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## Publisher's Perspective

### Gaido for Mayor!

Although there are five candidates officially running for Mayor of Irvine, a study of the candidates' records — and where they stand on the issues — clearly reveals the one best choice for Mayor: *Irvine Community News & Views* endorses **Mary Ann Gaido** for Mayor of Irvine.

Mary Ann Gaido (pronounced Guy-Doe) is the only Mayoral candidate with the knowledge, experience — and proven record — to deal with the excessive growth, traffic and overdevelopment that is now eroding Irvine's quality of life. Her campaign pledge is to "put the people back in control" through a Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance that will control and limit the number of building permits issued and require a ballot-box vote of the people before any major new residential development can go forward.

Gaido has amassed a 40-year record of service to the Irvine community, including as a former two-term City Councilmember and long-time Irvine Planning Commissioner. (Full Disclosure: I served with Gaido during the

late 1980s, when I was a Transportation Commissioner and then a Planning Commissioner.)

Mary Ann Gaido's devotion to the City of Irvine and to the City's master plan — known as the Irvine General Plan — is legendary. She believes in the General Plan and the limits it places on growth, development and traffic. Respected as the "Guardian of the General Plan," Gaido has shown the courage to say NO to big developers who have pretty much "bought" the current Planning Commission, Mayor and City Council. While they are intent on shredding the General Plan, Gaido remains determined to uphold it.

In recent years, Gaido's courage has cost her. Because she said NO to FivePoint Communities when the mega-developer wanted to build 10,000 houses at the Great Park, FivePoint Communities and allied developers spent more than \$500,000 on a TV and mail blitz to defeat her by just 954 votes in her 2014 bid to unseat pro-developer Mayor Steven Choi. This time, FivePoint and other big developers are again backing



Mary Ann Gaido  
Irvine Planning Commissioner

Gaido's chief opponent in the Mayor's race — termed-out State Assemblyman Don Wagner. FivePoint and other developers/special interests encouraged Wagner to run.

Because Wagner's campaign is essentially being "outsourced" to FivePoint Communities, and professional campaign management firms, Gaido's grassroots, pro-resident campaign is emerging as a real "David vs. Goliath" contest — with Gaido in the role of "David." Read our excellent Page 1 story to learn more about the Mayor's race. And see the "Candidate Comparison Chart" I've posted in our Open Forum/Community Voices section, Page 15 of the paper.

*Franklin J. Lunding*  
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Publisher and Editor

## Irvine Mayor's Race

### Gaido Challenges Wagner on Growth, Traffic, Veterans Cemetery and Guns

Although there are now five candidates officially running for Mayor of Irvine in the November 8th election, the race is shaping up as a two-person "David-versus-Goliath" contest for the Mayor's chair. Irvine Planning Commissioner and former two-term Councilmember Mary Ann Gaido is betting that her grassroots, resident-funded, growth-control message can overcome the developer-funded, big money, pro-growth campaign that is being waged by Donald Wagner, a termed-out State Assemblyman whose district currently includes a portion of Irvine.

Based on their public records — their voting records, public statements, and website declarations — it's clear that Gaido and Wagner differ dramatically on the key issues in the Irvine Mayor's race. This is true not only regarding voter concerns about overdevelopment and traffic, but also regarding public safety issues and the proposed Veterans Cemetery within the Great Park.



### Growth, Development and Traffic

Gaido, a long-time Planning Commissioner and former two-term Councilmember, has been sounding the same urgent message for years: "Maintaining Irvine's quality of life begins with reducing and controlling traffic." "And," says Gaido, "traffic control begins with leaders who have the good sense — and the courage — to control residential development."

Gaido notes on her website that the number of residential building permits issued has soared to nearly 5,000 per year — more than twice the City's historic average of about 2,000. With each

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new house or condominium or apartment unit, there are typically two automobiles, three or four people, and many added daily automobile trips that bring further congestion to the City's overburdened roads.

In her campaign policy paper, Gaido has promised that, as Mayor, at her first City Council meeting, she will propose a Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance — what she describes as “an ordinance to take a ‘time-out’ from overdevelopment by strictly controlling and limiting the number of residential building permits issued by the City, and by requiring a vote of the people before any major new residential project can move forward.”

Donald Wagner, who has relied heavily on developer support in his State Assembly campaigns, said in his official 200-word candidate statement that, as Mayor, he would “appoint a transportation czar” who would “propose solutions to our gridlock.” Wagner provided no specifics. So far, Wagner has not established a campaign website or issued any position papers on Irvine issues.

