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## Fountain awards

Nearly 50 years after Fountain Valley became a city, residents will finally be rewarded for their loyalty to the city's name. Anyone who builds a fountain in their front yard will receive \$100 from the city's Fountain Appreciation Committee (limit nine fountains per home).

"I don't want anybody to ever drive through our beautiful neighborhoods and wonder why the city is named Fountain Valley," said Sally Spouter, the committee's president.

To obtain your reward, call (714) FOUNTAIN or visit [www.yeahright.com](http://www.yeahright.com).

## Tailgate Tuesdays

"Tailgate Tuesdays," an idea to promote city unity, will start Tuesday with the kickoff of baseball season.

Recreational vehicle owners will be required to park their vehicles in the middle of residential streets every Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. The RV owners must set up big-screen televisions in the street and provide free hot dogs and Kool-Aid to their neighbors.

Currently, residents must obtain 36-hour permits to park their RVs on city streets. Each registered RV owner may obtain eight permits per month.

The City Council approved the changes Saturday, to allow all residents to enjoy the RVs.

## Police Blotter

Saturday, March 33

**Mt. Hermann, 17700 block, defrauding an innkeeper:** An unidentified newsman was seen refilling his Costco soda cup two days after purchasing the soda.

**Mt. Vesuvius, 4000 block, grand theft:** A plaster of Paris volcano was reported missing from an elementary school open house.

**Slater Avenue, 10200 block, found property.** Someone put three coins in a fountain at City Hall.

**Newhope Street, 19000 block, suspicious circumstances:** Post office officials reported a possible anthrax scare, but the mysterious substance turned out to be a pepperoni pizza.

**Brookhurst Street and Talbert Avenue, traffic hazard:** The traffic signal failed to turn green for 17 minutes. Motorists reported this is an ongoing problem.

Sunday, March 34

**Slater Avenue, 10200 block, petty theft:** Someone stole Councilman John Collins' sense of humor at 1:12 p.m.

**Brookhurst Street, 18700 block, suspicious circumstance:** An RV containing a cyber cafe was parked in the McDonald's parking lot at 4:45 p.m.

**Slater Avenue, 10200 block, parking citation:** Someone parked a car in Mayor Bill Borden's parking space at City Hall at 1:45 p.m.

**Police Blotter was made up by Curt Seeden.** All victims who have been made fun of are guilty until proven innocent.

## Happy April Fool's, Fountain Valley



Photo by CURT SEEDEN / The April Fool's View  
**Where's Guy?** The newsroom hosted a career day recently and all staff members decided they wanted to grow up to be Guy Carozzo. From left, Guy Carozzo, Guy Carozzo, Guy Carozzo, the real Guy Carozzo, Guy Carozzo, Guy Carozzo and Guy Carozzo.

## Swap meet vies for fruit stand lot

**CHANGE:** Restaurant caves to residents' opposition; plans to relocate to Fountain Estates.

By IMA LYRE  
 The April Fool's View

McDonald's officials appear to have backed out of a plan to relocate to a vacant commercial lot on Brookhurst Street at Niagara River Avenue following fierce neighborhood opposition to the plan. The decision opens the door to the Anaheim Indoor Swap Meet to relocate there instead. "We decided that the Devonwood Estates neighbors deserved a break today," said Mayor McCheese, McDonald's representative, about their decision to abandon their Brookhurst Street plans.

Upon recommendations from Grimace and the Fry Guys, the restaurant decided to move its operation to the 14.7-acre Fountain Valley School District McDowell campus on Oak Street north of Slater Avenue. City officials said Tuesday they will ask CalTrans to install a drive-through off/on-ramp to accommodate traffic. A back-up offer has been made for the residential-zoned site by Hawaiian Gardens

Casino and Card Club, Inc., which is eyeing the I-405 (San Diego) Freeway frontage.

Residents of Devonwood Estates celebrated the McD's move by feasting on whoppers at Burger King.

But alas, their joy of victory was short-lived.

In a conference call with the Hamburglar, residents learned that a swap meet, karaoke bar and drive-in movie theater are all trying to purchase the lot that backs up to their tract.

"I understand why the land is so desirable for businesses," said Joe Schmo. "But we were hoping for something with less traffic, not more."

The lot is currently used for a fruit stand and pumpkin and Christmas tree sales, which has an average traffic count of .043 cars per day.

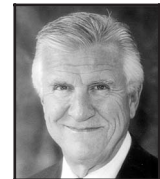
City officials said they aren't opposed to any business on the Brookhurst Street lot, as long as a fountain figures prominently in the plans.

**The April Fool's Issue** was compiled by the Fountain Valley View staff. If you have a compliment about this spoof, e-mail [FVview@ocregister.com](mailto:FVview@ocregister.com); if you have a complaint, call Councilman John Collins at City Hall, (714) 593-4400.

## Borden to buy The View

By BILL BORDEN  
 The April Fool's View

An unnamed financial backer and I have concluded plans to purchase this newspaper, the Fountain Valley View. Its name will be changed to the Huntington Beach View as soon as Surf City successfully annexes Fountain Valley.



Current staff will be maintained, but everything else will change. There will be no more Mr. Nice Guy articles about Moe, Curley, and Larry. I'm going to tell the truth about these long term politicians who have sadly kept Fountain Valley "a nice place to live."

Here are two pieces of breaking news that you will no doubt be excited about.

In view of the overwhelming support of the three people in FV favoring term limits, a few Huntington Beach politicians have offered to fill in the anticipated inexperience gap.

Peter Green, twice mayor of HB with 16 years on City Council, plans to lease an apartment in FV's new senior housing and run for FV City Council. Green's long-term experience in the larger, more cosmopolitan city will serve to bring FV up to more contemporary standards of fiscal irresponsibility.

Shirley Dettloff, another termed-out Huntington Beach former mayor, will also be moving to Fountain Valley in anticipation of an easy win at the polls. Dettloff has pledged to get rid of those 26 spouting fountains in front of city hall and replace them with a drive-through McDonald's.

Here's looking forward to the dawning of better days in the new Fountain Valley, er, Huntington Beach East.

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## Mailbox

### Be reasonable about McDonald's

I read your article on the proposed McDonald's and Panda Express in Fountain Valley with interest.

You seemed to neglect mentioning that the property has long been zoned for retail use and that the entire street along this stretch is commercial property.

Isn't it true the residents would not be happy with anything here?

Having a strawberry or pumpkin patch is exactly what they'd like forever but what about the property owner?

What about that family's property rights to develop just like the other parcels on the street?

This property wasn't just recently re-zoned to commercial; It has been zoned for commercial for a long time.

Instead of being so anti-development, why aren't the residents attempting to find solutions to their supposed issues?

If the developer is willing to install a right-in, right-out driveway to make access into the Devonwood neighborhood

next to impossible from that parcel, doesn't that show that they are willing to adapt?

—Joan Burns

### No sympathy for drug suspect

I am disgusted when I read articles about police shooting and killing fleeing felons ["Car chase, bullets and questions," Local, O. C. Register, March 28; and page 1 of this issue of The View]. The friends and family members of the deceased are always quick to blame the police, the court system or anybody but the runaway felon.

Dorothy Lugo had illegal drugs in her car and led the police on a dangerous high-speed pursuit. She drove on the wrong side of the roadway and on pedestrian-filled sidewalks. She endangered hundreds of lives with her selfish and reckless acts.

My thoughts and prayers go out not to Dorothy Lugo but to the officer who risked his or her own life that evening and now has to live with the thought of having killed another human.

—Wayne Peters



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