast, CA Cable No on Prop 34, The Dentist's Insurance Co., Walmart, Tesoro Inc, and more contributing \$100,000 or more each.

Chevron also made a \$500,000 contribution on April 14, 2017 to the "Coalition to Restore California Middle

Class including Energy Companies who produce gas, oil, jobs." That group's other contributions are large oil producers Tesoro Companies Inc and Valero Energy Company, each contributing \$1 million and CRC Services LLC contributing \$250,000. This group spent money on various Public Affairs firms including \$165,000 to Wilson Public Affairs; \$111,000 to Ross Communications &

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Management for campaign consultants, literature, polling research.

Another recipient committee, "Give Taxpayers a Voice - Representatives & Taxpayers Against Tax Increases (#1398829) organized to support "Voter Approval for Increases in Gas & Car Tax" spent \$600,000 on petition circulating through GoCo Consulting. The largest contributions are: \$250,000 from John Cox for Governor; \$200,000 from California Republican Party; \$100,000 from Western Growers Association; \$100,000 from Kevin McCarthy for Congress; \$85,000 from Walters for Congress; and \$50,000 from Devin Nunes Campaign.

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At Left:
Clem Guthro, highly respected by his colleagues, moved to take the position of Pollak Library Dean 11 months ago. He was selected after a year-long nationwide search. He and his wife moved here from Maine and bought a home. CSUF Provost Knutson Miller declined to give a reason for his dismissal.

Dean of Library Abruptly Fired

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English Department and now president of Patrons of the Library Board of Governors, commented, "The Patrons were never asked to assess Dean Guthro's performance since he assumed his position a year ago. Had we been asked, we would have assured the President and his administrators that we have had a relationship with Dean Guthro that is collegial, collaborative, and cooperative."

The Patrons of the Library met on March 9 to discuss the ramifications of this sudden loss of a committed and exceptionally competent Dean. Attending this meeting were two former library Deans and Dr. June Saltz Pollak, for whom the library is named. All in attendance were hoping to gain some answers as to why Dean Guthro was relieved of his position.

The Provost, Kari Knutson Miller, asked to attend this meeting. The Board assumed she wanted to explain her reasons

for firing Dean Guthro, but this did not happen. Instead, she wanted to talk about the Library's future "with a new change in leadership." When asked by Board members as to why she had dismissed Guthro, Miller gave no answers to any of the questions asked of her, responding with, "Details are not available due to confidentiality policies and procedures." She then introduced the next acting Dean, Emily Bonney, not a librarian, but currently serving as assistant vice-president for Academic Human Resources.

With no explanation given to faculty or staff or Patrons members, widening rumors result, the most persistent being "conflict over allocation of space." With the reconfiguration of the library after the earthquake, other interests, such as Information Technology, are asking for library space.

CSUF's *The Daily Titan* has reported, "A turf war over space in the Pollak Library may have brought down former CSUF library dean Clem Guthro."

EVENTS COMING UP APRIL 14

FACES OF FULLERTON

The Fullerton Collaborative presents the 16th Annual Faces of Fullerton (#facesoffullerton) to be held Saturday, April 14, from 10am to 3pm at the Fullerton Plaza next to the Museum Center on E. Wilshire between downtown Harbor Blvd. and N. Pomona Avenue.

This year's theme is "Our City, Our Home." This free event will have interactive and intergenerational activities, food, and entertainment for all Fullerton community members. Free raffle prizes will be given out throughout the day earned by visiting the booths and by participating in fun activities.

The Fullerton Collaborative is a cooperative of executive directors, educators, activists, community service leaders and volunteers dedicated to building and supporting a healthy cohesive community. The unique partnership allows members to help each other accomplish goals.

For community and business organizations that would like to support this event and have an activity spaces or to be a sponsor you are invited to email Dr. Debra Stout at debrastout@fullertoncollaborative.org.

For information on the event visit the Fullerton Collaborative website at www.fullertoncollaborative.org

FULLERTON RALLY FOR SCIENCE

by Mark Shapiro

2017 produced its share of scientific advances including the further verification of Einstein's theory of relativity through the direct observation of gravitational waves from colliding neutron stars as well as the first successful attempt to edit DNA in an embryo to correct a genetic mutation that causes a heart condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

However, when future histories of science are written decades from now, 2017 will likely go down as one of the worst years for science policy in the United States since the founding of the republic. Since his election, President Trump has appointed people to his cabinet and other high positions in his administration who are openly hostile to evidence-based science. Trump, himself, has taken longer to appoint a science adviser than any president in modern history. Since the days of Eisenhower, both Republican and Democratic presidents have appointed highly-qualified scientists to this position early in their terms. By his delay in appointing a science adviser, Trump is signaling that science is clearly not a high priority for the current administration.

The lack of a qualified science adviser to head the Office Science and Technology Policy, however, has not prevented the Trump Administration from carrying out a full-fledged assault on those aspects of evidence-based science that directly affect our daily lives.

For example, the evidence that burning fossil fuels contributes substantially to the warming of the planet is overwhelming – this really is just a consequence of the laws of chemistry and physics that govern the long-term behavior of our atmosphere. Questions about *how* the long-term warming of the atmosphere will affect our environment are somewhat more difficult to answer. But, climate scientists are continually refining their models, and those models point to changes in our global environment that will have dire consequences if fossil-fuel burning continues unabated.

Those predictions, which have become reality in the last few decades, include rising sea levels that already have made some communities uninhabitable, increased amounts of water vapor in the atmosphere that make storms more intense, and increased levels of CO2 absorption in the oceans that is making them more acidic and is affecting the ocean food chain.

Yet, rather than working to address these issues, the president has chosen to appoint people who question the validity of climate science. The U.S. is in the process of withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accords – the only country in the world to do so, and data collected by government agencies that substantiates the results of climate models has been scrubbed from government web sites.

Hiding scientific results from public view doesn't change the science. What it does do is make it easier for the government to roll back regulations that protect our environment to favor special interests whose bottom lines might be adversely affected by the regulations. And while the Trump Administration has been rather unsuccessful in pushing its anti-science agenda through congress, it has been successful in

The focus is on holding political leaders accountable for passing equitable, evidence-based science policies that serve all people and all communities.

eliminating or rolling back regulations intended to protect the environment.

What can we as concerned citizens do to rectify this situation? The March for Science, a global organization that advocates for equitable evidence-based science policies, will be holding Marches and Rallies for Science on Saturday, April 14, 2018, on Citizen Science Day. These events, which include the Fullerton Rally for Science 2018, will focus on holding political leaders accountable for passing equitable, evidence-based science policies that serve all people and all communities. The midterm elections are around the corner, we intend to make our voices heard at the polls this November and to strengthen the ties between scientists and the community. We are pro-science voters, constituents, and community members - and November is coming up fast.

Please join us on Saturday, April 14th on the great lawn at Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Avenue at 10:30 AM to show your support for evidence-based science, and to show our elected officials and candidates for public office that we are holding them accountable and intend to vote for science. This is a non-partisan, family friendly event!

The Fullerton Rally for Science 2018 is being organized by a dedicated group of volunteers with close ties to the community including Dr. Mark H. Shapiro, José Trinidad Castañeda III, Willie Holmes, Cindy Calisher, Joe Rosenblum, Andy Lewandowski, Terami Hsu, and Judy Perry.



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Check for Mike's Page 6 in the next issue.

Best wishes to both Mike & Karen as they go through some challenging times.

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2018 Woman of the Year Jo-Anne Prophete Matsuba (at center), a Fullerton resident is presented a certificate by Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and California Legislative Women's Caucus Chair Susan Eggman in Sacramento on March 12.

Matsuda is 65th District Woman of the Year

Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva (D-Orange County) and the California State Assembly honored Jo-Anne Prophete Matsuba as the 65th Assembly District Woman of the Year 2018. Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva recognized the Orange County leader during the annual Assembly floor ceremony March 12th for her community involvement.

"Jo-Anne Prophete Matsuba exemplifies the true spirit of community, by reaching out to everyone in need as a neighbor, and a friend" said Quirk-Silva.

Over the past 25 years Matsuba and her husband have lived in Fullerton and raised their two daughters. She is a licensed Zumba instructor who volunteers classes

to teens at Crittenton Center and serves meals through her church to the homeless at the Fullerton Armory. She is a former YMCA boardmember honored as Volunteer of the Year; 11 year former member of the Fullerton National Charity League where she served as president among other offices; former committee member for the St. Jude Hospital and Crosson Cancer Institute "A Walk Among the Stars" event; a fundraising team member of Higher Ground, a mentoring program for youth and their families in at-risk communities; and co-chair of Get On The Bus, an organization that takes children to see their incarcerated parents on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

District 29 Woman of the Year to be Honored in March 22 Ceremony

State District 29 Senator Josh Newman will hold his district Women of the Year ceremony on March 22, at 5pm at the Fullerton Community Center, 340 W Commonwealth. Catherine Ward of CSUF will be honored as 2018 Woman of the Year. A group of other district honorees in various categories include Fullertonians Vicki Calhoun in the Arts category; and Hayley Amo and Nicole Park in the Future Leaders Under 18 category.

Catherine Ward was previously honored on March 12th in the first Women of the Year celebration held in the State Senate chambers since 2008. The event is held to recognize contributions made by remarkable women throughout the state.

"It is such an honor to be SD 29's Woman of the Year. To share this distinct recognition with such an incredible cohort of women, doing such important work in their respective fields, is empowering. To represent CSUF and female veterans throughout the state makes me especially proud," said Ward.

Ward, a CSUF alumna, is the Interim Director of CSUF's Veteran Resource Center.



Catherine Ward

Since opening in 2010, the center has been recognized as a Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success. Ward has served with a focus on improving the student veteran experience and advocating on behalf of women veterans.

Ward earned both her master's and bachelor's degrees from CSUF and completed the Ed.D Program in Education Leadership at USC.