**Veterans Cemetery**

Last spring, Assemblyman Wagner joined with Emile Haddad, President and CEO of Irvine mega-developer FivePoint Communities, in proposing that the City “swap” 125 acres of land already approved and set aside by the City Council for a Veterans Memorial Park and

Cemetery within the Great Park. Put forward by Councilmember Christina Shea, the proposed “swap” of this City-owned parkland to FivePoint would apparently be the first step in allowing the developer to then have the Council re-zone the 125-acre parcel for thousands of additional houses and apartments at the Great Park. In effect, the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park — approved by the State and now awaiting final Federal approval — would be dead.

“Fortunately,” says Mary Ann Gaido, “the Council rejected the Shea-Wagner-FivePoint land-swap. In my view,” she added, “Irvine’s next Mayor has a sacred commitment to actually build the Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery within our 1,300-acre Great Park, as promised, thereby honoring the service and sacrifice of Orange County veterans and their families.”

**Public Safety: Proposition 63**

A statewide ballot initiative — Proposition 63, entitled “Safety for All” — has become a major issue in Irvine and other communities in the November election. Supported by California Lieutenant Governor Gavin

Newsom, the Democratic Party, and police and law enforcement agencies, Prop. 63 would add common sense gun safety provisions to California’s already strict gun laws. If passed, Prop. 63 would, for example, require instant background checks for ammunition purchases, and prohibit assault-style weapons with magazines that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

Gaido supports Prop. 63 and what she calls its “common sense gun-safety provisions.” Wagner, on the other hand, opposes Prop. 63, and votes against virtually every gun safety measure that comes to the floor of the Legislature.

**Other Candidates, Other Issues**

While State Assemblyman Donald Wagner and Planning Commissioner Mary Ann Gaido are considered to be the leading candidates in the race for Mayor, there are three other candidates waging active Mayoral campaigns. Architect Gang Chen who, like Wagner, opposes the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, has been campaigning all year. Also in the race are first-time candidate and entrepreneur, David Chey, and small business owner Katherine Daigle, who is making her third bid for Mayor. [ICNV](#)



Councilmember Christina Shea

**Gaido Issues Challenge to Combat Sign Pollution, Dirty Campaigns**

For weeks, Mayoral candidate Mary Ann Gaido has limited her political sign displays to “lawn signs” and “window signs” — signs that individual supporters place on their own private property, typically in front of homes or in apartment windows.

**60-Day Pledge**

Gaido, a long-time opponent of “sign pollution,” has taken other steps as well. She has signed the City’s voluntary pledge not to place political signage at intersections or on public property until the last 60 days before the November 8th election. In recent years, public anger has grown as politicians place hundreds — even thousands — of signs along every major roadway in town.

Other candidates for Mayor who have signed the 60-day pledge are small business owner Kathleen Daigle and entrepreneur David Chey. Two candidates for Mayor who

refused are Assemblyman Donald Wagner and architect Gang Chen, whose signs have been posted on Irvine streets for most of the year.

Pledging to combat what she calls “rampant political sign pollution,” Gaido went further. In a direct challenge to developer-backed candidate Donald Wagner, Gaido said she will not place any of her signs along public parkways unless and until Wagner does so. Said Gaido, “I hope Don takes up the challenge. As leading candidates for Mayor, we need to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.”

Gaido added, “If I am elected Mayor, I will introduce an ordinance restoring Irvine’s strict limits on all signage — including political signs — along our streets and parkways. We have worked for 40 years to

create beautiful and safe parkways and streetscapes. Now, we need to keep our City free of election-year sign blight.”

**Clean Campaign Pledge**

In a related matter, Gaido and two others running for Mayor — David Chey and Katherine Daigle — signed the voluntary State pledge to keep their campaigns clean and fair, and “to not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate” and also to not use or permit any dishonest or unethical practice which tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections.”

Two candidates for Mayor — Don Wagner and Gang Chen — did not sign the Fair Campaign Practices pledge. [ICNV](#)



**PART 1 OF A 2-PART SERIES**

**State Slams Shea for Waste, Misuse of \$1.7 Million in Great Park “Audit”**

After a year-long investigation, the State Auditor’s Office has issued a scathing indictment of Irvine’s so-called “forensic audit” of the Great Park — an “audit” that was directed by City Councilmembers **Christina Shea and Jeff Lalloway**.

