



SAVE COYOTE HILLS MARCH ON TUESDAY

by Shirley Gregg

All residents of Fullerton and surrounding cities are encouraged to join in the "March to City Hall" to let our new City Council know that saving Coyote Hills as a regional park is still a priority.

Meet at 5pm on Tuesday March 15th at the Fox Theatre, at the corner of Harbor and Chapman, to join the march which will end at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth in time for the Council meeting beginning at 6:30pm.

Although the Council denied the development proposal last May, the new council is poised to reconsider the 760 unit housing development plus a commercial strip that will generate at least 9,000 more daily car trips.

Since the 510 acres at Coyote Hills is the last open space between the Puente Hills and the ocean, its preservation as a park remains a critical regional issue in park-poor north Orange County. The park would serve over 600,000 residents from five neighboring cities. The Friends of Coyote Hills have located both public and private funds for the purchase and maintenance of the park.

Let the Council know that you do not want them to favor the Chevron Corporation by denying the interests of thousands of their own constituents.



Fullerton College Dream Team:

Their parents, seeking a better life, brought them to America as young children. They grew up here, went through school here, got good grades so they could go to college and contribute their skills to their country America, but can't get jobs or financial help for college due to their "undocumented" status. See page 10 for story. PHOTO ADRIAN GONZALEZ

Chevron's Coyote Hills Water Deal: From San Gabriel Valley to La Habra to Fullerton

Chevron owns water rights in the private Whittier-based water company Cal Domestic, which distributes water pumped from the San Gabriel Water Basin (similar to our Orange County aquifer with a few big exceptions, see related article page 2).

At the Feb. 15th council meeting, item #13 passed unanimously as a "Read & File." It has to do with Chevron selling 360 shares of Cal Domestic Water to La Habra permanently with the requirement that if Chevron's Coyote Hills development is built and runs short of water (for instance in an extended drought, global warming, reduced supplies from imported sources, etc.) within the next 30 years that La Habra will make those shares of water available to Fullerton at a price of \$520 per acre foot (similar, according to the city, to what we pay for a blend of well water and Tier 1 imported water from the

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Metropolitan Water District.)

La Habra had yet to accept the deal at the time of the Fullerton meeting, but Chevron apparently wanted to be sure that Fullerton was on board. This is the same deal that was put forth at the council meeting where the Chevron project was denied. At that meeting, upon hear-

ing the water plan, Councilmember Shawn Nelson famously pointed out that under those conditions all cities would be hard up and looking for water, and he asked "Has anyone told Whittier?"

Richard Jones sits on the Cal Domestic Board. His firm Jones & Mayer also serves as city attorney for Fullerton, La Habra and Whittier. An attorney from Jones & Mayer was presiding at the Feb. 15th council meeting but failed to mention the conflict of interest. Mr. Jones, who was out of the country at the time, told the

paper he will be setting the record straight at the next council meeting.

The president of Cal Domestic is Jim Byerrum, who formerly worked in water maintenance for La Habra. He is also treasurer of the San Gabriel Water Quality Authority, which was created by the state to address the pollution problems of the basin (see page 2) and a boardmember of DWR's Watermaster which was court-appointed to oversee regulation of the amount of water pumped from the source after former management failed to rein in over-pumping causing the basin to become depleted. **Continued on page 2**

Wilson W. Phelps Foundation Donates \$77,000 to Schools

The Fullerton School District received \$77,342. in grants to schools from the Wilson W. Phelps Foundation. The following school sites will benefit from the grants:

- Commonwealth: \$7,258
- Fern Drive: \$12,830
- Golden Hill: \$7,237
- Laguna Road: \$ 3,065
- Maple: \$8,364
- Orangethorpe: \$13,374
- Parks Junior High: \$10,000
- Raymond: \$3,065
- Valencia Park: \$5,506
- Woodcrest: \$6,643.

Husband & Wife Arrested for Guns & Meth

Fullerton Police arrested Thomas Craig Morehouse, 53, and his wife Marsha Lynn Morehouse, 54, for narcotics sales, weapons law violations and various other charges on Feb. 21.

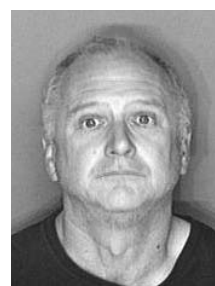
Fullerton Police Sgt. Andrew Goodrich said that detectives developed information that narcotics sales were being made from a residence just north of Ladera Vista Junior High School.

Because of the proximity to the school, detectives chose President's Day to serve the warrant to minimize the potential to children in the area.

The couple was at the apartment located at 2000 E. Wilshire when the warrant

was served. Police seized 7 rifles/shotguns, 3 handguns, thousands of rounds of ammunition, several high capacity magazines, 2 pounds of methamphetamine, and 20 pounds of marijuana.

Below: Marsha and Thomas Morehouse



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Chevron Deal for La Habra, Fullerton with Water from San Gabriel Basin

The La Habra version of the deal includes a clause by which Chevron will reclaim the water shares if La Habra makes any objections to the corporation's development proposal for West Coyote Hills in Fullerton.

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Mr. Byerrum, contacted by the paper, explained that the company's pumping allotment from the basin is 12,500 acre feet (sometimes less if the water is low). The price of the water goes up if the limit is exceeded. The company distributes up to 25-thousand acre feet per year to its shareholders. (An acre foot is enough water for four people for one year.)

Water to span the gap from what can be pumped and what is distributed is purchased from Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water (which gets water from the basin and MWD).

The Cal Domestic water main runs along Whittier Blvd. and the infrastructure has long been in place. La Habra currently gets 60% of its water from the company.

Although Chevron declined to disclose the number of shares it owns in Cal Domestic, La Habra Director of Public Works said that Chevron owns 10.9% of stocks; La Habra 25%; Brea 21%; Suburban Water Systems 32.9%; and the remaining 10.2% of shares are owned by small shareholders.

According to the description of the deal, as passed by Fullerton City Council, the city would receive approximately 522 acre feet of water (roughly equivalent, according to the info sheet, to 360 shares) and pay La Habra \$520 an acre foot.

Cal Domestic CEO Jim Byerrum said the company charges its shareholders \$648 for the first acre foot plus a meter charge. Every acre foot after the first is charged at \$400. Acre feet drawn by a shareholder in excess of their entitlement is charged at \$728.18 per acre foot. "All shareholders pay the same price," said Byerrum.

Water pumped from the San Gabriel Water Basin by four of six of Cal Domestic's wells is polluted with various chemicals, and treated in four separate company owned treatment plants. The water is then blended with the water from the two less affected wells to come up to drinking water standards. Tests are performed on the final quality by Clinical Labs of San Bernardino, Weck Lab, and MWH Lab.

Mr. Byerrum sent the paper a one-page summary titled "Water Quality 2010". The report listed Carbon tetrachloride (CTC); TCE; PCE; Perchlorate; NDMA;

and Nitrate with test results for each of the 6 wells* taken in the months of Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec. *(One of the wells was shut down in 2008 and is pending California Health Department approval to come back online.)

Even though the description of Item #13 at the Fullerton City Council stated that the item was to "Establish a methodology to provide a smoothing of water rates in conjunction with any potential development in the West Coyote Hills area of the City," Mayor Dick Jones told the audience at the Feb. 15th meeting that the positive vote on item #13 had nothing to do with whether or not there will be a development at Coyote Hills.

Fullerton Water Manager Dave Schickling explained why the item was on the Fullerton agenda. Under the terms of the Development Agreement for Chevron's La Floresta project in Brea, the corporation agreed to sell shares in Cal Domestic Water Company to La Habra. Chevron is required to complete the sale by March 28th.

The La Habra city council at its Feb. 22 meeting passed the water deal unanimously.

Listed as a condition for the sale of the shares to La Habra is that the city agree to provide water to support the needs of Chevron's West Coyote Hills development in Fullerton should the project be approved in the future.

In addition, the La Habra version of the "deal" states that, if the city opposes or objects to any aspect of the West Coyote Hills development project in Fullerton, the agreement can be terminated.

The contract is between La Habra and several Chevron-owned subsidiaries which are La Floresta LLC, and Birch/Kraemer LLC (building a 1,347 home project in Brea on former Unocal land); Pacific Coast Homes (seeking to build a 760 home development in West Coyote Hills, Fullerton); and Unocal (Union Oil Company of California) purchased by Chevron in 2005.

The price to La Habra is \$7,800 per share for a total of \$2,808,000 payable in cash no later than 120 days after the effective date of the agreement. The shares are sold "AS-IS" and subject to any leases, licenses or other encumbrances.

The agreement was reviewed by Jones & Mayer, La Habra's (and Fullerton's) city attorney.

San Gabriel Water Basin Superfund Site

The San Gabriel groundwater basin is one of the most contaminated in the nation. Four areas of the Basin were so heavily polluted each was listed separately on the US Environmental Protection Agency Superfund clean-up list in 1983. Tests found some chemicals registering at over 7,500 times the maximum allowed.

In addition to the PCE, TCE and other chemicals, new contaminants were discovered in 1997 including perchlorate and (NDMA) N-Nitrosodimethylamine liquid/solid rocket fuel, 1,4-dioxane, and hexavalent chromium.

A number of public wells (including one Cal Domestic well) were shut down and the EPA began the clean-up operations process. Letters were sent out to potentially responsible parties. Chevron Research and Technology Co. in El Monte was on the list. Of the 62 businesses in the area found to have contributed to the pollution, most have settled. The EPA and State of California continue to file suit against others.

The actual cost of the clean up has been estimated by the San Gabriel Water Quality Authority (WQA) to be over \$702 million. Area water customers are charged a modest per household fee which goes toward the clean-up costs. That fee, according to the WQA, is set to increase this year.

Congress authorized \$85 million for groundwater cleanup in the valley. WQA is seeking an additional \$10 million in appropriation for FY 2012.

Jim Byerrum, president of Cal Domestic Water and treasurer of the San Gabriel Water Quality Authority, said that it will be necessary to go back to the table sometime in 2014 to negotiate an increased contribution from the polluting companies and an extension of the clean-up, which looks to be a 30-year project.

Another serious issue with the basin involved near depletion due to over-pumping. Management was taken over under court order by the Dept. of Water Resources Watermaster to oversee regulation of the pumping.

Over 30 square miles of groundwater under the valley may be contaminated. And the contamination continues to spread threatening groundwater supply wells. Many have been shut down according to the February 15, 2011 San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Quality Management and Remediation Plan.

Forty-five different water suppliers operate in the basin and provide drinking water to over one million people.

At the end of last year the EPA announced that it would begin field-work to install a groundwater cleanup system.

For more information go to: USEPA website www.epa.gov/region9/superfund Once there, click on Superfund Sites, then Site Overviews, then scroll down to San Gabriel Valley (area 1) El Monte, South El Monte, Whittier narrows San Gabriel Basin Groundwater Quality Management & Remediation Plan www.wqa.com



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• 32,009	US Soldiers wounded (DOD reports) www.icasualties.org
• 9,971	Iraq (3/2003 thru 1/2011) Afghanistan (10/2001 thru 1/2011)
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Out of My Mind

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Walker Walks Off a Cliff

There's always a lot not to like about unions. We think of Jimmy Hoffa. We think of *On the Water Front*. We think of the worker version of fat cats--only in bad suits. Everything wrong with unions is also what's wrong with all institutions and all who exercise and abuse power.

We have the same problems with business owners, managers and, of course, politicians. So, for those who complain about the unions, okay, I'll stipulate to the problems, but eliminating them just puts our system of checks and balances out of whack. Just as with our three co-equal branches of government, that depend on a certain dynamic tension, so we need investors, management and workers. If one group wins permanent control and domination over the others, we will have a disaster. I'm not opposed to Gov. Walker pushing back against unions. I am very much opposed to him winning a permanent victory that will eviscerate the power of workers--yes, even state workers--to bargain as a unit.

Fighting about benefits is fair game. Eliminating the rights of workers to

organize and bargain together isn't. That is a hard-won right that workers will defend. It's fair to complain that workers did too well in past negotiations and that a coming generation will not be able to have all of these benefits. It's not all right to break promises already made. Many workers--teachers, firefighters, police and other civil servants--gave up salary in exchange for deferred benefits. Withdrawing those benefits will be socially and fiscally costly--as well as being evidence of bad faith.

Gov. Walker has grabbed a tiger by the tail and politically he may not be able to let go. But his over-reach will cost him. The class warfare that Republicans are always accusing Democrats of waging, but are now waging themselves, will not work in the long run. Accusing public employee unions of getting a free ride on the backs of normal workers will not work, and Republicans may find themselves alone and marginalized.

The greatest hope Obama has for reelection is Republican ideology, easily confused with Republican idiocy.

Tear Down the Walls

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall," poet Robert Frost wrote. During the civil rights era we sang, "Tear down the walls and set my brothers free." In Berlin Reagan implored, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." Now, so many years later, those walls have largely, if not completely, fallen. They did not fall by themselves but through efforts and sacrifices across our political spectrum. There are still roadblocks and impediments, but most no longer see them as god-given, eternal or legitimate.

Across the world there is, what an Egyptian journalist characterized as, a "Freedom Fever" spreading. As someone who spent two years living and working in Tunisia, I feel a special sense of connection with the fever and the struggle that broke out first in "my" Tunisia. I hurt for their oppression and take pride and hope in their courageous, and largely peaceful, effort to tear down the walls that kept them out, separated them from the world and the opportunity to succeed and even to hope.

The walls guarding the palaces and privileges of despots and kings are being breached throughout the Middle East. Once thought invincible, Hosni Mubarak fell, the walls are down and there is both danger and opportunity. In Jordan, King Abdullah II and his Hashemite army rule over a majority Palestinian state and there is strife. In Syria, the Alawite Shiite minority cruelly rules a Sunni majority, while in Bahrain a Sunni royal house violently oppresses the majority Shiite population. In Libya, the issues are not so religious as political.

All over the world that feathered thing called hope has flown in and both taunted and inspired people, sick to death of tyranny, with possibilities.

There are still far too many walls in all our societies. We erect walls of religion, race and ethnicity. We build walls with litmus tests and ideologies. We reinforce walls with the rebar of disrespect for those who think, feel and reason differently. We

make walls have importance that is not intrinsic when we fail to see our opportunities for breaching our divides, one little step at a time. Tea Party people voting with Dennis Kucinich may seem an isolated freak of nature, but, whether you agree or disagree with that particular vote, the opportunity to find common cause is heartening. The left/right alliance that killed the unneeded and unwanted jet engine (to have been built in Speaker Boehner's district) was also a hopeful sign.

