



A Riot Gear Response to Protest Questioned

Four hundred people attended the Jan. 21st council meeting and 46 spoke. Most were there to protest the recent not-guilty verdict of two officers charged in the death of Kelly Thomas. There were also questions about why Police Chief Hughes felt it necessary to bring out the riot police and SWAT armored vehicle to shut down the Jan. 18th demonstration downtown which also drew about 400 people, and to demand that the fired officers not be rehired by the city.

Chief Hughes assured the crowd that he would be vigorously defending his prior decisions in terminating the employment of officers Ramos, Cicinelli, and Wolfe. He also said that he is cooperating in the FBI investigation of the three officers.

He said riot gear became necessary due to the numerous online threats to bring explosives and guns to the protest, burn the police department to the ground, and kill police officers and their families. Police shut down the rally after a group of protesters assaulted a news crew. **More on page 8**



An estimated 400 citizens came out on the streets of Fullerton to protest the not-guilty verdict and to send the strong message that such actions by police as took place in the July 2011 beating death of Kelly Thomas will not be tolerated. PHOTO BY WARREN MECCA 1/18/2014

400 Take to the Streets in Protest of Not-Guilty Verdict for Officers

Stunned by the Jan. 13th not-guilty verdict in the case against former Fullerton police officers Ramos and Cicinelli in the beating death of Kelly Thomas, a group of 200 residents gathered at the corner where he lost his life and the seeds of the Jan. 18th protest in Fullerton were sown.

Demonstrators gathered in front of the Fullerton Police Dept. on Saturday, Jan. 18 to protest the verdict, call for Justice for Kelly, and to send a strong message that such behavior from police will not be tolerated.

The loud, but peaceful, protest included many Fullerton residents and people visiting from other towns. Were it not for shouts of "Killer Cops," and some signs saying "Kill the Pigs," etc., there may have been more residents said some locals leaving the rally area early, "We don't agree with the verdict but we don't advocate killing police. We think that our new police chief is doing a good job reforming the department."

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Whitaker & Babcock Removed from Water Boards for Votes Approving Power Plant & Delta Tunnel

Councilmember Bruce Whitaker was removed from the Orange County Water Board in a 3-2 vote of council (Sebourn, Whitaker no) at the Jan. 21st council meeting for misrepresenting the city in his power plant vote on the board.

The OCWD approved the lease on Dec. 9th to Competitive Power Ventures for construction of a 400-megawatt natural gas power plant with four 90-foot silos on a 20-acre parcel located off Ball Road, east of the 57 freeway in Anaheim. The vote of the board was 6 to 4. Had Whitaker followed the wishes of the Fullerton City Council majority, which opposed the lease, it would not have been approved.

Whitaker stated that "had council directed me, I would have complied." Prior to the OCWD Dec. 9th approval, Fullerton City Council was presented an informational item on the power plant proposal. Because it was informational only they could not vote on the issue. But, Mayor Chaffee and Councilmembers Flory and Fitzgerald made their opposition to the power plant clear in strong statements supporting the position of the City of Anaheim, Fullerton and Anaheim

Chamber of Commerces, nearby businesses, and many residents.

Councilmember Flory asked for an item to be put on the Dec. 17th agenda that would direct the city's representatives on various boards to side with local control when voting on issues. However, that resolution passed too late to restrict Councilmember Whitaker from following his own judgment on the OCWD vote.

In addition, Whitaker was removed from WACO, a water advisory board, and the Santa Ana Flood Control District. Jan Flory, who served for four years on the OCWD board previously, will replace Whitaker on the OCWD and WACO boards.

Thom Babcock was removed from the Metropolitan Water District Board. Councilmember Fitzgerald, who will replace him said that the representative to such an important board should be a councilmember. She was supported by Flory and Mayor Chaffee, who said that Babcock had not done a good job of protecting ratepayers. (Although not mentioned by Chaffee, Babcock supports building the Delta tunnels at great cost to MWD and its ratepayers.)

Chevron & Aera Set to Frack California

Due to new state regulations oil companies must disclose their intention to frack wells in California. So far, according to the Dept of Conservation Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources interim report, oil companies Chevron, Aera Energy, Occidental and Vintage have been approved to use hydraulic fracturing to remove oil from 208 wells in Lost Hills, Elk Hills, Belridge, and Rose, in Kern County and two wells in Ventura County, as of Jan. 2014. Aera Energy and Chevron have by far the majority of the wells listed.

Gov. Brown Declares Drought Emergency for California

Due to a record low rainfall in 2013 and a Sierra snowpack that is 80% below normal, Gov. Brown declared a drought State of Emergency for California on January 17. He asked residents to voluntarily cut water use by 20%. The Brown Administration has issued a Water Action Plan with an emphasis on reducing overdraft of groundwater basins.

"More frequent and more severe droughts are expected in the future. As each Californian does his or her part to conserve, the state also needs to be more resourceful about securing reliable water supplies from sustainable sources," said District 27 Senator Fran Pavley who has recommended strategies to maximize our water supplies, including capturing and reusing runoff, recycling water, removing sediment from reservoirs, and cleaning up polluted groundwater.

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Above Left: Protestors demonstrated outside the police station and walked back and forth across Commonwealth for several hours at the Jan. 18 demonstration. **Above Right:** A young man with a flag and peace sign stood on the pedestal at the corner of the ball park.



Police PTSD & Abuse of Power

by Judith Kaluzny

We are entitled to skilled, professional police officers. To be considered for the job you need only be age 21 and have a GED or a high school education, drivers license, good credit, physical fitness and police academy training of three or four months. A trainee starts at \$64,499 a year. An officer at step 6 is paid \$82,319, and a sergeant, \$106,412.

The police need continuing education. Professionals in other occupations are required to have continuing education, and not just in technical skills. Lawyers for example, need continuing education in substance abuse, and in elimination of bias re: disability and gender, and ethics.

They also need something to syphon off the tensions that breed within each of them on the job, leading to high suicide and divorce rates, plus hostility and excessive force issues towards the public that cost the taxpayers in settlements.

A recent article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* cited suicide among law enforcement at four times that of other citizens, and high post-traumatic stress, alcoholism and divorce, and said more officers take their own lives than are killed in the line of duty.

http://articles.philly.com/2013-11-26/news/44453343_1_officer-sean-quinn-more-officers-law-enforcement

Police develop a "them and us" cult-like attitude, socializing only with each other, that seems to lead to isolation and the attitude that all the rest of us — "civilians" — are seen as potential "perps."

I suggest as a minimum process to reduce police aggressiveness that each officer be required at the beginning and at the end of her or his shift to engage in aerobic activity for at least 20 minutes, raising his or her heart rate to an appropriate level. Work off those bad vibes!

I heard that Chief Hughes was thinking of instituting coffee shop meetings between officers and citizens.

In addition, part of the job should include weekly group sessions of sufficient time and numbers of persons to discuss stressful or irritating experiences in dealing with the subjects of police encounters. Former Fullerton Lt. Greg Mayes, who was in charge of policing the rowdy downtown Fullerton, related to the city council that his officers "suffer great grief" from trying to deal with the drunken citizens who defied and insulted them.

There are numerous examples, both local and nationwide, of police officers

misusing the power granted them and of the increasing militarization of police departments.

Let us make haste. Punishment, or accountability after an offense is cold comfort, and rare. And lawsuits by victims cost thousands of dollars for the city in attorney fees and possibly damages payable to the victim. With the increased militarization of police departments, we have no time to lose in developing preventive policies and practices.

We have known at least since 1971 how quickly having complete authority over another person can corrupt one's behavior.

The Stanford Prison Experiment, also known as the Zimbardo experiment, brought home to us how quickly sadism can surface in a person with power.

Philip Zimbardo and his team of researchers randomly chose 24 students out of 75 volunteers. Half were made prisoners and half guards. The guards enforced authoritarian measures and subjected some of the prisoners to psychological torture. Many of the prisoners passively accepted psychological abuse and, at the request of the guards, readily harassed other prisoners who attempted to prevent it. The behaviors were so intolerable, the two-week experiment was called off after six days.

A friend told me that just last year, he was part of a similar event at Biola College, and he could not believe the hurt people were willing to inflict on others.

"It is up to you to determine whether the defendants used excessive or unreasonable force based on all the evidence that has been presented in this trial," Judge Froeberg instructed the jury in the recent trial of two officers in the death of Kelly Thomas. The law officially has faith in ordinary citizens being able to recognize unreasonable force on the part of police officers. Yet the chief of police and some council member's argument against instituting a civilian police review board is that ordinary citizens would not be able to understand the "complexities of police work."

It takes only the equivalency of a high school education to be a police officer. How complex can their jobs be? If the officers can understand the complexities of their work, surely the rest of us can.

We can all recognize that law enforcement people get into hazardous and stressful situations. We can demand a process that realistically deals with the resulting PTSD in our law enforcement institutions. Let's make them "peace officers" again.

SUICIDE RATES OF POLICE OFFICERS www.policesuicidestudy.com

2008: 141

2009: 143

2012: 126

(In the 2012 study: average age was 42 years old; average years on job: 16; 63% were single; 11% were veterans; 91% were males)

The NSOPS (National Study Of Police Suicides), conducted by the Badge Of Life, reviewed news and websites, and included 50,000 emails and contributions from those in the field.

Police suicides continue at a rate much higher than the number of police killed by felons. This reminds us of the need to redouble efforts of suicide intervention and maintenance of mental health in law enforcement.

John Violanti, police suicide researcher, concluded in his 2012 study that approx. 15% to 18% of working police officers in the US are having undiagnosed symptoms of PTSD. An additional number can be expected to suffer from anxiety that falls short of PTSD yet seriously affects their work and home lives.

We need to recognize the important role of cumulative stress in police work - the daily wounding of the soul over years, over decades.

"I was really afraid."

"I didn't know what to do."

"I was lost."

"I made a terrible mistake."

"I wish I could have done something."

"Sometimes I wonder if this is the job for me."

"I should have reported that."

To quote one expert, "In some ways, a cop's work may be even more traumatic than that of a soldier sent into a war zone. The police officer's job, over many years, exposes and reexposes them to traumatic events that would make anybody recoil in horror."

Badge Of Life is a support site set up by active and retired police officers. For more go to www.badge-of-life.com

For immediate help call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255



OUT OF MY MIND

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Little Sisters of the Poor & Birth Control

I completely understand why the Little Sisters of the Poor don't want to be part of a system that underwrites birth control. They go past being part of the insurance pool and believe, correctly, that money is fungible—that is you can remove it from one program and that will free up money from another program to support reproductive services. I'm even sympathetic to both their views and their sensitivities. They don't even want to use the regular government forms to request a waiver. They want to remain completely disconnected from all birth control or abortion services.

I do understand that most of them do not support the services for religious reasons, and the vast majority doesn't need the services. Why then shouldn't we cut them some slack? Religious views are both important and protected. Shouldn't the Sisters be waived on religious grounds? In fact, why not waive all who have religious objections to any of our government programs—of all kinds?

Personally, I love the idea, but it can't possibly work. Insurance is the pooling of risk. Good drivers support bad drivers. Healthy living people underwrite medical care for folks who don't make wise choices in diet. So, when I pay my premiums, I'm helping defray the costs of reckless drivers who get into wrecks. When Seventh Day Adventists, who are vegetarians, pay for insurance, they are paying to heal carnivores. Couldn't they refuse to be a part of any program that promotes or supports practices that they have religious objections to?

Or take Christian Scientists who don't believe in medicine at all. Sure, they could easily be waived from the fines of not enrolling in an insurance plan. But should they be forced to buy insurance for their non-Christian Science employees? Isn't that forcing them to act against the tenets of their faith and thus become enablers?

Then there's my university, American Jewish University. We are a kosher school and campus. We should not be forced to underwrite a non-kosher lifestyle. When some of our employees walk across the street to buy some carnitas off a truck, do we have a moral problem that we are knowingly paying people who will break our laws? Maybe to protect our integrity we should pay some workers with scrip that is only good at kosher restaurants and markets. Should we be forced to underwrite life choices we disapprove of?

The real answer is that it is the nature of both insurance and society that we live with and support people, programs and

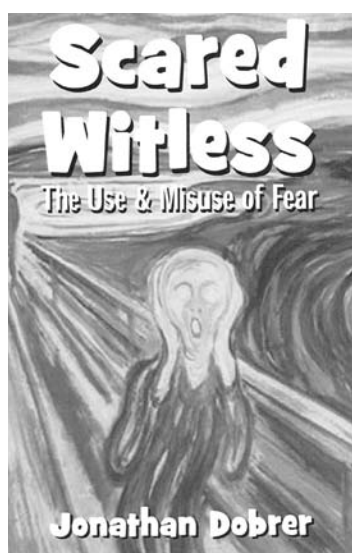
policies that we don't like and that offend us—even religiously. We give up some control as the cost of being in society.

The Little Sisters raise an important and challenging issue. Still, what if I have strong vegetarian and pacifist views coming from a religious tradition? I don't want to pay taxes that go to building bombs and missiles. Shouldn't I then be free not to pay any taxes? You see, if you could write a waiver that assures me that my taxes will go only to social programs and scientific research and not one dollar to the instruments of destruction, as the Little Sisters realized, I'm still part of the system and my earmarked taxes only free up other money to support the military industrial complex. The only fair thing to do is

to free all who object to any program on moral or religious grounds from paying anything. Sounds great but of course, it couldn't work. The nature of society is cooperation. The prudent support the improvident and the thrifty balance the profligate.

That insurance, all insurance, pools risk and pays benefits is not an endorsement of any behavior. Society is by definition the pooling of values and needs. Feeding, clothing and supporting each other does not imply approval. So, let the Sisters off, but only if you release me from all tax obligations. It's only fair and it would be religious equal protection.

