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## Book Sale Success

The Friends of the Fullerton Public Library raised over \$10,000 at the annual March Book Sale event. The Friends will be donating \$60,000 to the library this year, raised through its annual events plus revenue from the in-library Book Store and online sales.

*The March Friends of the Fullerton Public Library Book Sale drew people of all ages and raised over \$10,000.* PHOTO BY JERE GREENE

## CELL TOWER PROPOSED FOR PARK

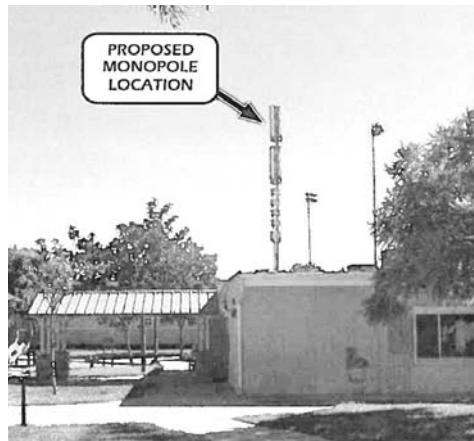
AT&T Wireless has proposed installing a cell tower and equipment shelter at the west end of Richman Park at 711 S. Highland Ave. The Parks and Recreation Commission will discuss the issue at its April 14 meeting at city hall at 6:30pm. The proposed cell tower will be located adjacent to the athletic field and Richman School, between the St. Jude Health Center and the Richman Community Center building.

The height of the tower will be 65 feet. A 10 foot by 17 foot area along the south property line will house the equipment necessary to operate the tower.

The final vote will take place at a future council meeting. If approved by council, AT&T will pay the city \$36,000 in the first

year with a 3% increase every year after which will be used for existing Park & Recreation programming costs.

(See related story page 8)



## Arsonist Targets the Muck

A string of fires at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center appear to be set by an arsonist. Two weekends ago a fire was set behind the stage as a wedding was being prepared. This was the third fire in as many weeks. The Muck staff cleared out all the wood stored behind the stage so there is no more fuel for fire-starting. Last weekend two fires were set simultaneously about 2pm in trash cans near the stage and entrance way. Both were discovered by the Muckenthaler caterer and receptionist thanks to alert neighbors who spotted them. These fires seem to happen on weekends in the late morning or early afternoon.

"Thanks to Chief Hughes for quickly putting officers on the case," said executive director Zoot Velasco.

If you notice a fire, call 911. If you have information about the arsons, call the police non-emergency line at 714-738-6800 ext 0 or leave an anonymous tip online through the link on the police news page at [www.cityoffullerton.com](http://www.cityoffullerton.com).

## North Fullerton Earthquake Damage

Residents of Fullerton were shook up by the 5.1 earthquake on March 28th. The quake was centered just 3 miles north of Fullerton, 7.5km (about 4.6 miles) below the ground, in La Habra on a fault underneath the Puente Hills Thrust Fault which also runs through West Coyote Hills. If the quake had been one point stronger (6.1) it would have been ten times as powerful. No injuries were reported in connection with the quake.

Damages in Fullerton included \$1 million to private property and \$520,000 to public property. CSUF listed its damages at \$6.5 million. Damage in Orange County overall was estimated at \$10.8 million. The OC Board of Supervisors filed a local emergency declaration with the state on April 8 which could lead to federal aid.

Though most Fullerton households reported little or no damage, some north town neighborhoods were not so lucky. Residents of a 20-unit apartment building and several homes were evacuated as buildings were checked by structural engineers. All buildings, but two have since been cleared by the inspectors who also found 90 damaged block walls and chimneys.

Building Dept. Director Kirke Warren cautioned residents to check licences of per-

sons being hired to do repair work as there are a lot of scam operators.

The CA State Contractor website is <http://www.cslb.ca.gov/>. Once on the site hit the red link "Instant License Check" on the left side of the page.

Residents with damage may also contact the City Building Dept. at 714-738-6541. The council voted unanimously at the April 1st meeting to waive building permit fees through June for repair of damage related to the earthquake.

"I am so thankful to be alive," said a neighbor who lives in an upscale development. "I've lived through the Whittier Narrows quake, the Northridge quake and the Chino Hills quake, but I never experienced anything like this before." She said she and her neighbors have been brought closer together through sharing their experiences of the quake. "In all the houses right around me, everything flew out of every kitchen cupboard and smashed on the floor, lamps fell, chandeliers shattered, TVs fell and broke, and more. "It actually proved to me how much a house can withstand in a large quake and I feel safer knowing my house survived." But there remains much clean up and repair ahead.

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## Earthquake Program at Library Tuesday

The Fullerton Public Library will host an earthquake program on Tuesday, April 15, at 7pm at the Fullerton Public Library Community Room. California State Fullerton seismologist, Dr. David Bowman, will discuss what happened during the March 28 earthquake, which faults may have been responsible, and what this could mean for future earthquakes.

The 5.1 magnitude earthquake and the subsequent aftershocks were centered in the city of La Habra with surrounding communities such as Fullerton, Brea, and La Mirada also experiencing trauma caused by the tremors.

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## WAKE UP CALL ON DEVELOPMENT OF WEST COYOTE HILLS

The March 28, 5.1 quake should be a wake up call for the City Council and Chevron, the owners of West Coyote Hills.

It is not often that we have the opportunity to make right a bad decision but that is just what our current City Council can do.

In May 2011 the city council at the time ignored the information provided to them from the U. S. Geological Survey about the earthquake hazard at West Coyote Hills. They voted to approve a 760 unit housing development in the center of the hills.

The USGS letter states "...the Coyote

Hills are the bull's eye of what has been characterized as the worst-case earthquake scenario in the United States—a rupture of the Puente Hills blind thrust Fault." The letter continues: "The point here is that the Coyote Hills themselves were most likely created by repeated Puente Hills earthquakes (because the rupture includes the Coyote Hills fault segment)." A copy of the letter is at left, with references to more on-line information and a copy is in the comment section of the proposed project.

Does Chevron/Pacific Coast Homes, the landowner, want to be known as the California corporation that insisted on jeopardizing the lives of more than 700 families by selling them houses on what is considered the "bull's eye" of this dangerous fault system?

Does the current Fullerton City Council want to be known as the one that caused the bankruptcy of the city when the next earthquake on this system occurs?

The March 28th 5.1 earthquake should be considered a "game changer" as far as development on the top of the West Coyote Hills is concerned. Whether the quake was on the Puente Hills Thrust Fault itself or on an auxiliary fault in the Puente Hills system makes no difference. (*At this writing, the USGS is still determining this.*)

The homes that surround the hills were shaken considerably in this 5.1 quake which was categorized as "moderate." If it had been just one point higher (at 6.1) the magnitude would have been 10 times greater.

Given the USGS information and our recent "moderate" earthquake, the West Coyote Hills property should not have any commercial value as far as placing structures on it. Fullerton's current City Council and the West Coyote Hills landowners need to reevaluate this bad decision.

At the present time the City and Chevron continue in talks behind closed doors about the fate of the property. By mutual agreement there is no reporting out of the meetings taking place so members of the public continue to be kept in the dark.

Those 61% of voters who voted in November of 2012 to overturn the former council's approval of Chevron's development of the hills in favor of saving the property as an open space park continue to hope that the talks will end with a decision in line with the wishes of the majority of Fullerton voters.



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May 22, 2006

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RE: Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report, Volume 1 (SCH NO. 1997051056),  
West Coyote Hills Specific Plan and Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve

To whom it may concern:

I am a seismologist working for the United States Geological Survey. I am also the leader of the Working Group on California Earthquake Probabilities (<http://www.WGCEP.org>), a group that is developing a forecast model that will be used by the California Earthquake Authority to set earthquake insurance rates throughout the state.

In reading the Environment Impact Report, I was dismayed by how outdated the discussion of seismic hazard at the proposed site is. In short, it fails to mention that the Coyote Hills are the bull's eye of what has been characterized as the worst-case earthquake scenario in the United States – a rupture of the Puente Hills blind thrust fault.

In 1999, John Shaw and Peter Shearer published a paper in *Science* (our most prestigious and widely circulated scientific journal) stating that three fault segments (the Los Angeles, Santa Fe Springs, and Coyote Hills segments) constitute a larger fault named the Puente Hills Blind Thrust Fault. Consequently, since 2002 our USGS National Seismic Hazard Maps (<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/hazmaps/>) have included this potential earthquake source, giving it a Magnitude range of 6.65 to 7.45. Furthermore, the California Geological Survey has quantified potential losses for a number of large earthquakes throughout California (including "big ones" on the San Andreas Fault), and they found Puente Hills (with an assumed Magnitude of 7.1) to be the worst case scenario (<http://www.consrv.ca.gov/cgs/rghm/loss>).

In 2003, James Dolan and others published a paper in *Science* (Volume 300, pages 115-118) identifying the occurrence of "at least four large (moment magnitude 7.2-7.5) earthquakes on this [Puente Hills] fault during the past 11,000 years". These magnitude estimates are considerably larger than the previous ones. Last year I was the lead author on a paper published in *Earthquake Spectra* (Volume 21, pages 329-338) that explored the loss implications of such an event (I've included a copy of this paper in this letter). We estimated that the total economic losses would be between 82 and 252 billion dollars, making it a clear contender for the worst-case earthquake scenario imaginable for the entire US.

The point here is that the Coyote Hills themselves were most likely created by repeated Puente Hills earthquakes (because the rupture includes the Coyote Hills fault segment). Furthermore, in addition to the scientific literature, the threat of a Puente Hills earthquake has been all over the news (e.g., after the press conference we had last year for our loss estimation paper; see <http://www.scec.org/research/050525media.html>). In fact, the following simulation of a Puente Hills earthquake, which was presented at that press conference and shown repeatedly on the evening news, reveals the strongest shaking to be in the area of the Coyote Hills:

<http://www.scec.org/puentehills/images/puentehills.mov> (28 Mb!).

More recently, the Puente Hills earthquake was also mentioned last night (May 21<sup>st</sup>) on NBC's Dateline ("Are You Prepared for the Big One", <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12861604/>). National Geographic is also planning to air and entire show dedicated to a Puente Hills earthquake (I have been interviewed for this program).

Given all this attention, and especially the fact this it is in the USGS National Seismic Hazard Maps, I am quite surprised there is no mention of a possible Puente Hills earthquake in the Environmental Impact Report. You might want to consider the implications of this oversight.

Please include this letter in the summary of public comments.

Sincerely,

Edward (Ned) H. Field  
Research Geophysicist  
U.S. Geological Survey

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**OUT OF MY MIND**

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**War: What's it Good For? Absolutely Nothing!**

I was listening to the news and following the stories of our massive failures. And by "our massive failures," I do not mean simply those of American policy but really the world's failures. All the news, that wasn't about the missing 777 of Malaysia Air, was about Israel and the Palestinians failing to find enough interest in peace to keep talking. I heard that the Syrians are killing each other in record numbers and outsiders from the Arab World (Sunni) and Iran (Shiah) are pouring in to aid the slaughter. Record numbers of Iraqis are killing each other. Afghanistan is a deteriorating violent mess. And Ukrainians, both ethnic Russians and ethnic Ukrainians, are shouting and demonstrating for a more robust response to each other's "provocations." This is code for both sides singing "Give War a Chance."

I thought of the anthem from the 60s, War (What is it Good For?) and remembered the days of my activism in the antiwar movement. I remembered marching peacefully and hopefully to end the tragedy of Vietnam. I remembered some of my friends losing both their sense of hopefulness and dedication to peace and turning towards anger—using some of the very means we were protesting. Others pointed out that maybe we weren't truly antiwar but only against the Vietnam War. A fair point to consider.

After a half century (from 1964 to 2014), I have come to the considered position that I am in fact antiwar. This doesn't mean I wouldn't use violence to defend myself or my family, but it does mean that I understand the absolute futility of war as an instrument for bettering any part of our world. Wars may sometimes prevent one kind of tragedy but seldom if ever accomplish the grandiose ambitions of those who market them to the masses.

The thing about wars is that they eventually end, and all the so-called good reasons for going to war disappear. All the grand visions of "Wars to end all wars" are forgotten. The terrible need to burn the heretics passes, but the heretics remain burned to death. You see, after most wars we make peace. And if peace is the ultimate and inevitable result of war, why not cut out that middle period of vio-

lent strife?

We make war and a decade later go back and revisit the battlefields and embrace surviving foes. While living in Tunisia I used to watch veterans of WWII meet while strolling along the beach or visiting a battlefield. They greeted each other, chatted amicably and often exchanged addresses or got together for a meal. It is commendable in our nature that we can make peace, but must we make war?

**After most wars we make peace. And if peace is the ultimate and inevitable result of war, why not cut out that middle period of violent strife?**

We hated the Germans, now our friends. We admired the Chinese, now our frenemy, while fearing the evil Japanese, now our friends. As for the Russians. Well, we don't know if we're going to fight them or "friend" them. Their status changes faster than I can keep up with. We hated the Russian commies in the 30s, then when Hitler invaded Russia, we became friends. After the war, they became hated commies again until

Gorbachev, when they became our best friends forever, or at least till Putin's third term.

Maybe it's a good sign that we've learned the futility of war since we no longer have wars. No. Really! The United States hasn't declared war since 4 days after Pearl Harbor. I guess we've eliminated war—at least linguistically. We now have conflicts and operations and police actions.

The only wars we fight now, or at least call wars, are the War on Drugs and the War on Poverty. They seem to be going no better than our other military ventures. The drugs are winning and poverty is climbing. My only hope for our future is that the War on Women and the War on Science will fair equally poorly.

It would be lovely to give up war—both in its violent aspects and as a metaphor.

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Matt Crockett Cartoon ©2014

**Unanswered Questions**

After reading the story on unanswered questions (April 1st) it doesn't surprise me that Rep. Ed Royce didn't respond to your inquiry. I have written to him 30 plus times in a year about a law that he wrote and had passed, and have never received a response.

Tom Lance Fullerton

**Risk to Homes**

If you ever do decide to investigate this issue further, the real issue here is risk. Fracking may not only cause risks of an earthquake, but also risks of greater home damage from any given earthquake. The issue of home damage brings in legal/economic concerns which probably haven't been explored greatly. But I would think that insurance companies issuing earthquake damage policies may have thought about this. If insurance companies have increased cost of earthquake damage policies for homes next to oil wells (or near fracking) compared to homes in the same city/geography, then there may be a link that has already been established in the business sector.

**Respect for Animals and People**

Today I was walking with my friend at Laguna Lake. And we saw this cute birdie or ducky, with a red face. I was enjoying watching this bird while it looked for food when this little kid started throwing pebbles at him.

I said hey! Stop, don't harm animals. There was a man with the kid and he said "Hey!" to the kid. But, instead of stopping, the younger brother - following and imitating his older brother - also started throwing at the bird. They were picking pebbles from the ground and they weren't stopping so I again asked them to stop harming the bird.

The man without stopping the kids told me that they were throwing bread. Yeah!! From the ground. Then he said, "this is America woman," and told me to mind my own business.

Nevermind that these kids were throwing pebbles, not bread, a sign at the lake says specifically not to feed the birds. And this man, in few seconds, taught those two boys (and a little girl who was also there but did nothing to harm the bird) that:

- 1) It's O.K. to harm animals.
- 2) You can lie. And it's O.K.
- 3) It's O.K. to disrespect women and elder's.