Vicky Calhoun



Hayley Amo



Nicole Park

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"OTHER OSCARS" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 19)

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- 5. Super berry
- 9. Online idiot?
- 14. ___ slaw
- 15. "Darn!"
- 16. Fat cat
- 17. Fashion designer Oscar
- 19. Procedure before an x-ray
- 20. Related to the skull
- 21. Architect Oscar
- 23. "___ boy!"
- 25. "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
- 26. "The Office" actor Oscar
- 29. "___ schlimazel..."
- 35. Roxy Music co-founder
- 36. Grilled, in Japanese
- 38. Has ___ of humor
- 39. Gillette razor

41. "The Force Awakens" Oscar

- 43. Big party
- 44. Nike rival
- 46. Fish eggs
- 48. "___ Miserables"
- 49. Good ___
- 51. Irish playwright Oscar
- 53. A mortgage is one, abbr.
- 54. Female sheep
- 56. Boxer Oscar
- 61. Like most sonnets
- 65. Excuse
- 66. "Sesame Street" Oscar
- 68. Ticked off, with "up"
- 69. Pledge
- 70. Libertine
- 71. Tangles
- 72. H.S. exam
- 73. Observer

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- 1. "Thunderstruck" group
- 2. Field worker
- 3. "It was ___ dream!"
- 4. ___ Babies
- 5. Regions
- 6. Campbell's container
- 7. Business letter abbr.
- 8. Lakers guard Thomas
- 9. Adversaries
- 10. Comedian Cook
- 11. Do as directed
- 12. Capital of Togo
- 13. Ski lift
- 18. Posh
- 22. Intertwine
- 24. Questions
- 26. Closes in on
- 27. Coffee?
- 28. Magazine cover artist Earl
- 30. Russell Wilson's wife

31. Ryan of "When Harry Met Sally"

- 32. Counting everything
- 33. Online toboggan?
- 34. Rent
- 37. Modern Japanese martial art
- 40. Attorneys' org.
- 42. First-rate
- 45. Flowering indoor plants
- 47. Say "@#%!"
- 50. Child's spinner
- 52. "___ rain in the forecast?"
- 55. Ghost, in the Middle Ages
- 56. Gloomy
- 57. Tiger's ex-wife
- 58. Disney's "___ & Stitch"
- 59. Aid in crime
- 60. Cries of discovery
- 62. Floating marker
- 63. Apple prompt?
- 64. "Moonstruck" actress
- 67. Greek H



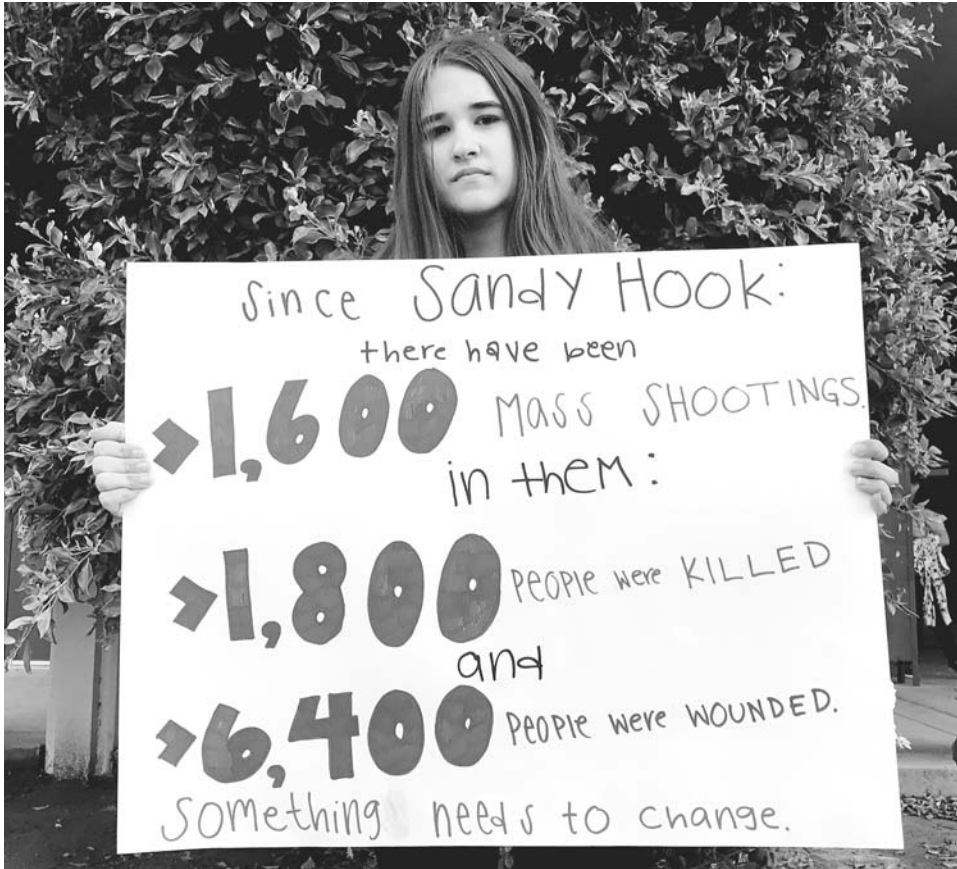
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Troy High: Students expressed their concerns with signs showing the gravity of the situation. -PHOTOS BY NATALIA STRBAC

“It was empowering to stand in solidarity with my peers to demand that our government representatives hear us. I just turned 18 and will be voting in the next election. Enough is enough.” -Natalia Strbac, 18, Troy High School

Buena Park High: Students Walk Out

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Sophomore Angelica Mosqueda said the parents of Hadiya Pendleton, a girl shot and killed in 2013, chose the color. “After today,” Mosqueda said, “I have incredible respect for our generation, and I hope we continue to fight for a better and safer system.”

“On a national level, the walk-out is to advocate for stricter gun control laws,” McAtee said. She also said the walk-out provided a way for the students at Buena Park High School to voice their concern to the voters in their community and government officials who can pass laws to make the school environment safer.

Sophomore Cameron Macedonio said because students are being ignored by their representatives, it is their responsibility to advocate for their own safety: “I want to tell the government that they need to up their game and do everything in their power to protect students, and the general public.”

Sophomore Alice Lara said, “I participated in the walk-out because I believe that gun laws should be stricter. I don’t think that kids should have to go to school worrying if they will be the next victims.”

Broussard agreed and said she wanted to show the government that she, and other students feel strongly about passing stricter gun laws to make school safer.

The students believe the walk-out helped bring attention to their concerns. “At first,” Mosqueda said, “there was a just small group of people--then the crowd grew to way more than I had expected.”

McAtee concluded with, “I hope the students who participated today don’t forget



Students walked out of class in the effort to alert lawmakers that changes in the laws that allow military style weapons to be sold are needed now. Signs read “Over 100 Congresspersons Received \$\$\$ from the NRA” and “Gun Control is a Must NOT an Option.”

PHOTO BY ROLAND DIMALANTA

that the movement doesn’t just end after the walk-out. Real change takes time and hard work, which is why it’s up to us to keep this momentum going.”

A group of Buena Park High School students have planned a memorial for Wednesday, March 21 at 6pm in the Buena Park High School quad, to honor the people killed in school shootings since Columbine in 1999.

Principal, Sonje Berg, said his support lies with helping students use their voice to be heard. He said many teachers, the administration, and police supported the students in the walk-out by keeping them safe while they protested.

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At Left & Right:
Fullerton High students walked out of classes and filled the school's front lawn demanding officials act to end gun violence now.

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Fullerton High Students Walk Out Against Gun Violence

by Emily Thompson

On March 14, 2018 thousands of students marched out of their schools in solidarity with Parkland victims a month after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

Students at Fullerton Union High School were outraged at the lack of change and expected more from congress.

Soon after congress failed to act, two students created an instagram page to reach out and organize the walk-out at our school. They encouraged students to get educated on the gun control debate and what we could do to make a change.

As an entire student body, we were motivated to send our message loud and clear: we are tired of the refusal of congress to

protect us which has resulted in the murder of countless children across the United States. The teens of America are rising up and demanding to be safe in their schools.

This walk-out is incredibly important because it is a pivotal moment in our revolution that will give us gun control and allow students to feel safe at school. The teens of the United States are all becoming activists who will not tolerate injustice any longer.

We want to remind politicians that the young protesters participating in the walk-out will be voting in the 2020 elections and we will vote out anyone who refuses to keep us safe in our homes, in our schools and on the streets.



Fullerton High students gathered for 17 minutes to commemorate the 17 killed by the shooter at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, in Parkland, Florida. The March for Our Lives will take place in Santa Ana on March 24 (see front page notice). Teen activists are planning another National School Walk Out at 10am on April 20, the 19th anniversary of the Columbine School shooting that wounded 20 and killed 13 (see www.nationalschoolwalkout.net). - PHOTO BY JESSE LA TOUR

SHHS High Walks Out

by Agnes Lee

Following the events of the high school shooting in Parkland, Florida, an Instagram account with the handle @shhs_walkout popped up on the feeds of Sunny Hills High School students. By promoting the walkout on this account with various graphics, sophomore Jiwon Hur took matters in her own hands in order to organize the walkout at Sunny Hills.

Hur had found the cause particularly moving and found it was "always in my mind, knowing that it could easily be my school and I also wondered why nothing was happening to really stop this issue."

With other schools pledging their support for the walkout, Hur hoped to do the same at Sunny Hills. After a discussion with Principal Allen Whitten, who had "a very positive reaction" and was supportive that the students "were fighting for something they really cared about," Hur began organizing the walkout by creating frame props, orange ribbons and a Snapchat Geofilter that she paid for herself.

On the day of March 14, the students of Sunny Hills walked to the quad, as directed by Hur. Some remained in classrooms while others looked onward to the group of students in the quad. As she had planned, Hur and her friends passed around frame props that the students used for pictures with orange ribbon pinned to their chest. Although the seventeen minutes quickly passed, all the students participated and made their voices heard.



Above: Sunny Hills High students walk out of class to demonstrate the importance of gun control and in memory of those killed in school shootings. - PHOTO BY SELINA CHONG

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The Dark Legacy of the California Missions

by Jesse La Tour

In fourth grade I, like every other kid who attends public school in California, had to build a model of a mission. The state-sponsored curriculum taught me that these were sites where kindly Spanish padres and California Indians lived together peacefully and happily.

This was also the impression I got when, as an adult, I visited Mission San Juan Capistrano. There, a nice lady dressed as an "old Californian" told pretty much the same story.

In school, I was also taught that no one knows what happened to the native Californians of Southern California. They, like the woolly mammoths who used to roam these lands, were gone, extinct.

Imagine my surprise, then, when a few years ago, I happened to meet actual, living members of the local tribe (which has historically been called the Gabrieleno, but they prefer the name Kizh). I met the chief (Ernie Salas) and others at a special event at the little paleontology museum at Ralph Clark Park in Fullerton. Speaking to these native Californians, I learned a completely different version of the California mission story.

They described the missions as sites of slavery, disease, brutality, and death. The missions, according to the local natives, were places of horror and trauma.

After meeting and befriending these living native Californians, I became fascinated with this *other* side of the California mission story. Based upon my research, I made some startling discoveries. While there are plenty of books written about the missions, they seem to be pretty well divided into two categories: "nostalgic" books (which perpetuate the "happy" mission story), and academic books (which

tell a darker and more complex story).

At present, there seem to be more books available to the general public of the nostalgic than the academic type.

Thankfully, this appears to be changing. Quite recently, a new batch of scholarship (and even popular histories) have come out which dive deeply into California history from the native point of view.

Such a book is Elias Castillo's *A Cross of Thorns: The Enslavement of the California Indians by the Spanish Missions*, which came out in 2015.

His book, based upon a bedrock of research and primary sources, strives to shine a light on the real story of the missions, and the tragedy they wrought upon the native peoples of California.

In the interest of sharing knowledge and ideas, and to hopefully correct some widespread historical misconceptions, I have decided to present some of the historical evidence Castillo provides.

Some may ask: "Why does this matter? The past is the past. Get over it." To that, I would respond that it matters very much to living descendants of those who were killed, enslaved, and mistreated. Understanding their stories helps us to better

grapple with ourselves as a State and as a society.

It's also important for people to better understand this because many California tribes (like the Gabrieleno) are still striving for official federal recognition, which will afford them certain benefits and a proper place in our historical understanding.

To that end, I here present some documentary evidence for the tragedy that was the California mission system. These are all primary sources, with a bit of context given for each.