Common cause may also be struck across what seems an unbreachable divide between the radicals of the 60s, now in our 60s, and Tea Party folks, also largely older, white and middle class. Both distrust institutions and are capable of passion, dedication, self-righteousness and rudeness.

In Wisconsin, and soon across the country, we may see regular working people rebelling against the once inevitable policies and programs that seem to drain money from our lives and life from our social programs. Whether wars in Iraq and Afghanistan or bridges and trains to nowhere, there are opportunities for strange bedfellows to, well, uh, mate. Our offspring might create or solve problems, but they will be heard. Now whether they listen is an open question.

As I marched with my Catholic friends protesting a war in the 60s or against them on a woman's right to choose, we drove to the marches together and came home together. Walls of ideological purity must not be allowed to make us feel powerless and isolated.

What Freedom Fever consists of is the insight that tomorrow does not have to be the same as yesterday, that the poor are not poor because some god willed it, and accepting injustice is not either a civic or a religious virtue. Revolt usually comes not when conditions are at their worst but when hope makes us believe that walls do tumble down and we can help them fall. And yes we can help them fall.

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Observers Around the World



Tom & Joyce Caballero at the End of the World

Tom and Joyce Caballero, 31 year residents of Fullerton, took the *Fullerton Observer* with them on their cruise to South America in January/February 2011.

The photo is taken in Ushuaia,

Argentina at Tierra del Fuego National Park "Fin de Mundo-The end of the world".

Other stops along the way included Chile, Falkland Islands, Antarctica and Brazil.

Lost Coin Purse

If anyone found a coin purse around Brookhurst and Orangethorpe on Dec. 5th, please call 714-879-3952. I was given a case number at the police station and thought they were still on the case but recently found it had been closed without finding my purse or notifying me.

L. Savage *Anaheim*

Williamson Parking Improvements

It has been a long time coming, but I now hear that two to three blocks of Williamson will finally become a 30-minute restricted parking zone. This should go a long way to helping area businesses take back the block for their customers instead of letting it become a seedy-looking permanent parking lot for repair businesses.

One question: How long until the signage goes up? (hopefully not another year).

One tip: The city could make hundreds of dollars a night by ticketing the beat-up vehicles - some with no doors, no bumpers, no tags, etc., parked overnight every night by repair businesses. At least 5 to 7 cars every night. Isn't overnight parking illegal in Fullerton? Isn't the city still looking for increased funds? Targeting this area for overnight parkers could pay for the 30-minute parking signs. And why are these businesses allowed to use the public streets as free storage for their businesses instead of being required to provide on-site storage?

Anonymous *Fullerton*

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Chevron Blackmail's La Habra

The blackmail of La Habra city by Chevron has now been exposed by the La Habra Journal (Feb 24, 2011 www.lhj90631.com). Once again we see the underhanded methods that are being exploited by Chevron to pressure the City of Fullerton into accepting their demands for a zoning change so they may proceed with the development of hundreds of homes. First they filed a lawsuit against the city in anguish over the rejection of their project last summer by the former city council. Then Chevron managed to corrupt the political process by injecting thousands of dollars into the election of city council members who publicly favored their project. Now, to combat a major dispute over the additional water required for their massive home building development proposal, they have taken to blackmail.

Water, an obviously scarce commodity, is paramount to sustaining all cities now and into the future. Chevron owns shares of Cal Domestic Water Company that provides some percentage of water that La Habra city requires. Chevron will sell these shares to La Habra IF, and ONLY IF, La Habra's city council does not oppose the development of Coyote Hills. If La Habra does oppose the development, the shares must be returned to Chevron. Also required in this Chevron agreement is the stipulation that La Habra must sell and deliver water to Fullerton. The amount of water delivered to Fullerton would be the additional amount required by the development of Coyote Hills.

This is blackmail. Chevron makes an advantageous deal with La Habra for water. A time-constrained agreement forces La Habra to provide Fullerton with extra water. Chevron thus eliminates one major argument against their proposed construction of 760 homes on Coyote Hills. No new water wells, no additional water arriving from the north, no thought of our children when the water agreement runs out.

David Owen *Fullerton*



At Left:

Officers lined the wall of Council Chambers at the Feb. 15th as Captain Hughes and Police Chief Sellers presented awards given by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

PHOTO JERE GREENE

Above: Officers honored by MADD for stopping 25 or more drunk drivers each are: Officer Frank Nguyen, Cpl. Tony Bogart, Cpl. Joel Craft, Cpl. Daniel Solorio, Officer Billy Phu, Cpl. David Becerra, Cpl. Robert Kirk, Officer Ryan O'Neil, Officer Sonny Siliceo, Officer Kenton Hamton, Cpl. Tony Rios, Officer Chris Wren, Officer Donald Bloom, Cpl. Eric Bridges, and Officer Josh Ernest, Officer Matt Martinez.

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

The Fullerton City Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 5pm (closed session) and 6:30pm (public session). Contact council at 714-738-6311 or council@ci.fullerton.ca.us. Upcoming Agenda info and Streaming Video are available at www.cityoffullerton.com. Meetings are broadcast live on Cable Channel 3 and rebroadcast at 3pm and at 6pm the following Wed. & Sun., and at 5pm Mon. City Hall is located at 303 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton.

•PLEASE LEAVE THE RED-FACED MAYOR YELLED: Fred Moring, owner of a downtown Fullerton building which borders the Amerige parking lot, spoke during public comments at the Feb. 15th council meeting. He pointed out that the half hour restriction on parking does not allow people enough time to have lunch and shop downtown. "You are working against us," he told the council. He had more to say but Mayor Jones cut him off in mid-sentence saying his three minutes was up. When he did not immediately sit down, the Mayor pitched a fit, turned bright red and started yelling aggressively, "I told you the rules, council has not voted to give you more time. Leave, Sit down, PLEASE LEAVE." Not used to being yelled at or treated in such a manner Mr. Moring stared at the Mayor shocked. This further annoyed the Mayor and he ordered the Chief of Police to remove Mr. Moring. Surprisingly no one in the audience or council stood up for Mr. Moring, who by that time got the message and sat down, saving Chief Sellers the embarrassment of guiding the older man out of the building.

•LES AMIS owner Jian Montecristo was back to plead that she be allowed to put a patio and perimeter around her building for the enjoyment of her customers as well as for safety's sake as the large empty area is now used for window etching and a boxing ring by weekend nightlife. Councilmembers Whitaker, Quirk-Silva, spoke up on her behalf and asked it be put on the March 1st agenda. Each of the other councilmembers agreed.

•HOUSING AUTHORITY for Fullerton was established unanimously to protect affordable housing funds from being sent back to the state if the governor's proposal to end redevelopment is passed.

•2011 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM to guide Fullerton's lobbyists was presented by city manager assistant Rob Ferrier. Councilmember Whitaker criticized the 6-page document for being too specific. "It should be one page and more general like the county version," he said. (the county's 88-page 2011 Legislative Platform is avail-

able on the county website). He said Fullerton's platform contained projects, some of which he doesn't support, such as High Speed Rail. Matt Leslie commented that he noticed it contained an item on supporting water desalination and asked it be removed as desalination is neither environmentally sound nor affordable. Whitaker and Quirk-Silva agreed it should be removed. The other three voted for it to stay in. Bankhead claimed "OCWD has strongly supported it to use to block ocean water intrusion into the aquifer." The Observer called OCWD information specialist Gina DePinto who said the statement is inaccurate. Poseidon, who is proposing a desal plant in Huntington Beach, made a claim identical to Bankhead's in its proposal to build the plant. OCWD made a written rebuttal to the claim in that instance. Water manager Dave Shickling confirmed that Fullerton has signed a memorandum of understanding to negotiate with Poseidon. No commitment just talks. (See page 20 for more)

Coming Up Tuesday, March 1

- Korean-american sports festival
- Alternate fuel street sweepers
- WATER RATE HIKE PROPOSAL: In Nov.

the city hired MFSG to conduct a cost of service and rate study for the City of Fullerton Water Utility. The previous study was completed in 2004 and included a five-year rate increase which ended in 2009. In June 2010, Council approved a \$2 per month rate increase on all water customers.

The current MFSG study recommends a rate increase be instituted over the coming five years. To avoid a double digit increase, MFSG recommends that the city issue debt to fund a portion of the capital projects (for pipelines, reservoirs, pump station equipment and wells). The increase does not include the upcoming MWD rate hikes which will be passed on to customers.

• WED., MARCH 30, 6:30PM WATER RATE INCREASE PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting to present the rate increase and take public comment will take place at City Hall council chambers.

16 Officers Honored by MADD

by Jere Greene

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) presented sixteen Fullerton police officers with individual certificates, recognizing their efforts to combat the rising number of drunk drivers in the city. Overall, there were 1,039 DUI (Driving while Under the Influence) arrests made in Fullerton in 2010. A number made possible by the police department's pro-active search for drunk drivers.

A total of 488 of the year's arrests for operating a vehicle while being under

the influence were made by 16 officers. Each was recognized by the annual Duce Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, at the Feb. 15 council meeting, for individually issuing in excess of 25 arrests over the last year.

MADD also works with victims in the court system, preventative teen drinking programs and has written a bill to require repeat offenders to use interlocks on vehicles which prevent a drunk driver from driving through a breath test.

A word to the wise: Don't drink and drive. Especially in Fullerton!

New Fullerton City Clerk Lucinda Williams

Lucinda M. Williams, a Fullerton resident, has been appointed city clerk by City Manager Joe Felz. Her appointment to the position is scheduled for the March 1st council meeting. Williams will fill the vacancy created by the retirement in December of City Clerk Beverley White.

Williams was appointed as Brea's city clerk in 2006 after serving three years as deputy clerk.

Prior to coming to Brea, Williams served as liaison to the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board, and as health and safety coordinator for the City of San Francisco Jail Health Services.

She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from San Francisco



State University, and a master's in public administration from Cal State University at Dominguez Hills.

She also has completed course work in parliamentary procedure from the University of Wisconsin Learning Innovations Program.

Williams is a certified master municipal clerk and notary public, is a

mentor with the City Clerks Association of California, and a member of numerous professional associations. In addition, she serves on the executive board of the City Clerk's Association of California and on the Orange County Registrar of Voters Community Election Working Group.

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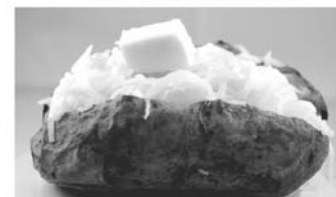
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School Board Report by Jan Youngman

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FEB. 22ND FSD BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Next meeting at 6pm on March 8th

•**FULLERTON OPEN ENROLLMENT** for the 2011-2012 school year will be from Feb. 22 through March 21, 2011.

DISTRICT GRANTS

•**Fullerton Education Foundation** announced a second round of grants to teachers and schools thanks to the donation from the Mary Virginia Davies Trust Fund. An additional 13 teacher grants and 3 special school grants were awarded.

•**Fullerton Technology Foundation:** Presented the District \$100,000 for technology improvements. Since its formation, FTE has raised \$500,000 for FSD District & schools.

DRASTIC BUDGET CUTS

As the District continues to face drastic cuts in its budget, the staff reappointed a Budget Advisory Committee for budget cuts recommendations. The committee composed of twenty members, including staff, teachers, parents, and community members, met four times starting in December 2010. They prioritized the budget reductions and considered several scenarios:

\$4.5-million Cuts Recommendation: Add 6-8 furlough days for the total year and use the Federal job money (which must be used by September 30, 2012).

\$9-million Cuts Recommendation: (in addition to the recommendations above), borrow from the District's reserve fund "Fund 17"; borrow from the retirement fund that has been set aside; increase class sizes from the current 31 students to a teacher to 33 students to a teacher (note Title 1 money could be used to keep some classes smaller.); Freeze step/column for salary increases (this needs to be agreed only for the remaining 1/2 year); 2 additional furlough days for all employees when students are not in session and switch Prop.20/lottery instructional supplies with instructional service money.

\$13-million Cuts Recommendations: if this is necessary the district should explore the possibility of a parcel tax. This could help future budget years and it had already been considered by the previous budget advisory team.

Board Discussion: Trustee Thompson asked why the committee did not recommend salary cuts. The committee responded it did not feel comfortable reducing salaries. (Note on furlough days, employees are not paid, thus it is temporary salary decrease.) Thompson also asked if there were any reserves that could be tapped into. Dr. Cardinale explained that "We are one of the few districts in the county that put

money aside." Trustee Thompson asked if the District did not need the reserves for the future? Dr. Cardinale responded that some districts have had to go into their 20 year reserves. Currently, a turnaround in the state financial situation is predicted by 2016.

Trustee Janny Meyer said, "I was unhappy with how much we put in reserves, now I am happy we did it." Trustee Sugarman asked the staff to use "creativity in terms of furlough days" and not use either staff development days or more student attendance days. More detailed description of the recommendations will be posted on the district's website www.fsd.k12.ca.us.

BOARD ACTION

Trustee Thompson questioned the proposed parent positive discipline program at Raymond School. He asked for an explanation of its content. Staff explained that any school receiving Title 1 funding had to provide parenting programs. Parents' input with the program selection was also required and this was the program selected. This positive parenting program will meet for 2-1/2 hours over a 6 week period. Staff said that the district had used this program before and it was well received by parents. Thompson asked why the word "discipline" was in the title saying that "discipline implies telling parents how to discipline their children." Staff explained that the program offered parent support and positive strategies to use with their children at home.

Thompson also objected to the resolution for the recognition and appreciation of administrative staff. He described it as "a waste of time and resource" saying "I can't support this . . . the education community spends much too much time congratulating themselves instead of working. I cannot agree with this." Both items approved 4-1 (Thompson no)

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Staff said they were planning to "sunshine" or open negotiations with the teachers association (FETA) for a three year 2011-14 contract. It will be presented to the Board again at the next meeting. The public can comment at that time and discussion will be held with action. FETA in turn will present their negotiating team to their members on March 8 and identify issues.

FETA Rep. Karla Turner requested the board meeting return to its previous time of 5:30. She said that the later time made it very difficult for the teachers and other staff to stay for the meeting.