What kind of a lesson is this young grandpa giving those kids? (He said he was the grandpa of the kids.) It bothered me but I just walked on when I realized it was not worth saying another word. But if you know who this was please pass this on. I hope that by telling my story someone will benefit and change their attitude and the way they handle this kind of situation with kids. Madusha Palliyage Fullerton

**Quake Location Not Good for Injection**

RE: Interesting article on back page of Early April Fullerton Observer by Food & Water Watch about the connection between oil well injection sites and earthquakes. www.fullertonobserver.com

If you look at the sites of the quake and after quakes, you will see that they plot right through the northern edge of Coyote Hills. The Puente thrust fault goes right through it. Not a good place for injection wells.

http://touch.latimes.com/#section/1/article/p2p-79767395/

Eric Chang Fullerton

**Fracking Disturbing**

I read the article about fracking and felt compelled to write in. It's disturbing this is being allowed to continue. I've always wondered - after this plundering - what the affect to the stability of the earth is.

I can't help but think fracking = earthquake.

Karen M. Fullerton

**Mardi Gras**

Thank you so much for including our article and photos on our recent Mardi Gras fundraiser in your latest issue. It was great to see the article and photos of the fourth graders and newlyweds Bill and his wife, Wanda. We really appreciate all that you do for our organization and other local nonprofits.

Judi McDuff Fullerton

**Boy Scouts**

Thanks so much for fitting in both of our Troop 292 events.... Thanks also for continuing the fracking articles, which now are of particular and pertinent importance.... In all honesty, I hadn't given the topic of fracking proper attention, but thanks to your recent articles and our recent earthquakes, hopefully not just I will have been enlightened.... Thanks again.

Darci Nunez Fullerton

**How to Survive an Earthquake**

Not to be all doom and gloom...but thought this was a really informative article about what to do in an earthquake: http://www.arjanihomes.com/blog/where-to-go-during-an-earthquake-triangle-of-life/#.UzdKM1uxnOk.facebook

Kristi An Fullerton

**WAR COSTS in Life & Money**

IN IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN

• 122,606	Civilians killed by Violence <a href="http://www.iraqbodycount.org">www.iraqbodycount.org</a> (4/12/2014)
• 4,486	US Soldiers killed in Iraq: (DoD 5/11/2012 - no update since this date)
• 2,316	US Soldiers killed in Afghanistan (4/12/2014) <a href="http://www.icasualties.org">www.icasualties.org</a>
• 32,223	US Soldiers wounded (DOD reports) <a href="http://www.icasualties.org">www.icasualties.org</a> 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)
• \$1.5 Trillion	Cost of Wars Since 2001 <a href="http://www.costofwar.com">www.costofwar.com</a> (4/12/2014) (rounded down) (Iraq \$816 billion) (Afghanistan \$709 billion)

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Council studies report on temporary sign regulations. See article by Amanda Lean for a discussion of whether we can regulate negative unattributed campaign signs.

### CITY COUNCIL NOTES by Amanda Lean

The City Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Upcoming agenda info and streaming video of council meetings are available at [www.cityoffullerton.com](http://www.cityoffullerton.com). Meetings are broadcast live on Cable Channel 3 and rebroadcast at 3pm and 6pm the following Wed. & Sun. and at 5pm Mon. City Hall is located at 303 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton. Contact Council at 714-738-6311 or by email to: [council@ci.fullerton.ca.us](mailto:council@ci.fullerton.ca.us)

### April 1st Council Meeting (next meeting is April 15)

Mayor Chaffee opened the meeting by discussing the impact of the 5.1 magnitude earthquake on Friday, March 28, and subsequent aftershocks. No injuries were reported. However, the earthquake resulted in an estimated \$1 million in damages to public and private property including structural damage to homes, water main breaks and roads damaged in the repair process. Residents concerned about damages to their homes may call the City Building Department at (714)738-6541. The council added an agenda item moving unanimously to waive permit fees for repairs from April 1, 2014, through July 1, 2014. The public was warned to be

aware of “scammers” and to check with the State License Board to ensure work is done by registered, licensed contractors. All this information and additional resources are available on the city website at [www.cityoffullerton.com](http://www.cityoffullerton.com).

City Manager Joe Felz reported that the damage to public and private property reported so far may not meet requirements necessary to declare a “State of Emergency,” which is currently being coordinated by the County of Orange and would make federal assistance programs available. Low-interest loans for citizens needing financial assistance for repairs is the most likely approach.

#### PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

•**National Service Day:** A proclamation declaring April 1, 2014, as National Service Recognition Day was presented to Michael Sheppard of Pathways of Hope, Americorps & Senior Corps and to those working with the Task Force on Homelessness and Mental Illness.

•**April Declared “Donate Life Month,”** proclamation was presented to volunteers working to educate and inspire the community about the important life saving issues of organ and tissue donation. More than 21,000 Californians are on organ donation lists and every 90 minutes someone dies awaiting the necessary transplant due to the shortage of organs available. Citizens may sign-up through the DMV to become an organ donor by checking “yes,” when renewing their California Driver’s License. This year’s 10th annual Donate Life Run-Walk event will be held April 26, 2014, at Cal State Fullerton. Go to [www.donatelifecoc.org](http://www.donatelifecoc.org) for more info on signing up for the event.

•**Faces of Fullerton’s** co-founder Pam

Keller and volunteer Minard Duncan were presented with a proclamation for the 12th annual Faces of Fullerton event happening April 12 in honor of co-founder Chris Lamm who passed away last June. The all-ages event is free to all and organized by the Fullerton Collaborative. The goal is to build and support a healthy community for all.

•**Orange County Human Relations Annual Report:** Leticia Matta listed the accomplishments of the non-profit commission dedicated to fostering respect among diverse groups. Mayor Doug Chaffee and City Council were thanked for outstanding commitment to standing against discrimination and eliminating prejudice in order to make Orange County a better place to live, work, and do business.

•**Elks Citizen of Year Award to Chief Hughes:** Elks Lodge #1993 presented Fullerton Police Chief Dan Hughes with an award and a \$2,000 check which he donated to the police department’s Homeless Liaison Program.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

•Barry Levinson requested to pull agenda item 2 regarding the Towing and shared his recent moving visit to historic battlefields.

•Craig Holbrook spoke about 14 families that have been affected by the OCTA Placentia grade separation project. The \$69 million project started in 2012, and caused years of noise and damage to nearby homes. He had trouble with the video he brought to show and was invited back to present it an upcoming meeting.

City Manager Felz said that Mr. Holbrook should follow-up with OCTA since the project was theirs.

•George McDermott asked when the low-interest loans would be made available to residents for earthquake damage repairs. He also asked council to consider providing assistance in alleviating the heavy debris brought on by the earthquake. He said when he contacted the police department about a water main break he was informed that the location

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## CAN WE BAN NEGATIVE UNSIGNED POLITICAL SIGNS?

by Amanda Lean

The City Council took on a review of city policies and guidelines on campaign sign regulations at the Tuesday, April 1st meeting. The agenda item “Temporary Non-Commercial Sign Regulations” was brought up to discuss political signs prior to the upcoming election.

Current regulations include prohibiting signs from blocking the public’s right of way, rules for posting on public property and private property, etc. The full list of Fullerton’s guidelines is available at <http://cityoffullerton.com/weblink8/2/doc/537738/Page1.aspx>.

With the 2014 election season approaching, City Manager Joe Felz stated that for the city not be perceived as politically advantaging one candidate over another it was important to have the most black and white outline regarding political campaign signs including permissible placement, size, and procedural guidelines for removal of illegally placed signs.

City Attorney Dick Jones said the council only has the ability to regulate the time, place, and manner of such signs. And to a question about whether the city could prohibit unsigned campaign signs such as the negative ones that have shown up in past elections, he reiterated that to do so would be a violation of First Amendment Rights of Free Speech.

However, California State Law Election Code has dealt with deceptive and unsigned political advertising stating that such advertising must be signed. (See page 18 for the entire wording of the code.)

This information is also included in the OC Registrar of Voters 2014 Candidate Handbook & Guidelines. Many California cities include similar municipal codes that require the same disclosure of identification on political signs.

Requiring the identification of the candidate, party, group, or individual responsible for the payment and creation of a particular sign falls under a city’s right in constituting “manner.” Therefore, requir-

ing identification of the party responsible for political signs is within the legal right of the Fullerton City Council and safeguards the voting public’s rights to know who is responsible for the message.

Orange County cities that require such disclosure include but are not limited to Anaheim, Brea, Costa Mesa, Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano, and Westminster.

Council Member Jennifer Fitzgerald spoke about this requirement, citing state and federal regulations requiring candidate’s to include their campaign identification number when naming an individual seeking office. The identification is also required of signs posted by political action committees, individuals, groups or organizations advocating for or against a political candidate, measure, or policy pertaining to an upcoming election.

The city attorney agreed but said that the staff was more concerned here with reviewing the time, place and manner, specifically focusing on where the signs could be placed not on content.

However, at a time of urgent need for transparency in Fullerton city politics, shouldn’t identification disclosures on political signs be part of our regulations? With such a requirement added to the city sign ordinance, signs without proper ID could be removed.

The council will continue to review the policy closer to the election when more information is provided to them by the city clerk and staff.

Bruce Whitaker asked for clarification of prohibiting signs placed on residential parkways and was told that the concern was safety issues such as signs obstructing the view of the street when backing out of driveways, and was complaint driven. He also mentioned that he is not in the upcoming election and warned council that they delicately address this as decisions made when reviewing these regulations could be interpreted as impeding challengers from running a competitive campaign.

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## Earthquake Damage Reported

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"The street has large cracks running from one side to the other. My driveway is cracked all the way across and almost every window has cracks radiating from the corners to the ceiling," said another neighbor. His daughter who lives only a few miles away reported no damage.

After the quake one neighbor visited others on her street who she knew lived alone and based on that said, "I am sure there are a lot of traumatized people in our area who are keeping it all to themselves. Unless you live right in the zone that got really slammed you don't realize how bad it was."

City Manager Joe Felz noted that city building officials began inspecting residences and businesses immediately following the earthquake, that all roads remain open, and that only minimal traffic impacts are expected. In addition to damage of homes, there were numerous water main breaks. Mayor Chaffee was complimentary in acknowledging city staff for their work immediately following the quake, "I can't thank the city staff enough for their quick and coordinated efforts to repair the damages caused by the earthquake. Like neighboring cities, we had our share of damages. The tireless efforts of our fire, police, public works and community volunteers ensured that our citizens were safe and taken care of during this emergency."



North Fullerton neighbors reported shaking that caused furniture to crash down, caused cracks in walls, and toppled chimneys and block walls.

At left a block wall separating properties now resembles a garden path.

City Manager Felz, following a citizen's request, said he would be talking to MG Disposal about setting up dumpsters in heavily hit areas.



## HOMEMADE DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

by Jere Greene (involved with disaster operations since 1993)

The recent local earthquakes are a good reminder to prepare yourself in case of disaster. If a disaster were to occur, emergency services could be delayed so it is important to have basic supplies within easy reach to keep your household safe.

Below is a list of items you can easily pick up each week during your regular household shopping that will create a homemade kit to keep on hand along with suggestions of actions you can take now that will protect you in the future.

### WEEK 1

#### Hardware Store

waterproof storage container  
(such as garbage can to store supplies)

#### Grocery Store

1 gallon water (for each person)  
1 large can juice (for each person)  
1 can meat (for each person)  
1 jar peanut butter (unless allergic)  
Hand-operated can opener  
Toilet paper/handwipes/paper towels  
Permanent marking pen

#### To Do

- 1) Date each perishable food item.
- 2) Make a list of special items each member of your household would need until help arrives such as diapers, eyeglasses, medications, pet food, etc. to add to your supplies.

### WEEK 2

#### Hardware Store

Matches in waterproof container  
2 flashlights with batteries  
Work gloves  
Duct Tape  
Plastic garbage bags  
12" adjustable wrench  
(to shut off utilities if needed. See below.)

#### Pharmacy

First-aid kit

#### To Do

- 1) Find out where your utility shut-offs are. Go to [www.socalgas.com/safety/shut-off.shtml](http://www.socalgas.com/safety/shut-off.shtml) for instructions. In a disaster if you smell gas but can't reach the gas company and decide to turn off your gas at the meter, do not turn it back on before calling SoCal Gas at 1-800-427-2200

### WEEK 3

#### Grocery Store

1 gallon water (for each person)  
1 large can fruit (for each person)  
1 can meat (for each person)  
1 can ready to eat soup (per person)  
Plastic bowl, cup, spoon (per person)

#### To Do

- 1) Make a floorplan of your home showing utility cut offs, emergency supply storage container, and exits. Identify safe places to go in case of fire, earthquake, and flood. Have family meeting to discuss the above.
- 2) Make a list of emergency numbers and family contact numbers

### WEEK 4

#### Stationary Store

Waterproof container for important documents  
Notebook and pencil

#### To Do

- 1) Gather and copy all important documents. Include a photo of your household members including pets.
- 2) FEMA recommends that you always shut off all individual circuits before shutting off the main circuit breaker. Find the circuit breaker to your house and find out how to shut electricity off at [www.pge.com/mybusiness/edusafety/gas-electric/electriconoff/](http://www.pge.com/mybusiness/edusafety/gas-electric/electriconoff/).

### WEEK 5

#### Clothing (store in waterproof bag)

Set of clothes (for each person)  
Sturdy shoes (for each person)

#### Hardware Store

4-in-one type screwdriver  
Brackets and screws (to secure heavy items that might fall during an earthquake)

#### To Do

- 1) Inspect your house for heavy items that might fall down and create a hazard in an earthquake. Secure them.
- 2) Obtain a map of the local area. (AAA members can get maps for free from the Automobile Club on Harbor)

### WEEK 6

#### Sporting Goods Store

Sleeping bag or blanket (per person)  
Tent or tarp and heavy cotton or hemp rope (to make outdoor shelter)  
Battery operated radio & batteries (store batteries in a zip-lock bag)

#### To Do

- 1) Have a family drill to practice what your family would do in an emergency
- 2) Decide on alternative locations to reunite if the family is not at home during a disaster.
- 3) Sign up for a First-aid/CPR course at [www.ocredcross.org](http://www.ocredcross.org) or 714-481-5300

### WEEK 7

#### Grocery Store

1 gallon water (per person)  
1 large can fruit (per person)  
1 can vegetables (per person)  
1 can ready to eat soup (per person)  
Dried fruit and nuts

#### To Do

- 1) Store a roll of quarters for emergency phone calls and go on a hunt with family members to find the nearest pay telephone.
- 2) Develop a disaster supply kit for each family car.

## FRACKING TOO CLOSE TO HOME

by Jane Rands

The Food and Water Watch presentation held in Irvine, on the impacts of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) on the local environment was well attended on April 6th, the weekend after the magnitude 5.1 La Habra temblor that was centered within 2 miles of waste water injection wells that may have triggered the fault activity.

Speaker Alexandra Nagy, representative of the non-profit consumer watchdog Food and Water Watch and a graduate of UC Irvine's School of Social Ecology, has been working to educate Orange and Los Angeles County residents about the oil extraction and waste water disposal techniques being practiced in OC and LA communities.