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Amy Kaplan skims the news of a local paper while staying at the Lime Tree Hotel in London.

An Ideal Hometown Paper

You and your staff and contributors have been doing a beautiful job for so long. Each new issue of the *Observer* has reminded me that this letter is long overdue.

Lacking space and time to tell you all the things that have impressed me, I'll simply say that your newspaper seems to me as ideal a hometown newspaper as I can imagine - and at the age of 81 I've read a lot of papers.

My favorite for the past 30 years or more has been *The Guardian Weekly*. I also read a lot of books, and I taught writing and literature for 32 years at Fullerton College, as well as 5 years at Macalester College in St. Paul. No doubt that sort of

experience has shaped my taste and may give my opinions some credibility. I've also written and published a few things myself. It's possible that some local matter will eventually compel me to write something for the *Observer*.

Jim Armstrong Placentia

ED: Wow! Thank you so much for those wonderful words. I will share them with the crew and I look forward to printing whatever finally does compel you to write in next! Also, your letter made me bookmark *The Guardian Weekly*. They must be doing something right to have the loyalty of a reader like you.

Free Speech & Our Children's Health

This morning (Jan. 29) a peaceful information campaign consisting of flyers being politely handed to parents was conducted on public sidewalks adjoining Acacia Elementary.

During the course of the activities Principal Whisnat shouted out that "you can't be on school property and you can't obstruct traffic." Someone from the office called the police on these parents, including my wife, for doing what is perfectly legal and protected by the first amendment. Review your civics textbook. This was a waste of public resources, tax money and threatens the safety of the community by needlessly tying up two officers and two patrol cars by having them dispatched to a nonevent.

The attached flyer is what was and will continue to be disseminated at Acacia and all over the FSD.

This material is not obscene and pertains to a matter of public safety relevant to the intended audience, the Acacia Elementary parents. It appears there is an agenda to infringe on our first amend-

ment rights. It also appears that Principal Whisnat is continuing to keep this very important information pertaining to the welfare of children out of the hands of parents, which by the way, is the job he is entrusted with as a principal.

We are well aware of our rights, and will continue to peacefully exercise them as this issue should be and will remain at the forefront of all honest discussion in the FSD.

Chief Hughes: I would like to add that your officers were very professional and courteous and I thank you for that.

Joe Imbriano Fullerton

ED: We don't have space to print the flyer but you can see what Mr. Imbriano is talking about by going to his website <http://thefullertoninformer.com>. It has to do with the dangers of wifi in classrooms. Also go to page 5 in this issue for a discussion from the American Academy of Pediatrics on electronic media which is referenced in the flyer.

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| • 17,674 | Iraq (3/2003 thru 11/2011- no updates since this date) |
| • 17,674 | Afghanistan (10/2001 thru 10/13/2012- no updates since this date) |
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Jan. 21st Council Meeting

Council chambers were packed and an overflow crowd gathered at the Fullerton Library Osborne Auditorium next door. Most of the 400 attendees were there to show opposition to the recent not-guilty verdict of two officers charged in the July 2011 beating death of Kelly Thomas and to oppose the rehiring of former police officers Ramos, Cicinelli, and Wolfe. Mayor Chaffee moved the trial update from item 12 on the agenda to the top position and asked Police Chief Hughes to give an update.

Under the law, fired police officers have the right to appeal but Police Chief Hughes assured everyone that he would vigorously defend his decision to terminate the officers and was also cooperating fully with the FBI investigation on the case.

Chief Hughes said that "any officer who violates the public trust not only brings shame upon themselves but also tarnishes the badge and would never have the privilege of wearing it again."

He gave a brief outline of changes that had been made at the police station including improved hiring practices which now include a thorough background check and hiring recommendations made by an independent company.

He said that four homeless liaison officers had been added and a member of the OC Mental Health rides along with them. Also all officers have received

training on de-escalation techniques, and on dealing with the homeless and mentally ill.

He noted that the dept. had completed almost all of the 59 recommendations made by independent investigator Michael Gennaco hired by the city to look into the policies and practices of the police department after Kelly died. Some of those recommendations had already been put into place by Chief Hughes after he took over leadership of the police dept. two years ago. The Gennaco reports are available on the city website police dept. page at http://www.cityoffullerton.com/depts/police/about_fullerton_police/reports.asp

City Attorney Jones said that due to POBAR, the police officers bill of rights law, fired officers have the right to appeal to an independent auditor who makes a recommendation to council which has the final say. However, until that process is over council must remain silent or they can be judged to have been biased in their decision if the fired officers choose to take the case to court.

The city has hired an employment attorney to help the city in dealing with any appeals. Meanwhile, the city previously settled with Kelly's mother for \$1 million but her ex-husband Ron Thomas did not accept the settlement offered him and has a wrongful death lawsuit still pending with the city.

Public Comments

Forty-six people spoke starting with Kelly's father Ron Thomas who appreciated Chief Hughes statement on not rehiring the fired officers and said he too was talking with the FBI. He asked that Kelly's Army not be blamed for the violence happening at the protest. "We don't condone it. You didn't kill Kelly and you weren't on the jury," he said. A few speakers blamed President Obama for Kelly's killing and police militarization. Another refused to face the council and made her comments to the audience instead so no one listening from the overflow room or from home could hear. Streaming online news blogger Patty Beers, gave a loud protest of her arrest for failure to disperse saying that police were targeting real journalists like herself. She said that "mainstream media assaulted us." And one commenter later shot up from the back of the room screaming "You'll all be sorry! We'll bankrupt you! I'm disgusted!" He then quickly left the chambers to everyone's relief.

Most commenters had thoughtful things to say. Most mentioned being appalled and bewildered by the not-guilty verdict and wanted to be sure that the officers would not be rehired. Several asked why riot gear was necessary. "Have we gone from Mayfield to a police state?" "There were some people there trying to cause trouble and there had to be a reaction - but it should have been in proportion." One commenter said "What do we citizens do when we see someone being murdered by cops? There were a lot of people there and nobody did anything."

Several people called for a Citizen's Police Review Board. Jane Rands who has

"Would it have been that difficult to put straps on his legs - handcuff him and then let him alone? Why the need to beat him to death?"

been working to create such a board said, "The city cannot play that role." Several asked why the police dept had not countered the statements of the former police training officer who testified in court that Ramos and Cicinelli's actions that night were in line with FPD training. Several advocated for better hiring practices, changes in POBAR, better mental health and homeless care. One speaker said "There needs to be much better training when it takes six officers to take down one unarmed man."

Citywide Fiber Network

The city has been approached by SiFi, a company offering to install citywide wifi at no cost to the city. The offer will go to the Technology Working Group to vet. Council unanimously agreed to authorize a negotiation agreement be drawn up which will return to council.

AGENDA FORECAST

Feb. 4: Hillcrest Park Update; Water Refund Bonds; Audit Report; Mid-Year Budget review; Weed Abatement Cost; ACC-OC Bond Presentation; Legislative Platform; Financing for Tech Upgrades; City Treasurer Position; Fireworks Sales, Billboards

Feb. 18: Laura's Law Presentation; MADD Presentation; Public Hearing for the abandonment of the pedestrian access easement on the northwest corner of Chapman & Commonwealth; Bike & Trails Update; Paramedic Fees Ordinance; Code enforcement update



Community of Friends 28-unit Avenida Villas apartments for homeless and mentally ill located in Anaheim. PHOTO BY JERE GREENE

Homeless Shelters and Affordable Housing for Fullerton Considered

Four affordable housing projects were considered for \$15 million remaining in NOFA funding at the Jan. 21st council meeting.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: This well-known and respected organization is adding a new component to its home building projects which offer low-income residents an opportunity to help build and buy a new finished home at prices affordable to them. Habitat has built eleven houses in the Richman area of Fullerton since 2006. The homes are deeded to remain affordable for 60 years. If a homeowner sells within that time period the 60 years begins again. The new component adds affordable apartment rentals to the mix of Habitat's ongoing revitalization project for the area. Habitat raises money to develop properties over whatever the city contribution is. Parts of the site will require relocation of existing renters. Asking \$6 million.

COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS: Asking \$3 million: This 25-year-old non-profit has built 43 shelters for people with special needs in LA, San Diego counties (4 in Orange County) and has proposed building a three-story 36-unit facility (half for mentally ill homeless and the other half for very low income people) at 1501 W. Commonwealth, in Fullerton. The group has a \$1.8 million grant from the county in the form of a forgivable loan and is ready to move forward with the project.

However, several nearby neighbors spoke in opposition to the plan saying it was too close to their homes, would jeopardize their kids, and that they already have homeless constantly walking up and down the street and urinating. They also objected to the lack of notification for the community meetings the group held. "They only notified the five residences directly bordering the property for the first one. Before the second meeting the neighbors notified the other neighbors and about 40 people were present.

Mayor protom Sebourn suggested looking into moving the project to the Richman Park area.

Councilmember Jan Flory said she took a look at the proposed location and it was a mess. While she was there several homeless people emerged from a trash enclosure. "They are among us now. Why is it that in a city of 137,000 people, somehow we are unable to deal with 200 people living on the street? Instead we push this off onto law enforcement though having a mental illness or being homeless are not crimes. If you want to put this in my neighborhood, I'm good with that."

Fullerton Collaborative Director Pam Keller, who organized a recent tour of the Community of Friends Avenida Villas in Anaheim, said, "We are looking at how to

serve the homeless. Mental illness is a scary term but we need supportive housing in our community. We need to alleviate fears. Mental health services would be onsite working with the residents. I would rather have people supervised, living in apartments and urinating in thier own toilets."

Rusty Kennedy, head of the Fullerton Mental Illness and Homeless Task Force, set up after the death of Kelly Thomas, said a permanent 24-hour shelter was one of the task force's top two recommendations. He said that some neighbors of other Community of Friends shelters had similar concerns at first but found, after the facilities were in place, that there were no problems. "The supportive element and supervision makes it safe for neighbors." Asking for \$3 million

WATERFORD GROUP: Asking \$6 million: This group is proposing a mixed-use 141-unit 3-level apartment building at the old 5-acre Mulhaney Car Dealership location at 600 W. Commonwealth. The project includes 1, 2, and 3-bed apartments; 84 would be market rate; 42 would be affordable; plus a commercial component, resort style pool and pocket parks. They have built over 2,000 units in California and have an option on the property and would be ready to go within 6 months.

SQUIER PROPERTIES/ROEM: Asking \$9 million (at the meeting the rep lowered it to \$7): Proposal is for a 55-unit multi-story 1,2, and 3-bed apartment building at 336 E. Santa Fe, (east of Lemon) affordable to very-low, and low income people.

The project was part of the previous NOFA process but fell out due to the end of redevelopment. The company is ready to move forward.

Architect and current planning commissioner John Silber reminded the current council that the project had originally scored as number one before it was derailed in a political move. (ED: He was referring to the lobbying done by Dick Ackerman who appeared at the council meeting during decision making and advocated for the St. Anton project. After his appearance the Republican majority on the council at the time voted to move the Squier project from #1 to #4 and moved the St. Anton project to the top.)

Council agreed that all of the projects sounded good though Sebourn felt more information was needed on Community of Friends and Habitat; Chaffee said ROEM was too expensive for the number of units but he would consider it if they lowered the city contribution. Council directed staff to get all the groups together for a talk to see if there could be a way to build all of the projects and then bring it back to council.

A detailed description of the Habitat project is in the Jan. 21st agenda package backup online.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES

by Jan Youngman

FSD Board meetings are held at 6pm on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at District Headquarters, 1401 W. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, 92833.

For agenda go to: www.fsd.k12.ca.us or call 714-447-7400

Jan. 15 Meeting (Next Board Meeting is Feb. 4)

New Board President, Janny Meyer requested that this meeting be dedicated to LeNelle Cittadin, former science teacher at Wilshire Jr. High and a Principal at Parks Jr. High. Ms. Cittadin passed away last week. (see page 16)

•**GRANTS:** All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation raised \$175,000 last year to maintain the arts and music programs.

The Fullerton Technology Foundation recently distributed 40 grants to 70 teachers totaling \$61,000 for innovative classroom programs. This year, the Fullerton Technology Foundation and the Fullerton Education Foundation are joining together in fundraising.

Dr. Pletka said that the Foundations are also creating opportunities for teachers to share these programs with each other.

Go to www.fsd.k12.ca.us and click on Foundations for more info on events and how you can donate to help out.

•**LIS LEYSON** was recognized for donating 400 of her late husband's book *The Boy on a Wooden Box* to be included in the 8th grade reading program. In the book Leon Leyson tells the story of his youth, from a carefree child to the frightening time in a Krakow ghetto, then concentration camp, and then in Oscar Schindler's factory where he was able to survive the Holocaust as Schindler's youngest employee.

•**MARIELLE BARRIOS** was introduced to the board as the first Nicolas JHS AVID University PATHWAY Scholarship Recipient. She participated in the AVID program from junior high through high school and maintained a 3.6 G.P.A. Hope College pledged to provide students with scholarships if they maintained a minimum 3.4 G.P.A. and participated throughout junior high and high school in the AVID program.

•**NICOLAS JUNIOR HIGH REPORT:** With the motto, *Beyond the Pathways to Success*, Principal Barnett presented a video highlighting the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program. Students are challenged through a curriculum including hands-on activities such as building robots and solar cars. They are also able to design projects through the use of a 3-D printer and other software. Fullerton College is assisting in the Saturday school program and Raytheon is mentoring students with engineering projects. The Phelps Foundation has contributed iPads and there is also a parent involvement aspect to the program. Trustee Thompson requested the video be put on the district website.