Rally in LA to Support Wisconsin's Workers

100,000 people came out on the streets of Madison Wisconsin to protest their governor's attempt to end the collective bargaining rights of unions.

People in 66 cities and state capitols nationwide also came out on Saturday, February 26th to show support for the workers of Wisconsin. Many braving very cold snowy conditions.

Thousands showed up at LA City Hall in a rally organized by various groups including MoveOn.org and American Rights at Work. Speakers at the LA rally included California Secretary of State Debra Bowen. One speaker said, "the United States of America itself is a union."

Chants included, "Tax the rich, stop the war." A young man held a hand-painted sign reading "Dear GOP, Don't Ruin My Future, Sincerely We the People." Another

read, "America has a Koch Problem," referring to the billionaire Koch Brothers backing the Wisconsin governor. One rally sign read "United we Bargain, Divided we Beg," and "We support our" teachers, police and firefighters.

See photos of demonstrations in different cities on www.moveon.org and www.alternet.org.

MoveOn executive director Justin Ruben, said "This isn't the time to cut services that people depend on and that create jobs. We're seeing huge tax breaks go to the top 2% [wealthiest] of Americans, and then the resulting worsening fiscal situation being used to justify draconian cuts." According to a New York Times/CBS News poll in January 43% of Americans named job creation as the most important issue facing the country.



At Left: Troy High students Larissa and Jenna prepare for Saturday, March 5th when they and other students hope to unload the communities cars full of old clothing, and electronics in their fundraising recycling partnership with Goodwill. Just drive by Troy from 1pm to 4pm and the students will unload your contributions.

Troy High's Go Green Recycling Program

by Larissa Purnell

As Troy High School makes an effort to "go green," projects such as recycling bottles and clothing have been introduced on campus to contribute in helping the environment. Students of the Principal's Advisory Board (PAB) work to plan and publicize these projects while influencing their fellow peers to participate.

A goal that seemed so distant in the past has now been achieved by the students of Troy. Green recycling trash cans have been set up around campus, encouraging students and faculty to sort their trash instead of unconsciously throwing everything away. Though it had a slow start, the progress has picked up and Troy has achieved a significant reduction in trash. The new recycling habit has decreased the amount of the school's trash by two dumpsters per week. This is just one way Troy contributes to the environment and continues to excel with new ideas.

Clean Out Your Closet

Among these fresh ideas is the latest fundraiser which encourages not only the students to be involved, but the community as well. One of PAB's newest projects incorporates Goodwill's recycling program on campus from February 28th to March 4th.

Along with clothing items, the fundraiser also accepts donations such as shoes and certain electronics from students and staff members. The program is expanding to include the community.

Saturday, March 5th Community Recycling Day

On Saturday, March 5th from 1-4 pm, PAB members will be collecting and sorting the goods to turn into Goodwill and invites members of the Fullerton community to participate in donating as well. Similar to a drive-through, students will assist in unloading items from patrons' trunks to make the process as quick and easy as possible. PAB hopes to fill two Goodwill trucks by the end of the week with proceeds from the fundraiser going towards Troy High.

With the initiative to make a difference, Troy High School hopes that integrating these types of projects on campus will help it to be recognized not only as an academically and athletically driven school, but as an environmentally conscientious school as well.

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Leo and Virginia in happy times.

Leo Kubeska Retires

It's the end of an era. Forty-six years ago, back when E. Chapman seemed like a country road, and Fullerton had thousands fewer residents, Leo and Virginia Kubeska with (then) partner Gloria Winkelmann (of present-day Winkelmann Realty) brought their fledgling residential lending company, Columbia Mortgage, to town and became a conduit to local homeownership for many thousands of families.

The big sign in front of 1513 E. Chapman, which all of us have driven by many times, stated "FHA and GI Home Loans." That sign will now have to be changed as Columbia Mortgage has closed. Sadly, co-founder Virginia has passed away, and Leo Kubeska is, as he says, "out to pasture."

In recent years, successor sons Dennis and Dale, have moved on to other interests. Contributing to the closure was the ever-changing nature of the business. Also the long-lasting recession and lagging home sales made retirement seem more inviting.

On the plus side, a 46-year love affair between Fullerton and the Kubeska family has been a mutually beneficial experience. Many veterans with no-down GI loans, and others with low down FHA loans have become homeowners. In more recent years, non-government backed conventional loans with relaxed terms provided housing for many thousands locally. Leo says, "It has been a good run for all. Thank you good citizens of Fullerton and environs."



Tulip Man Wayne Daniels

Wayne Daniels, "The Tulip Man," has a front garden of blooming tulips at 668 N. Woods Avenue, Fullerton. The tulips are earlier than usual this year. "The Tulip Man" inspired several neighbors on Lois Lane, adjoining Woods Ave., to plant bulbs. In fact, he encouraged them with bulbs and instructions. So now there are additional blooming tulips to be enjoyed. - PHOTO & TEXT BY MARJORIE KERR

FIES 5th Amateur Chefs Competition Calls on Guys Who Can Cook

by Jackie Brown

Any guy who is an amateur cook can enter his culinary specialty—appetizer, salad/side dish, entrée or dessert in the annual Food-Loving Guys Raising Funds for FIES competition.

"We are always looking for new chefs," says Barbara Jennings, president of Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services, which sponsors the event.

The amateur cooks will be judged twice—once by professional chefs and then by the people attending the event.

The festive affair will be held March 20, from 5:45pm to 8:45pm at the Coyote Hills Golf Club, 1440 E. Bastanchury Rd., in Fullerton.

If you want to share your joy of cooking and join the lineup of amateur chefs, call the FIES office at (714) 680-3691.

Competition is already heating up.

Jon Sanders, an award winner in all four previous years, will return to tickle palates anew. Some of the other chefs and their specialties are George Hayward (chile verde with Costa Rican black beans); Officer Brandon Clyde of the North

Orange County SWAT Team (antelope chili); Dirk McCuen and Tom Beck (piggy delight); Bill Jindra (smoked salmon appetizer); and Bill Jennings and Gregg Nolan (pork with an attitude).

Other chefs who will be cooking but haven't decided on a specialty yet are Shrinidi Iyengar, Dennis Bode, Zoot Velasco, Scott Larson, Barry Woodbridge, George Montgomery and Doug Strom.

This year's new sponsors include the Mashburn Eye Center, States Logistics Services, VIP Rubber and Plastic Products and the City Grill Restaurant in Brea. Among the perks for being a sponsor is your name listed in the program.

FIES is devoted to helping North Orange County's hungry and homeless rebuild their lives. That includes job training, as well as temporary housing for homeless families with children, and other necessities. All proceeds from the event go to support FIES programs.

Call the FIES office at (714) 680-3691 for sponsorship opportunities, or to buy tickets to the event (\$50 with RSVP by March 15 or \$60 at door).

Pollution Clean-up Reports on Website

The City of Fullerton website has a new feature which will list the latest reports on the clean-up of the former Hughes/Raytheon site on the location of Amerige Heights on Malvern and Gilbert. All new reports submitted by Raytheon will be added for residents to download and review.

http://www.cityoffullerton.com/depts/engineering/water_system_management

Rotary Club Honors Three Local Heroes

by Theresa Harvey

Three individuals deserving recognition for their outstanding community involvement will be recognized by the Rotary Club of Fullerton. The club salutes Jack Franklyn, Maxine Allen and Tom Dalton – all non-Rotarians – at their luncheon on March 2. The three Fullerton citizens are being recognized for upholding the principles of Rotary including service above self, fairness and goodwill.

•**Jack Franklyn**, owner of Heroes, Roscoe's and Joe's restaurants in downtown Fullerton, supports the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fullerton, Women's Transitional Living Center, and Fullerton Explorers as well as sports teams at the high school and elementary school levels. According to Rotarian Kim Barlow, who will present the award, "Jack is generous with his time, with his staff and with his financial support. He has proven himself to be a local 'hero' to many organizations in our community."

•**Maxine Allen** is well known for her support in the community over the past 30 years. She has served the Fullerton Arboretum, the Fullerton Library, Soroptimist International, California State University Fullerton College of the Arts and more. According to Rotarian Leslie McCarthy, "Maxine is who I want to be when I grow up. She is generous with her time, talent and funds. While not a member of Rotary, Maxine lives by the Rotary motto of "service above self and of truth, fairness and goodwill."

•**Tom Dalton**, president of Fullerton Heritage, earned recognition for his dedication to preserving the history of Fullerton's past for future generations. He has been instrumental in helping Fullerton earn recognition as a "Preserve America" city and has been responsible for placing local buildings on the National Register of Historic Places.

In addition, he and Fullerton Heritage have worked to establish residential preservation zones, provide educational outreach, promote historic tours of Fullerton, and develop a scholarship fund to encourage historic preservation.

According to Rotarian Rick Crane, Dalton recognizes the importance of preserving a community's past while looking forward to the future.

Rotary Club of Fullerton, a member of Rotary International, is an association of concerned Fullerton citizens, working for the betterment of the Fullerton community, the welfare of its families and the future of our community's youth. The club has been serving the community for over 75 years.

(Ed: Tom Dalton and his wife Kate are also longtime Fullerton Observer volunteers.)

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Faced with the dilemma of having to find space away from brick and mortar restaurants in Fullerton, Food Trucks banned together and now gather on Thursdays at Carter Bowl.



Food Trucks

text & photos by Mabel Tsui

Whether you are a fan of tapas or sushi, or are just in the mood for some good old quality eats, the Chuck Wagon Food Stop is sure to have something to satisfy your cravings.

Providing the perfect occasion for the community to socialize and enjoy gourmet international cuisine, the Chuck Wagon Food Stop meets every Thursday at AMF Carter Lanes in Fullerton from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Consisting of eight different food trucks in the AMF Carter Lanes parking lot, the Chuck Wagon Food Stop began on the

first week of December 2010 with the joint goal of generating more business for AMF Carter Lanes and introducing Fullerton residents to the food truck concept. The Chuck Wagon Food Stop features both residential trucks and guest trucks on a rotational basis, meaning that the trucks vary from week to week. The event is run by Shortstop BBQ and Claudia Gonzalez from Chunk-n-Chip, who helps coordinate the schedule, making sure that there is a diversity of trucks every Thursday to pique the appetites of community members.

Meal trucks range from Barcelona Spanish Bistro & Tapas, which offers such delights as top sirloin tacos with roasted corn salsa, to Rolling Sushi, the only

Orange County based sushi truck. Other dinner options include Komodo, with its classic Asian Marinated Chicken, and the Lime Truck, which specializes in upscale lamb dishes. You can also cap off your evening with a hearty scoop of thick, creamy ice cream sandwiched between two warm cookies of your choice at Chunk-n-Chip, or finish up at Tropical Shave Ice.

But regardless of whatever food truck catches your eye, the Chuck Wagon Food Stop is simply a great opportunity to engage in an increasingly popular dining experience that comes with both mouth-watering treats and an amiable atmosphere.

"People come out here to have some awesome food, but they also come out to mingle," Gonzalez said. "You come out with friends or you meet people here. It's like a community in itself—the whole food truck scene. No, there are no tables and yeah, perhaps tonight it's kind of chilly, but people just come out and socialize. It's a great opportunity to just have fun with friends and get some really good food."



Above: The baker in the window of the ChunkinChip truck, which invites you to "Have dessert first"

Top: Patrons begin to gather as food trucks get ready to open.

Fullerton Reads Selects "Orange County: A Personal History" by Gustavo Arellano

The Fullerton Public Library's 5th Annual "Fullerton Reads" program begins this October. The book selected for the 2011 program is "Orange County: A Personal History" by Gustavo Arellano, managing editor of the "OC Weekly" and author of the newspaper column "Ask a Mexican."

Library Director Maureen Gebelein explained the theme of the "Fullerton Reads" program will be "all history is local," and added, "Gustavo's book is a perfect starting point as we celebrate and study how we got to where we are right now."

Arellano's autobiographical book documents his life growing up as a person of Mexican heritage in what was then predominantly a "white" Orange County.

Dr. Benjamin Cawthra, assistant history professor and associate director of the Center for Oral and Public History, said "Arellano's story is a logical sequel to one of his own favorite novels, *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck.

Gebelein said the library will present a variety of programs and discussions for both adults and children centered on the themes presented in Arellano's book during the month-long "Fullerton Reads" observance.

"We will look for stories of the neighborhoods, the city and connections to the larger community," she said.

Arellano is a popular "talking head" on such programs as "Today," "Nightline," NPR's "Talk of the Nation," and the "Colbert Report." He is a contributing editor to the "Los Angeles Times" Op/Ed pages, has received the President's Award from the LA Press Club, an Impact Award from the National Hispanic Media Coalition, and a 2008 Latino Spirit Award from the California State legislature. Call the Fullerton Main Library at (714) 738-6326 for more information on the program.

Also don't miss Thurs. March 24th as Gustavo Arellano Interviews Artist Emigdio Vasquez 6:30pm at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free. See page 14 for more.

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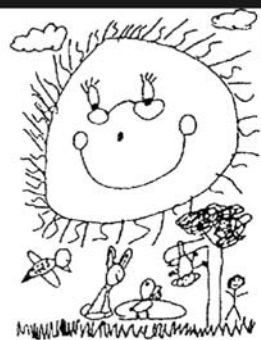
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Above: Students with winning book collections, Joseph Vaughn, Nicholas Enke, and Natalie Nakamura, with judges Howard Seller and Albert Vogeler (seated).

Patrons of the Library Book Collection Winners

by Joyce Mason

In an age of digital books and on-line research, Patrons of the Pollak Library at Cal State Fullerton were pleased to learn that students still value reading and even collecting books. Sponsoring a Student Book Collection Contest, now in its third year, Patrons have identified several committed book collectors among Cal State's graduate and undergraduate students.

Contestants need to collect at least 25 books about a single topic. Some of the collection may include pamphlets, letters, maps or photographs. This year twelve students submitted collections ranging from books on fantasy, chemistry, religion, music, history, coin collecting and literature. After writing an essay explaining the significance of their collections, contestants were interviewed by Patrons Board members Gordon Van de Water, Howard Seller, Marvin Rosenberg, and Albert Vogeler.

First-place winner Natalie Nakamura titled her collection *Defeating the Axis: The Legacy of World War II*. Planning to pursue a graduate degree in military history, Nakamura says that the \$800 in prize money will help her with rising college expenses.