The connection between fracking and earthquakes is still under review, but the data is pointing towards inducement of seismic activity. Bill Ellsworth, a US Geological Society scientist, recognized the increased frequency of earthquakes and concluded that the marked change "coincides with the injection of wastewater in deep disposal wells in several locations, including Colorado, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Ohio." Not enough data is available to conclude the cause of the March 28 earthquake.

Fracking has been under the radar for a decade with the exception of activists' warnings about air and water pollution from toxic chemicals used in the process. But now, as fracking has gone from affecting a few property owners in wide open spaces to whole communities in highly populated municipalities such as Carson, residents are demanding a stop to fracking until the processes can be shown to be safe. Even politically neutral institutions, such as *Sunset Magazine* ("The Future of Fracking in California," April 2014), are warning of the destruction that could result from oil and gas extraction within the Monterey Shale Formation that runs lengthwise through the state from Orange County to Sacramento. **Continued on page 19**

### WEEK 8

#### Pharmacy

Personal items (sunscreen, toothbrush, deodorant, lotion, chapstick, diapers, feminine pads, aspirin, anti-acid, etc.)

#### Medical Supplies

Prescriptions (check expiration dates)  
Eye glasses  
Batteries for hearing aides

#### To Do

- 1) Consider attending Fullerton Neighborhood Watch meetings 714-738-6836 or taking CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes at 714-773-1316.

### WEEK 9

#### Hardware Store

Childproof latches for cabinets  
Whistle (or other noise making device that does not require electricity)  
Smoke Detector batteries

#### To Do

- 1) Install child-proof latches on cabinets
- 2) Test your smoke detectors and replace battery in each detector that does not work.

### WEEK 10

#### Water Purification & Supplies

Disposable dust masks (1 per person)  
Multi-function knife (Swiss Army type)

#### To Do

- 1) Find out how to purify water in an emergency at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
- 1) Find out about your workplace disaster plan.

### ONLINE RESOURCES

**Red Cross:** [www.oc-redcross.org](http://www.oc-redcross.org)

**Ready-OC:** [www.readyoc.org](http://www.readyoc.org)

**www.earthquakecountry.info**

(download free 32-page booklet "Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country" by the Southern California Earthquake Center at USC)

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

That's odd, looks like a driver's license in a planter just off the sidewalk here in our downtown. My first response was pretty much no response because, like most of us, I am always in a hurry and didn't want to stop, pick it up, and figure out what to do with it.

But I recalled how someone once took the time to get my license back to me, so I walked over and picked it up. Suddenly I was a bit intrigued. Maybe the owner would respond after they got it in the mail and call me with an interesting story.

The story was interesting all right, but in a very different way. What are the chances? To my surprise, it actually belonged to a friend of mine. Sorry Larry, I know you were looking forward to that trip to the DMV. Speaking of forward....

PAY IT FOWARD

On another, more recent downtown walk, I saw a soft leather briefcase laying near the curb on West Amerige. Again, I nearly cruised right on past, but when I nudged it with my foot, a cellphone slipped out. It not only contained a cellphone, but a checkbook, a wallet with cash and credit cards, some paperwork, etc. I located a phone number on the deposit slips and gave the owner a call. This kind of activity has gained entry in the Pay It Forward movement.

As you can imagine, it did not take him long to stop by my office to pick it up. He had of course searched his car over and over, retraced his steps at the transportation center where he picked up his son, went back to other places he went that day, but no luck. By the way, when we find something that was misplaced or lost, why do we always say "It was in the last place I looked?" Of course, why keep looking? Anyway, he figured it may have somehow been dropped or even stolen, so it appeared to be a lost cause. But then his phone rang.

Was it worth the trouble? Does Mr. West (pictured at right) look happy or relieved or maybe a lot of both? He offered to treat my wife and me to dinner, "At a nice place". I politely declined. "That's not necessary but thanks for the offer." He insisted. I accepted.

Sometimes you just have to let the rhythm of life play out and enjoy the tune. And the food.

We both agreed, as did a couple of people I ran into that day, that is it NOT TRUE that "Nobody is honest anymore" and that most people would have done the same thing I did. In fact, one of my own daughters returned a wallet to another fortunate person recently too. So my purpose here is not to get a pat on the back; we don't deserve one for doing the right thing. It would be nice though to plant a seed with you to remember this - the bad guys may get the headlines but the regular guys are still here, there, and everywhere, members of the Pay It Forward movement. Yea, right here in Downtown Fullerton. Enlist today, no application necessary.



The DOWNTOWN Report

with text & photos by Mike Ritto AllMedia@sbcglobal.net



The old sandstone bench at the corner of Commonwealth and Highland in front of City Hall was being crushed by the large Cypress trees so was moved back a bit.

Panic Attack in Fullerton

Phone calls. Text messages. Emails. Facebook posts. No, not about the earthquake. OMG, what is going on with this City of Fullerton!? Look, they are destroying that historic bench, AND taking out the 75 year old Cypress trees too!! Why can't they just move the bench and restore it, why do they have to destroy it? The sky is falling!

Reminded me of a Downtown Business Association meeting we had years ago. Word was out that "All of the trees on Harbor will be chopped down" so we had a huge turnout. Panic had set in then too. Of course, when city trees get too large, they interfere with all kinds of conveniences, like our sewer system, sidewalks, curbs, etc. At that time, a few of the largest Floss Silk trees were tagged for replacement. Pink Tababuia trees were used as replacements and are doing well. We are a city of trees and here is proof, one of our many streets lined with our official City

tree, the majestic Jacaranda. Just don't park under one when they are in bloom.

As to the bench, I got a first hand history lesson from a local resident who wanted a photo of it on a We Love Fullerton banner because she knew the son of the Dr. who owned the wood framed house that was located behind the bench. Seems the kid built it and when the house was razed to build City Hall, the bench was spared.

So, many have a soft spot for that sandstone and brick bench, and since it was being crushed by the trees, it has been moved back and restored. The trees remain, and some drought tolerant plants will soon be going in to dress up the area in front of it. Good to know Fullertonians are paying attention and good to know it will be there for a long time to come.

Thanks to Fullerton Heritage and the City of Fullerton, a link to our past has again been preserved. Now, about that railroad loading dock.....



Well wishers with ribbon cutters and good humorists, owners Jennifer Nap and Kathryn Knost

TWO SAUCY BREADS OR BROADS?

To make a restaurant successful takes all the right ingredients and not all ingredients are in the food. Sometimes it helps to have a sense of humor too. We kidded the sign guys about misspelling the name and they nearly believed us, but no, it actually IS Two Saucy Breads and their recent ribbon cutting/sign installation was a celebration of getting everything in line. Congratulations on your move to SoCo and all the best.

By the way, I recently read about Costa Mesa's South Coast Collection near South Plaza and they insist on calling themselves SoCo. Maybe we need to issue a challenge since we first created our SoCo over 10 years ago. Who's with me?!

ID THE PHOTO

What is going on in the photo below and where is it happening? Send your answer to Mike at AllMedia@sbcglobal.net



Mr. West was happy to retrieve his briefcase.



ANSWER TO MID MARCH ID THE PHOTO.

Elvis is inside Roscoes Famous Deli



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## Fullerton Beautiful Open Garden Tour April 27

by Kay Miller

All the colors of spring will be on display Sunday, April 27, when the nonprofit beautification group Fullerton Beautiful presents its 28th Annual Open Gardens Tour.

The tour will be held from 11am to 4pm, and will feature a wide variety of garden types, including edible gardens, eco-friendly gardens, gardens for entertaining, and secret gardens.

Maps to the locations of the seven gardens to be spotlighted in the tour are \$10, and may be purchased at the Fullerton College Horticulture Department, located east of the intersection of Lemon Street and Berkeley Avenue.

Visitors are also invited to walk through the department's gardens, where plants will be available for sale. Proceeds from the sales support the department's internship program.

Among the gardens to be featured in the Open Gardens Tour is the "Secret Garden" of Felicia Campbell. The garden is the result of more than two decades of

loving care, and offers a creative and fanciful use of botanicals to create "rooms," including a living room, dining room complete with crystal chandelier, and a bedroom perfect for reading books and taking leisurely afternoon naps. A noble Chinese elm tree provides leafy coverage for the area.

Also on the tour will be the eco-friendly garden of the Hoonsbeen family. With the help of landscape designer Rob Moore of California Native Landscape Design of Brea, the Hoonsbeens developed a drought-tolerant garden that features monkey flowers, sages and California fuchsias which attract hummingbirds. The garden also offers blue Palo Verde, a rosemary bush, manzanitas, various salvias and seaside daisies. Whimsical art pieces scattered throughout enhance the garden as a place for relaxation.

Further information about the Open Gardens Tour may be obtained by calling Fullerton Beautiful spokeswoman Nancy Spencer at (714) 871-4156, or by logging onto the organization's website at [www.fullertonbeautiful.org](http://www.fullertonbeautiful.org).

## Take a Hike...with two Walker-Talkers

Fullerton Heritage is sponsoring hikes of historic areas in Fullerton on Saturday mornings. Hikes are free to Fullerton Heritage members and \$5 for non-members. Check the web site at [www.fullertonheritage.org](http://www.fullertonheritage.org).

**Downtown:** Join Ernie Kelsey, a hometown boy and president of Fullerton Heritage, on a walking tour of historic Downtown Fullerton. Hike dates are May 10 and June 7. Meet at the Museum at the corner of Wilshire and Pomona at 9am. Ernie says, "You will be amazed by all the history packed into our downtown with over 30 stops." Find out the history of the buildings that now host restaurants, retail, the post office, police department,

theaters and offices.

**Hillcrest Park:** Join Kay Miller, a 41-year resident and former city employee, on a memory-filled hike of this jewel on the National Register of Historic Places. Hike dates are April 26, May 31, June 21 and July 12. Meet at the Recreation Center building at Lemon and Valley View at 9am. Kay, a member of the Hillcrest Park Advisory Committee, noted, "This is a historic treasure, but it also has a vibrant future." Come and share your memories of the park as hikers and go back in time to the early 20s to see how it got its start and evolved over 20 years of construction.

At Right and Below:

Two of the seven stunning gardens on this year's tour feature outdoor rooms and drought tolerant blooms.



## Leon Leyson's Book "Boy on a Wooden Box" Wins 2014 Christopher Award

Leon Leyson--with Marilyn J. Harran, and Leon's wife Lis Leyson, won a 2014 Christopher Award for "The Boy on the Wooden Box," (*Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon and Schuster*) for children ages 10 and up. This award is of interest on several levels: the book's content, the fact that authors are from Fullerton, and as an example of interfaith recognition.

Launched in 1949, The Christopher Awards are presented to writers, producers, directors and illustrators whose work affirms the highest values of the human spirit. Leyson's is one of 10 books for adults and young people being recognized at the 65th annual awards gala to be held in New York City on May 15th. In addition, creators of nine feature films and TV/Cable programs will receive awards. Over the years there have been 1,500 winners.

*The Boy on the Wooden Box* recalls the wartime horrors experienced by young Leon when the Nazis invaded Poland, his will to survive, and the lifelong admiration he felt for German industrialist Oskar Schindler, who risked his own life to save him, his family and many others. Mr. Leyson died in January 2013.

Leon Leyson (born Leib Lezjon) was only ten years old when the Nazis invaded Poland and his family was forced to relocate to the Krakow ghetto. With incredible luck, perseverance and grit, Leyson was able to survive the sadism of the Nazis, including that of the demonic Amon Goeth, commandant of Plaszow, the concentration camp outside Krakow. Ultimately, it was the generosity and cunning of one man, Oskar Schindler, who saved his life, and the lives of his mother, his father, and two of his four siblings, by adding their names to his list of workers in his factory - a list that became world renowned: Schindler's List.

This, the only memoir published by a former Schindler's List child, perfectly captures the innocence of a small boy who goes through the unthinkable. Most notable is the lack of rancor, the lack of venom, and the abundance of dignity in Mr. Leyson's telling. *The Boy on the Wooden Box* is a legacy of hope, a memoir unlike anything you've ever read.

Leon Leyson was one of the youngest members of Schindler's List. He brings a unique perspective to the history of the Holocaust and a powerful message of courage and humanity.

A graduate of LA City College; CSULA; and Pepperdine University, he taught at Huntington Park High for thirty-nine years and was a beloved and frequent speaker in Fullerton classrooms and elsewhere. In recognition of his many accomplishments as educator and witness to the Holocaust, Mr. Leyson was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Chapman University.

For more information on the book see <http://books.simonandschuster.com.au/Boy-on-the-Wooden-Box/Leon-Leyson/9781471119675>

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## Junior High Math Teacher Charged

Melissa Nicole Lindgren, 28, La Mirada, has been charged with sexually touching and kissing, and distributing pornography to a minor, and sending sexual messages by smartphone to three male students between the ages of 13 and 15 years old. If convicted on all counts she faces a maximum sentence of 16 years and four months in state prison. Lindgren, arraigned on April 9 at the North Justice Center in Fullerton, is out on \$100,000 bail. Lindgren is accused of committing these crimes during the 2012/13 and 2013/14 school years, while employed as a

math teacher at Nicholas Jr. High. On Feb. 21, 2014, after the assaults were made known to school authorities, police were immediately called in to investigate. Lindgren admitted to sending phone texts to the students and was taken into custody the same day. The district applauded the students for coming forward, put Lindgren on administrative leave until the outcome of the trial, and hosted a meeting to inform parents of the school about the case. Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Nichols of the Sexual Assault Unit is prosecuting this case #14NF1609.

### COMMUNITY OPINIONS continued on page 10

#### RE: Call for a Ban on Wireless Devices in Classrooms

I wanted to pass on to Diane Hickey (*Early April Observer page 2 letter*) the fairly recent November, 2013 letter sent to school superintendents nationwide that the American Academy of Environmental Medicine issued in which AAEM urged the superintendents to not install wifi in the classrooms.

Please forward it to Diane Hickey (if you have her email address), and let her know I'd be glad to speak with her; there is much additional information I can pass on to her regarding the harmful effects that exposure to RF has on human health.

AAEM is composed of the leading U.S. scientists who investigate the effects of environmental toxins on human health. In 2012 AAEM issued its Position Paper titled "Electromagnetic and Radiofrequency Fields Effect on Human Health" On page 2 of this position paper one reads, among other scary statements, this: "Genotoxic effects from RF exposure, including studies of non-thermal

levels of exposure, consistently and specifically show chromosomal instability, altered gene expression, gene mutations, DNA fragmentation and DNA structural breaks."

[http://aaemonline.org/emf\\_rf\\_position.html](http://aaemonline.org/emf_rf_position.html)

DNA damage is what precedes the development of cancer (which is what at epidemic levels in this country; for example, 1 out of 8 women now come down with breast cancer, and 1 out of 6 men come down now with prostate cancer).

Diane Hickey and other parents who are concerned about their children attending FSD schools because of the wifi in the classrooms as well as the iPads or laptops (another source of exposure to harmful-to-health levels of RF and EMFs) that their children are forced to use have very good grounds for such a concern.

Bob Stevenson Fullerton

ED: See the AAEM letter at right and Fullerton School District response below.

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November 14, 2013

### Wireless Radiofrequency Radiation in Schools

Founded in 1965 as a non-profit medical association, the American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) is an international organization of physicians and scientists interested in the complex relationships between the environment and health. For forty years the Academy has trained Physicians to treat the most difficult, complex patients who are often left behind by our medical system, because their illness, rather than stemming from traditionally understood factors, is related to underlying environmental causes, including (bio)chemical or radiation exposures. AAEM physicians, and physicians world-wide, are treating patients who report adverse, debilitating health effects associated with exposure to radiofrequency energy (RF).