•**AUDIT REPORT APPROVED 5-0:** A representative from the auditing firm Nigro & Nigro presented the 2012/13 audit showing the district with no material weaknesses and above a 3% reserve level.

Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Resolution Adopted 4-1

Because the current state budget has markedly improved, school districts were expecting the state to restore deferred funding and return to the previous 2007/2008 levels.

Now, the California Department of Education is proposing to change the level of funding to provide lower income schools with more. Funding would also be "designated" for only specific programs and student populations. This contradicts the previous funding assurances and goes against Prop. 98 as voted by the voters.

Trustee Thompson abstained calling the local control resolution a political message.

their students.

With this resolution Fullerton School District joins other school districts in requesting funding be restored to pre-recession levels. The funding system target would bring California per pupil funding to at least the national average; and provides for the local district to determine its own goals and priorities based upon the district's unique programs and goals. The resolution allows the district full discretion on how to spend funds allocated through the LCFF and minimizes any new financial accounting and reporting requirements.

Trustee Thompson abstained from supporting the resolution saying he felt that this is a "political message." Trustee Berryman said it was important to let the state board know how the district feels and that there "needs to be equity between the students". Approved 4-0-1 (Thompson abstaining)

Currently, California school districts are receiving the 49th lowest funding of all the 50 states. The individual school districts object to the state proposal to add further restrictions to the money it will be distributing. The plan prevents area school districts from having local control over their funding and prevents them from addressing the needs of all

Managing Media: We Need a Plan

(article reprinted from *The American Academy of Pediatrics* www.aap.org)

American Academy of Pediatrics offers guidance on managing children's and adolescents' media use

From TV to smart phones to social media, the lives of U.S. children and families are dominated by 24/7 media exposure. Despite this, many children and teens have few rules around their media use. According to a revised policy statement by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), "Children, Adolescents and the Media," released Oct. 28 at the AAP National Conference & Exhibition in Orlando, the digital age is the ideal time to change the way we address media use.

While media by itself is not the leading cause of any health problem in the U.S., it can contribute to numerous health risks. At the same time, kids can learn many positive things from pro-social media.

"A healthy approach to children's media use should both minimize potential health risks and foster appropriate and positive media use—in other words, it should promote a healthy 'media diet,'" said Marjorie Hogan, MD, FAAP, co-author of the AAP policy. "Parents, educators and pediatricians should participate in media education, which means teaching children and adolescents how to make good choices in their media consumption."

The AAP advocates for better and more research about how media affects youth. Excessive media use has been associated with obesity, lack of sleep, school problems, aggression and other behavior issues. A recent study shows that the average 8- to 10-year-old spends nearly 8 hours a day with different media, and older children and teens spend more than 11 hours per day. Kids who have a TV in their bedroom spend more time with media. About 75 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds own cell phones, and nearly all teenagers use text messaging.

The amount of time spent with screens is one issue, and content is another. On the positive side, pro-social media not only can help children and teens learn facts, but it can also help teach empathy, racial and ethnic tolerance, and a whole range of interpersonal skills.

Pediatricians care about what kids are viewing, how much time they are spending with media, and privacy and safety issues with the Internet.

"For nearly three decades, the AAP has expressed concerns about the amount of time that children and teen-agers spend with media, and about some of the content they are viewing," said Victor Strasburger, MD, FAAP, co-author of the report. "The digital age has only made these issues more pressing."

For Parents:

Parents can model effective "media diets" to help their children learn to be selective and healthy in what they consume. Take an active role in children's media education by co-viewing programs with them and discussing values.

Make a media use plan, including mealtime and bedtime curfews for media devices. Screens should be kept out of kids' bedrooms.

Limit entertainment screen time to less than one or two hours per day; in children under 2, discourage screen media exposure.

For Pediatricians:

Pediatricians should ask two questions at the well-child visit: How much time is the child spending with media? Is there a television and/or Internet-connected device in the child's bedroom? Take a more detailed media history with children or teens at risk for obesity, aggression, tobacco or substance use, or school problems.

Work with schools to encourage media education; encourage innovative use of technology to help students learn; and to have rules about what content may be accessed on devices in the classroom.

Challenge the entertainment industry to create positive content for children and teens, and advocate for strong rules about how products are marketed to youth.

As the media landscape continues to evolve at a rapid pace, the AAP calls for a federal report on what is known about the media's effects on youth and what research needs to be conducted. The AAP calls for an ongoing mechanism to fund research about media's effects.

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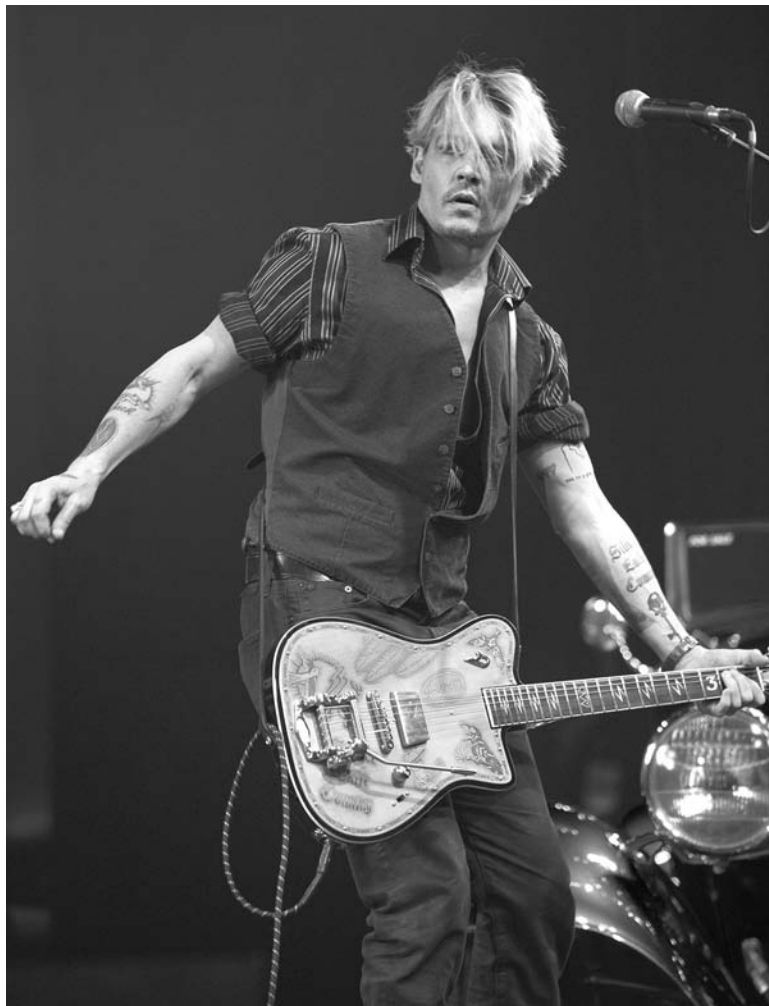
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Johnny Depp, at left, with friends Alice Cooper and Marilyn Manson (far left) and Steven Tyler (at right) and Mike Campbell below wowed the crowd at the benefit. PHOTOS BY MARTIN HUCH



The DOWNTOWN Report

with text & photos by Mike Ritto

Wham Bam, Thank You NAMM

Stop the presses. This is supposed to be a column about Downtown Fullerton, no?

Heck yes it is, and the annual NAMM Show brings hundreds if not thousands of music merchants, manufacturers, musicians, fans and just about everyone and everything relating to music to our city and in particular to our downtown.

With about 100,000 in attendance, the NAMM Show is the world's largest trade-only event for the music products industry and it pumps millions into our local economy. We always hear about the financial impact of the Super Bowl and the Olympics, but locals will tell you this yearly event is our Super Bowl when it comes to hotels, restaurants, clothing, transportation and selling anything with "California" stamped on it.

For a couple of years the show moved to LA while the Anaheim Convention Center was expanded to about 1.6 million feet, and as impossible as it seems, they are now making plans for another expansion. We need a new word that means larger than gynomous.

I have been attending and/or working the show for decades and last 10 years or so have been focused on bringing attendees here. We had a great time with a couple of bands at Heroes the first year but it got so big we moved to the Imperial

Ballroom for 7 years. This year the show headed to Servite High School and their amazing theater so nearly 1000 could see the show. More on that later.

Fullerton Music Connection

Leo Fender spent his entire life in Fullerton, and we could take up this entire newspaper talking about his accomplishments. His guitars, amplifiers, electric basses, and more changed the entire music industry. Don't be surprised to see his name pop up here again very soon. In the meantime head over to our Fullerton Museum Center on Pomona Avenue and check out the Leo Fender Gallery.

F.E. Olds and Sons produced brass instruments in Fullerton from 1954 through 1979. G&L Guitars, the company Leo formed with George Fullerton (yes, there was another George Fullerton) is still here and still producing guitars. There are other music related businesses all of Fullerton, and of course, Mo's Fullerton Music has been anchoring the area for over 60 years.

During NAMM there are events at Steamers Jazz Club and Cafe, The Slidebar Rock 'N' Roll Kitchen, Roscoes Famous Deli, Bootlegger's Brewery and other locations whose organizers will surely let me know I neglected to mention them.

Epic Servite Fundraiser

Hey guess what? It's now later. The convention as well as most of the events are industry only and that means a lot of people who want to attend are shut out. By moving the Imperial Ball to a larger facility some tickets were for sale but they went very fast.

First up- our local guys, Bubba and the Big Bad Blues. Unless you never leave your home you have seen them play in and around Fullerton. The Dirty Knobs have been playing the Ball for many years and with Mike Campbell anchoring the show their performance is always talked about for months afterwards. Mike has written and played guitar on so many classic rock hits all I can say is we're thrilled when he takes time away from his duties with Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers to regale us every year.

Johnny Depp got a group of friends together and put a lot of time into getting ready to dazzle the crowd with help from Steven Tyler, Marilyn Manson, Alice Cooper and a host of crack musicians who made the night very special. We thank them for their time and effort. Money was raised for those in need at this charity event and special thanks goes out to host Duesenberg Guitars, who auctioned off an autographed Duesenberg that brought in an astonishing amount of money. The money was raised to assist families and children at the school. It is good to know generous people are willing to make a huge effort to help those who need it the most.

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OUR LIBRARIANS: Modeling the outfits from the era were Janet Sherry (Jean Eden's daughter) in the black riding outfit, and library employees: Sarah Rosenblum with votes for women sign, Agnes Trujillo in a black & grey evening gown, Shirley Ku in a blue floral, Rita Law in a coral outfit, Andrea Simental in a black & floral dress, and Danielle Holmes in a white wedding dress. On the far right is guest speaker at the event Jean Eden in the big feather hat. PHOTO BY JERE GREENE

DOWNTON ABBEY FASHION SHOW & TEA EVENT AT THE LIBRARY FOCUSED ON THE CHANGING ROLES OF WOMEN

The popular PBS TV series Downton Abbey provided the theme for the Fullerton Library's Fashion Show & Tea event. Tea, tiny sandwiches, and cookies were served. The group watched an episode of Downton Abby and also enjoyed a fashion show of vintage and period clothing owned by Ms. Eden, who

spoke about each piece. All the models were library staff with the exception of Ms. Eden's daughter, Janet. Many in the audience also dressed up for the fun event which focused on the changing roles of women in society. For a listing of upcoming library events go to www.fullertonlibrary.org/calendar

Fun Events for Kids at the Library

A number of fun repeated events happen at the Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth. Events are free but registration is necessary. Register by calling 714-738-6338 or online at <http://fullertonlibrary.org/kids-zone/>

•Toddler Storytime: Mondays & Wednesdays at 10:15am. A storytime for children under 3 years old, accompanied by an adult.

• Book Babies Storytime: Mondays & Wednesdays at 11am in the library's Osborne Auditorium is for babies from birth to 17 months, accompanied by an adult.

•Bedtime Bears: Tuesdays at 7pm in the library's Community Room An evening of storytime for children 3-6 years old and their families. Children are invited to wear their pajamas.

•Preschool Storytime: Thursdays at 10:15 & 11:15am in the Osborne Auditorium. A storytime for 3-6 year olds. Children must be three by November 1, 2013.

•Read with the Dogs: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month drop in between 6pm - 7pm and read! Certified therapy dogs and their handlers from the Pet Prescription Team will be here each month. Elementary school children and their families are invited to meet the dogs and read them a story or two. Books are provided by the library or you may bring your own book. Osborne Auditorium.

• Family Movie & Game Night: Third Thursday of the month: 6:30 pm in Osborne Auditorium. Enjoy an evening watching your favorite movie and playing board games with your family and friends!

Free Income Tax Assistance Starts Feb. 6

Free income tax preparation assistance for low-and moderate-income seniors will be offered on Thursdays beginning Feb. 6th at the Fullerton Community Center, 340 W. Commonwealth (across from the library and city hall). Volunteers trained by the IRS will be available from 12 noon to 3pm through April 10th. Seniors

should bring their Social Security cards, copies of previous federal and state tax returns and forms for the current year, including W-2s, 1099s, SSA-1099s, and anything else that reflects income and expenses for the year.

Free but appointments are required. Call 714-738-6305.

University & High School Students Business Competition Feb. 8 at Cal State

Cal State Fullerton, UCI, Chapman and Concordia students will be given 60 seconds to pitch their business concepts during the Feb. 8 CSUF Fast Pitch competition. High school students from throughout the state are participating in their own section of the contest. The public is invited to attend. Participation and attendance are free. The event runs from

10am to 2pm, Saturday, Feb. 8, at CSUF Titan Student Union, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Finalists are judged by a panel of industry leaders.

CSUF's Center for Entrepreneurship in the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics is sponsoring the event with partners. adbailey@fullerton.edu 657-278-45-89 CSUF Center for Entrepreneurship

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At Left:

Noisy but peaceful protestors shut down Commonwealth in front of the police station.