In a 75-page report, State Auditor Elaine Howle charged the Shea-Lalloway Audit Subcommittee with “poor governance,” including a rigged bidding process for selection of an auditing firm; no-bid contract extensions for the auditing firm; a failure to meet standard auditing practices; a lack of transparency and oversight; and what appears to be an unlawful abuse of power and misuse of \$1.7 million in public funds for political purposes — to target then-Councilmember Larry Agran in the 2014 City Council election.

When a new City Council majority — Mayor Steven Choi and Councilmembers Christina Shea and Jeff Lalloway — took power after the 2012 City election, the three voted to dissolve the independent 9-member Great Park Board of Directors. They put themselves in charge of the vast, 1,300-acre Great Park development project at the former El Toro Airbase; and they voted to initiate a “forensic audit” of the Great Park to examine all expenditures of public funds, dating back to 2005.

The forensic audit was projected to be a six-month study, budgeted to cost no more than \$250,000. Shea and Lalloway were appointed to serve on the two-member Audit Subcommittee, which wielded unprecedented power to meet secretly, to hire and fire auditors and attorneys, to issue subpoenas, take sworn depositions, and to apparently direct all aspects of what was supposed to be an *independent* audit.

But, according to the State Auditor, what emerged was not an independent audit at all. Instead, the State Auditor concluded, it was a \$1.7 million “waste” of public funds on what was apparently a publicly funded political investigation timed to influence the outcome of the 2014 City elections.

**Corrupt from the Start**

While the State Auditor’s report slams the two-member Subcommittee, sources close to the investigation reveal that Councilmember Christina Shea, now seeking re-election, took

the lead in some of the worst of the abuses. These included:

- **A rigged bidding process.** In hiring an auditing firm, the Subcommittee changed the selection and evaluation process for bids — after bids had come in — by arbitrarily adding points for an “interview” and raising the score of the firm ultimately selected, HSNO, so that it was moved up from third-place to first-place.

- **Sweetheart contracts with no-bid extensions.** HSNO was awarded a sweetheart contract that allowed for hundreds of thousands of dollars in no-bid extensions — far beyond the original \$250,000 authorized by the City Council. Its work was so riddled with errors and false statements — completely failing to meet professional auditing standards — that it was later withdrawn. HSNO is now under investigation by the State Board of Accountancy, the State agency responsible for upholding professional accounting standards.

- **Hiring and firing attorneys.** The Subcommittee pushed aside the City Attorney and City Manager, hiring and firing outside legal counsel at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The law firm ultimately responsible for the Great Park “review” was Aleshire & Wynder, which itself violated professional standards and submitted false reports apparently timed for political purposes. At one point, the law firm’s lead attorneys, David Aleshire and Anthony Taylor, represented to the City Council that the firm needed \$100,000 to hire outside cost-analysis experts, only to later admit that they, themselves, were the “experts” and should be entitled to pocket the money.

**Audits and Politics**

**Lost in the back and forth is that from 2005 to 2012, as determined in more than a half-dozen previous independent audits, the financial affairs of the Great Park were in order. All previous audits were “clean” — finding no evidence of unauthorized expenditures or unaccounted for funds.**

And, interestingly, even the auditing and law firms that the Subcommittee relied on, HSNO and Aleshire & Wynder, could find no financial irregularities at the Great Park.

In fact, during the years 2005 to 2012, the entire 1,300-acre Great Park was

master-designed, and about 200 acres — nearly 20 percent — of the Park was built at a cost of \$133 million, including a number of major features that became operational. In the 5-year period since the opening of the Park’s first iconic feature — the Great Park Balloon — in 2007, attendance at the Great Park grew to nearly 1 million visitors per year.

Since 2012, when the Choi-Shea-Lalloway majority took power and targeted Councilmembers Larry Agran and Beth Krom for attack, millions of dollars in taxpayer funds have been squandered on what Councilmember Beth Krom and former Councilmember Larry Agran called “a Great Park political witch hunt.” Meanwhile, since 2012 — despite promises from Shea and others to “build the Great Park,” not even one new feature has been added at the Great Park. And Park attendance has fallen by half.

Asked to comment on the State Auditor’s report, Agran said: “The Legislature’s highly respected and *independent* State Auditor documented that the so-called Great Park Audit Subcommittee — led by Christina Shea — failed to produce a forensic audit, as promised. Instead, Shea conducted a publicly funded, \$1.7 million political witch hunt. This was clearly an illegal abuse of power and misuse of public funds for partisan political purposes.”