The AAEM strongly supports the use of wired internet connection, and encourages the avoidance of radiofrequency such as from WiFi, cellular and mobile phones and towers, and "smart meters."

The peer reviewed, scientific literature demonstrates the correlation between RF exposure and neurological, cardiac, and pulmonary disease as well as reproductive and developmental disorders, immune dysfunction, cancer and other health conditions. The evidence is irrefutable. Despite this research, claims have been made that studies correlating emissions from WiFi, phones, smart meters, etc. with adverse health effects do not exist.

In May 2011 the World Health Organization elevated exposure to wireless radiation, including WiFi, into the Class 2b list of Carcinogens; recent research strengthens the level of evidence regarding carcinogenicity.

There is consistent, emerging science that shows people, especially children who are more vulnerable due to developing brains and thinner skulls, are being affected by the increasing exposure to wireless radiation. In September 2010, the Journal of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine-Fertility and Sterility, reported that only four hours of exposure to a standard laptop using WiFi caused DNA damage to human sperm.

In December 2012 the American Academy of Pediatrics, representing 60,000 pediatricians, wrote to Congress requesting that it update the safety levels of microwave radiation exposure especially for children and pregnant women.

With WiFi in public facilities as well as schools, children would be exposed to WiFi for unprecedented periods of time, for their entire childhood. Some of these signals will be much more powerful than would be received at home, due to the need for the signals to go through thick walls and to serve many computers simultaneously. Signals in institutions are dozens of times more powerful than café and restaurant systems.

To install WiFi in schools plus public spaces risks a widespread public health hazard that the medical system is not yet prepared to address. Statistics show that you can expect to see an immediate reaction in 3% and delayed effects in 30% of citizens of all ages.

It is better to exercise caution and substitute with a safe alternate such as a wired connection. While more research is being conducted, children must be protected. Wired technology is not only safer, it is also stronger and more secure.

While the debate ensues about the dangers of RF, it is the doctors who must deal with the after effects. Until we can determine why some get sick and others do not, and some are debilitated for indeterminate amounts of time, we implore you to not take the risk, particularly with the health of so many children with whose safety you have been entrusted. It should be reflected by minimizing RF exposures in public spaces.

Respectfully,

The Board of Directors of the American Academy of Environmental Medicine



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(Fullerton, CA) –

**Official Statement regarding American Academy of Environmental Medicine letter to school districts**

**Statement by: Dr. Bob Pletka, Superintendent, Fullerton School District (FSD)**

The Fullerton School District (FSD) would like to respond to a letter printed in the Fullerton Observer in its early April issue in the "Community Opinions" section (*A Call for Wireless Classroom Ban*). The opinion letter referenced a letter dated November 13, 2013 entitled "Wireless Radiofrequency Radiation in Schools" which was distributed by the American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) to unknown recipients. In its letter, AAEM supported the use of wired Internet connections, and avoidance of radiofrequency such as from Wi-Fi, cellular and mobile phones and towers. The AAEM literature alleges a correlation between radiofrequency exposure and health issues. FSD responds:

- The safety and security of our students and staff are FSD's number one priority, and FSD fundamentally rejects the premise that our schools are unsafe because of Wi-Fi. No person in any FSD classroom or other facility is being exposed to excessive electromagnetic fields.
- The District was first contacted by one parent in February 2013 regarding this issue. Although the District believed, and still believes, that all of our equipment and classroom environments are totally safe (based upon consultation with our independent safety experts, network experts, equipment manufacturers, and other school districts) in order to address this specific concern, FSD brought in additional independent specialists to conduct extensive tests to detect the exposure levels of radio-frequency (RF) fields in and around our schools.
- The results of the tests confirmed that exposure levels within FSD schools are not just lower, but significantly lower than Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Canadian, and European Union guidelines.
- Although the results are within the current guidelines set forth by the FCC, FSD has adopted exposure limits that are 10,000 times lower than any current standard. Additionally, we are supporting efforts to have the FCC revise their current standard to help parents with the conflicting information that has surfaced on the Internet and through public comment.
- FSD has been totally open and transparent regarding this issue. The District issued a press release on July 1, 2013, which detailed the results of the study. A fact sheet and additional information has been posted on the District website since July 2013. Additionally, District staff, including the Superintendent, have had numerous conversations and written several letters to the individual advancing this concern. All District principals have been informed about these concerns and are prepared to discuss with any parent or community member their concerns.
- District level staff is available at any time to discuss ANY safety concern that a community member may have.
- FSD is committed to providing a world class-learning environment for its students. This includes the use of many new and emerging technologies. Although providing a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment is important for Fullerton School District, it will not be at the expense of compromising safety to our students or staff members.

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**Above:**

All the competitors take the stage

**Below:**

Darin Huang of Parks Jr. High with his first place winning airplane design. All the art and design entries are on display at Fullerton Public Library.



## Junior High Take Flight

by Jere Greene Story and Photos

Fullerton School District's "Take Flight" 7th Grade Paper Airplane Contest was held again this year at Ladera Vista Jr. High. Students and their families were provided a meal donated by a number of local businesses. The group then moved into the gymnasium for the actual competition. Teams were:

•**Beechwood Bobcats:** Art, Casey Kim; Design, Gabby Gomes; Flight, Leeyen Peralta, and Lucas Kim

•**Fisler Navigators:** Art, Ester Park; Design, Austin Chang; Flight, Jamin Byun, Lawrence Lee, and Michael Kim

•**Ladera Vista Spartans:** Art, Tyler Kang; Design, Steven Vu; Flight, Jonathan Larkin, Aaron Villareal & Steven Vu

•**Nicolas Knights:** Art, Zubi Dass; Design, Kevin Rivera; Flight, Juan Martinez, and Tyler Huor

•**Parks Panthers:** Art, Ryan Park; Design, Darin Huang; Flight, Ethan Faeh, Bradley Carlson, Cristian Torres

Scoring included Art and Design Models and the combined weighted average of three paper plane flight events:

Time Aloft: Measured from the launch till the paper plane came to rest. Distance: From the throw line to the point where the nose of the paper plane stopped. Accuracy: Measured from the launch line to the target (a trashcan in the middle of the gym).

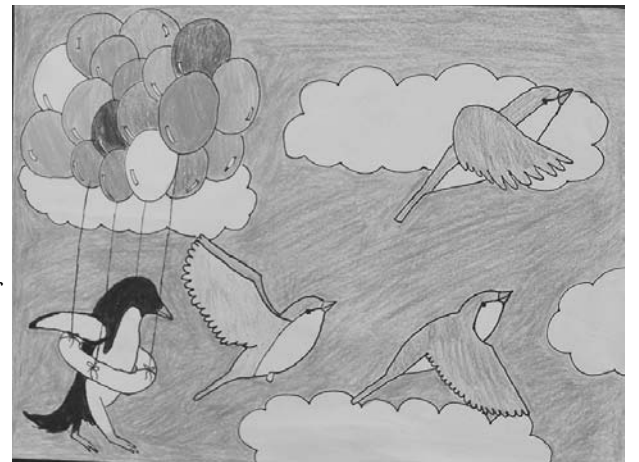


**Above:**

2nd place artwork by Tyler Kang of Ladera Vista

**At Right:**

1st place artwork by Casey Kim of Beechwood



Troop 1993 and Scout Leaders with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva

## Troop 1993 Honored

Fullerton-based Boy Scout Troop 1993 held a lunch fundraiser on Saturday April 5th at the Fullerton Elks Lodge. Founded just last year, the scout troop has been actively involved in several local community service projects, including repainting part of the Muckenthaler Cultural Center and cleaning up trash at Seal Beach. The troop also participates in activities such as hiking, fishing, biking and other outdoor excursions.

At their fundraising event, the troop hosted local dignitaries, including

Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva of the 65th District of California, Mayor Doug Chaffee, and Fullerton Elks President Alan Kelley.

During the event, Quirk-Silva presented the troop with a Certificate of Recognition for their excellent citizenship and commitment to community service. The fundraiser was a great success for the troop, and the presence of these guests encouraged both the boy scouts and their roughly three hundred guests.

The winners received Angels baseball game tickets donated by Ernie Fregoso of the Fullerton School District, and a first flight lesson donated by the AFI Flight Training Center.

Fullerton Airport Manager Brendan O'Reilly spoke of coming from Whittier to the Fullerton Airport during his early years to watch the planes. He invited the students and their families to visit the airport and take a tour. He also reminded everyone of the Transportation Celebration that takes place during the first three weekends in May: Railroad Days on the 3rd and 4th at the Train Station; Airport Day on the 10th, and the Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival on the 17th and 18th.



**Above:**

This year's 1st place Take Flight paper airplane team Michael Kim, Lawrence Lee, and Jamin Byun of Fisler.

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## COMMUNITY OPINIONS continued from page 8

**Plastic Bags: A Need for Change** by Jeremy Lewis

"No bag please." I said to a cashier ready to bag my items as he quickly got distracted and double-bagged my Arizona ice tea and a few other things which did not need one bag let alone the two bags used to store my items from the cash register to my car.

Many if not all of you have heard about-and probably experienced-cities all over California charging for plastic bags in an attempt to lessen the pollution caused by these immortal pieces of waste. The question arises: will this take place in Fullerton? Who knows? However, one thing we can do as individuals is make more use of reusable bags. Whether Fullerton businesses decide to charge for plastic bags or not, using reusable bags will save money and reduce pollution.

Having worked at a large chain store for a few months now, I have compiled observations and have taken some notes on the matter. I have found that the average transaction at my work place results in two plastic bags being used. For every one-hundred transactions, that amounts to about two-hundred plastic bags put into the environment. At grocery stores this number likely increases exponentially.

To look at some numbers, assume each family in Fullerton goes shopping once a week. According to the 2010 census Fullerton has a population of 135,161 people. Dividing that by 4 (the average household size), we obtain 33,790 transactions per week. This amounts to 67,580 plastic bags being put into the environment every week. Astronomical! Based on my own experience, one reusable bag can

fit at least the number of items contained in two plastic bags, thus if every family bought and used a \$1 reusable bag, the number of plastic bags put into the environment every week in Fullerton would essentially go to zero.

Assume at some point in the future

**If every family bought & used a \$1 reusable bag, the number of plastic bags in landfills would essentially go to zero.**

Fullerton businesses were to charge 10 cents per plastic bag used. That would cost each family a bare minimum of \$9.60 a year, assuming each family only bought two plastic bags per week. Realistically, a family of four would probably need to buy several more bags a week which would just keep adding up. For instance, eight bags a week would cost about \$40 a year; money that can be used much more productively.

A common excuse is, well, we reuse the plastic bags. Reusing does not mean use once more. It means use instead of obtaining. Reusing a plastic bag for trash and putting the bag out on Friday for the trash man to come get and send to a landfill essentially does nothing for the environment. The bag still ends up in the same place. Reusing the bag would consist of using it for trash every week and not having to use another plastic bag for quite some time.

We need to take a stand as a city and make a difference. Who says we have to wait for businesses to force us to use reusable bags, while the situation gets worse by the day. We can have a profound impact on our community as well as surrounding communities. All it takes is one reusable bag.

**Eco-Challenge** by Eugene Sky Scott

The choices we made as a species during the 20th century have had profound effects on the environment we inhabit today. The choices we make as human animals in the 21st century will have profound effects on human well-being and on all other animals on the earth.

Many people refuse to believe that the earth's climate is changing, and a large proportion think that this change is due to "natural" causes and not human activities. The overwhelming consensus among scientists is that global warming is occurring naturally and unnaturally, the climate is changing more rapidly than anticipated, and that human activities are the cause.

When multiple experiments all point to the same conclusion, one's opinion on the matter is irrelevant. The important challenges of our time are the vastly altered environments of our own making.

Through our actions we have caused widespread devastation of ecosystems all over the world: from all continents (Amazon), from the deep seas (BP Oil) to the upper atmosphere (ozone). There are several atmospheric substances that warm the globe by trapping heat: water vapor, nitrous oxide, methane, chlorofluorocarbons, CO<sub>2</sub>. The earth would freeze without them, but in overabundance natural weather patterns change.

Climate scientists are unanimous in their view that this is happening more quickly due to human activity. Increasing population size is perhaps the single most important reason that our impact has been so great. As human population pressure increases, more and more land is converted to crops, pasture, construction, and human habitation, providing more opportunities for still more humans and fewer habitats for most other species.

Since the Last Ice Age humans began to exploit and increasingly depend on nonrenewable resources. Forests can be viewed as renewable resources provided they're given a period of regrowth. In many areas forest clearing leads to soil erosion, overgrazing and/or over cultivation leading to more erosion and mudslides.

Trees became the first nonrenewable resource. Oil drilling has replaced the Whaling Industry as the new nonrenewable resource exploitation.

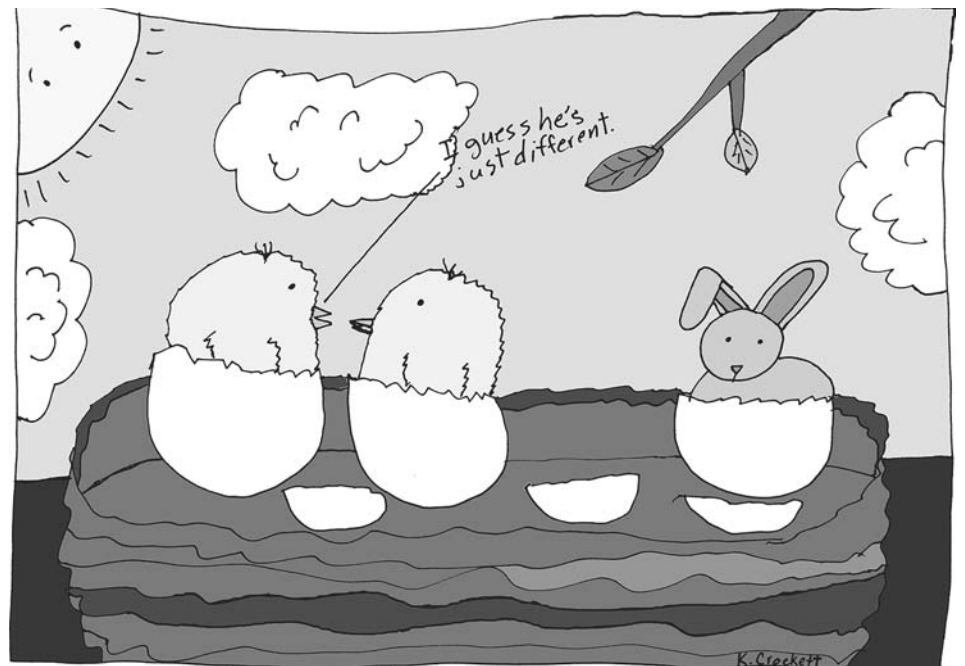
In the evolution of culture, we have disconnected ourselves from the web of life in favor of the World Wide Web. Currently, nearly seventy percent of Americans believe the climate is changing and perhaps as many as forty percent think this change is due to us. This leaves over fifty percent who believe that the warming is part of a normal trend that has little if anything to do with human activities.

This is wishful thinking. The thing about science is that it demonstrates a reality without the need for "belief." The topic of global warming is now as controversial in the United States as "evolution."