Whipping and Death as "Spiritual Benefit"

On July 31st, 1775, Father Junipero Serra sent a letter to Spanish military commander Fernando Rivera y Moncada, requesting that four Indians who had tried to flee from Mission Carmel be whipped. He also offered to send shackles, in case the commander didn't have any:

"Two or three whippings which your Lordship may order applied to them on different days may serve, for them and for the rest, for a warning, may be of spiritual benefit to all; and this last is the prime motive of our work. If your Lordship does not have shackles, with your permission they may be sent from here. I think that the punishment should last one month."

On January 7th, 1780, Serra wrote a letter to then-governor of California Felipe de Neve, defending his practice of whipping the natives:

"That the spiritual fathers [friars] should punish their sons, the Indians, by blows appears to be as old as the conquest of these kingdoms."

American farmer Hugo Reid, who was sympathetic to the Indians, describes the

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--Junipero Serra

strange barbarism of a Friar Jose Maria Zalvidea at Mission San Gabriel:

"He was not only severe, but he was, in his chastisements, most cruel. So as not to make a revolting picture, I shall bury acts of barbarity known to me through good authority, by merely saying that he must assuredly have considered whipping as meat and drink to them, for they had it morning, noon, and night."

Due to mistreatment, confinement, and widespread diseases for which the natives had no immunity, the mission Indians began to die in huge numbers. Rather than mourn them, however, Serra was happy to see so many newly-baptized souls go to heaven. In a report dated July 24, 1775 to Friar Francisco Pangua, his superior, Serra wrote:

"In the midst of our little troubles, the spiritual side of the missions is developing most happily. In [Mission] San Antonio [de Padua, about 60 miles south of Mission Carmel] there are simultaneously two harvests, at one time, one for wheat, and of a plague among the children, who are dying."



The first recorded baptism in Alta California.

Graphic from "San Juan Capistrano Mission" by Engelhardt Zephyrin (1922).

"A Species of Monkey"

The Franciscan padres generally considered themselves to be culturally, intellectually, and spiritually superior to the native peoples, which tended to provide a justification for mistreatment. Friar Geromino Boscana (stationed at Mission San Juan Capistrano) writes:

"The Indians of California may be compared to a species of monkey; for in naught do they express interest, except in imitating the actions of others, and, particularly in copying the ways of the rason [men of reason] or white men."

Father Serra's successor, Friar Fermin, also considered the Indians to be akin to "lower animals." In 1786, Fermin wrote:

"They satiate themselves today and give little thought to tomorrow...a people without education, without government, religion or respect for authority, and they shamelessly pursue without restraint whatever their brutal appetites suggest to them."

West Coast Slavery

Writings from the time demonstrate that the California Missions were basically west coast slavery.

Sometimes, travelers and explorers visited the missions, and their writings provide a unique, first-hand account of the actual conditions. Such was the case with French Navy Captain Jean-Francois de Galaup, Comte de Laperouse, who was the leader of a major scientific expedition. His ships sailed into Monterey Bay on September 14, 1786, and Laperouse describes his shock at seeing the conditions under which the Indians were forced to live. He compares the mission to slave plantations he'd seen in the Caribbean:

"Everything...brought to our recollection a plantation at Santo Domingo or any other West Indian island...We observed with concern that the resemblance is so perfect that we have seen both men and women in irons, and others in stocks. Lastly, the noise of the whip might have struck our ears."

Laperouse writes: "The moment an Indian is baptized, the effect is the same as if he had pronounced a vow for life. If he escape to reside with his relations in the independent villages, he is summoned three times to return; if he refuses, the Missionaries apply to the governor, who sends soldiers to seize him in the midst of his family and conduct him to the mission, where he is condemned to receive a certain number of lashes with the whip."

Overseers called *alcaldes* were also tasked with capturing, returning, and punishing runaways. Indians were not allowed to leave mission grounds without permission.

California historian Sherbourne F. Cook described women being locked up at night in unsanitary, cramped quarters:

"There can be no doubt that the women were packed in tightly, and that the accumulation of filth was unavoidable...it is unbelievable that they (Indians) should not have resented years of being confined and locked in every night in a manner which was so alien to their tradition and nature."

Taking Mass at Gunpoint

Ludovik Choris, an artist traveling with a Russian expedition, visited Mission San Francisco in 1816, and described how attendance at church services was compulsory: "All the Indians of both sexes without regard to age, are obliged to go to church and worship...Armed soldiers are stationed at each corner of the church."

Captain Frederick William Beachey of England's Royal Navy visited Mission San Jose in 1826, and described how Indians there were rounded up and forced to go to church twice a day. Indians who chose not to attend church were whipped.

Death and Despair

Due to mistreatment, disease, and deplorable conditions, nearly half of the missions' populations died each year. From 1779 to 1833, the year the missions were effectively dissolved, there were 29,100 births and a staggering 62,600 deaths.

Russian explorer Otto von Kotzebue, who visited mission San Francisco in 1816, wrote that "the uncleanliness in these barracks baffles description, and this

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For decades, elementary school children have been required to build models of missions, which were sites of slavery, disease, and death for native Californians.

is perhaps the cause of great mortality: for of 1,000 Indians at St. Francisco, 300 die every year."

Because of all this death, combined with the tragedy of being cut off from their culture and traditions, depression and despair took its toll on the mission Indians, as evidenced by accounts from visitors.

British Navy Captain George Vancouver visited Mission San Francisco while exploring the California coast in 1792, and described the demeanor of the Indians: "All the operations and functions both of body and mind appeared to be carried out with a mechanical, lifeless, careless indifference."

The Russian artist Choris wrote that he never saw an Indian laugh: "They look as though they were interested in nothing."

Spanish Accounts of Abuses

Some may argue that these outsiders' descriptions were motivated by opposition to Catholicism or Spain, but there are ample records in the mission archives themselves which corroborate the picture.

Friar Antonio de la Concepcion Horra, assigned to lead Mission San Miguel in 1798, wrote a letter to the Viceroy of

Mexico expressing his dismay at mission life:

"Your Excellency, I would like to inform you of the many abuses that are commonplace in that country. The manner in which the Indians are treated is by far more cruel than anything I have ever read about. For any reason, however insignificant it may be, they are severely and cruelly whipped, placed in shackles, or put in stocks for days on end without receiving even a drop of water."

The governor of California, Diego de Borica looked into Horra's complaints and wrote: "Generally, the treatment given the Indians is very harsh. At San Francisco, it even reached the point of cruelty...I also know why they have fled. It is due to the terrible suffering they experienced from punishments and work."

Fleeing For Their Lives

Due to the misery of mission life, Indians sometimes attempted to escape. For example, between 1769 and 1817, there were 473 documented cases of Indian fugitives from Mission San Gabriel alone.

A group of Saclan and Huichin Indians who had fled Mission San Francisco in

1797 were asked by Spanish officials why they had run away. Here are some of their answers, dutifully recorded by Lieutenant Jose Arguello:

Tiburcio: He testified that after his wife and daughter died, on five separate occasions Father Danti ordered him whipped because he was crying. For these reasons he fled.

Magin: He testified that he left due to his hunger and because they had put him in the stocks when he was sick, on orders from the alcalde.

Liborato: He testified that he left because his mother, two brothers, and three nephews died, all of hunger. So that he would not also die of hunger, he fled.

Magno: He declared that he had run away because, his son being sick, he took care of him and was therefore unable to go out to work. As a result, he was given no ration and his son died of hunger.

Rebellion

Aside from running away, another reaction to death and mistreatment at the missions was armed revolt.

Diegueno Indians rebelled and burned down Mission San Diego in 1775. When asked why they had burned the mission, the Indians later said "they wanted to kill the fathers and soldiers in order to live as they did before."

A female Gabrieleno (Kizh) shaman named Toypurina planned a revolt at Mission San Gabriel in 1785. Unfortunately, the plot was discovered and stopped. At her trial in 1786, Toypurina (who is a hero to the Gabrieleno today, sort of like Joan of Arc), said to her accusers: "I hate the padres and all of you for living here on my native soil, for trespassing upon the land of my forefathers and despoiling our tribal domains."

Perhaps the most successful uprising involved Quechan Indians who wiped out a mission and two settlements founded by the Spaniards on the California side of the Colorado River in 1781.

There was also the Great Chumash Uprising of 1824, which involved Indians from three Missions (Santa Ines, Santa Barbara, and La Purisima) taking arms against their Spanish oppressors.

After the Missions

In 1821, Mexico won its independence from Spain. Missions were secularized in the 1830s. The vast lands were supposed to be re-distributed among the Indians, but things didn't work out that way. Many were cheated out of property, or lands were seized by corrupt officials. Many Indians became ranch hands on Mexican

ranchos. Under Mexican, and then American rule, the Indians would continue to suffer in new and traumatic ways.

Reflecting on the legacy of the missions, Friar Mariano Payeras wrote to his superiors in Mexico City in 1820: "I fear that a few years hence on seeing Alta California deserted and depopulated of Indians...even the most pious and kindly of us will answer: the Missionary priests baptized them, administered the sacraments to them, and buried them."

Between 1769 and 1890, the Native American population declined from an estimated 300,000 to 16,600.

Whitewashing History

Despite this documented record of oppression, disease, cruelty, and death—the California Missions experienced a revival in the late 19th and early 20th century as a way to market oranges, real estate, and a romantic myth of California's past.

Castillo writes, "The missions, where thousands of Indians remain buried in unmarked mass graves, were resurrected in the 1890s and early 1900s and rebuilt as monuments to a concocted past that featured a loving, cooperative relationship between the friars and the Indians. Many California leaders, either ignorant of the

truth or choosing to ignore what happened, joined in this duplicity."

This myth continues today. "Across California, streets, playgrounds, and even schools have been named after Padre Junipero Serra," Castillo writes, "Yet Serra is still revered by many in California as a kindly friar who loved and treated the Indians as if they were his children."

In Sacramento, on the

grounds of the state capitol, there is a bronze statue of Serra. In San Francisco a gigantic statue of Serra overlooks the entrance to Golden Gate Park. And in Washington D.C., in the National Statuary Hall of the nation's Capitol Building, there is a statue of Serra holding a model of a mission in one hand and a large cross in the other.

"For decades, the California State Department of Education has required elementary schools to teach fourth grade pupils of the supposed contributions of not only Junipero Serra, but of the missions themselves," Castillo writes.

In 1988, Pope John Paul II conferred beatification on Father Junipero Serra, a major step toward becoming a saint.

It seems that, as with American history in general, California still has much reckoning to do with its real past.

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Above: The main part of the trail travels east from Brea Blvd. to State College.
At Right: Fencing covers the trail and protects hikers and bikers walking and riding by Birch Hills Golf Course.



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Trails on the Rails in Brea

Driving up North Brea Boulevard, it's hard not to notice the Tracks at Brea, a developing four-mile trail along Brea's old train tracks. Consisting of a two-lane paved bikeway for wheeled users and a separate decomposed gravel footpath for pedestrians, the Tracks at Brea are open and accessible to everyone young and old.

Back in 2009, community meetings were held to find a way to convert Brea's abandoned rails to trails for walking, running and biking, instead of places where people dumped trash after dark. According to Kathie DeRobbio, Brea's economic development manager, when the project began, \$11 million in redevelopment funds were used for property acquisition and early project planning.