In describing Shea’s conduct as “illegal,” Agran was apparently alluding to prohibitions in State law that provide “a public agency may not spend public funds to promote a partisan position in an election campaign.” The penalties for officials who violate these prohibitions are severe, including fines, imprisonment, and personal liability to reimburse the public agency for any misspent public funds. [ICNV](#)



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# Impressive in Irvine

by Sarita Sidhu

As our ICNV writers and contributors work their way around Irvine, they have the pleasure of meeting a remarkable array of people. Many are amazingly dedicated to their business, craft or special talent ... and willing to generously share their stories with others. We find these individuals — all of them neighbors, many of them our friends — to be Impressive in Irvine.

## Postpartum Depression



Peggy Tanous has lived in Irvine for twelve years. You may recognize her from season 6 of Bravo's reality television series Real Housewives of Orange County, in which she speaks openly about her struggles following the birth of her first child. Like so many new mothers (one in seven), Peggy's experiences were the polar opposite of what she had anticipated. She is featured in a new documentary on postpartum depression and perinatal mood disorders, called *When the Bough Breaks*. I recently had an opportunity to speak with Peggy and watch the documentary.

The documentary fills an information vacuum and may be a lifeline for women who are feeling overwhelmed, exhausted, lonely, inadequate, anxious, guilty, and embarrassed. Actress Tanya Newbould struggled desperately with postpartum

depression following the birth of her daughter, but was unable to find information on what she was experiencing, let alone where help could be sought. That was when she had the idea to create a documentary.

The documentary is beautiful and moving as it weaves first-person accounts of both direct and indirect experience of postpartum depression, with insights from experts, as well as news footage of specific stories. The case is made that we must all play a role in preventing the type of tragedy in which a new mother takes her own life and/or the life of her baby; in such shocking circumstances, both society in general, and the criminal justice system, need to catch up with the medical community, which recognizes the condition is a mental illness that requires treatment.

Several women, including Peggy, detail the range of treatments they used to overcome postpartum depression. Progress in both raising awareness and providing support has been made by state legislatures and a range of organizations and support groups across the country.

We agreed that this documentary would be an invaluable component of a mandatory high school program, for all genders, which teaches essential skills, including relationship building, conflict resolution and parenting.

A trailer for the documentary can be seen at: [www.whentheboughbreaksfilm.com](http://www.whentheboughbreaksfilm.com) There are also links to other sites offering information and support. Local screening details will be posted when available.



Irvine resident, Peggy Tanous, is dedicated to informing others about postpartum depression.

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Explore the ancient oaks, sycamore groves and rough rock outcrops of the City of Irvine's Bommer Canyon any day of the week from dawn to dusk by foot or from the back of your mountain bike. Learn more at: <http://letsgooutside.org/explore/bommer-canyon/>

Enjoy a variety of guided activities, including evening hikes and yoga at the City of Irvine's Orchard Hills. All programs are free with required pre-registration. Find an activity today at: <http://letsgooutside.org/explore/orchard-hills>

**Let'sGoOutside.org**

# Community Calendar

# September 2016

**GLOBAL VILLAGE 2016 Festival**  
 Saturday, Sept. 24  
 Free Admission 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Bill Barber Park, Irvine

LIVE MUSIC | CULTURAL FOOD | FAMILY FUN

For event and parking information, visit [irvinefestival.org](http://irvinefestival.org)

Make plans to travel the world at the City of Irvine's annual **Global Village Festival** on Saturday, September 24, 2016, 10am-6pm at Bill Barber Park. This multicultural event features international cuisine, live entertainment, a kids village with crafts and activities, cultural and religious exhibits and an international marketplace. This is the City of Irvine's signature event. Don't miss it! Festival admission and parking are free.  
**Info: 949-724-6606**