Climate change is the result of the interactions of thousands of factors, and the consequences of these interactions aren't possible to predict with 100% accuracy.

Can we survive as a species if we continue to challenge and deny our intellect and evolutionary legacy towards nature? It is crucial that we, as individuals and nations, make wise decisions. To do this we must be well informed.

*Eugene Sky Scott is a Fullerton resident and professor of Anthropology at LA Valley College.*



Cartoon by Kayla Crockett, 3rd Grade, Fern Drive Elementary School

**"Speaking of..."** by C.C. Lee**A LESSON IN TOLERANCE**

Recently, my school took a field trip to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. The museum has displays showing different genocides, crimes, and other racist and unjust acts that have occurred throughout the course of history, focusing much on World War II and the Holocaust.

The museum has a variety of displays but our guide took us to experience two exhibits: the "Holocaust Section" and "Tolerancenter." Other exhibits include one on Anne Frank and "Finding our Families, Finding Ourselves." The stories of the bravery of the victims was really wonderful and touching.

Our journey began at the beginning of the Holocaust, in the 1930's when Hitler began gaining power. Videos and other images were shown as a narrator described different events.

The exhibit was set in a large room, divided by sections each decorated like the setting at the time.

Some scenes included ghettos, cafés, books stores, and gas chambers. We observed different views on the Holocaust and were educated about the living conditions of the Jewish people at the concentration camps and ghettos.

We watched videos made explicitly by the museum that illustrated tortures and deaths. The Hall of Testimony was set in a gas chamber-like room and there we listened to different personal accounts of the horrible genocide.

After sinking in all the depressing information that had downed us, my classmates, teachers, and I stepped out for a short break before we continued along to the next and last exhibit we were going to visit that day: the Tolerancenter.

The Tolerancenter, as described by our guide, was a link between the past (Holocaust/World War II), present, and future. The exhibit began with a video and a couple boards illustrating how hate has changed the world and made history. Because of hate, many tragic events have occurred throughout the course of human history and are still happening.

We then moved to a room called "The Point of View Café," which was designed to look like a small café with a counter and stools. There we experienced yet another video showing a car crash with many characters' points of view. We then voted and rated each figure, polling how responsible we felt each one was.

The other parts of the Tolerancenter taught me some interesting facts about serious events. I was shocked and mortified when I learned people made racist games such as "No Hope for the Haitians" where the object of the game is to drop bombs on the Haitian people. The creators of the game thought that after the destructive earthquake, the Haitians were hopeless. They are still recovering today.

After experiencing the Museum of Tolerance, our literature class began reading *The Diary of Anne Frank*. I am now very well educated about the racist acts committed by people, especially Hitler and the Nazis, who had hate in their hearts. While Jews were the main target of the Holocaust, many other groups such as the Roma were mass murdered as well.

The Museum of Tolerance was a great educational field trip, which helped build awareness. The Holocaust and other genocides are history lessons that all of us should learn about and not allow to happen ever again.

*CC Lee is a Fullerton 7th grader who loves to read and write, draw, sing and play piano and volleyball.*

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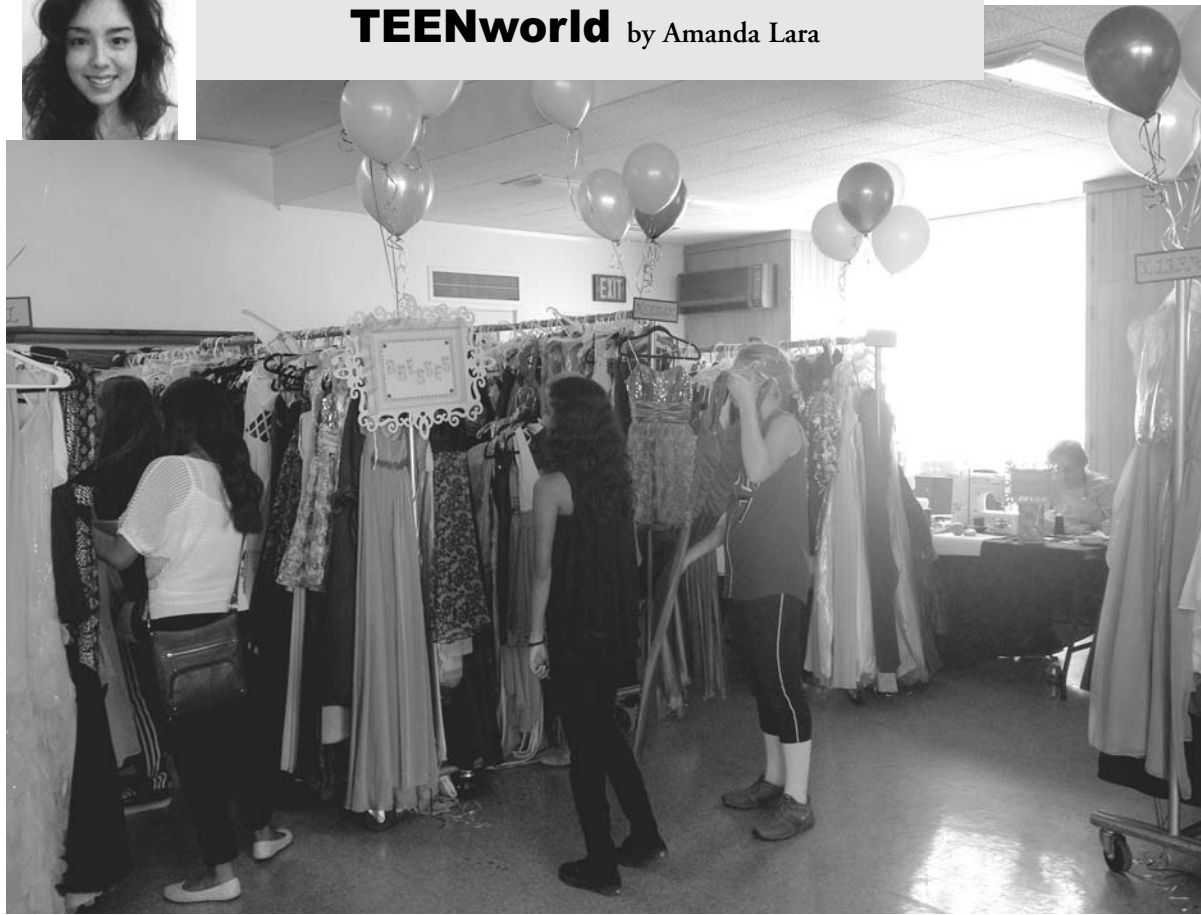
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## TEENworld by Amanda Lara



Happy shoppers and volunteers search for the perfect dresses while alterations are made on the sewing machine

### The Prom Project

It's fairly early in the morning, and yet the crowd of young women inside the United Methodist Church of Fullerton are absorbed in their fun. They are all participating in the annual Prom Project, a program run by the YWCA, to give underprivileged girls an opportunity to find the perfect prom dress. Dresses line racks against the walls, and the girls are all eagerly searching for the one they can take home.

"We've separated them between small, medium, large, extra large, all that good stuff." Linda Rivera, a volunteer, explains as she shows me around the center. "And over there," she adds, pointing to a corner full of sewing machines, "We have our sewing station, and if a dress doesn't fit, we have it altered."

But the church is also filled with hair stylists, makeup artists, accessory tables, and a corner with a professional photographer, who will take a 'prom' picture of the girls in their dresses.



Girls receive full make-up and hair styles to complete the look for their Prom Night events.

"Last year we had a 175 girls," Rivera says, "When we began, it was barely forty girls." Rivera even created "Heels on Wheels" an additional group that helps gather the dresses and accessories from people who make donations.

"It's just fun stuff," she laughs, and its clear everyone is there to put a smile on the girls' faces.

Reaching out through the help of schools, the Prom Project is able to reach a community of girls who would not have been able to attend prom otherwise. Young women can fill out an application for the program, and are able to set up an appointment shortly after in order to pick out their dress.

"This is our sixth year," Karyn Salman, a member of the board of directors from the YWCA, says, "And every year we have more and more girls participating. Watching young girls being able to go to their prom with dignity and pride, not worrying

about it, is so nice. Just the look on their face, when they've got their hair done and their makeup done, knowing that we've given them a little bit of confidence, is so nice."

Salman also notes that there are girls that return in their senior years, or will bring siblings to the event after they graduate. "It's a tradition."

A variety of other organizations and groups – including the National Charity League, Marinello's School of Beauty, and David's Bridal – also offer volunteer work and sponsorships for the event. Even students from Troy High School helped out.

"If young girls feel they can pass it on, and help another young woman feel good about their prom, it's working." Diane Masseth-Jones, the executive director of the North Orange County YWCA, says, "The most rewarding part is seeing that inner beauty shine out."

The Prom Project was created in 2007 and co-founded by Jaehee Kim, her daughter Angie Kim, and YWCA executive director Diane Masseth-Jones who were inspired after hearing that girls in the community had decided not to attend their school proms simply because they could not find a dress.

"So when they see that perfect dress, the smile just goes from ear-to-ear," Masseth-Jones expresses happily, "Too many times a girl can feel that she's not pretty, or that she doesn't have the opportunity to be pretty because she can't afford it. And this gives them the opportunity to feel like they're the most beautiful girl in the world today."

Mother and daughter team Eunice and Ashley Chu are the co-chairpersons of the Prom Project advisory committee, which meets all year to plan the event. Mrs. Chu said there is a difficulty in finding dresses for girls of every shape and size. "Every year, our problem is getting enough dresses," agreed Ashley. Through donations and money from their own pockets they were able to collect around \$2,000 in order to purchase a larger selection of dresses this year. Both women implore the community to make dress donations if possible.

Based on customer satisfaction, the group's hard work is paying off. Looking forward to her Prom high school senior Gabby Alvarez, a first-timer at the event, said, "It's going to be really great. I found the dress! I'm very grateful they're able to have dresses for us."

The Prom Project expects to expand their boundaries, including the option of online applications, reaching out to additional schools, and even bringing in items for boys. If anyone is interested in applying or providing donations, please visit [www.promproject.org](http://www.promproject.org) for further information.

## WHAT ARE YOU READING?

BOOK REVIEW by Kathleen Faber

Lirael  
by Garth Nix

*Lirael* is the sequel in Garth Nix's *Old Kingdom Chronicles*. The first book, *Sabriel*, had a plot that was abruptly launched and ended. *Lirael* expands and goes into further detail about Nix's magical world.

Lirael is a member of the Clayr, a group of prophetesses who live in a city under a glacier. Lirael lacks the Sight and feels like an outsider among her family. She becomes so desperate, at one point, she even contemplates suicide. But Lirael's life takes a turn for the better when she is offered a job as a Librarian. The Clayr's Library is an ancient storage facility where the most dangerous magic is hidden. Still isolated, but now content in the presence of knowledge, Lirael creates the Disreputable Dog out of magic, as a companion. She and the Dog have all kinds of adventures in the Library until the Clayr summons Lirael to send her on a quest to stop a great evil from rising.

Meanwhile, Prince Sameth (son of Touchstone and Sabriel, from book one), is supposed to follow in his mother's footsteps as the Abhorsen. But after he and his school cricket team are attacked by the Dead on a trip, he is paralyzed with fear at the thought of becoming a powerful necromancer. After he returns home, his friend, Nick, travels to visit him, but is swept up by an evil necromancer, intending to raise his Dead master. Sam decides to abandon his studies and rescue Nick. Lirael and Sam cross paths and they agree to combine forces to stop their mutual enemies.

*Lirael* can sometimes be overly dramatic, especially in the beginning. She considers taking her life more than once and



never really overcomes her insecurities. The plot can be incredibly slow; Lirael finally leaves the Clayr to go on her quest three-quarters into the book. She seems to be a more developed and whinier version of Sabriel, from book one.

Sam is an interesting character. Slightly spoiled and lazy, he is a reluctant hero, whose occasional mishaps and cluelessness can be entertaining. However, Sam never truly accepts his responsibilities (at least in this book) as Prince. I felt a certain frustration towards Sam's character, when he makes the same mistakes and refuses to learn from them, but I empathized with him as well. Sam made the book more entertaining and his comic relief was good at countering Lirael's depressing narration.

The novel didn't have a clear climax. It answered many of the questions Nix didn't cover in *Sabriel* about the magical realm, but was clearly to set-up *Abhorsen*, putting all the plot points in order and leaving the majority of the action for the third book.

The fourth book in the series, *Clariel*, will be published on October 14, 2014. In 2008, the first book was going to be adapted into a movie, but due to the writer's strike, was abandoned in pre-production.



Observer Book Review columnist Kathleen Faber is a Troy High senior and a writer planning a career in the publishing field.

## Fullerton Arboretum Featured in New Book

The Fullerton Arboretum at CSUF is among 33 arboretums featured in *Trees Live Here: The Arboretums of America*. Written by photographer Susan McDougall, the book includes an informative text as well as beautiful photographs on each of the public gardens ranging from Boston to Honolulu and Seattle to Miami,

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•**Walter's Gallery: North OC High School Art Showcase open May:** A celebration of select pieces chosen form the very best of North Orange County high school student artist's portfolios in a rotating gallery that exemplifies the next generation of artists.-thru June 29

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•**HEARSAY: CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS REVEAL** open April 14-May 8: at the Begovich Gallery. 35 artists have each created a work based on an urban legend with special meaning to them. The exhibit incorporates a wide range of mediums including painting, sculpture, photography, and video. An urban legend is a popular term for a narrative concerning some aspect of modern life that is believed by its teller, but is actually untrue. The purpose of the exhibit is to analyze the urban legend. Artists include Llyn Foulkes, Robert Williams, Jeffrey Vallance, Jim Shaw, Marnie Weber, Laurie

Lipton, Victoria Reynolds, Naida Oslie and Chris Wilder. Contact the gallery at 657-278-3262 or by email to [jbunge@fullerton.edu](mailto:jbunge@fullerton.edu). For more info go to [www.hearsayrevealed.com](http://www.hearsayrevealed.com)

•**INSIDE THE ARBORETUM: A BOTANICAL & LANDSCAPE WATER COLOR EXHIBIT** Through May 20: at the Nikkei Heritage Museum at Fullerton Arboretum on Associated Road. This beautiful exhibition is done in collaboration with the California State University of Fullerton Art Department and Professor Lawrence Yun. Each semester Professor Lawrence Yun brings his watercolor class to the Fullerton Arboretum to draw inspiration from the plant collection and the beautiful scenes found at the 26-acre Fullerton Arboretum. This urban oasis provides an opportunity for the students to experience nature and to study its complex beauty. The exhibit will be open through May 20 on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4pm and weekdays by appointment. Go to [http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum\\_nikkei\\_current.php](http://fullertonarboretum.org/museum_nikkei_current.php) or call (657)278-4798 for more details and to schedule an appointment.

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We've all seen the big eyes staring at us from thrift shop shelves and attic storage spaces. Decorative, consumer oriented art flourished in the 1960s. Artists, many working under pseudonyms, cranked out artworks with adorable characters, bright-eyed and innocent yet lonely, melancholy, and maybe even menacing. Artworks by famed Keane, Eden and Lee were so popular in the 1960s that the images have become iconic after nearly 4 decades. The subjects are cute yet unsettling, with an eerie sweetness that continues to haunt and captivate. You can even see the influence on children's toys with the very popular and highly collected Blythe and Little Miss No Name dolls.