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Most of the 400 protestors were there with a message rejecting the verdict and to let everyone know such actions by police would not be tolerated. PHOTOS JERE GREENE

400 Take to the Streets in Protest of Not-Guilty Verdict continued from frontpage

Police stayed out of sight during most of the rally which began at 10am. A couple hours in, protestors began stopping traffic on Commonwealth and others sprayed graffiti messages on the side of the police station and wrote on the sidewalk. Police did not respond to those actions.

However, around 3pm, after a protestor attacked a CBS2/KCAL9 news videographer, things changed. Protestors surrounded both the reporter and his photographer placing signs in-front of the camera, screaming obscenities, and calling the news crew "lying mainstream media pigs."

When the camerawoman attempted to remove a sign blocking her camera by pushing it down out of the way, the young woman holding the sign retaliated and pushed her. Protestors then followed the news crew as they escaped to the safety of their van and prepared to leave. When

about a dozen demonstrators surrounded the van yelling obscenities, rocking it back and forth, and prevented the crew from driving away, they called 911 for help.

About 20 officers, some from Placentia, Brea and La Habra, dressed in riot gear, with bully clubs, (and at least one non-lethal weapon) plus an armored SWAT vehicle, arrived. Using a bull horn police declared the protest an unlawful gathering telling demonstrators to leave the area or be arrested.

Most people began dispersing, moving east on Commonwealth, but a dozen sat down at the intersection of Malden and Commonwealth. Police slowly advanced and again made the warning to disperse or be arrested. Several streaming news bloggers captured the scene and posted it on youtube. (They can be seen taunting police in their own coverage.) Police did not react to the behavior but again warned demonstrators that they would be arrested if they did not leave the area.

The whole process took about an hour. Eventually 10 people who refused to disperse were arrested. Two more people were arrested for vandalism, another for failing to disperse and child endangerment, and another for assault on the news videographer.

Other reports of unruly behavior included graffiti written on the SlideBar, protestors banging on windows of passing cars, and chairs and tables being over-

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At Left:

CBS2/KCAL9 news crew sheltered in their van and called police after the camerawoman was attacked by a protestor and demonstrators surrounded the van.

PHOTO PABLO UNZUETA



After the police declared the protest an unlawful assembly and told the crowd that they would be arrested if they did not disperse, most of the 400 at the rally left the area. Some protestors staged a sitdown on Commonwealth at Malden as police in riot gear slowly approached. PHOTOS NICK GERDA VOICEFOC.ORG



PHOTOS NICK GERDA VOICEFOC.ORG



400 Take to the Streets in Protest continued from page 8

turned in a restaurant. Only two of the 14 arrested were from Fullerton.

Earlier in the day, Kelly's sister and father Ron Thomas thanked the crowd at the police station. Mr. Thomas said that now that the trial is over he was meeting with the FBI about its investigation. He said that his next goal is to get rid of POBAR which keeps the public from seeing records of police misbehavior. He asked everyone to show up for the Jan. 21st council meeting. (see page 4)

Mr. Thomas currently has a wrongful death lawsuit for an unknown amount of money pending against the city. His ex-wife, Kelly's mother, who accepted a separate \$1 million settlement from the city in 2012, was also present but did not speak.

MORE

• "14 Arrested in Kelly Thomas Protest" by Nick Gerda at: http://www.voiceofoc.org/countywide/article_c91570f2-807b-11e3-bafe-001a4bcf887a.html

• "Fullerton Residents Keep Thomas Officers Off the Force" by Nick Gerda at: http://www.voiceofoc.org/oc_north/fullerton/article_050a9674-837d-11e3-9b57-0019bb2963f4.html

• "Thomas Case Could Speed OC's Adoption of Laura's Law" by Tracy Wood of Voice of OC at: http://www.voiceofoc.org/healthy_communities/health_news/article_b70e9272-7f8f-11e3-8203-001a4bcf887a.html



When told to disperse about 20 protestors moved on to Harbor and Santa Fe (above) and then to Kelly's Korner at the Transportation Center on E. Santa Fe.

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Traffic on Harbor was backed up as protestors walked among the cars and one masked protestor sat down in the road. PHOTOS JERE GREENE

Desalination: Is it for Us?

Governor Brown has declared California to be in an official drought. We need to make very careful decisions about our water supply. An informative presentation was delivered by Ray Hiemstra, assoc. director of OC Coast keeper on the issues surrounding desal plants to be built and owned by Poseidon, a private company, being considered by the OC Water District. The session, sponsored by NUFF, took place at the library on Jan 13.

Hiemstra said that privatizing desalination (where salt is removed from ocean water making it fit for drinking water) violates the public trust by turning a public good into a private commodity subject to market rules. Public agencies, he said, are more responsive to design, own and operate desalination projects should we decide to go in that direction.

However, there are several concerns with the process and its end product, including a steep increase in cost. desalinated water costs are over twice as high as imported water and about triple the cost of ground water. The energy to produce it is also higher in cost and even if all plants proposed in California functioned at full capacity they would only

produce 6% of the states water use.

California urban rate payers rarely pay more that \$1 to \$3 per thousand gallons for their water but high production and energy costs of desalinating water could bring the cost of delivery as high as \$9 to \$10 per thousand gallons. This will raise water rates.

There are other tradeoffs to consider. The Poseidon plant proposed for Huntington Beach will put a strain on the energy grid and require new power plant construction. The plant will use as much energy as 30,000 homes. Currently California gets 56.6% of its electric production from fossil fuels; 7% from Nuclear; and 25.7% from other sources. Electricity for a 50 MG/D plant will produce 96,740 tons of CO2 a year.

There are a variety of other environmental impacts as well including discharge of cleaning chemicals, brine discharge, danger to sealife and more.

Alternatives to desalination include conservation, storm water capture, OC ground water replenishment system, recovering groundwater and urban run off.

OCWD is taking public comments on the Poseidon proposal by email to ocandesalexploration@ocwd.com or by phone to 714-963-0291.



Andy and Jason present the hard facts about Guantánamo. PHOTO BY MARSELLE SLOANE

Closing Guantánamo Prison

This is the 12th anniversary of the opening of Guantánamo prison. Two investigative reporters, Andy Worthington and Jason Leopold, were hosted by the UU for Justice at an event which drew about thirty people on Jan. 16. The two reporters spoke about their work uncovering what is happening in Guantánamo and what people can do to change the situation. Under the Bush Administration nearly 800 boys and men were seized from around the world and put into indefinite captivity at Guantánamo, which employed and legally justified a program of torture "enhanced interrogation." Only one in twenty were captured by the US Military. Most were turned in by civilians and authorities. US forces offered \$5,000 for each person identified as possible Al-Qaeda. This is a fortune there so

many innocents were caught up and basically sold to US forces. Federal judges ruled in the great majority of the cases that the government had insufficient evidence to justify continued detention and most were released beginning in 2002. When elected in 2008 President Obama promised to close the prison but there are still 155 men held without charges or trials. The Guantánamo Review Task Force he set up reviewed and selected 76 cases for release but they are still being held. The two reporters asked the audience to contact their representatives and keep the pressure on to release those who have been cleared. For more go to:

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Sharon Swaim Wins Goffin Award

Fullerton College Horticulture major Sharon Swaim is the recipient of the Steven Goffin Memorial Scholarship.

"The scholarship will help me earn my credential from *The Horticulture Therapy Institute's* Horticulture Therapy Program," said Ms. Swaim. "Special training and coursework are needed and the scholarship lightens my financial load." Swaim also volunteers with the Garden Therapy Program at the Veteran's Village in Long Beach.

Swaim has completed her first Certificate



of Proficiency in Ornamental Horticulture and is on her career path to complete two more; Greenhouse & Nursery Production and Landscape Design/Management.

Judith Goffin, said, "Our family is pleased that Ms. Swaim received the horticulture scholarship given in Steve's name." Steve was an excellent landscape designer and horticulture student at the college and an amazing person. The scholarship is awarded through the Fullerton College Foundation.

Theodore Oh Headed to West Point



Fullerton resident and top Troy High senior Theodore Oh has received acceptance into West Point.

Each year over a half million candidates apply both to the academy and to their area representatives to be nominated to West Point.

From the 4,000 applicants accepted and nominated by congress members, the president, vice president, Medal of Honor recipients, Army/Reserve or ROTC, only 1,180 students are accepted.

Theodore's goal is to become an Army doctor and travel to many different places representing the US by doing humanitarian work.

Theodore also graduated from the 18-week LA Sheriff's Dept. Explorer Academy on Jan. 18th where he went through very rigorous law enforcement training. Theodore's father, Sun Oh, is a retired LA Deputy Sheriff.

Theodore's family, father and mother, Sun and Nicole, and brothers Nathan, and Aaron and the community are proud of his accomplishments.

High School District Meeting Highlights

by Vivien Moreno



Fullerton Joint Union High School District Board meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at district headquarters,

1051 W. Bastanchury Rd., Fullerton 92833.

For more information call 714-870-2800.

See the agenda at www.fjuhsd.net

Jan. 14 Meeting (Next Board Meeting is Feb. 11)

•**NEW SHHS POOL:** This fairly short meeting began with a presentation from representatives from PJHM Architects, a firm undertaking the design modifications for renovating the Sunny Hills HS pool. Their plan addressed the primary concerns of all the FJUHSD Athletic Aquatic departments concerning optimum high school athletic use and meeting swimmers' needs for the next 50 years.

The plan includes extending the pool to 45 meters which allows it to be CIF compliant for water polo tournaments and allows students to finish swim workouts in conjunction with water polo practice. It will theoretically get the students finished 1-1/2 hours earlier than the 8:30pm finish time practices run now.

PJHM Architects presented a timeline that included the design process to be finalized by November of this year, contractors to bid, and a bid accepted by April 2015, and construction to begin June 2015 and finished by May 2016. The design process is the longest component because of all the input from the various school sites to design a pool prototype that will fit at almost all the high school sites.

The Buena Park Water Polo coach excitedly explained to the board about an innovative addition to the pool design of a "toe ledge" located about 5'-0" from the surface of the water. This design component along with the length and depth expansion and new water filtration design should make this a renowned water polo tournament destination once it is completed.

The projected budget gives the board some options about upgrading the public areas. It includes upgrades to lockers, bathrooms, and infrastructure. It also includes multiple contingencies for dealing with the infamous leak - somewhere at the bottom of the pool - that no one has yet located. Board members asked a range of questions about heating efficiency and

long term maintenance needs, financial allocations, and public access and seating.

The high school coaching representatives stated that all the high school aquatic departments are committed to sharing the new facilities for tournament use once the new pool is completed until this model can be implemented at the other sites.

•**WIRELESS CONNECTION DELAY:** Administrative Services reported that installing the hardwired computers for the new SBC assessments has created a delay in the planned implementation of wireless connection accessibility for students at the high school sites. The wireless access plan should continue later this spring after the trial run of the new assessment is completed.

•**TROY GIRL'S GOLF, SCHOOL REPORTS, NEW PRINCIPAL:** After recognizing the Troy Girl's Golf Team, the rest of the meeting went fairly fast. The student and the principal school reports stated how great it was to start a new semester after the holiday break and how everyone enjoyed their Open Houses and were looking forward to the rest of the school year. Dr. Judy Fancher's resignation as Sunny Hills HS Principal was noted in the personnel report as was Cathy Gach's appointment as the interim replacement until the end of the school year. So after last year's replacement of 3 principals at Troy, Fullerton Union, and Sonora, the district will be reaching out to replace another principal this year.

•**NO WILLIAMS CASE COMPLAINTS:** During the consent calendar, Director of Administrative Services Dr. Jennifer Williams reported that, unlike at the beginning of the school year, this semester there were no Williams Case complaints- which means there were no parent reports of inadequate instructional or textbook supplies for their students.



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



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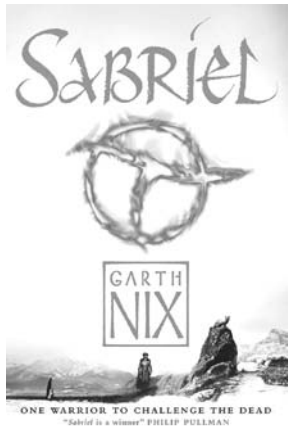
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WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Kathleen Faber Book Review

Sabriel by Garth Nix

A high fantasy novel always seems to have the same, basic set-up. And that's not necessarily a bad thing. It's repeated because it works. A main character with a name that's usually hard to pronounce, embarks on a journey to save the magical kingdom (that happens to have an equally difficult name). The hero is usually accompanied by a wise person who offers advice. A bad guy with absolutely no redeeming qualities prevents them from completing their mission by using the darkest magic imaginable. After rescuing the main love interest, they manage to hold the baddie at bay just in time for a sequel.



So how does Garth Nix manage to bring something new to the table in Sabriel, within a genre whose typical plot feels like a checklist? Well for Eragon it was dragons (who doesn't like dragons?), The Darkangel: feminism, Trickster's Choice: feminism AND spies. You get my drift.

What Nix adds to Sabriel that makes it so entertaining is the mystical, dark powers of the protagonist. Sabriel is a necromancer, from a long line of warriors called Abhorsens, given the task of making sure the Dead don't overrun the living. When her father, the current

Abhorsen, disappears, Sabriel takes up his weapons: seven enchanted bells used to control the Dead and a magical sword, intent on rescuing him. Leaving her school in Ancelstierre, she journeys into the Old Kingdom, a cursed land filled with dangerous magic. With a powerful spirit bound in the form of a cat, Mogget, and Touchstone, a palace guard Sabriel saves from an eternity encased in wood, they travel to Belisaere to confront her father's kidnapper. But all is not as it seems and a darker force is intent on taking over not only the Old Kingdom, but Ancelstierre as well.