Second-place winner Joseph Vaughn submitted his collection, *A Bibliophile's Search for Dostoevsky*, featuring works by and about this famous Russian writer. The collection contains letters, notebooks and biographical material, earning Vaughn \$400.

Third prize winner Nicholas Enke with *Augustine's Absence*, won \$300. His collection of books, designed to help him explore and understand Christianity through less traditional thinkers like William Blake and G.K. Chesterton, won him \$300.

A Brief History of the Patrons of the Pollak Library

Started in 1965, Patrons of the Library became one of the university's first support groups. Hunt Foods' executive Harold Williams, local historian Esther Cramer, Union Oil Vice-President Lester McLellan and other energetic community leaders wanted the library to become a first-rate repository of books and special collections. The current Patrons Board, headed by President Farron Brougher, continues that legacy, purchasing yearly over \$10,000 in books and academic journals.

Some of the significant holdings in the Library's Special Collections are the Kerridge Angling Collection, which focuses on fishing; science fiction manuscripts from well-known authors such as Philip K. Dick and Frank Herbert; original television scripts from "Star Trek"; American Presidential buttons; American flags; local California water and energy; 750 George Bernard Shaw items, including letters and manuscripts; and a Dylan Thomas collection.

Digitized Collection: Perhaps the most unique holding is the Roy V. Boswell Collection for the History of Cartography containing 1,525 maps dating from 1500 to 1901. Some maps are so old that California is depicted as an off-shore island. More realistic are the battle maps of Boston and New York during the Revolutionary War. In 2004, the Patrons working with the library staff, headed by Richard Pollard, began the job of digitizing the entire Boswell Collection. The process is now completed and by the end of March the general public can access these rare maps through Google.

Public Lectures: Patrons of the Library also hold lectures open to the public and free of charge. On Saturday, March 12, author and columnist Robert Scheer will speak in the Pollak Library, Room 130, at 2pm, discussing his most recent book *The Great American Stickup* about the lead-up to America's recent financial crisis.

For more information on the Pollak Library: www.library.fullerton.edu/patrons. Contact Nancy Holmes at Nancylynnholmes103@gmail.com if you would like membership information.

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Assistance League's Ada Edwards Laughlin Awarded to Patricia Contini Kent

Patricia Contini Kent was honored at the Founders Day Luncheon February 15 with the Ada Edwards Laughlin Award. The plaque and certificate were presented to Pat by Helen McCoy and President Sue Emmons.

The "Ada Award" is given annually to a member of Assistance League who is a behind-the-scenes worker who is tireless in service to the organization. Ada Edwards Laughlin co-founded the Assistance League of Southern California, which eventually became the national chapter of Assistance League, with her best friend, Anne Banning, in 1919. Mrs. Laughlin preferred to stay in the background and allow Mrs. Banning to be the "face" of Assistance League. Ada, however, provided much of the organizational skills necessary in getting Assistance League off the ground. Today, all chapters of Assistance League honor those women who prefer to stay out of the limelight but do the hard work behind the scenes.

Pat Kent is diligent in her work to keep the Assistance League chapter house in good order. She gets the chapter house ready for our monthly meetings and ensures that the luncheons are both delicious and elegant. She has been

integral in the planning of many social events, installations of officers and Assisten fashion shows over the years since 1996 when she first joined. Pat also puts in hours of work every year helping with our major fundraiser, Taste of the Town. She has been responsible for the compilation and presentation of many of the opportunity baskets offered at all the charity events she has worked on that garner enthusiastic bidding by charity function attendees, an important part of the financial success of any charity event.

Pat's family: husband, Don; five of their six children; their spouses; and three of their eight grandchildren surprised her by attending the luncheon. Pat and Don have been married for over 50 years.

Her children wrote this about their mother: "She has been a model for selfless giving and care for others and makes us all better because of it." Pat Kent exemplifies Assistance League's motto "Caring and Commitment in Action" and truly exemplifies the qualities of the Ada Award recipient.

The Founders Day Luncheon also honored past presidents, life and sustaining members.



Above: Patricia Kent's family surprised her at the awards ceremony.

Assistance League Tea & Fashion Show

90 women attended the Assistance League's first fundraiser tea and fashion show on Feb. 12, at the chapter house on Amerige.

Hostesses provided all the china, crystal, teapots, beverages, tea delicacies and unique design for each table. Each table had a separate theme from Asian to Victorian-influenced designs, to a contemporary tea table in black and white.

Hostesses were Sue Emmons, Gloria Kremer, Sara Martin, Wei-ling Louie, Pat Kent, Jane Reser, Doris Muschek, Pat Riehl; co-hosts Shirley Scholle and Helen Cohen; and another co-hosted table by Andrea Burke, Kathryn Kluth, and Marlene Clements.

Entertainment was by Bob Muschek on the piano, and



Above: Jane Reser poses by her Victorian-themed tea table.

the OC Chorus. Fashions were provided by Lolo's Boutique and featured models from the Assistance League membership. Funds raised benefit Operation School Bell, Vision Screening, Santa's Closet, La Vista High, Operation New Start, and Meals on Wheels.



Kristy Mar PHOTO SAM KITTNER/KITTNER.COM

Future Science Teacher Named Federal Student Ambassador

by Debra Cano Ramos

Future high school science teacher Kristy Mar spent last summer getting an insider's look at what it's like to work for the federal government in Washington, D.C.

As a result of her internship service at the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department for Health and Human Services, the Fullerton resident and CSUF student has been selected to serve as a Federal Service Student Ambassador for the current academic year.

Sponsored by the nonprofit Partnership for Public Service, the program enlists students to promote public service on college and university campuses nationwide. Mar was one of three students selected from California universities.

"It's amazing to see what kind of work goes on in our nation's Capitol. Now I am in a unique position to share this information with my peers," she said.

As an ambassador, Mar serves as an on-campus resource for federal job and internship information. This spring, she plans to spread the word about public service by holding student networking sessions, meetings and workshops to raise awareness of the opportunities.

Mar graduated from CSUF last spring with a bachelor's degree in biological science and decided to use her science background to make a difference in the classroom.

In the fall, she returned to her alma mater, attending courses in the single subject credential program - in biological science - to prepare for a teaching career. The science focus reflects Cal State Fullerton's heightened emphasis on increasing student interest in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields - one of the university's initiatives for 2010-11.

"Science is a well-rounded field of study that I feel is worth a student's investment. I want to teach high school students to become skilled scientists and to encourage scientific thinking prior to entering college," said Mar, who is student teaching biology courses at Anaheim High School this semester.

"It leaves a lot of room for opportunities - and I want my students to see that. I want to help ease the intimidation about science and to make each student realize that we are all scientists in our own way."

Mar volunteers with the YMCA of Orange County as a tutor and with Habitat for Humanity. In her spare time, she also enjoys kayaking, hiking, mountain biking and painting.

Sylvia Mendez Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom

President Obama awarded Fullerton resident Sylvia Mendez, daughter of Gonzalo and Felicitas Mendez - defendants of the landmark school desegregation case Mendez v. Westminster, the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her tireless efforts to educate young people about the desegregation movement and its vital role in the history of the United States. The case, a class action lawsuit filed on behalf of the more than 5,000 Mexican American students in Orange County, made California the first state in the nation to end school segregation.

Local Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez said, "It brings great pride to the people of Orange County that Sylvia Mendez received this award. Sylvia's powerful testimony, given at the tender age of nine, led to a landmark decision giving Mexican American families in Orange County access to an abundance of educational resources and opportunities previously restricted by the color of their skin. Sylvia has worked her entire life to create opportunities for others, crisscrossing the country to give lectures on the importance of educational equality. Her courage and dedication serve as an example and inspiration to us all. This award - the highest a civilian can receive - honors Sylvia Mendez for her steadfast commitment to the Fourteenth Amendment and her historic contribution to our county and our country."

The honor was presented on February 15 at the White House.

Other 2011 recipients are:

•**John H. Adams:** co-founder of the Natural Resources Defense Council www.nrdc.org

•**Dr. Maya Angelou:** Poet, inspiration,

and civil rights. www.mayaangelou.com

•**Warren E. Buffett:** world-renowned investor and philanthropist co-founder of The Giving Pledge www.givingpledge.org

•**George Herbert Walker Bush:** 41st US president.

•**Jasper Johns:** artist

•**Gerda Weissman Klein:**

Holocaust survivor started the Gerda & Kurt Klein Foundation www.kleinfoundation.org

•**John R. Lewis:** 25-years as a member of Congress was the youngest speaker at the 1963 March on Washington for civil rights and organized the first student sit-ins and earliest Freedom Rides.

•**Elizabeth Little on behalf of her husband Dr. Thomas Emmett Little:** The Little's, from 1970, provided vision care to the people of Afghanistan. Dr. Little and nine of his team members were murdered in Afghanistan in 2010.

•**Yo-Yo Ma:** recognized as one of the world's greatest musicians.

•**Stanley F. Musial:** St. Louis Cardinal all-star & 3-time Most Valuable Player.

•**William F. Russell:** Basketball's first African American coach changed the culture of the sport.

•**Jean Kennedy Smith:** played a pivotal role in the peace process while serving as US ambassador to Ireland. Founded Very Special Arts, a nonprofit promoting artistic talents of young people living with disabilities. www.vsarts.org

•**John J. Sweeney:** advocate for working people, serving as president of the Service Employees International Union, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

See www.whitehouse.gov for President Obama's comments on each awardee.



Sylvia Mendez

Clean Out Your Closet!

Donate your spare clothing, shoes, old electronics, etc. to Troy High School, 2200 Dorothy Lane, Fullerton CA 93831 from Feb. 28 to March 4 (3:30 to 5pm) and Sat., March 5 (1pm-4pm). Students will be on-hand to unload your vehicle. Proceeds benefit Troy High programs and Goodwill charity.

Assemblymember Norby Moves Office to Fullerton

72nd District Assemblymember Chris Norby will move into his new office with a grand opening on Thursday March 10th from 4pm to 6pm. The new district office is located at 1400 N. Harbor Blvd., Suite 601 in the Fullerton Towers where Harbor and Brea meet.

Norby moved from the former district office in Brea, which was originally established by Assemblywoman Lynn Daucher.

He listed several reasons for the move including a lower rent which will save \$12,852. annually. The new Fullerton office is also more centrally located to 72nd District residents and has more convenient parking as well. The phone number will remain the same: (714) 672-4734.

Applicants Sought

Applications for several committees & commissions can be filled out and submitted online on the clerk's page of the city website www.cityoffullerton.com or by calling 714-738-6571 or by visiting the Clerk's office on the first floor of Fullerton City Hall.

•**Downtown Core & Corridor Evaluation Committee:** will review & select consultant team on a set scoring system based on presentations by the teams. Recommendations presented to council Tues., May 3.

•**Parks & Recreation Commission:** makes recommendations on the planning and development of all park, recreation, human services, and cultural and fine arts programs in the city.

•**Bicycle Users Subcommittee:** makes recommendations on issues that impact bike travel in the city. Deadline 5pm, Thurs. March 10 (more or less).

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Above: Members of the Fullerton College Dream Team held a rally at the college to make others aware of their plight. There are 100 students at the college with the problem of no way to gain citizenship in America, where they grew up.

Dream Team: Looking for Their Future

They grew up in America, consider themselves American, but lack legal documentation.

When they graduate from colleges and universities they find they can't make use of the degrees they have earned because they can't get a social security number for work.

by Alma Leyva
PHOTO BY ADRIAN GONZALEZ

Dream students and supporters united in the name of justice in a rally held at the Fullerton College campus on Wednesday, February 23rd.

They formed groups at the outside four corners of campus and marched to the center, ending in front of the library chanting, "The students united will never be divided!" and "No justice, no peace!"

Students from all over the campus gathered to listen to the Dreamers tell their stories of hard work, disappointment and determination. Spectators gathered to watch the demonstrators whose faces were covered with paper bags stamped with a number symbolizing their need to hide their identity, and the statistic of being just one of the 2.1 million undocumented students in the United States.

One by one, the Fullerton Dreamers took off the bags, and revealed the face behind each number, changing their fear to courage.

As they talked about the limitations they faced, they stressed the importance of the issue and the importance of uniting as students. "We are united, undocumented, and unafraid;" this was the message that Fullerton Dream Team strived to put out.

Like the Fullerton Dream Team, there are many groups across the state and

nation that have been fighting to gain the rights that they deserve and that most students take for granted.

One of the key pieces of legislation that would greatly benefit these students is the Development, Relief, and Education of Alien Minors, or DREAM Act, that was first introduced in 2001 and has been reintroduced various times since then.

With this bill, students between the ages of 15-29, who graduated from a high school in the United States, who have been here before the age of 16, and who have been here 5 years prior to the implementation of the law would be able to gain a pathway to citizenship.

Qualifying students must be of good moral character and must enroll in an institution of higher learning, or in one of the branches of the armed forces, for at least two years. Because many students are already attending institutions of higher education and getting their degrees, legislation such as this is of vital importance.

At present, on top of their inability to receive financial aid, the students face an even greater challenge which comes after graduation. Despite graduating from 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities, DREAM students are not able to benefit from the degrees they have earned and go on to seek a career because they lack a social security number.

Fearing their knowledge will be going to

waste instead of being used to help their country and community is one of their biggest disappointments.

The DREAM Act represents a much needed change that would finally give them the title of American, which they already feel they deserve because they grew up here and consider this country their home.

The federal DREAM Act came the closest it has ever come to passing in December of 2010, but lost by five votes (55 yes; 41 no) from the 60 needed to break the Senate filibuster, and move forward. For many this loss was catastrophic and resulted in despair and loss of faith in the system they thought was established to fight injustice.

Despite many setbacks, the possibility of higher education finally became something easier to obtain with the passing of California's AB 540 which allows students who have attended a California high school for at least 3 years and graduated to have an opportunity to pay in-state tuition. This bill helps makes school more affordable by allowing qualifying students to pay the resident fee of \$26 a unit at a community college as opposed to the non-resident fee of \$210 a unit.

This makes a great impact when you compare paying \$4,662 for in-state fulltime registration, to paying the tuition of non-resident of approximately \$13,986 at a Cal State University.

Even though AB 540 tremendously cuts down on the cost of education it

does not solve the underlying problem that these students face. The fact of the matter is that tuition is difficult to pay not only because they are not given financial aid, but also because these students are not allowed to seek employment given that they lack a social security number.