**ALL MEDIA 2016**

**Opening Reception:**  
 September 3rd, 4-6 pm.

**Exhibition:**  
 September 3 – October 22, 2016.

The annual *All Media* exhibition at The Irvine Fine Arts Center showcases artwork from Southern California artists. Juried by independent curator Dan Cameron, the exhibition features painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, printmaking, ceramics, digital media and more. **Info: 949-724-6880**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>IRVINE MUSEUM</b>                      Joseph Kleitsch (1882-1931)  <i>Red and Green</i></p>	<p><b>IRVINE MUSEUM</b>                      John Cosby (contemporary artist)  <i>On the Edge</i></p>	<p><b>1</b>  <b>Planning Commission Meeting.</b>                      Irvine City Hall. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month. 5:30pm.  <b>Info: 949-724-6465</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>Movie Matinee.</b>                      Lakeview Senior Center. Fridays at 12:15pm.  <b>Info: 949-724-6900</b></p>	<p><b>3</b>  <b>All Media 2016.</b>                      Opening Reception. Irvine Fine Arts Center. 4-6pm.  <b>Info: 949-724-6880</b></p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>Certified Farmers Market.</b>                      OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm.  <b>Info: 714-733-3167</b></p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>Labor Day.</b></p>
<p><b>6</b>  <b>Bingo at the Lakeview Senior Center.</b>                      Tuesdays. \$8. Buy-in 12:30pm. 1-3pm.  <b>Info: 949-724-6900</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>Bunco at the Rancho Senior Center.</b>                      First Wednesdays. 12:30-3pm. \$5.  <b>Info: 949-724-6800</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>Seasoned Chefs Culinary Workshop.</b>                      OC Great Park Farm + Food Lab. 6:30-7:30pm. <b>Info: 866-829-3829</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>Flow Yoga in the Hills.</b>                      Orchard Hills. 6-7:30pm.  <b>Info &amp; Registration:</b>                      LetsGoOutside.org</p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>Garden Workshop: Fool-Proof Flowers with Bulbs.</b>                      OC Great Park Farm + Food Lab. Free. 10-11am.  <b>Info: 866-829-3829</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>Certified Farmers Market.</b>                      OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm.  <b>Info: 714-733-3167</b></p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>Teen Advisory Group (TAG).</b>                      Katie Wheeler Library. 5pm.  <b>Info: 714-669-8753</b></p>
<p><b>13</b>  <b>IUSD Board Meeting.</b>                      5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine. 7pm.  <b>Info: 949-936-5000</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>Mid-Week Hike.</b>                      Quail Hill. 7am-12pm.  <b>Info &amp; Registration:</b>                      LetsGoOutside.org</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>Homework Help.</b>                      Katie Wheeler Library. 3:30pm.  <b>Info: 714-669-8753</b></p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>Rhythm Exhibition.</b>                      OC Great Park Gallery. Free Admission. 12-4pm.  <b>Info: 866-829-3829</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>Garden Workshop: Cool Season Vegetables.</b> OC Great Park Farm + Food Lab. Free. 10-11am.  <b>Info: 866-829-3829</b></p> <p><b>Flick for Thought.</b> <i>To Begin the World Over Again: The Life of Thomas Paine.</i> Sponsored by Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Irvine Ranch Water District Community Room. 1:45pm. <b>Info: au-oc.org/upcoming-events</b></p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>Certified Farmers Market.</b>                      OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm.  <b>Info: 714-733-3167</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>Homework Help.</b>                      Heritage Park Library. 4:30pm. <b>Info: 949-936-4040</b></p>
<p><b>20</b>  <b>International Discussion Group.</b> Rancho Senior Center. Participate in thought-provoking conversations about current national and international topics. 9:30am. Third Tuesdays.  <b>Info: Bob Meyers 949-786-2097</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>Storytime In The Garden.</b>                      OC Great Park Farm + Food Lab. 10-10:45am.  <b>Info: 866-829-3829</b></p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>Slow-Paced Fitness Hike.</b>                      Paved Hicks Haul Road. 6-8pm.  <b>Info &amp; Registration:</b>                      LetsGoOutside.org</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>A Summer Idyll: Picturesque Views of California.</b>                      Irvine Museum. Runs now to October 6th. 11am-5pm.  <b>Info: 949-476-2565</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>Irvine Global Village Festival.</b>                      Make plans to travel the world at the City of Irvine's annual Global Village Festival!                      10am-6pm at Bill Barber Park.  <b>Info: 949-724-6606</b></p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>Certified Farmers Market.</b>                      OC Great Park. Rain or shine. 10am-2pm.  <b>Info: 714-733-3167</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>Tai Chi in the Hills.</b>                      Orchard Hills. 8:30-10:30am.  <b>Info &amp; Registration:</b>                      LetsGoOutside.org</p>
<p><b>27</b>  <b>City Council Meeting.</b>                      Irvine Civic Center. 5pm.</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>Ballot Proposition Discussion.</b> Sponsored by Women For: Orange County. IRWD Duck Club. 7pm.  <b>Info:</b>                      WomenForOrangeCounty.org</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>Morning Trek.</b> Agua Chionin and The Sinks. 8-11:30am.  <b>Info &amp; Registration:</b>                      LetsGoOutside.org</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>Live Music at Eureka!</b>                      4143 Campus Dr. Each Thursday night Eureka! features Live Music at their University Town Center location! 8pm. <b>Info: 949-596-8881</b></p>	<p><b>ALL MEDIA 2016</b></p>		