The descriptions of the land of the Dead are breathtaking. The fighting scenes and the background information about magic are also a hallmark of the novel and Nix is at his best when it comes to concocting Dead adversaries for Sabriel to face. In the beginning, it felt a little slow when Sabriel had only Mogget to talk to and the rescue of Touchstone could not come soon enough. With a run time of only 311 pages (on the small side when compared to the sequel), Nix could have extended to novel to have more exposition and conclusion. Instead, it feels as though the plot is abruptly launched at the beginning and quickly ended. Like a lot of high fantasy novels, adventure is given more time than character development, but that's easily overlooked in light of the exciting storyline. Sabriel is a book that is definitely worth the read.

Nix has promised to sell the movie rights to Sabriel as long as a writer and director were attached to the deal. In 2008, Brad Pitt's Plan B Entertainment was looking to buy it. Nix and Dan Futterman wrote the screenplay and Anand Tucker was lined up to be the director. Due to the writer's strike, Sabriel, like many movies in preproduction, was dropped. So far, no further attempts have been made to make it a movie. A trilogy, Sabriel is followed by Lirael and Abhorsen. Recently, Garth Nix has announced that he will revamp the series with a fourth book, Clariel, which is planned for release in October 2014.

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Above: New baby Panda's dad Tuan Tuan chewing on bamboo at the Taipei Zoo.
Above Right: A tea-flavored shaved ice with red bean and sweet rice ball toppings, and Stinky Tofu



Holiday in Taiwan

by C.C. Lee

Before Christmas we left home for Taiwan, a small but populated island in Asia next to China and the size of Holland. Traveling to Taiwan has been becoming more popular among international tourists and it is a place full of delicious foods and very interesting cultures.

The flight took us about 16 hours in total, plus a stop in Honolulu for four hours. However scary 16 hours might have seemed to me, it was pretty quick because I slept most of the time. When we finally reached Taipei, the capital city, a friend met us at the airport and took us to her family's famous fish restaurant. That restaurant was only the start of my two-week splurge of scrumptious food, mouthwatering desserts and beverages.

FOOD: There are several must-eats (only to name a few) when in Taiwan, including "stinky tofu," shaved ice, Boba* milk tea and freshly baked bread.

After trying about six different kinds of stinky tofu at restaurants, small eateries, and food stands, food stands are definitely the number-one choice to get the best of the best stinky tofu in Taiwan.

Traditional shaved ice with Chinese style red beans, green (or mung) beans, pudding, condensed milk, and much more is another must when visiting Taiwan whether it is summer or winter. Shaved ice of all varieties can be found practically everywhere from night markets to street vendors.

Boba milk tea has been becoming popular in the United States and a delicious treat for any occasion. It can also be found very abundantly in Taiwan on virtually every street corner. (*Fun fact: Boba was reportedly named after a Hong Kong actress who had large breasts; Bo means breasts and ba means huge!)

Finally, fresh baked bread always makes my mouth water due to its fresh, crisp taste and right-out-the-oven aroma that acts like a magnet between you and the bakery. Going to traditional, small, hidden bakeries will surely reward you with the best bread yet!

NIGHT MARKETS: Night markets, or yè shì, are the best places to go in the evening where one could get great deals on goods and buy from the most delicious food stands (and, of course, stinky tofu. Yum!!) Night markets by the sea in Southern Taiwan sell a variety of seafood from squid to fish, from fried to steamed. If not careful, one can spend an entire night there just hanging out and eating until you bust. Taiwan is the number-one place to shop for little fun things such as hair and electronic accessories, cosmetics, and just about any knickknack you can think of!

SIGHT-SEEING: If you are one who loves history, Taiwan has a large number of forts and museums where there is a lot of history and culture to be learned. Did you know that both the Dutch and the British had once ruled Taiwan? Did you know there's an entire town devoted to pottery and ceramics? Then, there's the Taipei Zoo, which welcomed its first baby giant panda just six months ago. (Nick named Yuan Zai, the cub has yet to receive an official name.) When we saw the father, Tuan Tuan, he was sitting down facing the spectators

"The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

-Saint Augustine

and very concentrated at chewing his bamboo! Pandas are certainly the main attractions there, but they are not the only animals at the Taipei Zoo. We saw king and African penguins, pygmy hippopotamuses, koalas, different kinds of bears, birds, zebras, rhinoceros, elephants, camels, and much more. Taipei Zoo also offers different do-it-yourself classes for both adults and kids. Children always have a fun time at the Taipei Zoo; I know I surely did!

While I listed just a few activities I did during my stay in Taiwan, there are plenty of other exciting adventures you can take on while there. (How does making your own box of pineapple cake sound?) For me, it was a place to practice my Chinese and see another part of the world, very different from the places I have been before. I also spent a good amount of time in Taiwan's malls and department stores. But most importantly, I very much enjoyed learning about the culture there and trying many delicious foods that I had heard or read about but never tasted until then.

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ArtSpeak by Aimee Allan



Clockwise from above: Tresle table; Adirondack chairs & tables at Hopscotch; Plywood Pew at The Night Owl; California desk; and the artist Muñoz.

Master Woodworker Brandon Monkwood Muñoz

"Woodworking is not something I found or pursued, it was sort of an arranged marriage. It found me."

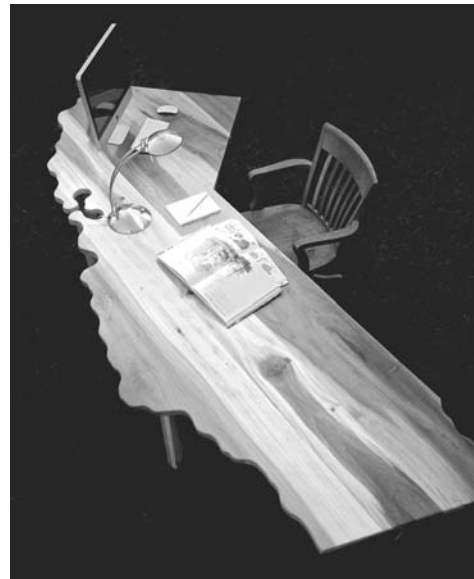
At 19, attending Otis College of Art & Design, and living in LA, the woodworking, as it turns out, started on a small scale with building and sanding things like end tables and night stands at a small furniture shop. He had never used a chop or even a miter saw before. The shop owner would tell him how to cut to these precise measurements. "That's how I learned how to build," says Muñoz, now 36.

Monkwood or "Monk" is the nickname

given by his friends who knew him when he was thirteen. Always frustrated as a kid he says, "I always knew I wanted to be an artist in some form or another. I knew I couldn't do a normal job in society."

Monk considered himself a jack of all trades dabbling in bits of this and that, guitar teacher to filmmaker and finally woodworker. Then he and his wife made the move to England where he worked as a youth pastor.

An introvert, he delights in presenting one of a kind tables and pieces to folks who will treat them like the precious heirlooms they are sure to become.



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Filled with historic and contemporary photographs, food specimens, memoirs, recipes, baskets and other artifacts, *Seaweed, Salmon, and Manzanita Cider: A California Indian Feast* is a new statewide traveling exhibition from the Grace Hudson Museum and Exhibit Envoy. The exhibit runs through March 23rd. For more information, please visit www.exhibitenvoy.org.

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CONTEMPORARY KOREAN PAPER ART THURS., FEB. 6 RECEPTION

Hanji: Contemporary Korean Paper Art opens with a reception Thurs, Feb. 6th at 6:30pm. The exhibit is curated by Linda Kim and Chung Lee and sponsored by the Lynn J. Gallery. Hanji, traditional handmade Korean paper, is renowned for its fine quality and durability. Artists Young Hoon Kim, Dong Hyun Chung, Soon Ok Ahn, Jong Kook Lee, Theresa Hwang, and Yoonsook B. Ryang interpret this ancient art form in a variety of unexpected ways for the 21st Century.

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WORD PLAY: the art of text

Opening Reception: Fri., Feb. 7 from 6-10pm

"WORD PLAY: the art of text" curated by Lauren Moses opens with a reception on Friday, Feb. 7, from 6-10pm during the monthly Downtown Fullerton Art Walk.

The idea for WORD PLAY came from local artist Alexandra Kilian, who uses art + text to find humor even in the down side of life. Kilian and curator Moses invited other local artists to join in the exhibit including: Jonathan Juliani, Mark Mendez, Devin Wais, John Sollom, Brian Prince, and Amanda Reeves.

In conjunction with this show, BOOK-MACHINE books + zines (right next to Hibbleton) will feature an accompanying

exhibit entitled WORDS, WORDS, WORDS, featuring art + text by artists from the Magoski Arts Colony, such as Esther Jacks, Anna Hansen, Patrick Nguyen, Nancy Johnson, and more!

SAVE THE DATE March 7: Hibbleton Gallery's Jessie LaTour co-founder of the Fullerton Art Walk is celebrating its four-year anniversary on March 7th from 6pm to 10pm at the Downtown Fullerton Museum Plaza on Wilshire between Harbor and Pomona. The event will feature live music and performances, art and theater, art demonstrations, beer & wine garden, gourmet food truck round up and more.



FULLERTON MUSEUM CENTER

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MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR II

The opening night of the new exhibit "Memories of WWII" will include an exhibit preview, curator's talk, refreshments, live entertainment and more. The photos making up this exhibit are courtesy of the Associated Press which offered Americans a daily view of the war through photographs by its own photographers and by photographers in the U.S. Armed Services, as well as images from the world press that otherwise would not have been seen. The best of these images make up this exhibition. Tour development by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, Kansas City, Missouri. \$10 admission/free for museum members

•**FOYER GALLERY** is showing artwork by Jonathan Martinez "The Endangered" which demonstrates the beauty and serenity of endangered and threatened animals. "Despite the power these creatures possess they have become fragile and vulnerable," says Martinez. "My goal is to raise awareness of the situation these animals are in. It is through my art I hope to educate people and bring consciousness to a very pressing cause."

•**STROLLER BRIGADE**, a free program for toddlers and preschoolers features docent-led games, stories and crafts in the gallery. Every Wed. through April 9th, from 10am to noon.



REVIEWED by Angela Hatcher

Chelsea
Rousselot
as Niki,
Maquel
Gerson as
Bambi,
and
Tiffany
Berg as
Georgia.



Curtains at Stage Door Repertory Theatre

In its third season, Anaheim's Stage Door Repertory Theatre gets 2014 started with the bang-up musical comedy, *Curtains*, and audiences are exploding with laughter.

And, although it might be *Curtains* for our pretty, but utterly ghastly, leading lady, Jessica Cranshaw (Katt McLaren), everyone else is alive and kicking, high kicking, that is – at least for now... You see, Holmes, Kander and Ebb's *Curtains* is not your ordinary run-of-the-mill comedy. No siree! It's a rootin' tootin' musical-within-a-musical whodunit murder mystery with a twist.

Crime investigator, the disheveled Lieutenant Frank Cioffi (David Michael Sakach), has always dreamed of being a stage director and famous hooper, himself. Now that he is assigned to this case, he couldn't be more stage-struck. As the show begins, time has rolled back to 1959, to an era that has been dubbed the Golden Age of Musicals, and, as the grand finale of the show-within-the-show, *Robbin' Hood, a Musical of the Wild West* carries on, the audience finds itself seated cleverly backstage in one of Boston's established theatres.

Robbin' Hood is a good old-fashioned western, and folks on stage are belting out, "Wide Open Spaces" and struttin' their stuff in full western gear, cowboy hats and boots, string ties, and elaborate patchwork fur chaps so chic that even Calamity Jane would be envious.

One really can't blame the cast or crew for acting more relieved than sympathetic when an announcement comes on opening night that their untalented leading lady has "bitten the dust." But, everyone becomes a suspect, and gumshoe Lieutenant Cioffi quarantines the entire cast and crew.

Already off to a good start, the cheeky fun swells as the parade of zany showbiz folks find themselves under Cioffi's microscope. Could the hard-boiled female producer, Carmen Bernstein (Amy Lauren Gettys) be the killer? ... the sweet and seemingly innocent ingénue, Niki Harris (Chelsea

Rousselot)? ... the producer's bouncy daughter, Bambi Bernet nee Elaine (Marquel Gerson)? ... the investor, Oscar Shipiro (Matt Koutroulis)? Or, perhaps, the egotistic British director, Christopher Belling (Glenn Koppel) whose knife-cutting comments roll easily off his tongue such as his mention to Bambi, "The only thing you can arouse is suspicion."

As an homage to musicals and murder mysteries, *Curtains'* music plays its part in its storyline and Aaron's (Edward Chamberlain) moving rendition of "I Miss the Music" made me forget - just for a moment - that I was watching a comedy. Other memorable numbers are "Show People" featuring Carmen, Cioffi, and Company, and "Coffee Shop Nights" sung by Cioffi. While the cast is strong, the stand-outs are Tiffany Berg as Georgia, the lyricist-turned star, Amy Lauren Gettys as Carmen, Glenn Koppel as Christopher, Tyler Pounds as Bobby, Clark Weyenberg as Sidney, David Michael Sakach at the Lieutenant, Chelsea Rousselot as Niki Harris, Matt Koutroulis as Oscar, and Marquel Gerson as Bambi. Also, deserving mention are FCLO and Julie Charles' Costumes, particularly the saloon girls' stylish satin dresses and rhinestone-studded fishnets.

Although at times there is an issue with the balance between the volume of the recorded music and the vocals, overall, the music, under the direction of Nathaniel Brown was delightful, and Lindsay Martin's choreography is spirited and fun. Director Nick Charles pulled out all the stops with the largest cast he has directed so far, and as Lieutenant Cioffi says, "Putting on a musical must be the most fulfilling thing a person can do." With his capable hand on the baton, I think Charles might just have to agree. Runs through February 22, 2014.