It is here that a ray of hope, in the form of the California Dream Act of 2011, which shines light on this dark issue. The new bill was introduced by Assemblyman Gil Cedillo on January of 2011, and would allow those students who are considered AB 540 students to qualify for state financial aid as well as scholarships and aid provided by the institutions. This bill has already been introduced and passed by both houses of the state legislature in the past, but was vetoed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger every time it reached his desk. With Jerry Brown as Governor, the students of the Fullerton Dream Team, as well as other undocumented students across California, have high hopes that this piece of legislation will finally be passed and that their opportunities for a better future will be widened.

Although the struggles that DREAMers face can be hard to fathom for those outside their situation, it is not difficult to understand that the need for justice remains.

As Americans we hold firmly to the belief that anyone who works hard enough can make it and succeed in this country. Furthermore we believe that everyone should have an equal opportunity to achieve their dreams. What separates our children from the Fullerton Dream students? A piece of documentation? A nine digit number?

This should not be the means of separation between students who want to go to school but have no funds, nor should it be the road block between a student and his or her desire to benefit from the Master or Doctorate degree that they sacrificed so much to attain.

As active citizens it is our duty to be informed of injustices such as these and not only feel sympathy for the students, but feel a sense of urgency to fight with them for the chance for a future.

These students have grown up alongside our children and have worked hard for the little they can claim as their own. We must look deep past the immigrant stereotypes that cause us to think that there are only adults who are undocumented.

There is a whole community of students who have been neglected and whose dreams have been made stagnant. It is time that we help these students who are raising their voices high. By doing this we will truly be the land of liberty and justice; a land where all inhabitants really have an equal opportunity to make their DREAMS come true.

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Above: Monkey Business members prepare to plant vegetables at the Arboretum.
Below: A young man harvests the crop which later becomes part of the cafe menu.

Monkey Business at the Arboretum From Farm to Plate!

Monkey Business Café in downtown Fullerton is in its nine month of collaboration working with California State's University, Fullerton Arboretum.

Three young men from the program team up each week with an Arboretum "farmer" who guides them in how to prepare the ground, plant seeds and starts, care and harvest the garden. It is an experience that will stay with them for a lifetime.

The fresh produce is then taken to the café and becomes part of the ingredients used to create a great, healthy menu. The Monkey Business Café, which opened in 2005, is located at 301 E. Amerige (at the corner of Lemon). Call them at 714-526-2933.

The staff at Monkey Business has over 50 years of food service experience and the emphasis is on healthy food right down to the organic coffee served. The interior of the cafe is a comfortable mix of living room furniture and tables with colorful umbrellas, and art by locals. The exterior is bright yellow, so it is hard to miss. Come for breakfast or lunch.



The café offers a six month job training program to teens and young adults emancipating out of the foster system. At the end of the program each young person has a bank account, resume, work experience and is offered job placement services in collaboration with One-Stop Employment Centers.

The program is run by the non-profit Hart Community Homes which provides group homes, living skills education, and services to boys ages 13 to 18 in the foster care system. Contact Hart at 714-526-2729 or go to www.hartcommunity-homes.org for more information on the café and the community homes.

Invitation to Bid on Fullerton Library Photovoltaic System

Sealed proposals for the Library Photovoltaic System will be received at the office of the City Clerk, Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave, Romm 104, Fullerton CA 92832 until 2pm, Thurs., March 17, 2011. Shortly after on the same day the proposals will be publicly opened and read in Council Chambers.

Access plans through the following website under Public Planroom: www.crplanwell.com. Contact Planwell at 714-424-8525 with questions.

The work is described as installation of a turn-key carport-mounted 56.4 kW (STC DC) minimum photovoltaic system that shall produce a minimum of 84.268 kWh annually, including all solar panels, racking/carport structures complete with lighting, interconnection, rebate processing, and all other items required for a complete turn-key California Solar Initiative approved solar electric system. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$400,000. bids must be made on a Bid Schedule form furnished by the Engineering Department. Call 714-738-6845 or go to the Engineering Dept. section of the city website at www.cityoffullerton.com for more information.

Fishing Derby T-Shirt Design Contest Entries Due March 1

Residents of all ages are invited to submit original artwork for the 5th Annual Fullerton Fishing Derby T-Shirt Design Contest. The winner receives T-shirts for the whole family, special recognition at the April 23rd Fishing Derby at Laguna Lake Park, and a new rod and reel. Entries should be 8-1/2 by 11 inches in size, done in no more than three colors, and reflect a fishing theme. Deadline is 5pm, Tues, March 1st. Entries may be dropped off at the Parks & Rec Dept. at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton. Call Yvonne Pedersen with questions at 714-476-6058.

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 18-20

Fullerton Arboretum Monster Tomato & Pepper Sale

by Warren Bowen

With all the grand rain this winter our ground is getting ready for spring planting of backyard vegetable crops. And you do not need a large yard to do it. In fact people in apartments can grow vegetables on balconies. How to do it all for the novice may be learned from the knowledgeable volunteers of the Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum at their annual fundraising event, the Monster Tomato and Pepper plant sale. The event is scheduled Mar.17-20th, 9am-4pm with the 17th set aside for members of the Arboretum only and the other three days welcoming the general public. New members of the Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum may join at the gate. The event has a very large public attendance with people driving in from other counties for the chance to pick from the best assortment of plants.

The sale caters to the public and the

profit from the sales goes to help support Fullerton's Arboretum, a joint venture of the city and the university. But the big news is the variety of veggie plants available. There will be well over 200 kinds of tomatoes from currant and cherry sizes to the largest beefsteak. Peppers will also abound: the sweetest bell types to the hottest chilies.

The Arboretum is located just off Yorba Linda Blvd. west of the 57 freeway.

Admission to the Arboretum and the sale is free but donations are welcome at the gate. It is not too early to get your patch dug and ready for a fine spring and summer of home grown veggies. Information for beginners on soil preparation, choosing the right plants for your tastes will be available at the sale so come on out and get started.

More information on the arboretum and its various activities is available at www.fullertonarboretum.org



Above: The old home of Tiger Yang's on the corner of Commonwealth and Harbor in downtown Fullerton is being renovated for future retail and restaurant tenants.

What's Happening to Tiger Yang's?

Tiger Yang purchased the old bank building at Commonwealth and Harbor in downtown Fullerton in 1995 and it became his martial arts studio until he sold it in 2008. (Mr. Yang moved his studio to 601 S. Euclid. You can reach the new studio at 714-871-0972 or go to www.mooyeadonet.net.)

The building's new owner VMA Commonwealth, LLC, of Newport Beach (incorporated in 2008 by Jayne D. Murrel and Michael A. Saltman) recently began demolition as renovation plus an addition to the west side goes forward.

The project architect's inspiration was local architect John Silber's remodel of the Dresser in the building across the street at 112 W. Commonwealth. The project was approved as a renovation with no tenant identified, though at least three retail and one restaurant use is anticipated.

The corner design includes changing the current fortress-like concrete look of the building to one with more window space, wood, and steel and glass awnings, lighting attached to the building and placed at about 8 feet above the sidewalk, and an open air patio indented 16 feet into a portion of the Harbor face. The 2nd floor mezzanine has already been demolished. The 2,925 addition to the west side of the building will remove one parking spot from the alley parking lot. The building will be renovated to appear to be three separate buildings.

The project was approved in 2009.

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**Illustrations by Virginia Valdez**

Foyer Gallery: Inspired by line drawings, letter press and old movies, artist Virginia Valdez's work exudes a style and emotion reminiscent of classic literary illustrations. Her illustrations of notable visionaries are intricate tangles of lines, swirls and hatch marks that reflect the personalities and character of her subjects. With a BA in Advertising from Cal State Fullerton and a minor in Graphic Design at FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising) in Los Angeles, Virginia uses micron pens and Sharpies, never using pencils or rulers or any other tool that would inhibit the fleeting and permanence of the moment. It is this ephemeral emotion displayed in her work that invites the viewer to become part of the illustration process and join in the creative elements of each portrait.

**Free Grant
Writing
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Wed., March 30, 6:30-9pm
(RSVP by March 23 to Fiorella Bergandi flbergandi@msn.com)

Zoot Velasco, executive director of the Muckenthaler Cultural Center is presenting a workshop for novices which focuses on the basics of good grant writing practices and goes into more detail on arts and cultural grants.

Velasco has 21 years of grant writing experience. He has been a member of over a dozen grant panels and has worked as a grant maker for the City of LA Cultural Affairs Dept.

He has been a consultant for the California Arts Council and LA Cultural Affairs teaching grant writing and producing new grant programs. As a non-profit consultant he has raised more than \$2 million for various groups including the Muckenthaler where he secured over \$70,000.

*The Muckenthaler is located at
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223 W. Santa Fe Ave., Fullerton 92832**WELCOME TO NOWHERELAND
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PÄS Gallery presents "Welcome to Nowhereland," the work of Jonathan St. Amant. Swarms of ninjas, robots, fauns, and other creatures will invade the gallery space. The show will include drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures, and more from the crazy, allegorical world of Nowhereland! While it is an introduction to the characters and themes featured in the work, it also includes character studies, symbols, and more involved interactions between the many different characters and elements in Nowhereland. The main piece, "God is on Our Side", is the largest painting created for Nowhereland thus far.

Jonathan St. Amant, a California artist and Fullerton resident, has been showing his work in galleries in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas for almost 10 years. His work features cartoon ninjas, mythological figures, and a vast array of creatures which act out humorous and



thought-provoking scenes of political, social, and religious commentary.

The Opening Reception will be held during the Downtown Fullerton First Friday Art Walk on March 4, 2011 from 6-10pm. On exhibit until March 26, 2011. For more information go to <http://www.2pas.org/blog/2011/02/welcome-to-nowhereland/>

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Above: Echos by Dan May at Grand Central

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•THRU MARCH 4

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Above: Jongkuk Lee in his studio.

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Above: Hibbleton and P&S galleries launch joint openings in their warehouse on W. Santa Fe, south of Commonwealth.
At Right: Artist/Curator William Zdan talks with a visitor. **Below:** A band provides live music at a recent opening.

**The Downtown
Fullerton Art Walk:
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for a complete list
of venues and more details.**



Fullerton Art Walk Anniversary: One Year of Creativity & Community

by Jesse La Tour
photo by Chuck Oldfield

On March 4th, 2011, The Downtown Fullerton Art Walk will celebrate its one-year anniversary. The Art Walk started last year, when a group of art gallery and downtown business owners got together and decided to create a monthly event that would showcase the growing Fullerton art community and bring together people from all walks of life. One year later, the Art Walk has become a regular part of the downtown culture.

"The Art Walk has brought another dimension to Downtown Fullerton over the last year. Downtown has always been known for great music (and hometown of Leo Fender), stunning theatre, good eats and it's preservation of original architecture. But now the visual arts are starting to surface, and are rising quickly," said Brian Prince, owner of P&S Gallery.

Each month since its debut in March, the Art Walk has grown and evolved. There are now over 26 venues that showcase new art every month. And it's not just art galleries that are involved. Venues include coffee shops (like Max

Bloom's Café Noir and Café West), retail stores (like Buffalo Exchange and Roadkill Ranch), boutiques (like Lolo, Adorned, and the Carpe Diem Experience), and store/galleries like Out of Vogue and Otto.

"The artwalk is an integral component to the artistic community of Downtown Fullerton," said Kevin Carter, proprietor of Max Bloom's Café Noir, which will be showcasing the work of local artist Christie Yuri Noh.

The Art Walk has also provided a way to build relationships between arts organizations in Fullerton, downtown businesses, and the public. For example, this March, Tranquil Tea Lounge is partnering with All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation, a non-profit group in Fullerton that brings free arts programs to Fullerton schools. 100% of the proceeds from the kid's artwork sales will go towards the Foundation.

"We love being part of the Art Walk because it gives us a chance to help promote local artists while becoming more involved with the community," said Joshua Johnson, co-owner of Josh and Monica's studio, which will be showcasing

a collection of photographic works by the Advanced Photography students of El Dorado High School.

Lolo Boutique will be showcasing the videography of Davis Barber, who produces FullertonStories.com, which offers timely news, vital information and new media presentations that lend a voice and a face to locals, businesses and the community at large.

The Fullerton Museum Center, which has supported the Art Walk since its inception, will be showcasing the illustrations of local artist Virginia Valdez. The Museum also invites the public to create their own silk screen print from a selection of designs inspired by Valadez' work. Bring your own T shirt or tote – they provide the rest—for free.

The Art Walk also provided the impetus for the creation of The Magoski Arts Colony, a growing cluster of galleries and

studios that includes The Violet Hour Studio, Hibbleton Gallery, PAS Gallery, Dittosnaps Photo Booth, and Bookmachine, on Santa Fe Street, just south of Commonwealth.

In March, Violet Hour Studio will showcase the work of local film editor and artist Charlie Visnic who, in March of last year, decided to take on an epic 365 day challenge. He would do one creative thing a day for an entire year and document it all along the way. PAS Gallery will showcase the work of Jonathan St. Amant with an exhibit entitled "Welcome to Nowhereland." Hibbleton Gallery will feature a massive group show curated by Bekkah Utermohlen.



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by Joyce Mason



Black Swan: *Two Misses*

Like opera, ballet productions lend themselves to melodrama and excessive passion, so director Darren Aronofsky ("The Wrestler") is forgiven for using some hyperbole in his tale of good and evil both on and off the stage. But he so heavily embellishes "Black Swan" with improbable and nightmarish scenes that the film too often approaches absurdity.

Aronofsky depicts the intense rivalry between highly trained and skilled dancers competing for a lead role. He also portrays the compulsive behavior that can transform a dancer on her way to stardom. However, the metaphors he uses to impart these behaviors are so bizarre that filmgoers are often left wondering whether what they see on screen has really happened or whether some scenes are an extension of the character's imagination. This confusion between reality and illusion makes it difficult for moviegoers to sympathize with Nina, the movie's protagonist.

Nina (Natalie Portman), a hard-working and talented ballerina, hopes to be cast as the lead in the New York City Ballet production of "Swan Lake." Tchaikovsky's ballet calls for the same dancer to perform the dual roles of the pure and virtuous White Swan by day and the evil seductress Black Swan by night. However, the ballet's artistic director Thomas Leroy (Vincent Cassel) is reluctant to give this dual role to Nina because he finds her dancing technically perfect but lacking in fire and spirit. He advises Nina to abandon her virginal behavior and express her inner libido, telling her that "perfection is not just about control; it's also about letting go."