Then the California legislature voted to end redevelopment agencies and Brea had to pursue other sources for the project, so the city started applying for grants. About \$17.5 million in grants was used to fund the project, including the extensive and expensive soil remediation, design, engineering construction and landscaping. The City of Brea also received funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Caltrans, California Dept. of Housing and Community Development, Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee and the Orange County Transportation Authority.

According to a 2013 article from the *Daily Titan*, Ms. DeRobbio said, "A chal-

lenge for the project was to clean up the arsenic-contaminated soil caused by the Union Pacific Railroad after a century of use."

According to the City of Brea's website, the project was built in six stages, five of which have already been completed. Currently, there is a 0.7-mile gap between

the part of the trail that travels from State College under the 57 Freeway to Birch Street. It is set to open sometime this year. Starting in Arovista Park, the first segment crosses Imperial Highway and follows the Brea Canyon Flood Control Channel.

When I visited the Tracks at Brea, I drove down Brea Blvd. and parked at a small trailhead parking lot just past the Brea Fire station.

The dirt pedestrian path was muddy because of the rain, so like many other hikers and joggers, I walked on the paved bike path. The trail stretched from Brea Blvd. to State College. At the trailhead where I parked, there was a restroom and some exercise equipment, which looked similar to the exercise area by Independence Park in Fullerton. Next to the equipment was a bicycle repair station where bikers could pump air into their flat tires or repair other parts of their bikes.

Because the trail used to be a railroad track, I could see industrial plants and factories off to the left of the path, while on the right, I was able to see the tops of homes poking out above a fence. Every once in a while, there was a small outlet that branched out into the nearby neighborhoods.

Plaques and signs were posted along the trail informing visitors about Brea's history. There were also pet waste stations sporadically placed so owners could pick up after their dogs. Plants and trees were planted along the sides of the trail. Toward the middle of the trail, there was a small patch of green grass where a butterfly garden was beginning to grow.

The paved bike path was made to look like a road with a dotted yellow line running down the center of it. I stopped at State College because the path on the other side of the street had a fence around it and wasn't open yet.

On the other side of Brea Boulevard, the trail ran behind homes in back of the main downtown area. At the beginning of this section, I noticed a bio swale, which was used to collect water from the adjacent slope and open space. According to a posted sign, the water seeps down through the plants and as it does, the roots act as filters and remove pollutants from the water, allowing

the filtered water to move downward and deeply percolate into the groundwater. Thus, polluted runoff water is diverted from the storm drains and ultimately from the ocean. It turns out that bio swales can also be used around hard surfaces like road, parking lots and buildings. These typically have an extra layer under the plant roots made up of rocks, gravel or sand to further filter the water which may have more pollutants from oil residue on the paved surfaces.

Low water plants, like Western Redbud, Southern California Black Walnut, Manzanita Big Berry, California Deer Weed, Woolly Blue Curls and Showy Penstemon, were planted along the trail to help conserve water for the community. The plants might actually give you ideas for your own landscaping. Just like the Fullerton Bridle Trails, a friendly neighbor had a little garden and mural for people passing by to look at. In fact, there was an honor box where people could pay a dollar for a bag of home-grown oranges.

While the unfinished segment of the trail past State College was closed, I was able to drive over to the Birch Hills Golf Course, where the path crossed Birch Street and continued to Kraemer Blvd. It had a historical train display which looked

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like a red, wooden trolley car. Since golf carts were parked along a part of the trail, I had to walk around them to reach the other part of the path, which is covered by fencing so that golf balls won't hurt people riding or walking by.

The same tracks to trails arrangement could be done in Fullerton since we also have abandoned railway tracks. These tracks start on the corner of Bastanchurry and Malvern and continue to run beneath the Juanita Cooke Trail and beyond. Like the City of Brea, Fullerton could also apply for grants and provide another place for residents to walk, hike and bike.

The Tracks at Brea are open daily from 7 am to dusk. Be sure to bring some water before you embark on your hike. Trail parking is available at Arovista Park, Downtown Brea parking structures 1 and 2, the Brea Blvd. trailhead, Orange Ave. trail entry, and Birch Hills Golf Course.

To see a video of what the Tracks at Brea look like, visit the *Observer's* website, click on the "Videos" tab and click on the words "Emerson Little YouTube Channel," which will take you directly to my page.

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MUDBOUND: *Two Hits*

Awards season is over and "Mudbound" did not quite make it to the best picture nominations, but it did appear in three Award categories. Singer-turned-actress Mary J. Blige shed her glamorous persona and was nominated as a Best Supporting Actress. "Mudbound's" director Dee Rees also co-wrote the screenplay, which was nominated as one of the five best film adaptations. Lastly, much was made over Rees's use of a female cinematographer, Rachel Morrison, who was nominated in that category.

Based on Hillary Jordan's 2013 novel, "Mudbound" places us in the Jim Crow South and the Mississippi Delta, where hot sun, heavy rains, and thick mud challenge daily life for whites and blacks. Rees uses multiple narrators to tell her story about life before, during and after World War II, beginning with Laura (Carey Mulligan), a school-teacher in Memphis, Tennessee, who at 31 is being pressured to marry. When a bachelor engineer arrives showing an interest in Laura, it isn't long before the two are married. With two children and a neat, modest home in Memphis, Henry (Jason Clarke) surprises Laura with the announcement that he has bought acreage in the Delta, where he plans to farm along with help from a sharecropper family.

Switching narrators, Rees skillfully transitions to the Jackson family, hard-working, black sharecroppers headed by Hap (Rob Morgan) and Florence (Mary J. Bilge) along with their five children. Florence is known in the region as a mid-wife and it is Florence that Laura calls upon to nurse her children when whooping cough brings on high fevers. After World War II breaks out, the oldest Jackson son, Ronsel (Jason Mitchell), joins the infantry and is shipped to Europe as part of the 761st Tank Battalion.

Living with Laura and Henry is Henry's father, Pappy, whose inadequacies find outlet in his despicable treatment of blacks. However, the little family receives occasional visits from Henry's attractive and charming, but also tippling, younger brother, Jamie (Garrett Hedlund), who has joined the Air Force. Jamie rises to the rank of Captain and pilots B52s, dropping bombs from 20,000 feet over Germany and Austria. Rees follows both Ronsel on the ground and Jamie in the air as she moves the narrative back and forth between war-torn Europe and daily life in the Delta.

When the war ends, challenges do not end for either family. Both young men return, physically unharmed but emotionally unable to settle comfortably into their former lives. Ronsel purchases groceries to take home to his family and is stopped as he exits the store. It is Pappy who reminds him that he is back in Mississippi and cannot use the front door. Ronsel steps back but not without telling Pappy that while he was in Europe, "General Patton was happy to put me in the front, where I was able to help defeat Hitler."

Jamie finds enormous difficulty settling back to a life without the camaraderie of the Air Force or the rush of escaping daily danger. Jamie begins drinking heavily. He also breaks Jim Crow law by picking up Ronsel and insisting that he ride in the cab of his pick-up truck so that the two can share their war experiences. Jamie explains that a "colored" pilot flying a P38 had saved his life during a skirmish with a German fighter plane. The Jim Crow South offers Jamie no solace, but for Ronsel it offers terror.

Rees supplies no easy answers for any of her characters, yet she supplies insight and understanding. With a large cast of characters and several locations to cover, she leaves us feeling as if we knew each of these people and we want justice to prevail.

"Mudbound" was released both in theaters and on Netflix.

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MON, MARCH 19

•**6:45-8:30pm: Sneak a Peek at the Fox NUFF Forum** at the Fox Theater, on corner of Harbor & Chapman in downtown Fullerton. Come hear the latest news and see the improvements at the theater. Free. Info@Nuffpac.org

TUES, MARCH 20

•**noon - 1:30pm: Feminism from Nubian Queenship to Black Girl Magic** presentation at Humanities-Social Sciences Building, Room 34, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Free but parking is \$2/hour.

•**6:30pm: Fullerton City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth. Reducing Neighborhood Block Party Fees; Legislative Update; Housing Element Report; Public Land Zoning Amendment - zoning is removed when city land is sold to private party; Beekeeping 2nd Reading; Prop 69 Funds to Police Dept. for DNA Refrigerator; Valencia Dr/Basque Area street, sewer & water contract approval; and more. See full agenda at www.cityoffullerton.com

•**5pm-7pm: Panel Discussion on Muslim Misrepresentation** at University Hall, Room 205, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Free but parking is \$2/hour.

•**7:30pm: "The Occupation of the American Mind" screening** at Cousins Club of OC Americans for Israeli/Palestinian Peace meeting, Community Meeting Room, 15500 Sand Canyon Ave (same parking lot as the Irvine Ranch Water District offices), Irvine. The film provides a sweeping analysis of Israel's battle for the hearts, minds and tax dollars of the American people in the face of widening international condemnation of its policies with regard to the Palestinian people. The film features many well known commentators including Noam Chomsky, Norman Finkelstein, Phyllis Bennis and Rashid Khalidi. \$10 appreciated contribution.

WED, MARCH 21

•**8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park, next to the DMV on Valencia between Euclid and Highland in Fullerton. Fresh produce including fruit, vegetables, eggs, flowers, plants, baked goods, nuts, and more from the farmer. Be sure to try out the two new vendors selling great tamales and empanadas..

•**Noon: LA Times Lifetime Achievement Award-winning Author Susan Straight** and Pollack Library faculty fellow Jason Sexton will discuss California literature hosted by Boom California. The conversation focuses on how reading California literature "not only informs us about the history of places we think

WED, MARCH 21 continued

we already know but also trains us for resistance, instilling values essential to democracy, like stewardship and empathy, while cultivation responsible imagination," says Sexton. Pollack Library Rotary Club Room 130, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Free but parking is \$2/hour.

THURS, MARCH 22

•**11am-1pm: Lunch with League** features speaker Sharon Ellis, administration manager for Habitat for Humanity OC. Coyote Hills Golf Course, 1440 E. Bastanchury Rd., Fullerton. \$20 includes lunch & speaker. Email lunchwithleague@lwnvoc.org or call (714) 254-7440 by Monday, March 20 to reserve your space.

•**11:30am-2pm: CSUF Debate: Criminalizing Sex Work** panel discussion about consequences of policies designed to punish or protect sex workers features speakers Veronica Herrera, CSUF assistant professor of criminal justice; Jennifer Musto, Wellesley College assistant professor of gender studies; Edith Kinne, San Jose U assistant professor of justice studies; and Meg Munoz, founder and executive director of Abeni, a Fullerton-based nonprofit. University Hall, Room 205, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. On campus parking is \$2 per hour at Park & Pay. Free

SAT, MARCH 24

•**8am-10:30am: Free Compost Give-Away** presented by City of Fullerton and MG Disposal at Independence Park, 801 W. Valencia Dr. Bring your own solid containers. No Bags. Limit of 60 gallons per household. Residents must provide proof of Fullerton residency (CA drivers license or utility bill). Call 714-238-2444. First come first served.

•**2pm-5pm: March for Our Lives #Never Again** at Centennial Regional Park, 3000 W. Edinger Ave, Santa Ana. Kids and families will march on the streets of Santa Ana to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools today. www.marchforourlives.com. There is a bus leaving from Fullerton Train Station on E. Santa Fe at 1:15pm (returning at 5:15pm) for those who need transportation to the park.