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400 E. Commonwealth, Fullerton
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• **A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM** music & lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Burt Shevelove & Larry Gelbart, directed by Robert Tully.

Plays through March 9th, Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm. A wild and bawdy romp through ancient Rome, by way of vaudeville features music, togas, gratuitous violence, revisionist history.

MAVERICK THEATER

110 E. Walnut Ave., Fullerton
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• **SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION** by John Guare, directed by Gary Krinke opens Feb. 7 and plays thru Feb. 23rd, Fri. & Sat. at 8pm; Sun. at 5pm (except for Saturday Feb 22 shows are at 6pm & 8pm. Two socialites find their view of the world changed when a young man takes advantage of their preconceptions in this thoughtful comedy-drama. Flan and Ouisa Kittredge are a married couple who have built highly successful careers as art dealers catering to Manhattan's upper crust. The Kittredges are entertaining friends one evening when a young black man named Paul appears at their door say-

ing he's a close friend of their children, with whom he attended boarding school. He says he's just been mugged and needs to get off the street for a moment. Flan and Ouisa invite him in and are immediately taken by Paul's charm and intelligence. He offers to prepare dinner, regales them with stories of his father, Sidney Poitier, and ends up spending the night at their apartment. However, the next morning Flan and Ouisa discover they've been had. Paul is actually a con artist from the streets and his actions are beginning to have serious consequences. \$20 (\$10 for students). Strong language & nudity. 17 and up.

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• **DOLLHOUSE** by Theresa Rebeck, based on Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House," directed by James R. Taulli, with original music by Ken Walicki. Opens Feb. 21 and plays through March 16. Theresa Rebeck is perhaps best known as the creator of television's *Smash* and a long list of cutting edge comedy-dramas that strike to the heart of the American dream. Her *DollHouse* version of Ibsen's soul-searching drama

references Super Bowl Sunday, country clubs, and email and sheds new light on Nora's ferocious struggle to rediscover the woman within. In the posh suburbs of Connecticut, Nora's children are cared for by a Jamaican nanny, her husband's best friend is in love with her, and her stifling marriage is crumbling. Nora also has a secret, the revelation of which irrevocably sets her life on a new course. \$11

MYSTERIUM THEATER

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• **SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET** music by Stephen Sondheim, book by Hugh Wheeler, directed by Marla Ladd, musical director by Brian Sherick, choreographed by Sonya Randall, scenic designer Eugene McDonald and artist Andere Ortero and costumes by Pandora Spock.

Set in nineteenth century England, the dark narrative centers around Benjamin Barker (aka Sweeney Todd) who has been released from prison after a 15-year sentence for crimes he did not commit. He comes back to

town to find that his wife committed suicide and his infant daughter has been raised by the very judge who sent him away. He vows to get his revenge and teams up with Mrs. Lovette who owns a shop known for the worst pies in London. The shop's reputation takes a positive turn after the barber begins supplying the shop. Morbid theme but a daring undertaking by the Mysterium which tells the tale turned musical just right with exceptional performances by the cast. Plays through Feb. 8th.

CHANCE THEATER

5552 E. La Palma, Anaheim Hills
Tickets: 714-777-3033 www.chancetheater.com

• **LYSISTRATA JONES** music by Lewis Flinn, book by Douglas Carter Beane, directed by Kari Hayter, opens February 7 and plays thru March 9th, Fri. & Sat. at 8pm; Sun. at 7pm. Does abstinence make the heart grow fonder? Athens University is in the midst of a thirty-year losing streak, so

Lyssie J. and her girl-power posse won't "give it up" to their basketball-playing boyfriends until they win a game. The hilarious dialogue and upbeat score from five-time Tony nominated playwright Beane and Flinn is an electric combination of *Mean Girls*, *Glee*, and *Pitch Perfect*. Teens and Adults only.

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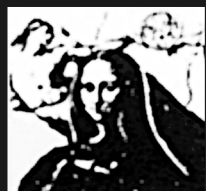
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Observers Around the World: Muckenthaler Visits Cuba

Twenty four Muckenthaler members went on a 10-day trip; 3 days in Miami, and 7 days in Havana, Cuba. The photo above was taken in front of Hemingway's house in Havana.

"Every January we do a tour from the Muck involving art and trains. This year we did the art and trains of Cuba. In the past we have done a Pueblo tour of New Mexico, a vintage train to New Orleans with a

cruise to Jamaica, trains through Spain, and great trains of the Southwest," said Muckenthaler Director Zoot Velasco. The trips are for Muckenthaler members and their guests every January when the Center closes for renovations. The Muckenthaler's new season starts the first Thursday in February. Go to www.themuck.org for information on upcoming programs and how to become a Muck member.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT CSUF

Cal State Fullerton, 800 N, State College Blvd., will celebrate Black History Month with a number of activities ranging from lectures, films and plays to a health conference. Activities are free and open to the public. Parking: \$2 per hour or \$8 for a daily permit Monday through Friday; free on weekends.

•Feb. 3:

Noon-1pm: "The Fact of Decolonial Blackness as a Challenge to Post-Racial (Racist) Ideology" by Alexandro J. Gradilla, chair and associate professor of Chicana and Chicano studies and chair of African American studies.

Lecture to be held in the Pollak Library, Room 130.

•Feb. 6:

11am - 4pm: Black Student Union Pan African Fair in the plaza in front of the Humanities-Social Sciences Building.

•Feb. 10:

3-4pm: "Rethinking the Word 'Straight'" Edward Robinson, lecturer in African American studies in the Student Access Center, Humanities-Social Sciences Building, Room 112.

•Feb. 11:

5-7pm: Screening of 2012 documentary "Dark Girls" in the WoMen's Center, University Hall, Room 205

7-9pm: Divine Servants Gospel Showcase Titan Student Union Theater

•Feb. 12:

2:30-4pm: "Hip Hop Poetics and Black Automaton" discussion and poetry by award-winning poet Douglas Kearney, author of "Fear, Some," "The Black Automaton" and "SkinMag" in the Student Access Center, Humanities-Social Sciences Room 112.

•Feb. 13:

3-4pm: "Civil Rights and Education" by Debra L. Cote and Vita L. Jones, assistant professors of special education in the Student Access Center, Humanities-Social Sciences Room 112.

7pm: Seventh annual "Why I Love Black Women" honorary celebration and ceremony sponsored by the Alliance for Preservation of African Consciousness. The formal dinner event is free and open to all women. Titan Student Union's Portola Pavilion.

•Feb. 18:

5-6pm: "Social Inequities Related to Race and Mass Incarceration" by Rosalind Blackstar, office manager, Disability Support Services, Pollak Library, Room 360.

•Feb. 20:

10-11:15am: Improvisation play "Some of My Best Friends Are ____" by Gwen Alexis, lecturer in African American studies. Performance in the Titan Student Union Portola Pavilion.

4-5pm: "Strange Bedfellows: Obama, LGBT Communities and Neoliberalism in Post-Racial America" by Siobhan King Brook, assistant professor of African American studies, and American studies graduate student Jamal A. Batts. Student Access Center, Humanities-Social Sciences Building, Room 112.

•Feb. 22:

9am-4pm: The G.R.E.E.N. Foundation Health Conference. Titan Student Union

•Feb. 24:

10-11am: "Racial Politics 2014: Post Racial or Persistent?" by Raphael J. Sonenshein, executive director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at CSU LA and author of "Politics in Black and White: Race and Power in Los Angeles." Presentation to be held in the Pollak Library, Room 360.

•Feb. 25:

11:30am-1pm: "Politics and Poems: Reading and Writing Resistance" by Natalie Graham, assistant professor of African American studies. African American Resource Center, Humanities-Social Sciences Rm 222.

•Feb. 26, Noon-1pm: "Blacks in Latin America 'Grandma in the Closet'" by Philippe J. Zaccair, associate professor of history. Lecture to be held in the Student Access Center, Humanities-Social Sciences, Rm 112.

•Feb. 27, 11am: Afro-Ethnic Student Association Silent March begins at the student residence halls.

At Right:
Kyunghie Kim-Sutre on harp, Susan Greenberg, flute, and Judith Farmer on bassoon of the Jolivet Trio will be joined by Guillaume Sutre on violin/viola.

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The Jolivet Trio with Guillaume Sutre in Friends of Music Sunday, Feb. 9th Free Concert

On Sunday, February 9, at 3:30 pm at the Sunny Hills Performing Arts Center, Sunny Hills High School, Fullerton Friends of Music will present the Jolivet Trio with Guillaume Sutre.

In a program crafted for a rare combination of instruments the Jolivet Trio, with Judith Farmer, bassoon, Susan Greenberg, flute, and Kyunghie Kim-Sutre, harp, will be joined by Guillaume Sutre, violin/viola. The artists are very much in demand as chamber and orchestra musicians, as well as soloists, in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

Farmer, in addition to teaching bassoon at USC's Thornton School of Music, is an avid chamber musician, collaborating with composers on new works, and has had numerous compositions dedicated to her. She is principal bassoonist with the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, and also performs with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Opera Orchestra and Long Beach Symphony.

Greenberg enjoys a very active career as soloist, chamber musician, symphony player and recording artist. During her 36 years with the L.A. Chamber Orchestra she was a frequent soloist on both flute and piccolo. She is presently flute professor at Pepperdine University. She has recorded for over 500 motion pictures.

Kyunghie Kim-Sutre is in demand as soloist and chamber musician in Europe, Asia and the U.S. She and her husband violinist Guillaume Sutre are first prize winners at the Lily Laskine International Competition. They continue to explore previously unexplored repertoires for violin and harp. Guillaume Sutre recently served on the jury of the prestigious 2010 Long-Thibaud International Violin Competition in Paris. His vast repertoire of over 400 works features all the string works of Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, and Ravel, and all 68 Haydn quartets.

The concert will include works by Ravel, Debussy, Saint-Saens, Beethoven and Jolivet. For additional information call 714-526-5310 or 562-691-7437.

4-5pm: "Fanon and Outlaw and the Question of the Inferiority Complex: The Epistemic Value of Experience" by Emily Lee, associate professor of philosophy. Lecture to be held in the Pollak Library, Room 130.

Sponsors: African American Resource Center, Afro-Ethnic Student Association, African American Studies, Associated Students Inc., Black Student Union, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, LGBTQ Resource Center, Sister Talk and WoMen's Center

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HITS & MISSES

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AMERICAN HUSTLE: Two Hits

In the late 1970s, the Abscam scandal involving Arab sheiks, New Jersey politicians, larcenous con artists, and members of Congress filled the news, eventually leading to the arrest of one U.S. Senator and six U.S. Congressmen. Struck by the audaciousness of the con artistry, writer/director David O. Russell co-wrote with Eric Singer a film based on this caper, which begins with the cautionary note: "Some of this actually happened."

Using stars from some of his previous films, Russell casts Christian Bale and Amy Adams from "The Fighter" and Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence from "Silver Linings Playbook." Adding to these dynamic performers is Jeremy Renner in a role very different from his breakthrough performance in Kathryn Bigelow's "The Hurt Locker." The five actors won for best ensemble acting in the latest Golden Globe awards ceremony.

Owner of a chain of New York dry cleaners and purveyor of stolen and forged art, Irving Rosenfeld (Bale) justifies his shady dealings by saying that "most people will believe what they want to believe." At a Long Island pool party, he meets his match when he bonds with Sydney Prosser (Adams) over their love for Duke Ellington's music. A former stripper, Sydney has brains and a desire to reinvent herself. She finds herself attracted to Irving, even with his paunchy stomach and obvious combed-over hairpiece, but especially his talent for larceny. They become business partners and lovers, even though Irving has a wife (Jennifer Lawrence) in the suburbs.

Sydney adopts the persona of British banker Lady Edith Greenleigh as she and Irving form a bogus lending company, which is wildly successful until F.B.I. agent Richie DiMaso (Cooper) arrests them. But agent DiMaso has plans for bigger fish and offers the two immunity if they will cooperate in snagging some important white-collar criminals. The entrapment involves Camden, New Jersey's mayor Carmine Polito (Jeremy Renner), not a criminal but a decent man who wants to solve his city's financial problems by opening it up to gambling.

Keeping this criminal caper light are its many comic elements. Not only does Irving's hairpiece go awry on many occasions, but in his private moments we find Agent DiMaso setting his hair in tight curlers to look like a sexy Italian as he leaves the house wearing open-necked shirts and heavy gold chains. But stealing the comedic scenes is Irving's out-of-control wife, Rosalyn, who is alternately seductive and bitchy as she tries to reel in her husband's attention. She has a talent for starting kitchen fires and for blaming her shortcomings on Irving, who describes her as the "Picasso of passive-aggressive karate."

Although brittle on the outside, all of the characters have a core of kindness and some elements of decency that make us root for them, with the exception of a briefly seen mafia chief, played stunningly in a cameo role by Robert de Niro, whose menace and penchant for evil frightens all of the players in this growing and complicated scheme.

Besides its humor and fast-paced action, "American Hustle" has a nice air of unpredictability. We are surprised when the Florida Mafia chief blurts out perfect Arabic while the F.B.I. agent posing as an Arab sheik stumbles along with a few memorized lines. And who can predict what will happen when Irving's wife and mistress face each other in the ladies' room. We also laugh with DiMaso when his F.B.I. boss (Louis C.K.) runs on and on with a homespun morality tale about ice fishing.

We almost agree with Irving when he justifies his compromised values by saying, "Everyone hustles to make a living."

Two Hits: Don't Miss It!