Arriving on a plane from the West Coast is another talented ballerina, Lily (Mila Kunis), who more closely embodies the attributes of the Black Swan as she exudes a predatory sexuality. After some deliberation, Thomas finally awards Nina the lead role and makes Lily her understudy.

After rejoicing at winning the part, Nina begins to experience self-doubt about her ability to portray the duality of the good and bad swan. She is also troubled by Thomas's abrupt firing of the company's previous lead ballerina, Beth (Winona Ryder), whom Nina has admired and even tried to emulate. Lastly, Nina suffers from an overly possessive and controlling mother (Barbara Hershey), who allows her daughter little freedom and looks after Nina as if she were still a child.

Gradually the pressures of the role begin to manifest themselves in Nina's physical appearance and in her psyche. Her skin erupts in abrasions that appear on her back, where wings might have sprouted. Her toes become webbed. Nina begins to see apparitions in hallways and on subway cars. She would like to be friends with Lily but doubts that she can trust her. Nina's world is spinning out of control except for the hours she spends dancing.

Much has been said about Portman's personal commitment to perform her own dancing. She spent a year studying ballet, swimming each day and losing over twenty pounds. However, even this kind of rigor does not produce a lead ballerina. Consequently, the dance scenes, which are filmed with a hand-held camera, are short and unsustained focusing on Portman practicing at the barre or being spun around by her male dance partner.

"Black Swan's" over-the-top production values have earned it some Academy Award nominations—Director, Lead Actress, Editor, Cinematographer and others. Portman does do a nice job of portraying an intensely committed young woman on the brink of hysteria, but moviegoers who want to see some on-screen ballet should rent Michael Powell's 1948 film "The Red Shoes."

Two Hits: Don't Miss It!
A Hit & A Miss: You Might Like It.
Two Misses: Forget About It.

TUES., MARCH 1.

•**6:30pm: City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 303 W Commonwealth, 92832. Water Rate Increase; Korean Sports Festival update; Coyote Creek clean-up of copper, lead, and zinc ordered by Regional Water Quality Control Board; Downtown alley improvements; Downtown Core committee appts. Go to clerks page of city website for upcoming agenda. www.cityoffullerton.com

•**7pm: End of the World Mayan Calendar** lecture by anthropologist and author Bruce Love at CSUF Humanities-Social Sciences Building, Rm. 123, 800 N. State College Blvd. Dr. Love will illustrate the dates of specific events that appear on classic Mayan stone monuments & 17th-century painted books, such as the Chilam Balam. Separating fact from fiction about the Dec. 21, 2012 end of the world prediction. Free. (Parking is \$8)

THURS., MARCH 3

•**6pm: Discussing Retention: Forum on Boosting Black College Graduates** 50% of black college students, across the nation, drop out before they graduate. This dialogue is an opportunity for students, families, and community to discuss important issues facing the black community said Chauntel Riser, coordinator of the African American Resource Center. Cal State University Fullerton Humanities-Social Sciences Building Rm 222, 800 N. State College Blvd. Call AARC at 657-278-3230 for more information. Free (parking is \$2 per hour)

•**7pm: French Film Fest "Coco Before Chanel"** with Audrey Tatou chronicles the life of Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel, world-famous fashion designer and her struggles for recognition on the road to celebrity. Wilshire Auditorium on Lemon and Wilshire, Fullerton. \$6.50 Fullerton College Box Office (714) 992-7150. <http://foreign.fullcoll.edu>

FRI & SAT., MARCH 4 & 5

•**6pm: Fri. Pianist Thomas Schumacher Recital** - The prominent pianist will feature selections by Scarlatti, Haydn, Beethoven and Scriabin with transcriptions of Liszt and Rachmaninoff. \$20 (students & seniors \$10); **10am-Noon: Sat. Master Class w/Schumacher for students & at 2pm-3:30pm for teachers** \$10 (students & seniors \$7). All events happen in the Recital Hall (Rm. 1111) Fullerton College, 321 E. Chapman Ave. Tickets: 714-992-7150

SAT., MARCH 5

•**7am-10am: Boy Scout All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast** - The 49th annual event includes live musical entertainment and a delicious breakfast served by Troop 97. Proceeds go to support scouting programs. Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1201 E. Dorothy Lane, on the corner of Raymond. \$5

SAT., MARCH 5

•**1pm-3pm: Deborah Nourse Lattimore author/illustrator of 15 children's books**, and instructor at the Art Center College of Design in LA and UCLA, provides insider info on how to write and illustrate children's books, and exciting ways to use picture books in the classroom or library. Pollak Library, Rm. 130, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Free (parking is \$8)

TUES., MARCH 8

•**6:30pm: Town & Gown Lecture on An American in Istanbul** with CSUF associate professor of music and director of composition and theory Ken Walicki. He will discuss the differences and similarities between Islamic and Judeo-Christian dominant cultures. His lecture will show that Islamic countries are as different from each other as the US is from Finland. Free at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. 714-773-6326 for more info.

THURS., MARCH 10

•**6:30: Pulitzer Prize-winning Author Sonia Nazario** will speak at Wilshire Auditorium, 315 E. Wilshire, (at corner of Lemon) Fullerton. Nazario will speak about a way to deal with the immigration issue that will work. Her book "'Enrique's Journey," is a story about a Honduran boy who faces tremendous risks when he crosses into the US to find his mother. The program is part of Fullerton College's One Book, One College. Free.

•**7:30pm: Hiking in the Mountains of Nepal** with Mary Glaser presents a travel slideshow with music. She spent three weeks hiking in Nepal last October. Meet at Banco Popular, SW corner of Euclid & Rosecrans near CVS in north Fullerton. Rio Hondo Sierra Club. Free

•**7:30pm: Poetry Salon** at Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern. Mardi Gras-themed evening features Heart of 'Grass bluegrass band and acclaimed poets. \$20. Tickets: 866-411-1212 themuck.org

SAT., MARCH 12

•**9am: Arbor Day Tree Planting at Nicolas Park** sponsored by the city. Twenty 24-inch Fern Pine and Deodar Cedar trees will be planted. Volunteers asked to bring round point shovels, work gloves and sturdy shoes. (If it rains the event moves to March 19). Nicolas Park is located

at 1015 W. Hill St., at the intersection of Hill and Euclid St., adjacent to Nicolas Jr. High. Call City Landscape Superintendent Dennis Quinlivan at 714-6897 with questions.

•**10am: Free Composting Class** led by Pat McNelly and Dr. Bill Roley at Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Rd. on CSUF campus. Call (657)278-3407 to RSVP as space is limited.

•**2pm: Robert Scheer author, columnist and creator of www.truthdig.com** will discuss his most recent book, "The Great American Stickup," about the lead up to America's recent financial crisis. Pollak Library, Rm. 130, CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Free

•**7pm: French Film Fest "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly"** The inspiring true story of Jean-Dominique Bauby, former editor of French *Elle* magazine. A massive stroke leaves him paralyzed with the rare "locked-in" syndrome. As it brings us his strife to communicate with the world, this film becomes a testament to man's ability to overcome tremendous odds.. Wilshire Auditorium on Lemon and Wilshire, Fullerton. \$6.50 Fullerton College Box Office (714) 992-7150. <http://foreign.fullcoll.edu>

MON., MARCH 14

•**6pm: "How I Ended This Summer" Free Independent Film Series** at the Hunt Branch Library, 201 S. Basque (off Valencia Dr), Fullerton 92833. On a desolate island in the Arctic Circle, two men work at a small meteorological station, taking readings from their radioactive surroundings. Sergei, a gruff professional in his fifties, takes his job seriously. His new partner, college grad Pavel, retreats to his MP3 player and video games to avoid Sergei's imposing presence. One day while Sergei is out, Pavel receives terrible news for Sergei from headquarters. Pavel can't bring himself to disclose the info. When the truth is finally revealed, consequences explode. Adult themes not suitable for children. 714-738-3361. Free

TUES., MARCH 15

•**6:30pm: City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 303 W Commonwealth, 92832. 30-min parking 700 Block of Williamson; Resident-only parking permits; Telecommunication Lease Ford Park; Affordable Housing extension. Sewer replacement Chapman/Basque. Housing Element Annual Report. Go to clerks page of city website for upcoming agenda. www.cityoffullerton.com

WED., MARCH 16

•**6pm-8pm: Free Legal Info & Referral** at the Hunt Branch Library, 201 S. Basque (off Valencia Dr), Fullerton 92833. Lawyers in the library offer 15 minutes of free civil (not criminal matters) legal advice. Register in person at the library or call 714-738-3122. Space limited

THURS., MARCH 17

•**6:45pm: One-on-one Computer Tutoring w/Sam Stranding** at the tutor study room in the Fullerton Main Library, 353 W. Commonwealth. Learn computer fundamentals. Call 714-738-3121 for appointment.

•**7:30pm: PLAID Irish Dance w/When Pigs Fly** at Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern. Tap your toes, have a beer, and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Larson Academy of Irish Dancers and live Celtic music by When Pigs Fly. \$20. Tickets: 866-411-1212 themuck.org

FRI., MARCH 18

•**7pm: French Film Fest "Seraphine"** the true story of a cleaning lady who paints in secret. After her work is discovered by an art dealer, she goes on to become celebrated. Wilshire Auditorium on Lemon and Wilshire, Fullerton. \$6.50 Fullerton College Box Office (714) 992-7150. <http://foreign.fullcoll.edu>

•**7pm: Reflections on the Teachings of Little Crow** (Dakota/Lakota Sioux), by Connie Andrade (Apache), founder of the American Indian Church Orange County. Native American Institute, 1465 N. Batavia St., Orange. Call Dr. John Collins at 714-732-3719 for more info. Free

WED., MARCH 23

•**7pm: French Film Fest "Avenue Montagne"** about a beautiful and spirited young woman from the provinces, who comes to Paris to experience life in its infinite variety. Wilshire Auditorium on Lemon and Wilshire, Fullerton. \$6.50 Fullerton College Box Office (714) 992-7150.

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in *Godot*
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13.

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Godot at Hunger Artists

The word "accessible" rarely describes Samuel Beckett's work, but The Hunger Artists Theatre Company's *Waiting for Godot* has a well-crafted simplicity about it that makes it as close to accessible as it comes; and if not accessible, then certainly entertaining.

Greg Ungar's Didi rarely stops smiling and, more significantly, rarely loses the hope in his eyes. This Didi has a lightness about him while still conscious of the gravity of his situation. Ponzer Berkman, as Gogo, moves constantly. When frustrated, he throws his hands to his head; when relishing the final carrot in Didi's pocket, he gobbles it like a greedy child; when disheartened, he pleads for comfort with his eyes. These actions, far from feeling fake, bring energy and visual interest to the show.

Where in many productions the always pondering Didi grounds the forgetful Gogo, Berkman's Gogo seems to draw Ungar's Didi, prone to get too caught up in his thoughts, back to reality. These two actors have the camaraderie that makes their waiting seem bearable. Their affection for each other shows, even when they irritate each other or decide they should part. In some productions, they seem like they might, but these two feel inseparable.

The more complicated pairing in the text is Pozzo and Lucky. Steeve Jacobs plays a fittingly pompous, yet insecure Pozzo. Director Glendele Way-Agle makes an interesting casting choice for Lucky, though. Having a young man like Garrett T. McDonald as Lucky, whom the text suggests as older than Pozzo, changes the dynamics between the two dramatically. The sickening feeling that comes from seeing Pozzo beat

and abuse a frail-looking old man is softened, and the audience wonders if, like their sense of time and memory, the characters' perception of age is skewed. One advantage of having a young man playing this physically demanding part, especially one whose movements suggest some background in dance, is that McDonald's staggering and falls are painfully impressive. His diction is equally adept: during his "thinking" monologue, he hits Beckett's rhythm beautifully.

Another unusual, but effective, choice in this production is the lighting. Lonnie Rafael Alcaraz and Elisha L. Griego's design involves dozens of bare light bulbs suspended from the ceiling, which dim suddenly to indicate nightfall. Light bulbs also represent the leaves that appear on the tree in the second act. Instead of pasting leaves to the branches, the lights, unlit, are present throughout the first act, and light up for the second. This ties light and life together in a lovely metaphor.

This production of *Godot* has an elegance to it, but never loses the earthiness of the material. It is both a good introduction to Beckett's work and a lively rendition performed by an excellent troupe unafraid to take risks and have fun.

HUNGER ARTISTS THEATER Tickets: (714) 680-6803

or online at www.hungerartists.net
699-A S. State College, Fullerton

•**WAITING FOR GODOT** directed by Glendele Way-Agle. Fri & Sat at 8pm; Sundays at 7pm - thru March 13. \$18 (\$15/student & seniors)

•**ALMOST MAINE** by John Cariani, directed by Candice M. Clasby. A romantic comedy set in the mysterious, remote, mythical town of Almost. Sat at 5pm; Sun at 4pm - thru March 13.

Speech & Debate at Theatre Out

For anyone who has ever romanticized high school, Theatre Out's performance of *Speech & Debate* is a reminder of the less pleasant aspects of the uncomfortable shifting into adulthood.

A fumbling high school journalist, Solomon (Paul Anderson), determined to write about something that matters, seeks to out public figures who have solicited young people. His investigation leads him to two classmates with history involving the drama teacher: Howie (JT Corzine), an openly gay student with more secret insecurities, and Diwata (Cassi Jerkins), a dramatic loner with an inflated view of her own talent. When the school paper refuses to print Solomon's article, the three form a speech and debate team in order to make the teacher's actions known.

The play explores modern technology - a chat room conversation, which Theater Out projects onto part of the scenery, and

Diwata's audio blog, in which Jerkins expresses Diwata's most serious emotions amidst her wacky, adolescent sense of humor—and the adult situations in which teens can find themselves through it. Having access to these mediums only frustrates the teens further when the school insists on avoiding difficult issues and using euphemisms like "bathing suit areas." While using technological props, like the projection and Diwata's recording equipment, scenic designer David C. Carnevale plays up this theme by keeping the backdrops simple: flat boards drawn on to imitate a chalkboard.

In *Speech & Debate*, Theater Out considers the experience of high schoolers in the modern age, while being true to this always-difficult stage of life.