The exhibit delves into the idea of why the Big Eyes character was so popular in the 1960s and why it's had resurgence in contemporary art. It will pay homage to the early artists working under pseudonyms and recognize them as influences on a current art movement that continues to popularize these charming figures of sadness.

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## REVIEWED by Angela Hatcher

**At Right:**  
Matt  
Koutroulis  
as Mr.  
McLeavy,  
Gene  
Tavianini  
as Inspector  
Truscott,  
and  
Sevi Zitny  
as Fay  
in *Loot* at  
Stages thru  
April 27.



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### “LOOT” at Stages

Director Jesse Runde has mounted Joe Orton's 1966 sharp and quick-witted British farce, *Loot*, at Fullerton's STAGES theatre. The play, which was considered appalling and scandalous in its day, is no less provocative in contemporary times.

Orton, a progressive rising star amongst Britain's elite social class, was never one to shy away from an opportunity to slam all social institutions, nor was he afraid to speak out or make his mark on changing the landscape of conventional humor. With his writing submersed in black comedy, his work may very well have been one of the precursors to the Brits' beloved television shows, “Benny Hill,” “That Was the Week That Was,” or America's long-running “Saturday Night Live.”

Adding to his artistic notoriety, at age 34 he was bludgeoned to death by his lover, Kenneth Halliwell, who then committed suicide. Orton's satirical tour de force, *Loot*, takes place in the McLeavy's sitting room which is adorned with gold-flocked and striped wallpaper, fairly comfortable furnishings, a bed and folding screen, a large armoire, a portable commode obscurely placed off to one side – and used as a casual chair, but the focal point turns out to be a dark wooden box, a coffin – which is flanked by funeral wreaths displayed on easels in the opening scene.

It contains the late Mrs. who has passed, and although McLeavy (Matt Koutroulis) is going through the motions as the grieving widower, he is acquiescent to the charms of his late wife's sexy and seductive live-in nurse, Fay (Sevi Zitny). The sweet but uncompromising gold digger, Fay, has her sights set on husband number eight; however, not a one of the last seven is still amongst the living.

As Fay continues to entice McLeavy and convince him that a fortnight (two weeks) is a reasonable amount of time before the two should wed, in pops the son, Hal McLeavy (Forrest Orta) and his

beset pal, Dennis (Keith Bush). The unconventional pair has robbed a bank, and now they have to stash the loot. Dennis, the undertaker, is a suspect, but since Hal is a devout Catholic who hasn't got it in him to lie (*although he has no problem stealing*), he agrees that they must hide the money – and quick – before he is questioned as well. What a great hiding spot the coffin would make! Truscott (Gene Tavianini) is the arrogant sleuth who insists that he is an “Official of the Metropolitan Water Board,” but clearly, he is with the police – and he emulates Sherlock Holmes – right down to the gourd and meerschaum pipe.

The old dead gal's body gets tossed around, a glass eye goes rolling about, and there is the silent chatter of a decent-sized pair of false teeth, but as it is with most satirical humor, the true meaning behind the laughter is based on a contradiction of expectation and its critique of unrestrained power. In this case, it is the vilification of “police power,” and “religious hypocrisy.”

Staying true to the comedy, the cast has taken on British accents, but Bush, as Dennis, speaks with more of a Cockney enunciation eliminating all consonants at the beginning of each word – which seems slightly off-beat – although, perhaps, this adds to the hilarity.

Excellent performances by Matt Koutroulis as Mr. McLeavy, Sevi Zitny as Fay, Forrest Orta as Hal, Keith Bush as Dennis, Gene Tavianini as Truscott, and although brief, Jay David as the stoic Officer Meadows. Director: Jesse Runde, Assistant Director: Neda Mae Armstrong, Set Design: Jon Gaw, Light Design: Kirk Huff-Schenck, Jon Gaw, Costume Design: Andrea Birkholm. STAGES theatre 400 E. Commonwealth Ave, Ste. 4, Fullerton, CA 92832. For Information: 714 525-4484. www.stagesoc.org. The play runs Through April 27, 2014.

### STAGE DOOR REPERTORY THEATER

1045 N. Armando St. Suite A, Anaheim

Tickets: 714-630-7378 [www.stagedoorrep.org](http://www.stagedoorrep.org)

•**ELEPHANT MAN** by Bernard Pomerance, directed by Rose London and starring Mark Rosier as John Merrick, opens May 17 and plays thru June 7. The Tony Award winning play is based on the life of Merrick who was afflicted by a

deforming medical disorder. Isolated from society, he earns his money by touring with a freak show until becoming the toast of London high society, yet still on display. A parable on beauty, innocence and human dignity.

### MAVERICK THEATER

110 E. Walnut Ave., Fullerton

Tickets: 714-526-7070 [www.mavericktheater.com](http://www.mavericktheater.com)

•**LA CAGE AUX FOLLES** music & lyrics by Jerry Herman, book by Harvey Fierstein, directed by Curtis Jerome plays through April 26 with Fri. & Sat. shows at 8pm and Sun. at 5pm.

Audiences may be familiar with the story from the popular movie “The Birdcage” starring Robin Williams. \$25 (\$15 for students with current ID). For audiences ages 13 and up.

### THEATRE OUT

402 W. 4th Street, Santa Ana

Tickets: 714-220-7069 [www.TheatreOut.com](http://www.TheatreOut.com)

•**CORPUS CHRISTI** by Terrence McNally, directed by Tito Ortiz opens April 25 and plays thru May 17. First produced in New York Off-Broadway in 1998, McNally's most controversial play portrays Jesus and his apostles as gay men in the modern era. In a series of short scenes the audience sees the trials of a bullied young man growing up and knowing

he is different. On his journey he becomes a teacher and spiritual leader to his disciples as he imparts a message of love to all those who will listen. He returns to his hometown Corpus Christi where he is betrayed by his high school boyfriend, Judas, and denied by his disciples. The play serves as a call to arms, to challenge us to take responsibility for one another.

### STAGES THEATER

400 E. Commonwealth, (at Balcom) Fullerton

Tickets: 714-525-4484 [www.stagesoc.org](http://www.stagesoc.org)

•**LOOT** written by Joe Orton, directed by Jesse Runde, plays thru April 27th, Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm. *See review at left.*

•**AMERICAN DREAM** by Edward Albee, directed by Philip Brickley, plays through April 26th Sat. & Sun. at 5pm. The classic comedy is about an average family trying to keep up in a materialistic society. When Albee wrote the play, the popular culture ideal of the American family was rooted firmly somewhere between *Father Knows Best* and *The Donna Reed Show*. Albee himself described the play as, “an examination of the American Scene, an attack on the sub-

stitution of artificial, for real, values in our society, a condemnation of complacency, cruelty, emasculation, and vacuity; it is a stand against the fiction that everything in this slipping land of ours is peachy-keen.”

The American Dream features the twisted archetypal family of Mommy, Daddy and Grandma, whose collective cruelty is rivaled only by their need for each other. “*American Dream* by Edward Albee is as important today as when it was written in 1960. It reminds us that everything is not perfect in the good ole USA. It forces us to ask ourselves whether the American Dream is dead or was it ever attainable in the first place,” says Brickley.

## Cal State Fullerton Theater

Tickets: 657-278-3371 or [www.fullerton.edu](http://www.fullerton.edu)

**Wed -Sat, April 16-19 @ 8pm: The Altruists** by Nicky Silver, directed by Travis Donnelly at CSUF Grand Central Art Center Theater, 125 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, 714-567-7233. A hilarious, acerbic commentary on modern hypocrisy.

**Thurs-Sun, April 17-20 @ 8pm (& some Sat. Matinees at 2pm): Legally Blonde the Musical** by Heather Hatch, with music & lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin in the Little Theatre at Claves Performing Art Center, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. \$22

**Thurs-Sun, April 18 - May 4 @ 8pm (& some Sat. Matinees at 2pm): And Then There Were None** one of the greatest murder mysteries ever written was originally published as Ten Little Indians. Ten people with something to hide and fear are invited to a lonely mansion on Soldier Island by a host who fails to appear. in the Young Theatre at Claves Performing Art Center, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. \$11

**Thurs-Sun, April 24 - May 10 @ 8pm (& some Sat. Matinees at 2pm): Dream of the Burning Boy** by David West Read, directed by Craig Tyril, is a tragic and funny exploration of the effect a popular high school student's death has on the people who cared about him, at CSUF Grand Central Art Center Theater, 125 N. Broadway, Santa



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### Ron Kobayashi Trio Studio 770 Open Mic

Studio 770 Recording Studio, at 770 S. Brea Blvd. in Brea (92821), will be holding an open Blues/Jazz recording session at 7pm on Tues., April 22 for all instrumentalists and vocalists who'd like to experience recording in a professional studio. Ron Kobayashi will be part of a rhythm section that will record one track with those who sign up. Participants will

then have an opportunity to buy the track for a minimal fee. Call Shantih at:(714)672-1234 for more info.

SPECIAL NEWS: Vocalist Andrea Miller and Ron Kobayashi have recorded a three song EP that is available now for download purchase on all internet music retailers. Search: "Imagine Andrea Miller and Ron Kobayashi" to download.

### Roadmap to Youth at YWCA Lunch & Learn

Two authors, James Hardeman, MD and Dick Quis will reveal at the Fullerton Family YMCA Lunch & Learn program on Friday May 9 at 12pm how a person can successfully challenge self-destructive weight loss beliefs. Dr. James Hardeman, an author and a pulmonary disease and critical care physician at St. Jude's, has an approach to make someone appear

younger than their stated age as they grow older. Combined with the brain training techniques outlined in Dick Quis' *Thinking Anew: Harnessing the Power of Belief* you will learn how to use the power of writing to create healthy habits. The program is free and nonmembers are welcome. A complimentary lunch will be served. RSVP at 714-879-9622.

## Cal State Fullerton Music

Clayes Performing Art Center,  
800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton  
Tickets: 657-278-3371 or [www.fullerton.edu](http://www.fullerton.edu)

**Tues, April 22 @ 8pm: Fullerton Jazz Singers** directed by John Proulx. Meng Hall. \$10

**Fri, April 25 @ 8pm: Cello Choir** directed by Bongshin Ko. Recital Hall. \$10

**Fri, April 25 @ 8pm: Fullerton Jazz Orchestra with guest vocalist Freda Payne** best known for her 1970s hit "Band of Gold," Payne's ever-expanding theatrical repertoire includes roles in the award winning musical *Blues in the Night* and also in *Jelly's Last Jam* - a musical based on the life of jazz legend Jelly Roll Morton. In addition, Payne has starred in the Broadway production of Duke Ellington's *Sophisticated Ladies*, *Ain't*

*Misbehavin'* and the Tony Award winning production of *Hallelujah Baby*. Meng Concert Hall. \$10

**Sat, April 26 @ 8pm: Symphonic Winds: "Mother Earth"** directed by Mitchell Fennell. Meng Hall. \$10

**May 1-11 @ 8pm on Thurs, Fri, & Sat & 2pm Sundays: Spring Dance Theater** in the Little Theatre. \$11

**Fri, May 2 @ 8pm: Fullerton Jazz Big Band & Fullerton Latin Ensemble** under direction of Bill Cunliffe at Meng Concert Hall. \$10

**Sun, May 4 @ 4pm: University Wind Symphony** under direction of Dr. Mitchell J. Fennell at Meng Concert Hall. \$10



### Friends of Music Present Afiara String Quartet in Free Concert

On Sunday, April 27th at 3:30pm, Fullerton Friends of Music will present the Afiara String Quartet in a free chamber music concert to be held at the Sunny Hills Performing Arts Center, Sunny Hills High, 1801 Warburton Way, Fullerton.

Formed in 2006, the Afiara String Quartet takes its name from the Spanish 'fiar' meaning "to trust", a basic element vital to the depth and joy of its music making. The Afiara Quartet is widely known for its engaging, authentic presence and performance balancing "intensity and commitment" with "frequent moments of tenderness." Winner of the 2008 Concert Artists Guild International Competition, the 2010 Young Canadian

Musicians Award, top prizes at the Munich ARD International Music Competition, and the Banff International String Quartet Competition they have lively interest in new works and fresh insight into core classical repertoire.

The April 27th concert will include, Haydn's Quartet No. 3 in C Major, Op. 33 ("The Bird"); Nielsen's Quartet No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 13; and Dvorak's Quartet No. 10 in E flat Major, Op. 51.

Call (714)526-5310 or (562)691-7437 for more information.

•First violinist Valerie Li has performed at such venues as Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Wigmore Hall and the Kennedy Center and has toured worldwide.

•Cellist Adrian Fung is praised for his "superb" and "brilliant" performances and for his "virtuosity" and as a consummate interpreter. He was a winner of an Artist Grant from the New York Foundation of the Arts as well as other awards. He is a new music enthusiast and has premiered works from many composers.

•Violist Jessica Chang has served as principal viola of the Juilliard Orchestra, Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra and the Yale Collegium.

•Violinist Timothy Kantor began studying at the age of four and has performed worldwide.

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## HITS & MISSES

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### HER: Two Hits

Set sometime in the future in a Los Angeles filled with high-rises and people on the move, not in cars but in clean, quiet elevated trains. People are talking but seldom to each other; instead they converse through ear pieces and small, black devices. In "Her," writer/director Spike Jonze presents a cautionary tale that plays closer to reality than to the science-fiction world it creates.

Always imaginative and a little eccentric with his films, Jonze surpasses his previous movies—"Being John Malkovich," "Adaptation," and "Where the Wild Things Are." With no co-writer and using his own imagination, Jonze creates a futuristic and disturbing world in which the advantages and pitfalls of technology are explored even as he employs the traditional genre of a love story.

Theodore Twombly (Joaquin Phoenix) operates smoothly in the world of technology but human interaction presents challenges. The first words we hear from Theodore are tender words of love and admiration.

However, we quickly learn that he is not expressing his own emotions but is composing letters on a computer for the company BeautifulHandwrittenLetters.com. His supervisor comments on Theodore's skill in expressing just the right feelings and emotion for the company's clients.

But this talent does not extend into Theodore's own life. His marriage having just ended, Theodore returns to his empty apartment and plays video games on an enormous screen. Filled with loneliness, he notices an ad for "the first artificially intelligent operating system with a consciousness that knows you." He is quick to sign up, and soon Samantha becomes the voice he can access at any time.

Samantha (Scarlett Johansson, whom we never see) can be accessed whenever Theodore needs her company, even at night when he cannot sleep. She has access to his hard drive and organizes his daily schedule, helps him with his writing, tidies his e-mails, laughs at his jokes, erotically arouses him, and even encourages him to seek human companionship. Samantha sets up a blind date for him, but the date ends disastrously as he realizes the only woman he really wants to be with is Samantha.

When Theodore talks to his friends about his attachment to his OS1, Samantha, they do not find it odd, except for his former wife, Catherine (Rooney Mara), who mocks him for loving an artificial being. But best friend Paul (Chris Pratt) is cool with it and even arranges for them to double date, Paul and his girlfriend communicating with Samantha through the eye on Theodore's phone. Also accepting his odd romance is Theodore's neighbor Amy (Amy Adams), whose job is to create video games that appeal to women. She too is going through a wrenching divorce.