SUN, MARCH 25

•**5:30pm-7pm: Free Multifaith Workshop** led by Michael Shepherd, professor of intercultural studies at Hope University and a former VP of the Fullerton Ministerial Association. 109 E. Wilshire, Fullerton. Come to understand and incorporate different spiritual practices and how to appreciate the diversity of a multicultural community. Childcare provided.

TUES, MARCH 27

•**7pm: Fullerton Community Band Free Spring Concert** at Kennedy High School Performing Arts Center, 8281 Walker St., La Palma CA 90623.

WED, MARCH 28

•**8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park, See March 21 listing for details.

THURS, MARCH 29

•**6:30pm-8:30pm: North OC Chamber of Commerce 39th District Candidate's Forum** presented in partnership with the US Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Fullerton Community Center, 340 W. Commonwealth in Fullerton. Rick Reiff, editor of the OC Business Journal will moderate. Contact the Chamber at (714) 871-3100 for more information.

•**7:30pm: Soprano Gayle Heuser Benefit Concert for Alzheimer's OC** will be presented at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern, Fullerton. She will offer an evening of memorable melodies from the opera, art song and American songbook repertoire. She will be joined by well-known classical pianist Dr. David Clemensen, and jazz master of the piano, Mark Davidson. The concert will also raise awareness regarding resources and support for the 84,000 residents in OC who suffer with Alzheimers. Proceeds benefit Alzheimer's OC. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information visit www.alzoc.org and www.themuck.org or phone 714-738-6595.

TUES, APRIL 3

•**10am-11:30am: University Sustainability & Resiliency You Can See** presented by CSUF sustainability coordinator Tamara Wallace in the Mackey Auditorium of Ruby Gerontology Center, CSUF, 800 N, State College Blvd., Fullerton. Free but parking is \$2 and hour or \$8 per day. More information by calling OLLI at (657)278-2446.

TUES, APRIL 3

•**6:30pm: Fullerton City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth. SB1 Funded Project Resolution; Harbor Blvd Storm Drain repair; Fiscal Year 2019-20 Amendment, and more. See full agenda at www.cityoffullerton.com

WED, APRIL 4

•**8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park, See March 21 listing for details.

THURS, APRIL 5

•**4:30pm-8:30pm: Every Thursday Downtown Market** opens for the season today and features craft and food vendors, kids activities, beer & wine garden, live music and more at the Downtown Fullerton Plaza on E. Wilshire next to the Museum Center between Harbor and Pomona. Admission is free. Free parking available in the adjacent parking structures. This event repeats every Thursday through October 25. Call 714-738-6545 with questions.

SAT, APRIL 7

•**8am-1pm: Free Kid's Fishing Derby at Laguna Lake** opens for kids ages 3 to 15 at 8am at the Fish & Wildlife Learning Station. Poles are provided. Fishing starts at 8:30am. Arts & Crafts and food for purchase at the event. Laguna Lake is located on Lakeview Drive in Fullerton. Sign up to reserve your space at (714)738-6575

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Le French Film Festival at Fullerton College April 10-13

by Vanessa Ferreira

Fullerton College is pleased to announce this year's French Film Festival, which will be held April 10-13. It's great opportunity for students and community members to immerse themselves in French cinema. In addition, each night will feature a cultural event for ticketholders that includes free food sampling offered by local restaurants and bakeries, art, music and live performances. Here's this year's line up:

La Famille Bélier (April 10): Born to a deaf family, Paula is a necessary interpreter for her family. As her story unfolds, the audience witnesses a heart warming story of a family torn apart by their differences, but united by their love, as a young girl journeys to follow her dream.

Der ganz grosse Traum (April 11): German night. The reform-minded headmaster von Merfeld has hired a young teacher Konrad Koch to teach English at a strictly-run German school for boys in 1874 in order to let a fresh new wind into his musty institution. Everything that the boys know about England is common prejudices handed down from one generation to the next. However, things are about to change.

La Vache (April 12): The story of Fatah, an Algerian peasant who leaves his family to follow his dream of taking his cow, Jacqueline, to the Paris International Agricultural show. This begins a journey that is filled with attention-grabbing and dangerous encounters that bring him closer to ordinary French citizens.

Chocolat (April 13): This biographical drama depicts the story of the first African-American Clown, Chocolat, in late 19th century France. As Chocolat finds success, he also faces many challenges that stem from the racism of French culture at the time and struggles with his place in the profession as a racial caricature.

General Admission Ticket: \$6.50 per evening/per person. All 4 nights for \$20 per person. High school student price: \$3 per evening/per student

Students, parents, families, film fanatics, and community members alike are invited to partake in this unique experience. The event will be held at Fullerton College's Campus Theatre with cultural hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. and movie screenings beginning at 7:30 p.m. English subtitles will be shown for all films. No matter what your preference is, there is sure to be a film that fits your taste.

Hibleton's March Film Series Explores Muslim-American Experience

Hibleton Gallery is partnering with local filmmaker Ahmad Zahra to present a series of films exploring the Muslim-American experience. All screenings take place at 8pm at Hibleton Gallery in the Magoski Arts Colony, 223 W. Santa Fe in Fullerton. A discussion will follow each screening. Admission is free. Below are the remaining two films for March:



March 24th: On Common Grounds (2004)

"We came to show the world that we can build and not destroy". Three Southern California Jewish, Christian and Muslim groups attempt to overcome their differences by building a house for a poor family in Mexico. However, this attempt proves to be rather challenging. Produced and directed by Ahmad Zahra.

March 31st: Mooz-Lum (2010)

Amid a strict Muslim rearing and a social life he's never had, Tariq enters college confused. New peers, family and mentors help him find his place, but the 9-11 attacks force him to face his past and make the biggest decisions of his life. Written and directed by Qasim Basir. Starring Evan Ross, Nia Long, Roger Guenveur Smith.



The Muckenthaler Cultural Center

1201 W. Malvern Ave., Fullerton
Tickets: www.themuck.org (714)738-6595

Thursday, April 12, at 7:30-9:30pm: Speakeasy - New Orleans Laissez les bon temps rouler! as the Muckenthaler is converted to a roaring 1920s New Orleans Speakeasy, complete with a live Dixieland band, dancing, drinking, "gambling", and a police raid. Dress in your '20s best and remember the password: "Orange Juice." \$25

Thursday, April 26, at 7:30-9:30pm: Elvis Schoenberg Orchestre Surreal a 30 musician group boldly goes where no orchestra has ever gone before. The award-winning group is comprised of talent on vocals, keyboards, electric bass & guitar, drums, percussion, violin, viola, cello, French horn, trombone, woodwinds, trumpet and tuba celebrate the deconstruction of music that holds the wit of Spike Jones and complexities of Frank Zappa. \$25 (\$16/ students & seniors; \$12 members.

DAY OF MUSIC VENUE REGISTRATION OPENS

Join the Music Making Festival Heard Around the World

Day of Music Fullerton (DOMF) is fast approaching. Registration for performers and venues is now open. To be a part of this fun and exciting day, register early to begin the matchmaking process that brings musicians and venues together for great performances throughout Fullerton.

Musicians and venue owners can sign up online now at www.thedayofmusic.com. Simply click on the link under the "participate" tab. Registration will close on May 1.

Keeping with the theme of free music for everyone, there is no cost for DOM musician/venue registration.

The growth and expansion for DOM Fullerton relies on its venues and artists. The event is completely free, artists cannot charge venues and venues cannot charge the public to enjoy the music.

This year, June 21 falls on a Thursday so Day of Music Fullerton will join in with the farmer's market at the Plaza as well as locations throughout the city. It is an all day event that also celebrates the summer solstice.



Fullerton local Katie Stump performing solo at last year's Day of Music

For more information on the Day of Music and future DOMF events please visit www.thedayofmusic.com or email info@thedayofmusic.com.



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DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID @ Clayes Performing Arts Center Little Theater

Cal State Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton
Tickets: 657-278-3371 or pac-boxoffice@Exchange.fullerton.edu

The Broadway blockbuster opens March 23 for Orange County audiences. Directed by Eve Himmelheber with choreography by Karl Warden and musical direction by Corey Hirsch. Mermaid princess Ariel is fascinated by the world and lives of people on land and longs to join them. However, her father, King Triton, forbids contact. When she falls in love with the human Prince Eric from afar, she makes a deal with the evil Ursula to win his heart. The Honorary Producers are Dwight Richard Odle and The Ebell Club. Through April 15 at 8pm, with 2pm matinees March 25 and April 7, 8, 14 & 15. \$22-\$24

CRIMES OF THE HEART @ Stages Theater

400 E. Commonwealth Ave.
Tickets: (714)525-4484 www.stagesoc.org.

The warm-hearted irreverent 1981 Pulitzer Prize winning *Crimes of the Heart* tells the story of how its young characters escape the past to seize the future. Written by Beth Henley, and directed by Steven Biggs, the three Magrath sisters have gathered in Hazelhurst, Mississippi, to await news of the family patriarch, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital. Lenny is unmarried at 30; Meg is back after a failed singing career; and Babe is out on bail after having shot her husband. Their troubles are highlighted by their cousin Chick, and by the young lawyer who tried to keep Babe out of jail. Through March 31. Fri & Sat at 8pm, Sun at 2pm.

HOLMES & WATSON @ Maverick Theater

110 E. Walnut Ave. Fullerton
Tickets: (714)526-7070 www.mavericktheater.com

Holmes & Watson plays through April 22 and is the West Coast Premiere of the play written by Jeffery Hatcher, and directed by Brian Newell.

Three years after Sherlock plunged to his death off Reichenbach Falls, Dr. Watson receives a telegram suggesting his old friend may still be alive. The mysterious wire was sent from a doctor who states that one of his patients could be the late Sherlock Holmes. Watson travels to the asylum and is drawn into a web of intrigue and murder as he investigates what really happened to Sherlock. Not intended for anyone under 10.



Allegory for Grief and Grace Exhibit of the work of Lisa Congdon

@ Fullerton College Gallery

321 E. Chapman, on campus

An exhibit of the work of Fullerton College 2018 Artist in Residence Lisa Congdon opened March 8 and continues through April 9th. Fine artist, illustrator and author Congdon is best known for her colorful paintings and hand lettering. She works for clients around the world including MoMA, REI, Harvard University, Chronicle Books, and Random House Publishing. She is the author of seven books, including the starving-artist-myth-smashing *Art Inc: The Essential Guide to Building Your Career as an Artist*, and illustrated books *The Joy of Swimming*, *Fortune Favors the Brave*, *Whatever You Are, Be a Good One*, *Twenty Ways to Draw a Tulip* and *A Collection a Day*. Her latest book, is *A Glorious Freedom: Older Women Leading Extraordinary Lives*. She was named one of 40 Women Over 40 to Watch in 2015 and she is featured in the 2017 book, *200 Women Who Will Change the Way you See the World*. She lives and works in Portland, Oregon. The gallery is open Mon -Thurs from 10am to 12pm, and 2pm to 4pm. Evening hours from 6pm to 8pm on March 21st and April 2.