The play runs through March 12. See <http://www.theatreout.com/> or call 714-826-8700 for more details.

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•**THE WEDDING SINGER** -written by Chad Beguelin and Tim Herlihy, music by Matthew Sklar and lyrics by Chad Beguelin, directed by Curtis Jerome. Based on the 1998 Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore film, this play takes us back to 1985, where rock-star wannabe Robbie Heart is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer. He's the life of the party, until his own fiancée leaves him at the altar. Shot through the heart, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. With a brand new score that pays loving homage to the pop songs of the 1980s. Fri & Sat 8pm \$25; Sunday Matinee at 4pm \$20. For ages 13 and up. -thru April 9

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Margaret Silva

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Margaret Morehouse Silva passed away peacefully on February 2nd at Valley Convalescent Hospital in Watsonville, CA. She was 95 years young.

Margaret was born in Sloan, Iowa on April 12, 1915. She settled in southern California in 1922, attended Los Angeles High School and graduated from Chapman University in 1939. She married John William Silva in 1941 and they moved to Fullerton, where she resided for 64 years. During that time she raised two children, Fred and Liz. She taught elementary school for 16 years, inspiring her students to learn and explore the world around them.

Giving back to her community was most important to Margaret. She was involved with the First United Methodist Church, YWCA, P.E.O. and the Fullerton Friends of the Library.

After celebrating her 90th birthday in 2005, she moved to Watsonville, California to be closer to her daughter. While living at the Valley Heights Senior Community, she enjoyed their activities and meeting new friends.

Margaret treasured her friends and family as they did her. She was best known for her faith, optimism, warmth and for being a loving and caring person. She always had a smile and kind words for everyone. Margaret will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her two children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Margaret's life will take place at Valley Heights Senior Community, 925 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville 95076 on Sunday, March 6th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family has requested donations be made in Margaret's memory to Heartland Hospice Care, 2511 Garden Road, Suite B200, Monterey, California.

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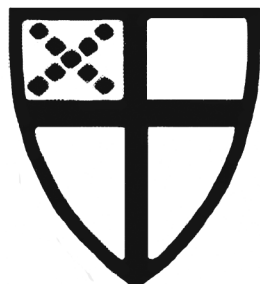
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Mary Ajamian

Mary Ajamian died peacefully at her home February 15, 2011. She was born in Glendale, CA, on November 11, 1940, to Steve and Elizabeth Adams.

She was a teaching graduate of Westmont College when she married her beloved Sam Ajamian in 1970. The birth of a son, Peter, refocused her love of teaching, resulting in her return to school for a master's degree and credentialing in special education.

Mary's constant vision of the potential and goodness in people, despite even obvious failings, was integral to her outlook on life and genius in teaching. She was passionate, wise and creative in advocating for children, and her unstinting efforts on their behalf resulted in numerous innovative programs and remarkable progress for her students.

In an early effort, Mary elicited financial support from local businesses and started the Niguel Children's Center, involving 140 families and including help for children with special needs. She stayed with the Center for five full-time years -- four without pay.

She then taught as resource specialist at Laguna Road Elementary School in Fullerton. There she started a tutoring program with 60 children giving their lunch time to participate in peer tutoring. She recruited area senior citizens for tutoring students and organized a children's Friday Night Live Program -- the first for a primary school at the time. In another project, students collected 350,000 soda pop caps to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House.

These accomplishments, along with those of other dedicated teachers, resulted in the Laguna Road School



winning the National Blue Ribbon Award twice and the California Distinguished School Award three times during Mary Ajamian's 15-year tenure.

In addition to her husband, Mary is survived by one son, Peter (Belinda) Ajamian, New Zealand; a brother, Larry (Lois) Adams, Redding, CA; two step sons, Steve and Edward Ajamian of Orange and Pasadena respectively; grandson Steve Ajamian, and numerous nieces and nephews. A sister, Ruthie (Lloyd) Dalton, preceded her in death.

Mary was gifted in creating beauty in her home and surroundings and in retirement wrote several children's books and poems. She was writing her fifth Christian fantasy novel at her death.

Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society (1-800 227-2345).

Jeff Rupp

Beloved by his family, friends, colleagues and students at Fullerton High School, teacher Jeff Rupp, 58, passed away at 2pm on February 11 from injuries sustained in an accident.

The accident occurred on the evening of Jan. 19 and involved Mr. Rupp's motorcycle and a car which collided at the corner of Euclid and Malvern. Mr. Rupp was rushed to UCI Medical Center and underwent emergency surgery but remained unresponsive and in a coma until his death at Wells House Hospice in Anaheim.

Mr. Rupp was a government and philosophy teacher at Fullerton Union High School. He was a teacher who connected with his students motivating them to consider diverse perspectives on the critical issues in the world. His engaging style and successful teaching methods earned him accolades and awards, but more importantly it earned him the undying love of his devoted students who would come back and visit him for years after graduation.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Rupp's memory may be made to an organization very close to his heart, "Pennies for Peace," www.penniesforpeace.org. The non-profit organization was founded by Greg Mortenson who authored NY Times best-seller "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time." The Pennies for Peace program began in 1994 at Westside Elementary where students raised 62,340 pennies and donated the money to help Mortenson build his first school.

A celebration of the life of Jeff Rupp was held at Plummer Auditorium on Sunday, February 27th at 10am.



Burton Marshall Seidler

November 24, 1922 – February 9, 2011

Battling an uncooperative body, Burt always fought, and never gave up. The cancer was definitely stronger than the body, and Burt leapt into Christ's arms on the 9th of February, 2011, surrounded by his loving wife Phyllis of 56 years; daughter Gail and husband Marty O'Hea, and his grandchildren, Jasmine, Brooks and Katie.

Burt was born in Chicago, IL, the second of four sons from David and Florence Seidler. Brothers Army, Don and Marty are all still living. Burt received his BA and MA at the University of Illinois, taking a three year break to fight in the Army in WW2.

After marrying Phyllis in Davenport, IA, they moved west and landed in Fullerton in 1960. Burt earned his Ph.D. at USC in physical education, and enjoyed 30 years of teaching at Cal State Los Angeles. He could never believe he got paid to do such a great job.

Burt will be remembered for his sunny outlook and humor, for his love of music and travel, for his tenderness with his family, and for his toughness. "The Doc" was a fighter-- and every day was better than the day before.



He was preceded in death by his infant son Kurt.

A memorial service was held at First Lutheran Church in Fullerton on February 24th, followed with a luncheon, and burial at Loma Vista Memorial Park. Donations may be made in his name to First Lutheran Church in lieu of flowers.

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MO KELLY'S SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Oralia (Rae) Negrete
Senior Club Member

Oralia is a delight to talk to. She told me she has never met a stranger and I can vouch for that. She was dressed like a fashion plate - everything in place - makeup, hair, clothes, jewelry, purse, shoes. She also has a lilt to her voice which I can only describe as "talking happy"—you can just hear it when she talks. I said I had never heard of her first name before and she said it was a very popular name in Texas where she was born in Pyote, (a small railroad town near San Antonio). Her mom died when Oralia was three and she and her siblings went to live with their maternal grandpa in Luling, TX (a small oil town near San Antonio). Eventually they were reunited as a family when their dad moved them to Crystal City (near Mexico) when he got a better job.

Older sister, Carlota; older brother, Oswald; and younger brother, Juan, are all in Heaven. Some day there will be a wonderful reunion "up there" for them all.

When Oralia grew up, she wanted to become a nurse but she did not have enough schooling to apply. She decided on another profession. She always loved working with hair, so she enrolled and graduated from the local cosmetology school. She got a job right away and soon word of mouth spread quickly about her hair styling talent and affordable prices. She had more customers than she knew what to do with.

Oralia was soon offered a better career opportunity in Eagle Pass, TX (a border town).

She accepted even though there were no guarantees. Being young and optimistic, she took the gamble and it sure paid off. She was pleasantly surprised at how well she adjusted to her new surroundings and it didn't take long for her to build a large clientele.

On a very beautiful Cinco de Mayo night, she and her girlfriend were celebrating the town's 100th anniversary at a dance at the famous Plaza area. That is where she met her future husband, Raul.

They had a courtship of 11 months and were married by her favorite priest on her birthday (Raul's very romantic idea). In 1960 they moved to Fullerton where there were better educational and work opportunities. They were happily married for 48 wonderful years until Raul sadly passed away.

•**Children:** Son, Raul Jr. (married to Shirley) lives in San Bernardino, CA; Daughter, Maria, lives with Oralia.

•**Grandchildren:** Daniel, Paul, Christina, Sonia, Ruben and Selene

•**Great-Grandchildren:** Maryssa, Samatha, Christopher, Maria and Serjio

•**Orange County Work History:** Oralia's first job in Fullerton was at Anita's Dress Shop in the Orangefair Mall. After she received her California Cosmetology License, she worked at: Glamourama, J. C. Penny's Plush & Curl Salon, Beauty Hut and Simplicity Beauty Salon.

Hundreds of her clients over the years have told her she was much more than a hair stylist - she was a skilled artist, friend, good listener, advisor, mentor, teacher, confidant, therapist and all-around good-will ambassador.

•**One of Her Funniest Gifts:** A darling plaque a friend gave her that said: "I am a beautician, not a magician!" Ain't that the truth!

•**Great Personal Thrill:** When Oralia formally retired after 56 years of being a hair stylist, The *OC Register* newspaper did a special feature article (with photos) in her honor on February 22, 2004. When I interviewed Oralia, she showed me her writeup (encased in a very large frame). I saw how proud and touched she still is to have received it. It is one of her special treasures.

•**Hobbies:** collecting elephants, cooking, gardening, taking care of her mango tree, embroidering and subscribing to *Vanides* (a Spanish magazine).

•**Senior Club:** Oralia became a member in 2004. She loves coming to the Senior Center and she is a great public relations lady for us. With her outgoing personality and positive attitude, she is always welcoming any new faces. She's drawn to them like a magnet wanting to make them feel comfortable and important at the same time. Oralia has made tons of friends as a result of her kindness and caring to all. She has also assisted and helped Coco Barragan, Nutrition and Dining Program Site Manager, with different kitchen duties.

•**Words of Wisdom:** "Always use your common sense."

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FULLERTON CRIME LOG w/ Jeanne Hoffa

Compiled from interviews and daily crime records of the Fullerton Police Dept.

•**SHOTS FIRED:** Officers were dispatched to the area of Richman and Baker on Feb. 14 regarding a call of shots fired in the area. The investigation revealed that a bottle was thrown, from a black SUV driving by, at a group standing on the 400 block of W. Baker. The group chased after the vehicle on foot until the vehicle stopped on Baker at Richman. A Male Hispanic exited the front passenger seat and fired 4 to 6 rounds at the group. The group fled as did the suspect vehicle which was last seen westbound on Baker. No one was hit during the shooting.

•**SEMI-AUTOMATIC FOUND IN TOWED DAKOTA:** An employee at Fullerton Tow called police when he found a blue steel semi-automatic pistol under the driver's seat of a maroon Dodge Dakota truck Feb. 10. "The magazine was loaded," Sgt. Goodrich said. "However, no bullet was in the chamber."

•**THUGS ROB TEEN AT WOODCREST:** Two men accosted a 16-year-old on the basketball court at the Woodcrest School, pointing knives at him and stealing his iPod Feb. 9th. The teenager said one of the suspects was about 20-years-old, 5'2", stocky and went by the name "Dirty" The other was somewhat nondescript. The crime happened at about 6:15pm.

•**CASH REGISTER HOLD UP:** Two men held up the Circle K at 911 N. Placentia Ave. Feb. 20th, but they didn't get far. One simulated a gun and then both jumped the counter, grabbed some cash and the cash register then fled. A witness saw them climb into a compact car waiting nearby. Police broadcast a description of the car, and officers found one of them. They were able to ID 52-year-old resident of Palm Springs using some excellent video captured by the store's surveillance equipment. He was charged for robbery and transported to OC jail at 2:31 am.

•**SUICIDE:** An 81-year-old Fullerton man went to his bedroom on the 1600 block of W. Walnut Ave., made a noose and hung himself Feb. 9th. The body was found by his 29-year-old grandson, who removed the rope from his grandfather's neck at 11:25am.

•**ANYBODY LOSE A DIAMOND?:** An employee at Fire Station 2 on the 1700 block of W. Valencia Drive found a loose diamond and turned it into police Feb. 17th. Reports only describe the diamond as "large."

•**LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION THEFT:** Construction trailers in front of the Fullerton Public Library on Commonwealth Ave., just across the street from the police department, were broken into Feb. 14th. A hole was cut through a chainlink fence to get in.

•**BANK HANDS OVER \$35K TO ID THIEF:** A man walked into the U.S. Bank on East Chapman on Feb. 11th and walked out with \$35,000 using someone else's ID. Sgt. Andrew Goodrich said a bank investigator called police at 10:39am after making a phone call to the victim who said he was completely unaware of the loan made to buy an automobile.

•**IRS SHAKES DOWN WOMAN FOR WORK SHE NEVER DID:** The IRS contacted a Fullerton woman with a demand for money for unclaimed work she supposedly did for MJO Staffing on 1129 S. Lemon St. The 41-year-old victim had never worked at the location, and it was determined that someone used her personal information to gain employment.

•**VANDALS USE SCHOOLS AS CANVAS:** Graffiti vandals went on a spree Feb. 7th, painting Nicolas Jr. High, Woodcrest, Acacia, and Richman Elementary. On Feb. 8th, vandals hit the Sunset Lane. They broke a window and spread graffiti at Maple Feb. 15th. The lunch area at Orangethorpe was vandalized Feb. 17th. Sunny Hills High was hit Feb.19.

•**BAKERY THEFT:** More than \$500 was stolen from the Judy Lynn Bakery on the 100 block of E. Commonwealth Ave. Feb. 14th, although it may have been an internal theft, sources say. Go in and show your support by stopping in and buying a cookie.

•**FAKE CHECKS HIT COLLEGE:** A former 49-year-old Fullerton College student made fake checks using the school's routing number and forged more than \$2,500 in funds from the school in a crime reported Feb. 15th.

•**GRANDMOTHER BAILS OUT PHONY GRANDSON:** A 75-year-old Fullerton woman got a call from an unknown person who said her grandson had been arrested and that she needed to wire money via Western Union Feb. 9th. The woman wired more than \$7,000 to the suspect, but soon discovered that her grandson had never been arrested and that the call was a scam.