Jonze provides us with a dystopia where human beings trust and rely on their electronic devices rather than doing the hard work of maintaining close personal relationships. To make his odd dystopian vision work, Jonze needed to find a distinctive voice for Samantha, a voice that would resonate with competence, sexiness, intelligence and good humor. The job proved challenging because Jonze filmed the entire movie with another actress's voice only to find that his odd premise did not work. But when he approached Johansson with the role, she jumped at the chance to play the disembodied Samantha and nailed her vocal intonations with perfection.

**Two Hits: Don't Miss It!**  
**A Hit & A Miss: You Might Like It**  
**Two Misses: Don't Bother**

### MON, APRIL 14

•**6:45-8:30pm: State of the State, Fullerton & the 65th District w/ Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva** at Fullerton Library Osborne Room, 353 W. Commonwealth. Meet and hear from our elected representative in Sacramento.

•**7pm: Earthquake Preparedness Training** at City of Fullerton Maintenance Yard, 1580 W. Commonwealth - led by CERT. free

### TUES, APRIL 15

•**10am-2pm: Green & Alternative Vehicles**, solar & other energy efficient technologies and display on how campus recycles waste. Quad & walkway between Pollak Library and the Titan Student Union, CSUF, 800 N State College Blvd., Fullerton

•**10:30am-noon: Senior Scam Stopper Seminar** hosted by Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, CA Contractors State License Board, and the State Controller's Office. Fullerton Community Center, 340 W. Commonwealth. Free but RSVP at 714-526-7272

•**6:30pm: City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton. See agenda package online at [www.cityoffullerton.com](http://www.cityoffullerton.com) and the forecast on page 18 of this issue.

•**7pm: Everything About Earthquakes in Our Area** presented by CSUF Seismologist Dr. David Bowman who will discuss the March 28 magnitude 5.1 La Habra earthquake, which faults may have been responsible, and what it could mean for future earthquakes.

### WED, APRIL 16

•**8am-1pm: Year-round Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park (next to the DMV) on Valencia Dr. Fullerton.

•**10am-2pm: Farmers Market & Expo** on sustainability nonprofits, including Heal the Bay and the U.S. Green Building Council; on-campus clubs and centers will be on hand to share their efforts; Take Back the Tap (<http://news.fullerton.edu/2014sp/Take-Back-the-Tap.asp>) will share info. Quad & walkway between Pollak Library and the Titan Student Union, CSUF, 800 N State College Blvd., Fullerton

### THURS, APRIL 17

•**9am-9pm: Sustainability Symposium** at Titan Student Union, Portola Pavilion, CSUF, 800 N State College Blvd., Fullerton, features sustainability-related presentations, display posters, exhibits and speakers. For schedule go to: <http://sustainability.fullerton.edu/EarthWeek>

•**4pm-8:30pm: Fullerton Market** fresh produce, craft and food vendors, beer & wine garden, music by the Jann Browne Band, & kids activities. Downtown Plaza, along E. Wilshire between Harbor and Pomona in downtown Fullerton. Free.

### SAT, APRIL 19

•**9am: Spring Family Eggstravaganza** Game booths, inflatable jumpers, arts & crafts, visits with Easter Bunny and a Community Resource Fair. La Bonita Park, 1440 W. Whittier Blvd., La Habra. Call 562-383-4200 for more info.

•**Noon-3pm: OC Ragtime Society Performance** at Steamers Jazz Club, 138 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton. Go to [www.ragfest.com](http://www.ragfest.com). Free

### MON, APRIL 21

•**Noon: The Wedding Banquet** 1993 film directed by Ang Lee. University Hall, Rm 211B, CSUF, 800 N State College Blvd., Fullerton. More info at Asian Pacific American Resource Center at 657-278-3742 or [aparc@fullerton.edu](mailto:aparc@fullerton.edu)

### TUES, APRIL 22

•**9:30am-10:30am: Bike Share Dedication** at the SOCO Bike Share station on W. Santa Fe, in Fullerton. The OCTA will be presenting thank you to the city as Beta testing of the system officially closes.

### WED, APRIL 23

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

### THURS, APRIL 24

•**11:30am-1:30pm: Lunch with League of Women Voters features Rusty Kennedy** executive director of OC Human Relations Commission. The organization works to bring about better understanding and respect in schools and among the diverse groups that make up Orange County. Meridian Club, 1535 Deerpark Dr., Fullerton. RSVP by April 21 by calling 714-254-7440 or email [lunchwithleague@lwvnonoc.org](mailto:lunchwithleague@lwvnonoc.org). \$18

•**Noon: Voice, Language, Power** with Jie Tian. Pollak Library, CSUF, 800 N State College Blvd., Fullerton. More info at Asian Pacific American Resource Center at 657-278-3742 or [aparc@fullerton.edu](mailto:aparc@fullerton.edu)

•**4pm-8:30pm: Downtown Market** fresh produce, craft and food vendors, beer & wine garden, music by Deke Dickerson & the Ecofonics, and kids activities. Downtown Plaza, along E. Wilshire between Harbor and Pomona in downtown Fullerton. Admission is free. Call 714-738-6545

•**8pm: Self-Empowerment at Work** is the subject of a new YWCA free legal literacy class series featuring presentations from labor attorneys and speakers including Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and Fullerton Police Captain Lorraine Jones. The evening series will focus on recognizing and responding to workplace discrimination. Fullerton Community Center, 340 W. Commonwealth. Free

### FRI, APRIL 25

•**11am: CSUF Poetry Contest** student poetry finalists will give readings. Featured poet Claudia Rankine, author of four collections of poetry will read and sign books. Pollak Library, Rm 130, CSUF, 800 N State College Blvd., Fullerton. Free, but parking is \$2/per hr.

•**5pm-5:45pm: CSUF Pregame Tailgate Party** before the game with University of Hawai'i at Goodwin Field. Attendees will enjoy Philly cheese steak sandwiches and prizes at the Golleher Alumni House, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. \$20 includes meal, 2 drink tickets and general admission to the game. (\$5 for kids 3 and under).

RSVP by April 23 online at [https://events.fullerton.edu/rsvp.aspx?Event\\_sk=48](https://events.fullerton.edu/rsvp.aspx?Event_sk=48) or call Torria Thomas at 657-278-2586 for more information.

### SAT, APRIL 26

•**10am: Lions Club Tree Planting** at Lion's Field, 1440 N. Brea Blvd. Fullerton Host Lions Club is celebrating its 75th Anniversary by planting a "Liberty Tree" at Lion's Field. The Fullerton Lions are a branch of the largest service organization in the world and were originally called the "Knights for the Blind," by Helen Keller. Call 714-883-2693 for more

•**11am: MOMS Club Spring Fling** at Fullerton Community Center Courtyard, 340 W. Commonwealth. Free admission, local performers, vendors & booths, activities for kids of all ages. Booth rentals and auction revenue benefits the Mother-to-Mother Fund and Pathways of Hope. [MOMSClubFullertonEast@gmail.com](mailto:MOMSClubFullertonEast@gmail.com)

•**2pm-4pm: Author Michael Oates Book Signing** at the Barnes and Noble booksellers in the Amerige Heights shopping center on Saturday, April 26 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm to sign copies of the novel. For a list of other appearance dates and information, visit his website at [authormichaeloates.com](http://authormichaeloates.com).

### MON, APRIL 28

•**11:30am: Stories from the Underground** with Caolina Ojeda-Kimbrough in University Hall Rm 210B, CSUF, 800 N State College Blvd., Fullerton. More info at Asian Pacific American Resource Center at 657-278-3742 or [aparc@fullerton.edu](mailto:aparc@fullerton.edu)

### THURS, MAY 1

•**3pm-6pm: Cinco de Mayo** Fullerton Senior Club Dance with live music by "5 Star Band" hors d'oeuvres and no host bar (beer, wine & soft drinks \$1 to \$3), and raffle. (21 and over only). Fullerton Community Center, 340 W. Commonwealth. 714-738-6305. \$4

### FRI, MAY 2

•**6:45-10:30pm: Dan Joyce Book Signing** at BookMachine in the Magoski Art Colony on W. Santa Fe. Dan's latest book "Allison Jolley," features poetry and over 80 watercolor illustrations at First Friday ArtWalk. [www.danjoyce.com](http://www.danjoyce.com)

### SAT & SUN, MAY 3 & 4

•**9am-5pm: Railroad Days** at Fullerton Train Station, 120 E. Santa Fe Ave. A fun free event for the whole family with over 40 train-related exhibits and activities including extensive model layouts in all scales, vintage photographs, detailed models and tours of full size engines and railroad cars. Food court.

### THURS, MAY 8

•**11:30am-1:30pm: The Future of Libraries with Fullerton Library Director Maureen Gebelein** on libraires in the digital age at the American Association of University Women Spring Tea Luncheon. Springfield Center, 501 N. Harbor at Chapman Ave, Fullerton. One-of-a-kind tea experience. \$21. Tickets: 714-879-1938. Ms. Gebelein will explore the possible directions that libraries may take in our digital age.

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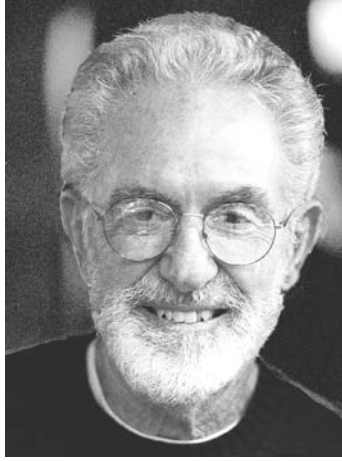
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## Fracking Moratorium Bill Passes First State Senate Committee

### Harold "Red" Blum



Harold Blum, ("Red" as he was known to family and friends) died April 7 surrounded by family members. He was born May 3, 1929 in Oak Park, Il. A celebration of his life will be held at the Blum residence on Sunday, May 4 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

**Cruz Antonio Lopez** (June 5, 1970 - April 3, 2014) Cruz Lopez, 44, passed away April 3, 2014. He is survived by parents Eugenio & Maria Lopez; siblings Julio, Veronica, and Maria; many nieces and nephews, and other family and friends. Services have been held.

**Gail Granade Fuller** (September 15, 1938 - April 3, 2014) Gail Granade Fuller passed away peacefully at home in Fullerton, California after a brief illness on April 3, 2014. Gail was born in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia and spent several years with her family in the Philippines prior to World War II. While attending Stetson College in Deland, Florida, Gail met her future husband, David W. Fuller and they married on December 28, 1957. In 1971, they relocated to Fullerton, California with their two young children. Gail enjoyed traveling, cooking, and spending time with her family and treasured friends. She is survived by her loving husband of fifty six years, David, her son, Tad David (Kimberly), her daughter, Darby Olson (Rex), and her four grandchildren, Drew, Taylor, Matthew and Troy. She was also cherished by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Services have been held. Gail was a graceful and elegant Southern woman, loved by her family and friends, and all others whose lives she touched.

A bill that would impose a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and well stimulation during oil extraction passed out of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee on April 8, 2014, clearing the first of three committees that must consider it before the bill heads to the Senate floor.

The legislation, Senate Bill 1132, jointly authored by Senator Holly J. Mitchell (D-Los Angeles) and Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), has been endorsed by a broad range of interests that include environmental and environmental justice groups, businesses, labor organizations, tribal groups, and community groups.

Once signed into law, the bill would impose a moratorium on fracking and well stimulation, require completion of an independent study of these oil extraction practices, establish a process for reviewing that study and sending recommendations to the governor, and then rely on the governor to determine whether to lift the moratorium.

Fracking and well stimulation, part of a relatively new class of extreme extraction methods, have been linked to air pollution, water pollution, soil contamination, and earthquakes around the country. The practice has been under increased scrutiny in California after reports of expanded use of the methods to tap into the Monterey Shale Formation that spans from Orange County to Fresno and to the coast.

Statement from Kathryn Phillips, director, Sierra Club California:

"This first vote on this moratorium bill sends a signal to Californians across the state: The Senate is listening. The legislators who moved this bill out of committee heard the public's request for a time-out on fracking in this state.

"This bill, SB 1132, gives Californians a chance to protect ourselves from a wild-west approach that would allow extreme oil extraction methods to push forward before we have a fair chance to evaluate whether this is the kind of activity we want to encourage in this state.

"New research and evidence from around the country in the last several months have linked these extreme extraction methods to air pollution, water pollution, soil pollution and even earthquakes.

"We can dramatically expand clean energy and energy efficiency in California. But we can only do that if investment is correctly directed. Allowing harmful and extreme extraction methods will drive investment to dirty energy and leave the residents of the state left to figure out how to live with dirty air, contaminated water, permanently damaged farmland soil, and more earthquakes."

Sierra Club California is the legislative and regulatory advocacy arm of the 13 Sierra Club chapters in California, representing more than 380,000 members and supporters statewide.

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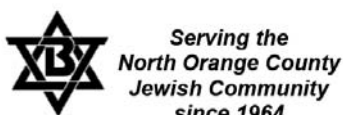
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## Women's Day of Action for Immigration Reform

by Debbie Langbacher & Lesley Mahaffey

On March 30, women from the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Fullerton joined others to participate in the UU Women's Day of Action for Immigration by holding a vigil and 24 hour fast in front of Congressman Ed Royce's office in Brea.

During the vigil, with support from Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCCO), the group collected 90 signed letters asking Mr. Royce to use his influence in the House of Representatives for passage of compassionate immigration reform that:

1) values the human rights of immigrants, especially that families not be torn apart

2) gives Dreamers (young people, who through no choice of their own, were brought to the U.S.) the chance to pursue higher education and careers

3) to offer a humane pathway to citizenship. Our country was founded on welcoming immigrants and providing opportunity for those leaving adverse situations, a tradition that should be honored. Vigil activities included oral readings from published immigration research not often presented in mainstream media, music and singing of traditional social justice songs, and engagement of the public in discussion on compassionate immigration reform. Vigil and fast participants

included a wide age range of women who are citizens and of non-minority status, highlighting that immigration reform is not only an issue for Latinos, Asians, and other groups, but it is an issue that affects us all.

The message is that a system that breaks apart families is itself broken, and that the inhospitality and cruelty shown to immigrants today weakens our nation's soul. People of faith are called upon to stand with the vulnerable and oppressed, and to treat our neighbors as we would like to be treated.

Our current immigration system disproportionately affects vulnerable women and children, burdening our foster care system (when parents are deported) and threatens the promising futures of students who have come to the US as children and consider this country to be their home.

At the conclusion of the fast and vigil, the group delivered the signed letters and photographs of the event to the staff in Mr. Royce's office.

Although his official scheduler was contacted many times (by email, phone, and in person) during the month before this event, in an effort to schedule a meeting with Mr. Royce or his designee, no response was received from his office.

## OC Residents Join Nationwide Protests to End Deportations

by Nick Gerda [www.voiceofoc.org](http://www.voiceofoc.org)

Orange County-based activists joined a nationwide day of demonstrations Saturday, calling on President Obama to halt deportations of undocumented immigrants and expand a relief program that currently applies to people who came to the U.S. as children.

Demonstrators held signs from bridges above Interstate 5 in Santa Ana and Anaheim as well as along Route 55 in Costa Mesa, chanting slogans such as "Liberation, not deportation," and "We're fired up, can't take it no more."

"Over 70 cities in the country are coming out today to stand up to the president and to say enough is enough," said Hairo Cortes, an organizer with the Orange County DREAM Team.

"We have suffered 2 million deportations under your administration, and we're not going to take it any more."

Demonstrators are also targeting their message at U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Anaheim, who represents one of the nation's most heavily Latino districts: central Orange County.