SUN., FEB 2

•**2pm: Author Susan Orlean** is the first speaker in the Distinguished Speaker Series for 2014. She is author of "The Orchid Thief", "Rin Tin Tin" and more. Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free. www.susanorlean.com

•**9pm: Singer Songwriter Brenda Xu** plays at the NightOwl, on corner of Harbor and Amerige in downtown Fullerton. www.brendaxu.com

MON., FEB 3

•**1:30-3pm: Free SCORE/IRS Workshop on Federal Tax Updates** at Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth. Come learn about changes for 2013 including capital gains, mileage rates, medical deductions, energy credits, earned income, child and dependent care tax credits, and business use of home credits. Call 714-738-6326 or register at www.score114.org/workshops/viewWorkshop.aspx?WSid=1716

•**7:30pm: Organist Hyeyeon Kim with Tony Ellis on Trumpet** perform in a North OC Community Concert at Fullerton 1st United Methodist, 114 N. Pomona. Tickets: 714-535-8925 or www.northocconcerts.org

SUN., FEB 2-THURS., FEB 20

•**10am-noon & 2pm-4pm Mon-Thurs & 6pm-8pm Feb. 4, 10 & 19: Art Legends** at the Fullerton College Art Gallery, Rm. 1004, 321 E. Chapman. On exhibit are works by alumni & former faculty who have made an impact on the art world. <http://art.fullcoll.edu>

TUES., FEB 4

•**6:30pm: Fullerton City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth at Highland. On the agenda is an update of the Hillcrest Park Master Plan.

WED., FEB 5

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

WED., FEB 5 continued

•**1:30-3pm: Homeless Collaborative Meeting** at Maple Community Center, 701 S. Lemon in Lemon Park behind the school. A representative from 2-1-1 (the help info line) will be there to show us how to better use the resource.

•**10am-noon: Veteran Public Policy & Legislation Update** American Red Cross, 601 N. Golden Circle Dr., Santa Ana. Discussion with CA Dept. of Veteran's Affairs Deputy Secretary JP Tremblay, CA Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's Veteran Representative Tige Richardson and others. Free

•**6pm: Free Independent Film Series "Warm Bodies"** at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. A tormented zombie experiences a profound transformation after entering into a relationship with the daughter of a military leader charged with eradicating the walking dead. Stars Nicholas Hoult, Teresa Palmer, Rob Corddry, John Malkovich, Analeigh Tipton and Dave Franco.

THURS., FEB 6

•**8:30am: Free Breaking Addictions** at Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth. Author of "How to Look Younger than Your Stated Age" Dr. James Hardemann is sponsored by St. Jude Hospital Golden Hearts in a lecture about how seniors can break habits and addictions that are harmful to health and shorten life.

•**12:30pm-2pm: Middle East Archaeology & Ancient Inscriptions Free Lecture** by George Giacomakis, director of the Museum of Biblical & Sacred Writings at Biloa U. Lecture takes place at CSUF Ruby Gerontology Center Mackey Auditorium, 800 N. State College Blvd. 657-278-2446

•**6pm-9pm: OC NAACP President Donald Craig** is guest speaker at the Democrats of North Orange County dinner meeting. Sizzler Restaurant, 1401 N. Harbor, Fullerton.

FRI, FEB 7

•**7pm-10pm: Fullerton Art Walk** Fun, Art, Music & Treats at numerous venues within walking distance in Downtown Fullerton. Free

TUES., FEB 11

•**10-11:30am: How & Why We Get Fat OLLI Free Lecture** by Jerry Florman at CSUF Ruby Gerontology Center Mackey Auditorium, 800 N. State College Blvd. 657-278-2446

WED., FEB 12

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

•**1pm: MOTAL Train Trip** explore the new MOTAL traveling exhibit installed at the beautiful Roybal

WED., FEB 12 continued

Federal Building in the heart of LA. View the exhibit with an introduction to "A Class Action 2" by host Brad Williams of the 9th Judicial Circuit Historical Society, Gonzalo Mendez Jr., director Greta Nagel, and Gail Griswold. Eat out at Las Golondrinas, the historic 1850s restaurant on Olvera. The tour is free (lunch \$20) Amtrak to LA \$12 (with return trips at 6:30 on Metrolink \$8.50 or 7:30 on Amtrak for \$12.

SAT, FEB 15

•**1pm-4:30pm: OC Ragtime Society Free Performance** at Steamers Jazz Club, 138 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton. Public invited. For more info go to www.ragfest.com or call Eric Marchese 714-836-1104.

•**3pm: CSUF Homecoming** Titan Gym, Cal State Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Pregame Festival at 3pm; Basketball Game at 6pm. \$25/person includes In-N-Out meal, Homecoming 2014 T-shirt and general admission game ticket. \$15/Kids under 10 includes meal, T-shirt and game ticket. See www.fullerton.edu/homecoming

WED, FEB 19

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

THURS., FEB 20

•**1:30pm: "Inequality for All" Screening** at Cal State Titan Student Union, 800 N. State College, Fullerton. A webcast with economist Robert Reich author of "Aftershock," follows the screening. Free but reservations are required email amerdemproj@fullerton.edu to reserve a seat.

FRI., SAT., SUN., FEB 21, 22, 23

•**10am-5pm Fri. & Sat. & 11:30am-5pm on Sun.: Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts** at 2000 West Road, La Habra Heights. Free admission to event featuring Arts & Crafts and more. (see ad page 20 for details)

SAT, FEB 22

•**11am-1pm: Meals on Wheels Empty Bowl Fundraiser:** Meals on Wheels of Fullerton will hold an Empty Bowls fundraiser on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 111W. Las Palmas Dr., Fullerton. 11am-1pm. For \$25 donation guests receive a handcrafted bowl, soup and bread. Guests take bowls home as reminder they have helped feed a homebound Fullerton resident for a week. Contact MOW office at 714-871-2200 or emptybowlsfullerton@gmail.com

SUN., FEB 23

•**2pm: Author Elizabeth George** will speak at the Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth. George's Inspector Lynley novels have been adapted by the BBC and broadcast on PBS. free

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Dorothy Ellen Rabe

Dorothy Ellen Rabe born January 26, 1922 in Fort Madison Iowa, passed from this life on January 8, 2014 at the age of 91, just 18 days shy of her 92 birthday.

Dorothy was a longtime resident of Fullerton and actively involved within the community during her earlier years. She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald C Rabe in 1988. She is survived by her daughter, Jacquelyn Bellendir, her four grandchildren, Joshua, Jennifer, Jeremie and Jessica Bellendir; her three great-grandchildren, Dallas, Holland, and Andrew Bellendir.

A Graveside Service was held celebrating her life on January 25 at Memory Garden Memorial Park and Mortuary in Brea.

Johnny Rios

1/3/1933 to 1/27/2014

Johnny Rios, a resident of Fullerton, died on January 27, 2014.



He is survived by his wife Pam Rios, stepdaughter Desiree Cedillo, Brother Eppy Rios and Sister Lupe Ramos.

A viewing will be held Tuesday Feb. 4th, 2014 at Hilgenfeld Mortuary (714) 535-4105 120 E.

Broadway Anaheim, CA 92805 from 10am to noon. The burial will take place at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery 7845 Santiago Canyon Rd. Orange, CA 92869 at 1 pm.

Dorothy Potter

Dorothy Potter (better known as Dottie) passed away Jan. 27, 2014 in Fullerton at the age of 91.

She was a native of California and resided in Brea, California for over 40 years with her late husband of 59 years, Ira Potter.

Dottie is buried at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, California.

Dorothy "Dottie" Young

(1924 – 2014)

Dorothy Rea Young, known fondly to family and friends as "Dottie," died in the company of her husband and children on January 7, 2014, in Fullerton, California. She would have been 90 years old in February 2014

Dottie was born in Clovis, New Mexico, and was one of three children. She moved to Roswell, New Mexico in her senior year of high school, where she met the "boy next door," Jim Young, who was to become the love of her life. Jim and Dottie were married in December 1943, just 10 days before he shipped out with the U.S. Navy for two-and-one-half years of service in the South Pacific during World War II. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in December 2013.

Dottie and Jim began their post-War years in Los Angeles. Dottie had earlier graduated from Pepperdine University, and then taught part-time and did secretarial work while Jim finished his advanced degrees at the University of Southern California. She earned a lifetime teaching credential, taught in Los Angeles public schools for two years, and was active in training prospective teachers from the U.S.C. and Pepperdine University programs. She, Jim, and their two children moved to Fullerton in 1960, where Jim founded the Cal State Fullerton theatre department and served in a variety of administrative roles for 41 years, including as Associate Vice-President of Academic Programs.

Dottie taught second grade for 20 years at Golden Hill School, where she positively affected the lives of countless students – many of whom still live and work in Fullerton. In that capacity, she also served as a Master Teacher to numerous prospective teachers who were working on their credentials.

Dottie was an inspiring and dedicated educational and community leader. Among other endeavors, she was an active member of Friends of the Fullerton Library, Friends of the Arts at Pepperdine, the MAMM Alliance for the Support of the Performing Arts at Cal State Fullerton, the Fullerton Assistance League, the PTA, the Faculty Wives at Cal State Fullerton, and was a founding member of both the Fullerton Arboretum and the Fullerton Museum. She supported Rotary International events and taught Sunday school for many years.



The Green Room in the Claves Performing Arts Center at Cal-State Fullerton is named in her honor. She and Jim enjoyed a mutual love for education and the arts. Their life-long commitment and shared values made an enormous impact on the lives of millions of people.

Above all, Dottie is remembered and revered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose family was her number one passion. She is survived by her husband, Jim Young of Morningside in Fullerton; her children, Douglas Young of San Francisco and Vicki Golich of Denver; and her beloved three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service is pending. Gifts in Dottie's memory can be made to the Dr. James D. and Dorothy R. Young Founder's Scholarship Endowment at California State University Fullerton c/o the Cal-State Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation (2600 Nutwood Ave. Suite 850, Fullerton, CA or <http://foundation.fullerton.edu>); the Fullerton Rotary Foundation (PO Box 172, Fullerton, CA 92836-0172); the Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton (<http://www.boysgirlsofcalifornia.org/donate.html>); or the YWCA of North Orange County (215 E. Commonwealth Ave., Suite F, Fullerton, CA 92832 or <http://ywcancoc.org/>).

LeNelle Underwood Cittadin

October 28, 1926 - January 9, 2014



as the most distinguished middle school in California by the Blue Ribbon Schools Program. She was invited to accept the award on the school's behalf from President Reagan at the White House.

Upon retiring, LeNelle gave of herself, volunteering at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center, the Los Angeles County Court system as a mediator, First Lutheran Church, and at the Arboretum at Cal State Fullerton. It was at the Arboretum that she combined her love of learning and all sciences to design educational programs that united teacher training and child-based learning. The programs at the Arboretum continue to provide these wonderful educational opportunities to our local children and teachers.

LeNelle was always interested in other people and places. To learn their stories, she traveled extensively around the world. Her travels even included Antarctica and the edge of space on the last flight of the Concorde between NY and London.

She loved music, joining performing recorder ensembles, Windsong and the Orange County Recorder Society. She was preceded in death by son Kyle Wayne Cittadin; Dr. Joseph Francis Cittadin, her husband of 51 years; and her parents Erma Holmquist and Wayne Shurlock Underwood.

Dr. LeNelle U. Cittadin, passed away on January 9, 2014 after a brief battle with esophageal cancer. She was born Ruth LeNelle Underwood on Oct 28, 1926 in Davenport, Oklahoma, a small oil field town. She grew up in Tulsa, OK and the east Texas towns of Van and Mexia. She graduated from Texas Women's University in 1947 with a BS and BA in Chemistry, Cal State at Long Beach in 1953 with a MA in Education, and lastly, Western State University College of Law with a JD in 1982.

LeNelle married Joseph Francis Cittadin in 1949 and they moved to Southern California to start their married life together. He was a veterinarian and she worked as a chemist for Glidden Paint Company in 1950. They moved to Fullerton in 1951, where they raised one son, Kyle Wayne Cittadin.

In 1954, LeNelle began teaching science in the Fullerton School District. Later she served as a Vice Principal and the Principal of the award winning, Parks Junior High in 1988 when it was selected

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A group of military veterans and advocates who have been working to create a veterans cemetery at former El Toro Marine Base (now Great Park) in Irvine. PHOTO BY PHUC PHAM

**Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva Introduces
Legislation to Establish Veterans Cemetery**

Chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee, Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton) has introduced legislation that would direct the California Dept. of Veteran Affairs to establish a state owned and operated Southern California Veterans Cemetery in Orange County. "This is the right thing to do for the over 130,000 veterans in Orange County who have bravely served our nation," said Quirk-Silva.

Orange County is the largest county in the state without a veterans cemetery. The nearest available cemetery is in Riverside County, which is not a convenient location for Orange County veterans and

their families. In November a group of OC veterans urged the Irvine City Council to begin working with groups to possibly build a cemetery adjacent to the proposed Great Park, site of the former El Toro Marine Corps Base.

"The presence of military veterans in Orange County is significant and their contribution to history continues and needs to be acknowledged. We, a coalition of military veterans and advocates, believe the provision of a state veterans cemetery in Orange County best honors those who served our country," said Dr. Richard Ramierz, Dean Emeritus of Fullerton College.

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Tried but Could Not Go Solar

I went to a solar power display stand at a Home Depot a few months ago just to see what they offered. I gave them my address which they looked up on their pc and was informed that because of two conditions I could not have solar power installed at my place:

1) Because I share a roof with another townhome owner I would not be qualified,

2) If a roof was not shared I would still require an approval of the town house association board.

I would like to have solar power in my residence and believe it would help the environment.

Namaste and mitakyue oyasin, enjoy life, and have fun adventures!