•**COPS FIND ID ON WRONG GUY:** Police questioned a man sitting in a car after a neighbor on the 100 block of E. Wilshire Ave. called them, thinking the car looked suspicious Feb. 18th. The man in the car told officers he had no ID, but officers took a closer look and found one on him anyway. The 41-year-old fibbed about his true identity so officers arrested him for lying to a cop. The ID he did have on his person belonged to a real victim of identity theft, said Sgt. Goodrich.

•**BICYCLE THEFTS:** A locked bike was stolen from Fullerton College at 12:15pm Feb. 18th. A 2-year-old's bike was stolen from his front yard on the 1000 block of E. Glenwood Ave. Feb. 16th at 5:53pm. A black Giant mountain bike was stolen off the balcony of a home on the 1600 block of Brea Blvd. Feb. 15th. A 60-year-old woman's electric bike was stolen from inside her locked garage on the 3000 block of Sunnywood Drive at 7:33am.

•**BURGLARIES:** •**E. Dorothy Lane** - a burglar stole a handgun and jewelry from a home on the 500 block Feb. 9th. •**E. Wilshire Ave.** - a laptop and video game controllers were stolen from a home on the 200 block by a burglar who came through a partially opened window.

•**Sunset Inn** - a TV was stolen on Feb. 11th. The manager noticed the window had been broken into and called police. •**N. Gilbert St** - a burglar broke into a home on the 1200 block Feb. 14th by cutting the screen to the bedroom window and stole a laptop. •**West Ave.** - a burglar pried open the rear door to a home on the 3600 block and stole a TV. •**Ladera Vista Place** - a car inside a garage was broken into and the GPS stolen on the 1800 block Feb. 16th. •**E. Valencia Dr.** - a thief broke into a locked garage on the 1300 block Feb. 7th, stealing a rear license plate and siphoning gas from the car. •**S. Malden Ave** - a burglar cut a padlock and stole a speaker, amplifier and a toolbox from a garage on the 900 block.

•**COPS CATCH COPPER WIRE CROOK:** A man riding a bike in an industrial area in Fullerton called police when he saw a man cut the gate, kick the door in and enter a business on the 1700 block of E. Rosslyn Ave. on Feb. 14th. Police arrived, but the man was nowhere to be found. Then an alarm went off in the building next door, so police searched the business and found the suspect and evidence that he had broken the breaker panel to the building and stolen the copper wire, so they arrested him for burglary. Copper wire has been stolen from Craig Park, from the Brea Sports Complex, from Ladera Vista Elementary, from the AutoZone and from a number of Time Warner Cable boxes throughout Fullerton in recent months.

•**AMTRAK STATION:** Vandals attacked both elevators and the bridge. Reported on Feb. 7.

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•**THIEF TARGETS \$8K IN STEEL:** A thief cut a chainlink fence and broke into Lange Precision on the 1100 block of Elm Ave. Feb. 16th and stole about \$8,000 worth of steel.

•**FRAUDULENT WITHDRAWALS:** A bank customer found two fraudulent withdrawals worth \$3,000 had been made from his account on Valentine's Day. The same day a woman noticed two of her checks had been forged and passed in the amount of \$2,000. On Feb. 9th, an 18-year-old discovered a fraudulent \$500 withdrawal was made on his account. More than \$500 was stolen from a 63-year-old man with a forged check Feb. 8th.

•**TENACIOUS DEFRAUDER CAUGHT BY COPS:** When a woman with a fake ID tried to get money at several Bank of America branches, the bank sent out a warning. So when the curly-haired, green-eyed 29-year-old walked into the branch on 1301 W. Harbor the employees called the cops Feb. 16th. She was arrested outside the bank and charged with burglary, forgery and identity theft, Sgt. Andrew Goodrich said.

•**WOMAN BILKED FOR PHONY \$3,500 CHECK:** A 23-year-old woman living at the Pointe at College Place Apts. received a fake check for more than \$3,500. She then wired \$2,000 to the suspect, not knowing the check was fake. The bank called and informed her the check bounced, and that she owed them \$2,000.

•**CHECK DEFRAUDER ARRESTED AT BIKE SHOP:** A man with glasses, a goatee and a handful of phony checks, who walked into the Cycle Gear shop, didn't know that the Tustin PD was hot on his trail. An employee at the store called Fullerton PD after the Tustin PD warned him that the 29-year-old suspect might try to pass a phony check. He did, and police arrived at the store at 1391 S. Lemon St. in just in time to arrest the Garden Grove resident for forgery at 7:17pm.

•**PURSE SNATCHER CHOOSES LOUIS VUITTON:** A woman shopping at Dollar Tree had her brown, Louis Vuitton purse snatched by a man who ran from the store Feb. 19th. The 61-year-old victim followed the Hispanic man, described as 40-years-old and wearing a beige jacket and jeans, out to a waiting 2011 white RAV4 in the parking lot. She told police another suspect, who looked to be about 30, was with him.

•**IMPERSONATOR SIGNS FOR GOLD SHIPMENT:** A man who bought gold and silver bullion from Goldline International and had it shipped to his house called police after he discovered somebody else had signed for his package Feb. 16th. The victim tracked the package through the USPS and found it had been delivered to his home on the 1700 block of Ladera Vista Dr. The identity of the person signing for the package, remains unknown.



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I Love A Rainy Day

I love rainy days. I always want to curl up on the couch with a blanket over me, a puppy on my lap, a mug of hot chocolate, a fire burning in the fireplace and a book in my hand. In other words, I want a day off to relax and just be. No running around, no calls to make, no emails to return. Just a day of nothing.

I think that is the point of rainy days. They help us to remember to slow down. They remind us of the importance of nurturing ourselves. We all have such hectic lives that we often forget that if we do not take care of ourselves, we will burn out.

Now, if we *only* take care of ourselves on rainy days, we will not make it. We, unfortunately, do not have enough rainy days to keep us replenished. But let us use these days as a reminder to ask ourselves, when the last time we nurtured ourselves was. If we cannot recall, it has been too long! We need to do something nurturing everyday. It can be something small like watching a TV show that we like, or taking a shower that is just a little longer.

Make a list of ten nurturing activities (do not include activities that involve money, alcohol or other drugs, or food for obvious reasons). Include a variety of inside and outside activities, some with people, some without. These are not Disneyland-size activities, but small things, like getting a manicure or taking a walk or calling a friend. Do something every day for at least 15 minutes per day. You will be amazed at the difference it makes in your outlook and enjoyment of life.

And then, once in a while, like when it rains, take the day off and do NOTHING! Enjoy the journey!

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Water Down the Drain

SoCal squanders badly needed rainwater, but there are solutions

by Sarah Mosko

What's wrong with this picture? Southern California (SoCal) imports about half its water from northern California and the Colorado River while flagrantly neglecting to put precious local rainfall to use.

This misguided water policy contributes to the now threatened ecosystems of both those distant water sources as well as global climate change via the enormous energy expended in transporting water over such distances.

What's more, SoCal manages its rainfall through a storm drain system that directly contributes to ocean pollution. No wonder northern Californians are reputed to be less than enamored with their neighbors to the south.

The heavy downpours which made December 2010 one of the wettest in SoCal history serve as a reminder that, despite being semi-arid, the region's rainfall is by no means inconsequential and might be put to better use than overwhelming sewer systems and polluting coastal waters.

SoCal is home to two-thirds of the state's population yet receives just one-third of the rainfall and has relied on imported water for over a century. The problems this imbalance has created are now well known.

The ecosystems of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Colorado River are both in dire straits from the demands placed on them and management shortfalls. The California State Water Project, which pumps the water some 400 miles and up 2000 feet over the Tehachapi Mountains, is the state's single largest user of electricity and consequently a significant source of global warming-producing greenhouse gases. The National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) has calculated that "it takes up to twenty times more energy to supply water to southern California through the State Water Project as it does to supply groundwater locally."

Water experts agree no one solution is likely to completely solve the southern region's water supply dilemma. With that said, a study recently published jointly by the NRDC and the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) and titled "A Clear Blue Future" outlines practical measures, collectively referred to as low-impact development (LID), which could be undertaken by homes, businesses, developers and governments to put SoCal on a better footing toward a sustainable water future.

The main thrust of LID is simple: prevent rainwater from entering storm drains by capturing and repurposing it where it lands while simultaneously replenishing groundwater aquifers.

For homeowners, LID means funneling rain gutter outflow either directly onto local landscaping, via downspouts and hosing, or alternatively into rain barrels or cisterns for future irrigation. It also means grading driveways to prevent runoff onto streets and sidewalks and choosing pervious paving materials (like bricks, tiles or permeable cement) specifically designed to foster seepage into groundwater. Businesses would do the same and could also collect cistern water for toilet flushing and install so-called "living" rooftops to further minimize runoff.

Developers would do their part by pro-

moting water-retaining landscape designs and permeable paving.

The internet is fairly awash in information about rainwater collection systems, some do-it-yourself and at low cost. They can be as small as 50 gallons or up to 25,000 gallons for large scale applications and can pay for themselves through savings on water bills.

The NRDC-UCSB report also calls on municipalities and governments to require LID practices for new developments, redevelopments or retrofits and to offer tax incentives and/or subsidies to homeowners and businesses that adopt LID strategies. In June 2010, a first-in-the-nation ordinance took effect in Tucson, Arizona requiring new commercial constructions to meet 50 percent of their demand using harvested rainwater.

The beauty of allowing rain to percolate through soil on site is it prevents urban runoff which, according to the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, is the greatest non-point source of water pollution. Streets and sidewalks look clean after a rain because all the oil, grime and trash gets washed into storm drains, along with synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, animal waste and bacteria from landscaping, all of which are harmful to aquatic life. Directing rainwater instead onto landscaping allows the soil to naturally filter out pollutants. What's more, rainwater is easier on plants because it does not contain the chlorine that is added to tap water.

By raising the levels of groundwater aquifers in the SoCal region, more potable water would be made available locally for extraction and at lower cost in terms of both money and energy. And, together with rainwater collected for irrigation, the demand placed on imperiled, far-away water sources is eased.

Lest anyone think SoCal does not get enough rain to make harvesting it worthwhile, consider that most cities in the area average between 10 and 17 inches of yearly rainfall spread out over about 33 days, and just one-half inch of rain on a 1000 square foot roof could yield over 300 gallons of water.

Consider also the NRDC-UCSB study's estimate that implementation of LID practices in California could, by 2030, save 1,225,500 megawatt hours of electricity each year, enough to power well over 100,000 homes. Similarly, relying less on water from energy-intensive sources, like northern California or desalination, could reduce annual atmospheric emissions of carbon dioxide by over 500,000 metric tons, an impact equivalent to eliminating nearly 100,000 cars per year.

The cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach recently implemented pilot rainwater harvesting programs which provided a limited number of property owners with free rain barrels. San Diego undertook a program at selected municipal sites to figure out the best roofing materials and rain barrel collection systems. Today, property owners in Santa Monica can earn rebates on rain barrel or cistern installations.

A sobering article in the *Los Angeles Times* on January 14 reminds us that, despite the record rainfall of late, the Pacific Ocean is nevertheless in the grip of powerful La Niña conditions which generally portend an extra dry winter for



Linked rain barrels reap rainfall. Pilot rainwater harvesting programs have been started in LA and Long Beach.

SoCal. Whether or not the rest of the season will be as dry as some meteorologists are predicting, the pressure to locate more potable water will be increasing in the future as a result of population expansion. The U.S. Census Bureau is predicting that populations in the region's already four largest counties – Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange and Riverside – will by 2050 have swelled by anywhere from 32 to 122 percent.

Simply harvesting rain could go a long

way toward helping all SoCal cities reach the 20 percent per capita reduction in urban water consumption by year 2020, as mandated in the Water Conservation Act of 2009 enacted by then Governor Schwarzenegger.

Tiered water rates, where water guzzlers pay more for their greater consumption, are becoming commonplace because they foster conservation by pinching consumers in the pocketbook for wasteful practices ratcheting up their water bill. As example, turf grass (lawns) is California's largest irrigated "crop." The Metropolitan Water District of SoCal estimates that up to 70% of residential water use is for irrigation which could be scaled way back by replacing lawns with drought-resistant plants.

Conscientious parents teach their children personal responsibility through the idiom "Waste not, want not" and the wisdom of savings accounts and living within one's means. So too, we southern Californians can take more responsibility for our water consumption through efforts to capture and make good use of the precious allotment nature blesses us with, free of charge.

Turning off the water while brushing our teeth, no matter how well intended a gesture, is not near enough.

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City of Fullerton in Negotiations with Poseidon Concerning Desalinated Water

The public learned at the Feb. 15th Council meeting that the City of Fullerton staff has been in negotiations with the water desalination company Poseidon about the possibility of adding desalination to the city's water portfolio.

The private corporation is being considered for a construction and operation of a 50-million gallon per day seawater desalination facility next to the AES power plant in Huntington Beach. As part of its proposal to Huntington Beach, is the need to find cities and water companies willing to purchase the water produced.

But because water from the plant would cost two or three times per acre-foot above what is now paid for imported water, signing on area water purveyors has not been easy.

According to the International Desalination Association there are 13,080 seawater desalination facilities operating in countries around the world. And desalination may be one part of California's water future.

But the proposal by the Poseidon Resources Corp. ran into heavy citizen opposition partly due to its less than successful Tampa Bay, Florida project (its only other plant at the time). Construction of that plant, half the size of the one proposed in Huntington Beach,

began in 2001. After going through a series of delays, increased costs, and subcontractor bankruptcies, the project was finally taken over and completed by the local water company. According to a 2009 *Wall Street Journal* report, the plant which was projected to cost \$110 million to build, and produce water costing an average \$677 an acre foot, ended up costing \$268 million to construct with water costing \$1,100 an acre foot*.

The Coalition on Responsible Desalination and the Statewide Environmental Desal Working Group, although not opposed to desalination in general, opposed the Huntington Beach plant on the basis of its inadequate EIR which left out significant information concerning pollution, marine life protection, strain on electricity use, new regulations, water quality, public/private and foreign ownership issues and more.

Both OCWD, which manages the aquifer beneath OC, and MWD (Metropolitan Water District) which provides imported water to southern California, brought up several inaccuracies and issues including water quality with added sodium, chloride, and boron in desalinated water.

*Acre Foot = 325,851 gallons, enough for four people for a year.

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