• **Lunch**
11:30am - 2:30pm

• **Happy Hour**
5pm - 7pm

• **Dinner**
from 5:30pm

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April Art Walk @ Fox Theater

On April 6, the historic Fox Theatre will be showcasing art by Rene Cardona. Enjoy the stunning original interior of Downtown Fullerton's famous landmark. Admission is free. Enjoy an evening of local artwork, socializing, entertainment, and refreshments. Fox representatives will be available that evening to answer any questions that you may have about the future of the Fox. 500 N Harbor Blvd, Fullerton.
www.foxfullerton.org

Fullerton First Friday ART WALK

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www.fullertonartwalk.com

Local Photographers "Natural Wonders" Fullerton Arboretum Nikkei Heritage Museum

1900 Associated Road (at the edge of
CSUF campus), Fullerton

The fine art photography of 38 local photographers featuring views of landscapes, animals, and plants is on exhibit in 'Natural Wonders' through March 24 in the Nikkei Heritage Museum at the Fullerton Arboretum. The museum is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4pm.

Learn more by visiting
www.fullertonarboretum.org

Electricity @ Fullerton Museum Center

301 N. Pomona Ave.,
(at Wilshire Ave.) Fullerton.
(714)738-6545

In the 18th century, scientists like Benjamin Franklin began to understand the basic principles of natural electricity.

Today we use electricity in our everyday lives, from lighting our homes to powering our cell phones.

This exhibit explores how power is harnessed and what happens when we flip on a switch. Through April 8th.

4th MFA Biennial @ City of Brea Gallery

1 Civic Circle, Brea
(714) 990-7731 brea-gallery.com

This contemporary exhibition is up through March 25 and features bodies of artwork from a selection of Masters of Fine Arts students attending local universities. The diverse collection of works selected, including painting, installation, photography, drawing, and sculpture illustrate the broad range of artwork being made by these dedicated students of the arts. This year's show continues relationships with exceptional schools such as California State Universities Fullerton, Long Beach, and Northridge, as well as Claremont Graduate University and Otis College of Art and Design. An artist in residence program will accompany the exhibit.

H2OMG! Watercolor Gone Wild @ the Muckenthaler

1201 W. Malvern Ave., Fullerton
www.themuck.org (714)738-6595

Organized with the National Watercolor Society. Experience everything you never thought you'd see in an exhibition of watercolor paintings as artists cut loose from convention to explore the wild side of the medium. Through April 8.

Rhino's new look is really a thing to see;
he's sporting a lovely
well-trimmed
goatee.



But what I find
preposterous
is that this one
rhinoceros
could increase his lateral symmetry.

Hibbleton Gallery presents: Miles Taber's Bird Cake

223 W. Santa Fe Ave. Fullerton
Inside the Magoski Arts Colony
www.hibbleton.com

You are cordially invited to the latest art exhibit at Hibbleton Gallery, entitled "Bird Cake" featuring the work of Miles Taber. The opening reception is Friday, April 6th from 6-10pm during the Downtown Fullerton Art Walk. As always, this event is FREE and open to the public.

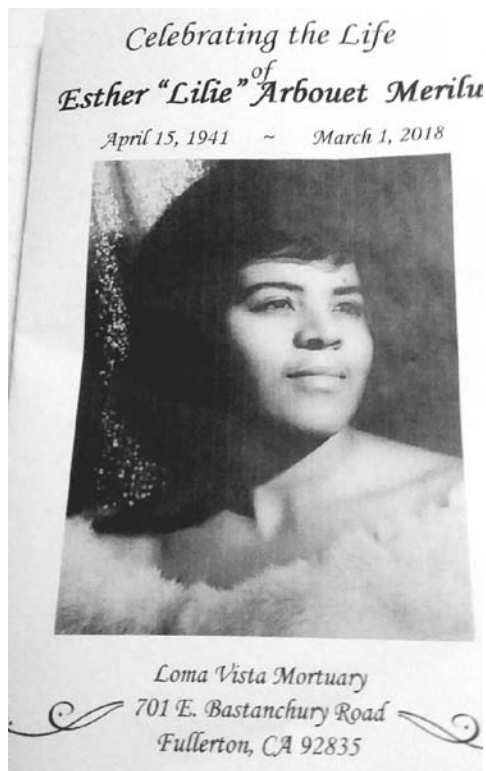
Rapidly shuttling from adorable to upsetting to surreal, these pieces exist somewhere in the space between fine art, single-panel comic strip, and meme. Drawn over the last several years, they usually feature animals or objects in unusual and often uncomfortable situations. Some of the pieces on display (and dozens more) are collected in the hardcover volume Bird Cake (available at this

exhibition). A second collection is forthcoming.

Miles Taber has been making art for his entire life, at least the parts of it he can remember. Most of it has been fairly ridiculous. The art, I mean. But the life too, I guess. He works as an illustrator, performer, designer, and puppeteer.

Hibbleton is a gallery focusing on works from the latest underground artists and is dedicated to art that provokes thought and initiates discourse, whether it is considered subculture, outsider, graffiti, low-brow, or street. The gallery also partners with non-profit organizations and local groups focusing on social justice, education, and making the world a little better through the arts.

Esther "Lilie" Arbouet Merilus



Esther "Lilie" Arbouet Merilus was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti to Reverend Remus and Mrs. Jamine Arbouet on April 15, 1941. She had 6 younger brothers and sisters whom she loved and cared for.

As the daughter of a minister, while growing up in Petit Goave, Esther loved working with the children in the orphanages and attending Vacation Bible School in the summer time. At a very young age, Esther accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized in the ocean in Haiti for the forgiveness of her sins.

In 1958, she came to the U.S. for the first time and traveled via Greyhound from Miami to New York with her dad and sister Claudette where she experienced snow, riding on the subway, flying on an airplane, and eating a hot dog for the very first time.

Esther lived in East Orange, New Jersey from 1958-1960 where she attended East Orange High School. Thereafter, from

1960-1962, she went to Mather Academy Boarding School in South Carolina from which graduated and made many lifelong friends. Esther then traveled from Haiti to California with the Mummaughs in order to find a church.

She loved her siblings very much and ensured that they had a place to live when they came to the U.S. She resided in Fullerton with her brothers Eddy and Jean; her sister Gladys, and brothers Remus and Lesly followed later.

Shortly thereafter, Esther met the love of her life, Brunel S. Merilus whom she was married to for over 50 glorious years. They had 3 children whom she loved dearly. As her sons and daughter attended grade school, Esther cared for other people's kids working as a babysitter. During that time Esther went to school at night to obtain her Child Care Certification, and began teaching Pre-K at private Christian schools for over 20 years, until she retired in 2011.

During retirement, Esther fulfilled a lifelong dream of traveling around the world, and did so with her husband, seeing places that she had only read about.

Esther loved to garden, read, and recite poems (she was a romantic at heart and was very familiar with her French Literature). She also loved to sing (especially Christian hymns), attend church, sew, cook, work crossword puzzles, and play games on the computer like Sudoku, Freecell, Spider Solitaire, and Word Ruffle.

She was blessed with 4 grandchildren and especially loved to spend time with them playing games, coloring, reading stories and more. Just being in their mere presence brought her much joy!

Esther is survived by her husband Brunel S., sons Cormac (Lucero), Brunel P. (Mystique), and daughter Catheline, 4 grandchildren, 2 sisters, 3 brothers, and an abundance of family and friends.

at the City of La Mirada at the civic theatre and later in the finance department. Prior to that she worked at St. Jude Hospital admitting patients.

She was married to Charles E. Sims for 65 years before his death in 2016.

She is survived by her daughter Luanne Sims of Fullerton and her son Rod Sims of Long Beach, California. She is also survived by three grandchildren: Andrew Sims, Ian Sims, and Haley Sims, all of whom reside in Southern California.

In 1986 her husband Errol passed away and in 1988 she and George were wed and moved to Fullerton.

Sharon worked for First American Trust in Santa Ana for over 20 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Kim and son-in-law Phil Buck; her son, Jeffrey Heesch and his wife Jennifer; step-son, Chris Storck and his wife Tiffany, step-daughter, Lisa and her husband Darren Thompson; and 11 grandchildren.

Rest In Peace My Love!

Jose G. Valenzuela

October 1, 1934-February 26, 2018

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great - great grandfather, passed away peacefully at his home in Fullerton. Born in Los Angeles California, Joe was the second child from a family of six. Migrating from Los Angeles to the city of Isleton California, Joe met the love of his life Esther. After only three months of dating, Joe asked Esther for her hand in marriage and got married October 14, 1946. Soon after their marriage in Reno Nevada, Joe and Esther moved to Los Angeles. Both Joe and Esther loved to dance and were great swing and jitterbug dancers being regulars at the Zenda Ballroom in Los Angeles. An Auto Mechanic, a used car dealership

owner, a Life Insurance Agent, and a Real Estate Agent, Joe had multiple careers in his lifetime and viewed this as an opportunity to provide for his family. The strength of my father was in his family. A man with five children and 42 grandchildren, his top priority was to care and provide for his wife and children and share his morals, values, and wisdom with all his offspring. For all those who knew Joe, he had a strong exterior but had a sensitive and caring interior. My father's and mother's faith and love of God has given them 71 years of marriage. Our husband, father, grandfather, great - grandfather, great - great grandfather will greatly be missed, but never forgotten.

John Doverspike Memorial

John W. Doverspike, Jr., 80, passed away in his home in Fullerton on March 13th. Born November 13, 1937 in Clarion, PA, John was the younger brother of three sisters born to Walter and Rose Doverspike.



He graduated from Clarion University and received his masters degree from Whittier College and devoted his professional life to education. He taught mathematics for 40 years, 33 of those years in the Anaheim Union High School District.

John was a dedicated family man and will be missed by his wife, Vee, his two children, Lisa and John III, niece, Karen, and two grandchildren, Adam and John IV, along with nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear long-time friends, neighbors and colleagues.

John was predeceased by his parents and sisters, Nancy, Mary Lou, and Caroline.

The memorial service will be held at 11am, Friday, March, 23, 2018 at First Lutheran Church, in Fullerton.

Sally Rae Lindow

April 25, 1941-February 24, 2018

Sally Rae Lindow passed away Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the age of 76. Born on April 25, 1941 at Cottage Hospital in Fullerton. She grew up in Buena Park and spent time at the family bakery in town as a child. She attended Fullerton Union High School for 2 years and then became part of the first graduating class of Buena Park High School. Sally met her husband, Robert, during high school and they were married on August 7, 1959 in Long Beach, and soon after moved to Fullerton. Together they raised 3 children. Sally loved and enjoyed family time and going to their Big Bear home with her 3 children and 14 grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Robert Lindow; her 3 children, Lorri Mansfield and her husband Alex of Fullerton, Scott Lindow and his wife Lynda of Temecula, and Leslie Taylor and her husband Barry of Fullerton. She had 14 grandchildren: Alexandra, Elizabeth, Jillian, and Evan Mansfield; Scott (Whitney), Parker (Madison), Austin (Chelsea), Melissa, Anderson, Chad, and Hunter Lindow; Meghan, Jacqueline, and Rebecca Taylor; and 3 great grandchildren Blakely, Rue and Raegan Lindow. As a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend, we were all truly blessed to know her and love her.