Don Waterbury Fullerton

Mike Ritto's Page 6 "ID the Photo"

I'm not a resident of Fullerton but pick up the *Fullerton Observer* when I shop at Sprouts on Harbor after visiting my friend in Fullerton. It's full of interesting articles and stories about your community and I wish that my area (Paramount) had a community paper like yours.

Anyway, I'm sure the photo on page 6 (Jan. issue) is the NE corner of the Fullerton Police Department on 237 W. Commonwealth Ave. and North Highland.

Steve Paramount

ED: You are correct! And thanks for the compliment! Before media consolidation every town had its own newspaper. The locally written and produced all-volunteer *Fullerton Observer* was started 36 years ago by a bunch of friends after the *OC Register (Freedom Group)* bought our local *Daily News Tribune* and turned it into a weekly advertiser.

The Kelly Thomas Case : Bullies with a Badge

In 1992, Rodney King uttered his famous plea "Can't we all just get along?" More than two decades later, it turns out we all still just can't get along. The brutal beating and death of Kelly Thomas in Fullerton, California is a replica of the famous Rodney King case (videotaped evidence of the police brutality, an infamous jury acquittal and even the same defense attorney John Barnett) except for two striking differences - The victim Kelly Thomas cannot speak for himself anymore and the mentally ill and homeless are the "new black" for rogue cops.

The jury verdict - NOT GUILTY - was so outrageous that you're left wondering if these twelve folks even watched the video or maybe the video was so gory that the jurors couldn't stomach it and instead arrived at the verdict by tossing a coin. The 33 minute video caught on a surveillance tape shows such a brutal beating that most news channels even advised 'viewer discretion' before playing it. The video shows a pathetic scene of a defenseless young man pleading with the police officers and writhing in pain. The words "Please Dad, help me" will haunt you.

During the trial of two police officers accused of the brutality, the prosecution urged the jury to send a message. The Santa Ana jurors did send one, not to police officers, but to the homeless and other "undesirables": pack your bags and leave or be ready to meet the fate of Kelly Thomas. Human beings are not perfect and are sometimes affected by their own prejudices, and jurors are human too. Yet it is hard to believe that we as a society have become so intolerant that we are ready to sanction any kind of brutality against those we despise - even after taking an oath to consider all the evidence and make sure justice is served.

The Kelly Thomas case is a reminder of our broken criminal justice system. Everyday many more Kellys are bullied by those behind the badge. Not every case makes it to the national headlines and the bullies with a badge slip through the cracks in our system. Prosecutors are often unmotivated in throwing the book at rogue officers, lest they spoil their good relations with the police. After all, the prosecutors depend on the police to help them to do their jobs. The widespread outrage over Kelly Thomas's death forced the district attorney to prosecute (now former) officers Ramos and Cicinelli.

After the outrageous verdict, instead of working harder to prosecute another officer who had also been charged (but not yet tried) in this case, the district attorney just decided to drop the case against the third officer. And most shockingly, Jay Cicinelli has the audacity to demand his job back! Instead of letting the Kelly Thomas case just add to the count of police brutality, it is time we fix the cracks in our criminal justice system to make the police more accountable. By creating an independent review board and special prosecutors from the local bar to investigate and if necessary prosecute police brutality, the conflict of interest local prosecutors face in charging police officers can be eliminated.

Should the federal government file charges against these police officers who have been acquitted by the local jury? However unpopular a verdict may be, is it morally right for them to be tried again? Retrying a decision just because it is unpopular may send a wrong message that our justice system is based on public opinion and not on the principle of law. Retrying cases may not be the solution to police brutality, yet, there has been such a travesty of justice in this case that the Justice Department must step in and make it right. In the Merchant of Venice, Bassanio said, "To do a great right, do a little wrong". In this case, there is only one place left that can do a great right: The Feds.

Ash Moorthy
Los Angeles

Banning Fracking

Jan. 15, with friends at Californians Against Fracking, I helped deliver over 100,000 comments from Californians across the state demanding that Governor Brown and the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) ban fracking in California now.

This isn't the last step though. We have a big battle ahead of us that we know we can win. Fracking in California isn't just bad for our water and air, it's bad for the climate too. If the droughts in California this year are any indicator, we need to do everything we can to stop this dirty practice of extracting oil and transition to clean energy.

Linda Capato
www.350.org



DARK CLOTHES AT NIGHT COMMENT: Focus in on the small poster in the middle of the attached picture which says, "She walks in beauty like the night. Maybe that's why drivers can't see her." Your letter writer on Page 18, Jan. issue (Don Waterbury) might appreciate it. The quote is from Byron. The photo was taken in New York City. PHOTO VINCE BUCK

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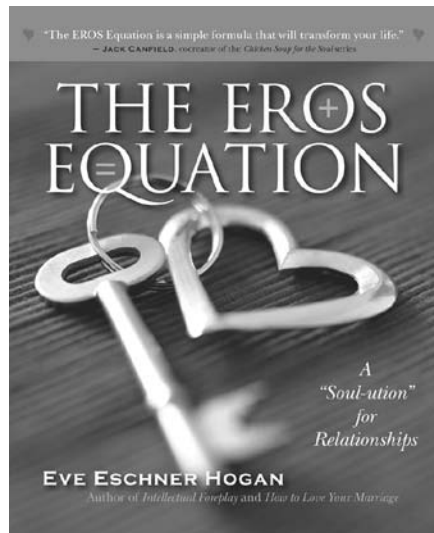
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Eve Eschner Hogan

The SOUL-ution for Relationships

Love is in the air with Valentine's Day right around the corner! But, is love infused in your daily words, thoughts and actions?



Born and raised in Fullerton, Eve Eschner Hogan, relationship educator and columnist for *Spirituality and Health Magazine*, just released her eighth book on that very topic!

The EROS Equation: A SOUL-ution for Relationships (2014 Hunter House) offers a new, effective approach to relationships—every relationship, even with yourself in the form of self-esteem.

Hogan explains, “While satisfying relationships are high on the list of desires for nearly everyone, virtually none of us have been taught how to make them work, how to resolve issues and how to keep the love alive. As a result, we are seeing a 50-60% divorce rate and an even higher unhappy relationship rate. We are in the culture of short-term relationships, not by

desire but by defeat—and lack of education. It is literally as if our target is due north but we are walking due south hoping to get there. It just doesn't work.

“Einstein said, ‘You can't solve a problem with the same kind of thinking that created it.’ Ultimately, we need a new approach, a new perspective and new tools to turn this relationship around. *The EROS Equation* shares the tips, tools and skills I offer in private coaching and retreats. Not only does *The EROS Equation* promise to improve your relationships—with everyone—but it also teaches you how to access the wisdom and creativity of your own soul. This self-mastery is a “different kind of thinking” and behaving that is guaranteed to change your life.”

What is the Eros Equation, exactly? Hogan says, “The EROS Equation is both a reference to Eros, the god of love and an acronym standing for Event + Response = Outcome and Solution. This formula, simply demonstrates that events, (other people, things that happen) are only one part of the equation that impacts our happiness. When we think events or other people are solely responsible for the quality of our lives and our relationships, we become victims of everything external. When, instead, we take responsibility for the way we respond to what people do and the things that happen, we become immensely powerful for changing the out-

comes and creating solutions.”

Hogan shows how most of us are creating our problems with the ego-mind and trying to solve them from the same part of ourselves. The ego mind, however, is where jealousy, anger, revenge, hurt, fear, possessiveness, judgment and blame reside. None of which are qualities for solving relationship problems. By accessing the authentic qualities of our spirits, we have creativity, compassion, understanding, wisdom, intuition, strength, and discernment available to us. Then, by taking responsibility for our words, thoughts, and actions we are capable of reaching the target of creating healthy, happy and lasting relationships.

Hogan originally learned the E + R = O part of the EROS equation from Jack Canfield, creator of *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series and author of *Success Principles*(TM). Consequently, Jack wrote the foreword saying, “While Eve's emphasis in this book is on relationships, the truth is that this is one of the primary success principles that is also the key to creating more happiness, success, health, and wealth. Eve has taken various teachings from a variety of sources, integrated them with her own experience and wisdom and presented them in a ‘user friendly’ manner that simply makes sense.”

Hogan now resides on Maui. Her books can be found at Barnes & Noble as well as at www.EveHogan.com.

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CHANGE & BALANCE

by Michelle Gottlieb



Good & Bad Days



Some days are good. Some days are bad. That is life. The secret is to fully enjoy the good, and not get too caught up in the bad. Unfortunately, many people do the opposite. Why do we do this? Perhaps it is what our families did while we were growing up, perhaps we are naturally positive or negative people. I am suggesting that while it may be interesting and helpful for you to dig into your “whys,” what you really need to focus on is changing the behaviors.

The first way to change the behavior is to notice that you do it. Do you worry about what is coming next or can you enjoy your present? Do you spend a great deal of time sad about what life has given to you or are you noticing the good things as well? You have just seen the second step: every day, find something good. It could be small: a flower, a cloud, a tree, a smile. It does not need to be at the level of Disneyland or a private jet to Paris. In fact, if that is your definition of what is good, that may be part of the problem. Take a moment, or

two, or three, every day to appreciate the small things! It is amazing what a difference that can make in our lives and outlook.

Another very important thing to do is to breathe. Stop. Take a deep breath, all the way from your diaphragm. Take another. Now how do you feel? Often when we stop to truly breathe, our anxiety reduces and our shoulders go down and we can see the situation more objectively. Often when we do that, the situation is not as bad as we thought.

Make sure that you have loving people with you. And enjoy the journey!

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Sunrise Rotary Makes Over the Arboretum Nature Center

The Nature Center at Fullerton Arboretum offers an educational experience for children and also serves as a visitor information center. The building, which had not been remodeled in thirty years, recently received a facelift from the Fullerton Sunrise Rotary Club.

The Rotarians spent two weekends dismantling, stripping, sanding, and painting, and installing new fixtures and display cases. The beautiful murals were painted by Arboretum artist Salim.

The Fullerton Arboretum Nature Center sits near the end of the main entrance walkway into the Arboretum. Children can find a place to sit and relax, while coloring, playing with puzzles, reading or looking at interesting things collected from the grounds of the Arboretum.

Visit the Nature Center the next time you come to the Arboretum located at 1900 Associated Road, off Yorba Linda Blvd. The center is open weekends 11am to 3pm and is staffed by energetic and informative volunteers.

Call the Arboretum at 657-278-3407 and for more information and for more photos on the remodeling go to <http://fullertonarboretumblog.com/nature-center-new-and-improved/>

For more information about the Fullerton Sunrise Rotary Club, please visit: www.fullertonsunriserotary.org or contact Bruce Powell at ebpowell@earthlink.net.



Fullerton Sunrise Rotary Club members Champika Ranasinghe and Steve Eldredge paint the ceiling. Ten Sunrise Rotary volunteers helped put a bright new face on the Arboretum Nature Center.

Meals on Wheels Celebrates 40th Anniversary

by Sandra White

To celebrate 40 years in Fullerton, Meals on Wheels of Fullerton will be sponsoring an Empty Bowls event on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at St. Paul Lutheran church, 111 W. Las Palmas Drive, Fullerton from 11am. to 1pm. Empty Bowls is an international grass roots effort to fight hunger. Craftspeople and potters in the community create handcrafted bowls. For a \$25 donation, guests will purchase a bowl of their choice and receive soup, bread and water. Guests will take away a beautiful handcrafted bowl—a reminder that they have helped

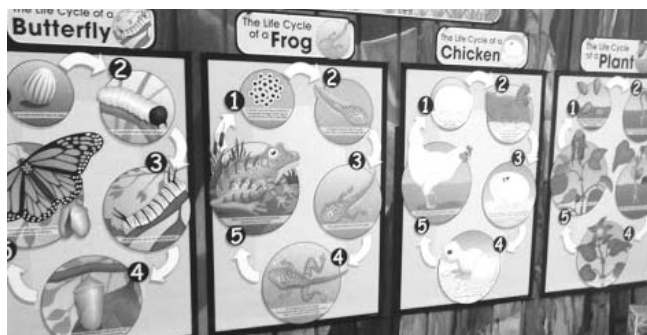
In 2012-13, 290 volunteers delivered 36,856 meals.

the homebound in our community. The public is invited and no reservations are needed.

Meals on Wheels came to life in Fullerton in 1973 as volunteers became interested in starting a meal delivery program to elderly shut-ins and the convalescing in town. Board members came from the community organizations that helped support the program's beginning including the National Charity League which pledged financial support and volunteers, the Red Cross, and the Ebell Club. On February 25, 1974, the program began with 13 clients and 128 volunteers.

In 1991 Meals on Wheels of Fullerton incorporated as an independent non-profit organization. The mission of Meals on Wheels is to assist Fullerton home-bound individuals to maintain independence in their own home by providing home-delivered, nutritious meals and socialization. There are no age limits. Volunteers deliver two meals each day Mon. through Fri. on 7 routes to a total of 84-90 clients. Meals are prepared at St. Jude Medical Center, Morningside and by Community SeniorServ, a federal meal program for low income seniors. Three food sources allow clients to receive special diets such as cardiac, renal and diabetic. Financial support comes from individuals, businesses, Rotary, foundations and churches. We apply for Community Development Block Grant funding each year from the City of Fullerton to assist our low income seniors.

Daily operations are supervised by Volunteer Coordinator Ellie Bohall and Case Manager Nancy Harry. Meals on Wheels of Fullerton is located at 223 W. Amerige Ave. in the Assistance League of Fullerton building, which provides office space and utilities. Call the Meals on Wheels office at 714-871-2200 or email emptybowlsfullerton@gmail.com.



At Left and Below: There are all kinds of interesting interactive displays at the center.



At Left: The spruced up interior with new fixtures & display cases.



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