They called on Sanchez to publicly push Obama to stop deportations and expand his deferred action program to all undocumented people in the country.

"We hope that it doesn't take another 2 million deportations for the congresswoman to finally say enough is enough ... and speak to [the president] about the devastation that his deportation policies are causing," Cortes said during a news conference outside Sanchez's district office in Garden Grove. Sanchez couldn't be reached for comment Saturday afternoon.

At Saturday's news conference, Cal State Fullerton student Dulce Saavedra said ICE agents came to her home to arrest her

father and ultimately deport him to Tijuana. "It was pretty traumatizing," said Saavedra, a Santa Ana resident and U.S. citizen. "How do you tell your siblings that are 7, 8 [years old] ... 'Oh, your dad was taken away, and he's not coming back'?" she said. "How do you explain that your family just got ripped apart?"

**How do you tell your siblings who are 7 & 8 years old ...**

**"Dad was taken away, and he's not coming back"**

Another Santa Ana resident, Patricia Reza, said her husband, a father of six, was deported to Tijuana in 2007 and disappeared shortly after. "To this day, they do not know what happened to him," Cortes said of Reza's husband. "They have no information

about his whereabouts." With her husband still missing, Reza has had to support their six children by herself, Cortes said.

Several Asian students from UC Irvine also joined Saturday's protests.

"I am an undocumented student, and I think we should stand up for our rights," said Amy Yu, adding that she came to the U.S. from Hong Kong when she was seven.

Deferred action, also known as DACA, grants temporary legal status for undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children and don't have a serious criminal record.

With little sign that Congress will pass immigration reform this year, many activists have turned to calling for President Obama to use his executive authority to expand deferred action. The president, meanwhile, has said he lacks the constitutional authority to halt deportations without a new law from Congress.

*This is part of a longer article by Nick Gerda with video available at [www.voiceofoc.org](http://www.voiceofoc.org)*

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## April 1st Council Meeting Continued from page 5

was on a list and the fire department would respond to fix it. Other than a police patrol car driving by the neighborhood to ensure everyone's safety, three hours went by with no response. He suggested that police vehicles be equipped with the tool necessary to turn off water mains in instances of earthquake-caused breakages.

City Manager Felz said that the debris pick-up plan was a good idea and said he would talk with MG Disposal about it. He said the low-interest loan information will be on the city website when it becomes available and that the city will also send direct mail to those who qualify.

•Tom Babcock noted that there were 12 water system breaks in the city. And that city leaders were all words and no action. An 80-year reconstruction plan is not only foolish but disrespectful to Fullerton taxpayers. "Who has failed in getting these repairs done? Taxpayers expect more. Fix it or find another job."

Councilmember Flory suggested Mr. Babcock ask himself what part he played in the deferred infrastructure maintenance reminding him that in 1994 when the city proposed raising a 2% temporary utility tax, which would have raised \$4 million in three years, specifically to repair infrastructure he had led the recall of the councilmembers who had voted for the measure. Flory was elected to replace one of the recalled councilmembers. She said that "We are not preparing for the future gen-

erations the way our grandparents did. We are always in crisis mode."

Councilmember Whitaker, also part of Mr. Babcock's FACT group, said that the council had voted for higher pensions and later when there was a windfall declined to earmark the money for pensions or infrastructure. "The answer isn't always higher revenue from the public."

•Jane Rands wanted to support Councilmember Flory's previous meeting request to look into injection wells. Rands asked special notice be made of the Early April *Fullerton Observer* backpage article listing the water usage of the wells and their possible connection to an increase in earthquakes. She also invited anyone interested in the Downtown Core and Corridor project to attend the 6pm to 8pm, Mon., April 21st meeting at the Community Center, 340 W. Commonwealth, where the draft plan for the 13,000 acres will be shown.

Mayor protem Greg Sebourn said he was grateful to city staff for their efforts in responding to the power outages, water leaks and other damage caused by the earthquake that kept the city functioning.

Mayor Chaffee, just back from a visit to Sister City Yongin, Korea, said the city of 1 million is celebrating its 600th year as well as its 10th year as Sister City of Fullerton. While there he was able to meet with five CSUF exchange students and tour many businesses.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

All items were approved except for those pulled.

•**Item #2 Towing Ordinance:** Barry Levinson stated that the report presented to the council at the March 18 meeting failed to identify the evaluators, that it used outdated fiscal impact data from 2010, and that the rating system had errors. He said that the police did the evaluations even though their evaluations were found to be biased in the previous report. He said that Bob's Towing pointed out that the city was subsidizing the tow service instead of earning revenue. "We could be making money by hiring a Fullerton company and keeping revenues in the city."

City Attorney Jones stated that Mr. Levinson was addressing the process of the actual awarding of city towing service contracts but that the ordinance before us tonight is more of a technical one, to enable the city to repeal the Municipal Code item which is required before the award of contracts.

Council passed the item 5-0

•**Item #7 Bike Users:** Jane Rands said she approves the project but wanted to make a correction to the report which stated that the issue came before the Bicycle Users Committee for discussion. "It did not come before the committee for discussion, it was already a done deal and the committee could not make suggestions or changes. The BUSC is not being allowed to do its duty, she said. Council passed the report 4-1 (Whitaker, no)

### APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Whitaker said he would make his appointment to the Economic Development Commission at the next meeting. Councilmember Flory recommended Wanda Schrader for the at large appointment to the same commission. She was approved 5-0

### PUBLIC HEARING

Dongshin Presbyterian Church's request to restore four homes on Yorba Linda at Almira Ave which had previously been converted to dorms, back to residential homes and change the zoning of the 7.83 acre parcel from "Religious Institutions" to "Low Density Residential," was passed unanimously after the following public comments.

Larry Lusan, a nearby resident, said that he had no problem with returning the buildings to residential single family homes. He said now "these are spaces for 50 people that just bring Koreans in to apply for residency. The renovations were all done without permits. Can't take them at their word. Make sure to inspect them and make them get permits."

### REGULAR BUSINESS

•**Temporary Non Commercial Sign Regulations:** See article "Can We Ban Negative Unsigned Campaign Signs" by Amanda Lean on page 4.

•**Fire Management Salary Parity with Brea:** Human Resource Director Gretchen Beatty presented item #12 concerning achieving parity between Fullerton and Brea salaries of 12 shared



**GOP SHOTS DOWN VETS MENTAL HEALTH BILL:** At least 22 vets commit suicide each day according to the Veterans Affairs Department. Democratic Senator John Walsh of Montana's bill includes provisions to force the Pentagon to reexamine troops who were discharged for PTSD-related behaviors including nightmares, flashbacks, personality changes, sleeping disorders, and suicidal thoughts. The bill expands veterans' eligibility to enroll in VA health care from the current 5 years to 15 years after leaving the military noting that some vets have a delayed reaction to trauma. He said funding the program is a "cost of war." The bill follows on the heels of Democratic Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont's bill to extend combat eligibility and increase focus on training of mental health professionals which was blocked in Feb. by all but two Republicans who objected to funding the program.

fire command staff members (excluding the Fire Chief). Fullerton pays for 7 of the staff and Brea pays for four and each city pays half of the Chief's salary. The staff are in charge of 23.12 square miles of Fullerton, 10.5 miles of Brea. Fullerton with 11,400 calls a year bears 60% of the costs; Brea with 3,700 calls a year bears 40% of the costs. Brea pays more than Fullerton for the same position. The proposed cost difference is about \$60,500.

Sebourn said, "Looks like good step towards changes, but not the right changes at right time. I have concerns about the longterm costs above the \$60,000. I would like to see the proposed agreement posted on the city website." Flory supported posting the proposal on the website for public comment. She said the merger of the Brea and Fullerton sta-

tions has saved us between \$1.2 to \$1.5 million. She made a motion to accept the parity measure and was seconded by Fitzgerald. Council passed the item on a 4-1 vote (Sebourn, no). The final vote will take place at the April 15th meeting.

### ADJOURNED

The Mayor adjourned the meeting in honor of Jan Flory's 39th Birthday. "That would be for the 31st time," said Flory.

### AGENDA FORECAST

**April 15:** AT&T Cell Site at Richman Park; Agreement for Citywide Fiber Network; Fireworks Lottery; Airport update; Water Main & Sewer Improvements; Street Light replacement contract; Consultant contract renewal; Tow Service Contract; Legislative Platform; Las Vegas Railway Extension;

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At left: Honoree Michelle Buck-Gordon, who grew up in Fullerton, is shown with her students. She is coordinating an upcoming fundraiser for the art program on June 4th at the Egan Gallery in Fullerton that will showcase the student work.

Below: Honoree John DeCaprio of Coast to Coast.

## SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM AWARDS

The OneOC Awards luncheon took place at the Disneyland Hotel on April 9th. Congratulations to Fullerton honorees of the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards including John DeCaprio (also Fullerton Police Dept. Homeless Liaison) for his work with the Coast to Coast Foundation which helps homeless people; St. Jude Medical Center Caring Neighbors Senior Services; Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum; and Michelle Buck-Gordon for her work in promoting the arts through an art class she created for the Academy Charter High School, a community project of Orangewood Children's Foundation.



## Fracking Too Close to Home continued from page 5

There is other potential harm beyond triggering a catastrophic seismic event in California's already tenuous plethora of interconnected fault lines. Over one thousand watersheds have already been contaminated by fracking leaks nationwide. The high pressure carcinogens, hydrochloric acid, sand, and water forced through aging cement well casings can cause cracks allowing volatile organic compounds to be released into the air, or gas and oil to migrate into soil and groundwater. According to Nagy, fracking causes 6% of well casings to fail. Over time, 30% of casings are expected to fail.

The dense oil reserves in California are being targeted for fracking. Historically, California has been rich in oil and much extraction has already occurred. However, that earlier oil exploration had much less impact on public health when the state was much less densely populated. Now we are seeing fracking near schools and in neighborhoods.

Fracking, acidizing, and waste water injection is currently happening in Brea, Fullerton, Yorba Linda, Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, and La Habra. Much of it is technically outside of city boundaries on county land. But, in a county where 2.4 million people depend on the groundwater, the call for a moratorium on fracking "screams urgency," said Nagy. A county moratorium is needed to protect the

groundwater basin. For more information go to [www.foodandwaterwatch.org](http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org)

## New Website About Local Fracking

A new website has been set up to keep locals aware of fracking, acidizing, and waste water injection operations locally. Go to [www.stopfrackingbrea.com](http://www.stopfrackingbrea.com) and visit the stopfrackingbrea facebook page.

## Ohio Geologists Link Quakes to Fracking

The *Associated Press* reported on April 11, 2014, that geologists in Ohio have linked earthquakes in a geological formation deep under the Appalachians to fracking (hydraulic fracturing), leading the state to issue some of the nations strictest new permit conditions. "Injection of sand and water that accompanies hydraulic fracturing in the Utica Shale may have increased pressure," said State Oil & Gas Chief Rick Simmers.

"While earlier studies had linked earthquakes in the same region to deep-injection wells used for disposal of fracking wastewater, this marks the first time tremors in the region have been tied directly to fracking, Simmers said."

## CHANGE & BALANCE

by Michelle Gottlieb

### Managing Stress



My life has become very, very stressful lately. So before I sat down to type this column, I got myself a tea latte - a recently discovered joy. I have also been reaching out to my friends and asking for support. My family has gathered around me and is nurturing me. I am reading fun things. I am exercising. None of these things are stopping the stressful things that are going on. So why do them? Because they help me cope with the stressful events better.

The reason to nurture ourselves is not to pretend that there is nothing wrong. It is not to solve the stress. It is simply to help us cope. When we are not coping well, we may get physically sick, we may not be able to think coherently, and we may lash out at people who may not even be involved in the problem.

However, once we start to nurture ourselves, the stressful issues seem so much more manageable. And as we begin to think more clearly, we can break the issues into smaller blocks which make it even more manageable!

So, I will sit here and sip my latte. I might meditate. I will most definitely read something that makes me laugh. And then I will get myself up and deal, once more, with the issues that are causing me stress. I will be able to, because of this time-out that I am giving myself. This does not make me weak. In fact, it makes me stronger. I will even count my blessings, which will make me stronger still.

And I will, as always, enjoy the journey. I hope you do the same.

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## Total Lunar Eclipse on April 14-15

A total lunar eclipse will take place Monday and Tuesday nights (April 14-15), when the moon passes into the shadow of Earth. The far northeastern United States will see the eclipse at moonset, but the rest of the Lower 48 will be able to view the event in its entirety. The partial phase, as our shadow begins to cover up the brightness of the full moon and then gives it back, lasts for about an hour on either side of the total phase.

Totality for the Central time zone begins at 2:07 a.m. CDT and ends at 3:25 a.m. CDT, and for Mountain time is from 1:07 a.m. to 2:25 a.m. Pacific time has to wait until just after midnight, from 12:07 a.m. to 1:25 a.m. The moon officially reaches full phase during the eclipse on April 15 at 2:42 a.m. CDT. An annular solar eclipse follows a few weeks later, on April 29; however, as it occurs over Antarctica, it will go largely unseen by humans.

For more info see Astronomy Today at: <http://www.astronomytoday.com/skyguide.html>



**Tanakeyowmas in Nashville:**  
 "My husband Adrian took this photo of me with my Fullerton Observer at the Belle Meade Plantation in Nashville." Lilia



Ashley Clark with her mother Doris Dressler-Clark at Mount Victoria overlooking Auckland, New Zealand

**Mom & Daughter in New Zealand**

In March, Doris Dressler-Clark, a Fullerton resident since 1977, visited her daughter Ashley Clark in Auckland, New Zealand, where Ashley moved after her graduate studies in Chicago.

"We toured the north island from the famous Doubtless Bay Mangonui Fish

and Chips Shop, a Whangaroa Harbor tour by local "Bushman's Friend," the Puketi Kauri Forest with their giant trees, Waiariki Hot Pools at Ngawha Springs and city Auckland."

"The Observer observed all!" said Doris.



**Mark & Rita Geller Visit Agrigento, Sicily**

"We are standing in front of the Temple of Juno Lacinia. It dates back to c.450 BC in the Doric style. Current remains consist of the front colonnade with parts of the architrave and of the frieze. The building was damaged in a fire of 406 BC and restored in Roman times. The temple was usually used for the celebration of weddings."



**Dr. John Collins, Son & Friends in Arizona**

For Dr. John Collins' birthday, his son gave him an all expenses paid trip to the Hopi Indian Reservation in Arizona. Pictured above are John (w/Observer), his son Dion, and friends Dane Hart and David Meyer. They visited John's friends of many years, patronized McGee's Trading Post in Keams Canyon east of First Mesa, enjoyed a guided archaeologi-

cal tour of the reservation, and were surprised by a "Hopi Indian Days" weekend celebration. While there they rented the former home of the principal of the Hopi Mission School in the village of Kykotsmovi on Third Mesa. Proceeds from the rental support the expenses of the school. Needless to say, it was a great birthday gift for John, enjoyed by all.



**Visit to a Buddhist Temple**

Leticia Mata, Susan Reese, and Rusty Kennedy of OC Human Relations shown above with the Venerable Thich Quang Thanh, the highest religious man of the Vietnamese Buddhist Temple in Santa

Ana. The Venerable Thich Quang Thanh shared his poetry, photography, the ancient artworks of the temple, and played some traditional Vietnamese Buddhist music during their visit.