Jeanne A. Sims

Jeanne A. Sims of Fullerton passed away on February 27, 2018 due to congestive heart failure and complications of diabetes. She was born in Muncie, Indiana on April 1, 1936.

She enjoyed sports, sewing, reading biographies, and playing the piano. She graduated from Fullerton High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of LaVerne. She worked for many years

Sharon Heesch Storck

Sharon Heesch Storck, wife of George Storck, passed away early Wednesday morning, February 14th, 2018. Services were held March 6th at Loma Vista Mortuary in Fullerton.

Sharon was born in Oklahoma. She was the daughter of John and Geraldine Spencer. Sharon wed Errol Heesch in Iowa in 1963. They had a daughter Kim and a son Jeffrey. Eventually they moved to California.

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Carolyn Coal, CSUF associate professor of communications spent three years creating the documentary "I Am Known as an Artist, Wharton Esherick"

CSUF Communications Professor Carolyn Coal Shares Artist's Story Through Film

Carolyn Coal describes the Pennsylvania home studio of enigmatic mid-century wood sculptor Wharton Esherick as magical — a "wow" kind of place.

The cozy cottage, encircled by the woods, overlooks fields and farmland. Inside it's filled with one-of-a-kind furniture, sculptures, fireplaces, even spiral staircases — the work of an artist who influenced the American Studio Craft movement piece by piece.

"Being there makes you want to explore your own creativity," the associate professor of communications said of the studio-turned-museum after Esherick's death in 1977. "I admired his personal aesthetic, his singleness of purpose, and the commitment he had to his craft."

Coal is an award-winning writer and director whose portfolio includes film and advertising experience and career roots in

television and music video production. Still, in her recent TEDx Talk, "The Seeds of Creativity," she confesses that despite feeling an instant connection with Esherick, it took her awhile to listen as she kept saying: "Somebody really ought to do a documentary on this guy."

Coal's 41-minute documentary, "I Am Known as an Artist, Wharton Esherick," premiered in the fall at the Barnes Foundation, a museum in Philadelphia, where she hosted a panel discussion on Esherick and the three-year project to make the film.

A failed painter who discovered wood, Esherick spoke about the wood as if it had a voice. When asked how he could create sculptured tables and chairs that were organically patterned after nature, Esherick said: "The wood told me."

"Wharton listened to the wood and let it guide him," Coal added.

As a young artist, Esherick moved to a small farm outside Philadelphia and built his studio in the woods.

Esherick set the template for the live/work lifestyle so revered by today's "Etsy" culture. Experts consider him one of the forefathers of the American Studio Craft movement, a style characterized by independent artists, producing handcrafted pieces in their home studios.

"The two main challenges most artists face are time and money. I would have preferred to produce the film in a 15-month period, but as a full-time professor, I had to spread the production across three summer breaks," says Coal. "Midway through the production, the original editor dropped out, which meant I had to onboard a new individual after much for the film had been shot. Our initial funding ran out, so I launched a successful Kickstarter campaign, which made it possible for us to finish the film. These challenges certainly tested my commitment to the project, but ultimately helped to share the final story."

Coal is currently adapting a screenplay into a rap opera, which she wants to develop with CSUF students interested in writing the music.

Student Arrested for Threatening to Shoot Up School

Fullerton Police responded to D. Russell Parks Jr. High School in Fullerton on Monday, March 5th around 11:30am. School administrators called them after they were informed by multiple students that a male student said he had a gun at his home and planned to "shoot up" the school the next day.

Fullerton officers conducted a search of the male student's Anaheim residence and found a loaded handgun, and ammunition, that were both easily accessible.

The 14-year-old male juvenile was arrested for criminal threats and taken to Orange County Juvenile Hall.

This information was brought forward

by numerous courageous students who knew what they were hearing the student say was not only inappropriate, but dangerous. "These brave students put "See something, say something," into action and as a result were able to keep their classmates, district staff, and the community safe," said Fullerton School District Superintendent Robert Pletka in a note home to parents.

The Fullerton Police Department reminds you "if you see something, say something." We are all responsible for keeping our community safe. Call Fullerton Police School Resource Officer Jose Paez at (714) 773-5703.

Art Exhibit Displays High School District's Most Talented

The 32nd Annual Fullerton Joint Union High School District Education Foundation Art Show will open on April 2, at the Education Center located at 1051 West Bastanchury Road, Fullerton.

The Art Show will be open to the public April 2, 2018 through Tuesday April 17, 2018, 8am to 5pm. The awards reception is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30pm in the boardroom at the District Education Center, 1051 W. Bastanchury.

The Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization, has sponsored the art exhibit since 1987 in an effort to promote the visual arts of district students. The winning student entries will be announced at the reception.

The student art exhibit is organized by Allen Whitten, Sunny Hills High School Principal and the Art Curriculum Committee Chair. The selections will be juried by college and university professors.



High School Senior In Need of a Prom Dress?

If you are a high school senior in need of a dress for the prom apply today to see if you qualify for the YWCA Prom Project. Qualified applicants will be contacted to attend Boutique Day.

On Boutique Day each successful applicant will shop at no charge with an assigned stylist to find the perfect dress. Make-up artists and hair stylists will also be present to make sure your prom look is complete!

Boutique Day is Saturday, March 24 from 9:30am to 3:30pm at the United Methodist Church of Fullerton, 114 Pomona Ave. (at Commonwealth).

To request an application call (714) 871-4488 or visit www.ywcanoc.org to download and application or fill one out online. Completed application may be

submitted online, or by email to dataman-ager@ywcanoc.org or by sending through the mail to:

YWCA of North Orange County
215 E. Commonwealth Ave. Suite F
Fullerton CA 92832

The Prom Project needs donations to purchase dresses in sizes rarely donated; new or gently used jewelry and bags in excellent condition, new unopened cosmetics, nail or hair products, and volunteers to help with sorting dresses, shoes, goody bags, and helping to set up the event, and to serve as personal shoppers or hair and make-up stylists.

If you can help out call or email Rosamaria Gomez-Amaro (714)871-4488 or rgomezamaro@gmail.com.

Daughters of the American Revolution Mojave Chapter Annual Awards Ceremony

by Sharon Corsiglia

The Mojave Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held its annual awards ceremony honoring the winners of the American History Essay Contest and recipients of the Good Citizen Award, on March 10th at the Elks Club Lodge in Fullerton.

The essays, transcripts and other credentials were judged by outside educators.

This year's Good Citizen Awardee is Emilee Carr from Esperanza High who also is the recipient of the Mark Ashcroft and the Marilyn Skinner Regent memorial awards; Runners Up are Issac Alferos from Buena Park High, Mikayla Lynn Buscaino from Yorba Linda High, Brenda Ceja from Cornelia Connelly School, Tatiana Galvis from Cypress High. School Level Honors went to Dillon Robert Crain from Whittier Christian High and Kelly Kay from Rosary Academy.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the ending of the Great War, the topic of the American History Essay Contest was "World War I: Remembering the War to End All Wars."

Students were asked to imagine themselves at that point in history and to

describe where they lived and how the end of the war impacted their lives plus the pros and cons of the changes the war introduced to society, and how it would impact the United States in years to come.

Fifth grade winners: Audrey Jeon, Hannah Chang, and Rylan Raukko, all from Fisler School. Eighth grade winners: George Spano, Matthew Mandrella, and Mohammad El Zayat, all from Ladera Vista Jr. High.

Awardees were presented with certificates, pins, desk flags, and monetary awards by DAR American History Essay Chair Ruth Govorchin. City pins were presented to each winner by the mayor.

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Trump's Budget Proposal Severely Impacts Community Action

by Gregory C. Scott *President & CEO Community Action Partnership of OC*

President Donald Trump recently released his budget proposal for FY 2019, recommending deep cuts to vital funding for programs that support some of our most vulnerable community members.

The President's budget proposal eliminates funding for programs that assist low-income families served by Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC), an anti-poverty and social justice organization.

CAPOC is part of a network of 1,000 Community Action Agencies across the country, which currently serves 16 million low-income Americans annually.

If passed, President Trump's proposal will cause significant funding reductions to programs that make a difference in the lives of thousands of people. This dramatically impacts CAPOC's programs

such as our fight against hunger in the OC Food Bank, weatherization and utility assistance programs, and social service programs at our two Family Resource Centers that serve hundreds of thousands of low-income women, children, and families throughout the Orange County region.

Today, an estimated 350,000 people live in poverty in Orange County, and one in

five children are at-risk of hunger each day. Many of those affected are the working poor, who struggle to support their families in a county that has one of the highest costs of living rates in the nation.

Orange County's high cost of living forces many families and older adults to compromise between paying rent or buying food; resulting in poverty, food insecurity and unhealthy diets.

Poverty is a complicated issue. As a starting point, these issues include hunger, livable jobs and wages, affordable housing, mental health and health-care, and race and gender discrimination. Our essential work serves to right the wrongs suffered by disenfranchised sectors of our community.

CAPOC's programs are made possible through the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding that would be eliminated in President Trump's proposal. Also slated for complete defunding is the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), which provides USDA food boxes to over 700,000 low-income seniors in the country. These cuts are further magnified by a complete restructuring of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program (SNAP or commonly known as Food Stamps and better known as CalFresh in California). Nationally, 30% of people currently receiving such benefits would lose them under the Trump budget plan. These cuts would impact virtually every type of SNAP participant, including the unemployed, seniors, disabled individuals, and low-income families with children.

Also on the chopping block is the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which assists families with home energy costs, and weatherization services.

It is important to remember the citizens affected by these cuts are our neighbors, friends, and family members. We have to keep in mind the human cost to these cuts, as much as the actual monetary figures often highlighted by policymakers.

The President proposes to eliminate funding for programs supported by members of Congress on both sides of the aisle. Congress understands the needs facing America's poor communities; this is a bipartisan issue and must be resolved. I strongly urge members of the community and members of Congress to stand behind these programs and reject the President's proposal. We each have a role in building better communities and changing lives.

Rejecting these budget cuts will significantly support our efforts to continue our work in strengthening our most vulnerable citizens.

**Stay woke.
We are at risk
of becoming
so numb to
the challenges
our country faces,
we miss the
opportunities
to fight for
the legislation
put in place to
help those in need
that ultimately
benefits us all.**

Disappointing Bee Decision by Council

I am very disappointed in the members of the city council who voted to support residential beekeeping with no restrictions - particularly Bruce Whitaker and Doug Chaffee. Fitzgerald, Sebourn and Silva did try individually to get some restrictions included, but ultimately the vote was 4-1 (Sebourn, no) to support a resolution that provides no protections to residents.

In spite of many people speaking about concerns of the potential for problems of too many bees in closely built small-lot neighborhoods, our council voted to allow unlimited numbers of hives in unlimited numbers of residences.

The only rules in place are that beekeepers have to take out a permit and inform their immediately adjacent neighbors that they are going to raise bees.

If you have a medical proof of allergies to bee stings, you can provide that documentation (which will cost you to get) to prevent only your immediate neighbor from keeping bees. But not the guy two doors away. Since bees cannot be controlled and travel several miles a day to forage, allergic people will still have increased risk of danger just being in their own yard.

Yes, bees are important to our gardens, food production, and the environment in

general. Not one person who spoke in favor of some restrictions asked for a continued ban on beekeeping, which has been the rule up to now. There was just a call for common sense protection of people, especially kids and those who are allergic, by limiting the number of hives on a property, or the number of beekeepers within a certain radius.

Limits make sense because bee hives generally house many thousands of bees, so one hive can significantly impact the number of bees in your immediate area. Unlimited numbers of hives in an area with houses built closely together...you get the picture.

Also, as acknowledged by the bee keeping proponents themselves, swarming is more likely to occur when there is a shortage of plants/water for the number of bees in an area. That's another reason to limit the number of hives based on lot size, proximity to other homes or other beekeepers.

Why not start with some limits, and slowly relax them as we see how this all works out? How about doing it in such a way that protects the rest of the citizens?

Interestingly, the majority of proponents who spoke in favor of unlimited beekeeping are already keeping bees in

their yards, against the current city ordinance. So the council just rewarded these non-compliant hobbyists by removing all restrictions. Clearly, as indicted by their already established history of ignoring city zoning rules, beekeepers are likely to have as many hives as they can fit on a lot. So, apparently council logic is to not impose rules on them that they already don't comply with.

If you are allergic to bees, you are now on your own to be much more vigilant when outside, and spend several hundred dollars getting Epi-pens and/or documentation from your doctor to prove you have an allergy to bees.

What other hobby puts this type of burden on other people? Meanwhile, city council just invited everyone living around you to have as many bee hives as they want.

Gretchen Cox Fullerton

Children Should Not Be in Charge

A recent op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal* (McGurn, 2-27) mockingly derided protests by students by asking: do we want to be ruled by children? And he has a point: we should not be!

We admittedly busy adults - X-generation-types finding their way in the world, millennials struggling to raise and support a family, boomers enjoying their retirements to the max (and incidentally ruling the ballot box) - must take time out and act like responsible citizens! This is a critical moment; we need to act NOW for the sake of our children and the future of our country.

Can anyone in his right mind make a case that people should have the right to own weapons (getting cheaper by the day) that fire 30 rounds/minute, and are optimally designed for massacres at school grounds, or anywhere else?

Rather than gun control we need and we must have *Assault Weapon Control*, in order to put a stop to the murderous weapons that endanger the lives of our children and make us the laughingstock of the world. Let the NRA try to make a compelling case in opposition. They will fail.

Pete Baron Fullerton

Trump Administration 2019 Budget Request

The Trump Administration released its Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request on February 12. The Fiscal Year 2019 begins October 1, 2018. The budget which must go through Congress before being signed into law calls for \$4.4 trillion in federal spending overall.

Housing: Cuts Dept. of Housing & Urban Development funding by 14%; Proposes eliminating Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Choice Neighborhoods, HOME Investment Partnerships, Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program; Increases the required household share for rental assistance from 30 to 35 percent.

Education: Cuts Dept. of Education funding by 5%; Reduces teacher training and federal work/study funding; Proposes eliminating subsidized student loans and public service loan forgiveness program.

Transportation: Cuts Dept. of Transportation funding by 18%; Calls for a \$200 billion federal infrastructure package to stimulate \$1.3 trillion in state, local, and private investment; Proposes eliminating TIGER grants and winding down FTA capital investment grants.

Public Health/Environment: Cuts funding for the Environmental Protection Agency by 25%; Adds \$5 billion over the next five years to address the opioid epidemic.

Public Safety: Cuts funding for recidivism/reentry grants and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Provides level funding for Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

Poverty Assistance: Proposes eliminating Community Services Block Grant

Economic Development: Proposes eliminating the Economic Development Administration; Reduces funding for job training programs.

Arts: Proposes eliminating the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Defense/Homeland Security: Provides \$617 billion to the Dept. of Defense (an increase of 14%); Increases Dept of Homeland Security funding by 12%; Prioritizes counterterrorism activities, missile defense, cybersecurity, and construction of a border wall.

BALANCE & CHANGE

The Importance of Slow Times

Anyone who knows me, knows that I always have many things that I am doing and that I move very fast, getting them all done. However, as I sit here writing this, I am recovering from a nasty cold and I do not have the energy to go at my normal speed.

This is an important lesson for me, and I am going to guess for many of you, which is to listen to what my body needs. In this case, it means to slow down. This is very difficult for me but if I do not listen, I will probably get sick again.

There are many advantages to going slowly. I can live more mindfully in the moment and appreciate everything

from the coffee that I am sipping to the music playing. By giving myself permission to not work, I have read several books. I watched a movie with one of my sons last night. It was delightful having the time with him.

As I start to feel better and gear up again, my challenge is to remember the way that I felt going slower. To make sure that I combine both the fast times and the slow times. To make sure that I put both in my life. To get done everything that I want to do while also enjoying my life! And making sure that I do not get sick again! Wish me the strength to incorporate this into my life. I wish you the same!



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(updated March 14, 2018)

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ANSWER KEY

At left is the answer key to the crossword puzzle on page 7:

"OTHER OSCARS"



Fullerton-born resident Valerie Brickey has been constructing puzzles for numerous years. She has agreed to keep us entertained with more in the future!

Public Hearing on Electricity Rate Boost

If approved by the California Public Utilities Commission some customers of SoCal Edison will find their rates increased by up to 6% while other group rates will be reduced by up to 5.5%.

A public hearing will be held March 19, from 2pm to 7pm at the Port of Long Beach boardroom, 4801 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815.

The proposal would raise (kWh) rates on residential customers from 18.8 to 19.6; rates for Street and Area Lighting would increase from 17.9 to 19.0; Standby customers rates would go from 9.8 to 10.1; and Agricultural and Pumping rates would increase from 12.7 to 19.0. On the other hand rates would go down for Large Power customers from 12.0 to 11.9 and Small & Medium Power

rates would decrease from 16.9 to 15.9.

To view SCE's application visit www.sce.com/applications and scroll to "2018 GRC Phase 2."

ACIDIZING FULLERTON

The East Coyote Hole 80 well located in Fullerton began fracking operations on March 13 at 8am. The operation is called "Maintenance Acidizing." The nearest residence is located 641 feet away on Threewoods Lane. This well has been listed since 2015 and is operated by Breitburn Operating, LP, a Chevron leasee. Visit the AQMD at www.aqmd.gov/nav/online-services and click on the Public Access to Oil & Gas Well Report link listed under Public Information for more information.

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prescribe a mouth guard to protect the grinder's teeth.

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Dogs Can be Feisty or Sweet as Honey

Many of us love dogs. In fact, as of last year and this year, an estimated 90 million dogs live in US household as pets (statista.com). However, there are still many of the estimated 326 million US population as of 2018 (worldometers.info) who don't have a pet dog and may not even know how to handle one. I'm one of them. I love these furry animals but since I don't have one for a pet. I don't know how exactly how to pet them. I thought they are all sweet and cuddly. It took a heart-thumping experience to learn a great lesson about this furry animal known as "man's best friend."

My friend, Alli, and I decided to have a playdate on a Friday afternoon. Little did we know, it wasn't going to be one of those happy times. Alli's grandmother owns a feisty dog named Athana. She is a chihuahua who barks very often. I have met her many times before so she was sort of used to me. I thought she had opened up her heart to me so I started to play with her. We were having so much fun that I forgot we weren't completely friends yet.

Athana almost toppled off the edge of the couch, so I tried to carry her off the edge to put her on the floor where she would be safe like a caterpillar in its cocoon. I am not an expert with dogs so it did not occur to me to ask the owner if the dog is comfortable with people carrying her. As I put my hands around the pup, she started to growl ferociously at me. My fright meter went up so I dashed out of the room. I wish I had with me a doggie handbook I could learn from, because, apparently, I didn't realize that dogs think you want to play tag with them when you run. Athana was such a skilled runner that she managed to close in on me swiftly. Or, maybe it's just because she has four legs and I have only two. I zoomed past bedrooms and dodged furniture obstacles. I thought I would make a great beginner ninja because I went down the stairs without slipping or tumbling down. I thought the chase was over but I was wrong. I had to run around the kitchen and the living room. As I jumped on top of the couch, Athana's owner (a.k.a my friend's grandma), came to rescue me. She found me shaking in



You can read to the Sweet as Honey Pet Prescription Dogs at the Fullerton Public Library's every Wednesday "Read with the Dogs" event 6-7pm on 2nd Wednesdays and 3:30-4:30pm on all other Wednesdays. PHOTO BY F. BILANGEL

fear like an earthquake would. I watched as Athana's owner shooed her back to her cage where she whimpered and laid down.

The heart-thumping experience I had with Athana left a scar on me. I was terrified to pet and even go anywhere near a dog. I thought I would never play with a pup again until I visited my cousin's house for a two-week vacation. As I went to play with my cousin, I found her holding a dog which looked exactly like the one who tried to bite my face off. I immediately backed off horrified. However, my cousin reassuringly said, "Hello Francine, this is my dog, Cookie! She is a very sweet dog that doesn't bite and rarely barks." I was sort of doubtful but then, I slowly warmed up to the idea that not all dogs are as nasty and feisty as Athana. I offered my hand to Cookie to sniff and

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get to know me. She gently smelled my hand then stood on her hind legs and used her two front legs to cling on me. I realized she wanted to be cuddled and I lifted her up. She snuggled sweetly in my arms. I didn't know how, but I suddenly fell in love with this gentle pup. I played, fed, and petted her throughout my stay at my cousin's house.

During the last moments I spent with Cookie before I headed back home, I felt how my heart was beating peacefully, a far cry from the heart-thumping experience I had with the other dog. That was like a 'eureka' moment for me. My opinion on dogs had changed significantly. As Cookie jumped on my lap, I thought to myself, "Some dogs can be really feisty and nasty,



At Left.

Francine reads to a very attentive Sheepdog at a Wednesday Read with the Dogs session.

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F. BILANGEL

just as some can be really nice and sweet as honey. One feisty dog does not define the rest of their kind.'

Back home, there are days when I wish I could pet a dog just like Cookie who is so gentle and peaceful. I can't have a pup yet because I'm still learning how to be responsible enough to take care of one. They say it's like having another kid in the house so it's a huge responsibility. Both my parents don't know anything about dogs so the best advice we got is not to get one yet until I'm ready.

But, did you know that there is a place in the city where you can go to pet a bunch of lovable, peace-loving canines for FREE? Yes, it's free. The Fullerton Public Library has a program called "Read With The Dogs." It is held every Wednesday in the children's section where certified therapy dogs from the Pet Prescription Team

sit with their handlers and listen to you as you read books to them. Every 2nd Wednesday, a bunch of these furry friends wait for kids to read to them from 6pm to 7pm. On all other Wednesday's of the month, two golden retrievers come to visit from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

This is where I go to spend a relaxing time with very gentle and safe dogs. Reading a book to them and petting them afterwards is very relaxing. It gives me that warm and happy feeling. If you don't have a furry friend at home like me,, I guess this is the best way you can enjoy one for free without worrying about them biting off your face. See you at the library.

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The L.A. Raids Rapid Response Network invites families and loved ones of those detained by ICE at home or work to reach out for support, including potential consultation with an immigration attorney, at the Network's hotline, (888) 624-4752. A Know Your Rights document can also be found here:

<https://www.aclusocal.org/en/know-your-rights/ice-agents-your-door>