## Adoptable Pet of the Month

Each issue we feature one "adoptable" pet from the Irvine Animal Care Center. The Irvine Animal Care Center (IACC) is a progressive and innovative municipal animal shelter that continually strives to strengthen the human-animal bond and improve the welfare of animals by promoting their humane care and treatment. The Center's 3.73 acre, park-like facility cares for thousands of homeless, neglected and abused animals every year. All animals in their care receive veterinary care, high-quality food, soft bedding and daily socialization.



"Doug" is a male, neutered, American Staffordshire Terrier mix. He is about 2 years old.  
**For more information about Doug and other adoptable pets, or the IACC call 949-724-7740 or email [info@irvineshelter.org](mailto:info@irvineshelter.org)**

## Rhythm Exhibition

**Opening Reception:**  
 September 4th, 1-3pm.

Rhythm is a unique multimedia exhibition featuring the artistic works of celebrated musicians—Joseph Arthur, Brandon Boyd (Incubus), Matt Maust (Cold War Kids), and a collaborative project with drummers Dave Lombardo (Slayer), Chad Sexton (311), Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers) and Bill Ward (Black Sabbath). These vibrant images and loud color schemes are inherently musical in their compositions, with themes of rhythm and melody evident throughout. Rhythm Exhibit runs until November 13th.

The Great Park Gallery is located in the Palm Court Arts Complex and is open Thursdays-Fridays: noon-4pm and Saturdays-Sundays: 10am-4pm.  
**Info: 866-829-3829**

**RHYTHM**  
 SEPT. 3 – NOV. 13, 2016  
 Great Park Gallery at the Palm Court Arts Complex  
 Free Admission

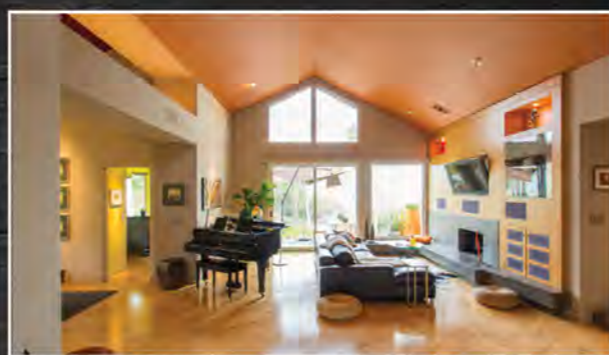
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## Back-To-School Health — Immunizations

by Phyllis Agran, M.D., M.P.H.\*

a substantial decrease in death and disability from vaccine-preventable serious infections such as measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, and pertussis (whooping cough).

Now, however, some parents believe vaccines are harmful. Why? A number of these parents continue to cite a single study, which attempted to associate autism with the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine. Because he falsified data, the author of that totally discredited study, Andrew Wakefield, a British doctor, lost his license. So, once and for all, let's set the record straight: **There is no evidence that vaccines cause any neurodevelopmental disorder.**

There is one immunization schedule — and only one — that reflects creditable vaccine research and the input of our nation's public health leaders. It can be found at: [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org) Any other immunization schedule puts our children

and the community at risk. Both unimmunized and under-immunized children are at risk and pose a risk to others. We, as pediatricians, assume a risk when an unimmunized child enters our office. That happened to a colleague of mine here in Orange County. In fact, that child was one of the index cases that started a global outbreak of measles last year. Pediatric offices were closed, exposed families were tracked, and some required quarantine.

These are some of the reasons that so many pediatricians and parents in California are grateful to State Senators Richard Pan and Ben Allen, authors of SB277, which abolished the so-called "personal belief exemption" for school vaccines, effective July, 2016. Goto: [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org) to check your child's school and find out if it ranks "most vulnerable" or



"safest" with respect to its current vaccination status.

Other resources on vaccinations, safety, and related matters can be found at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Vaccine Education Center.

The American Academy of Pediatrics, our professional organization, recommends full vaccinations, not just the vaccinations required for school entrance. Parents should protect their children with life-saving coverage against meningococcal infections, cancer-causing diseases such as human papillomavirus (HPV), and other vaccine-preventable conditions — even though these particular vaccines are not required by schools.

When I was a young pediatrician, I was distressed when one of my first patients died from Reyes Syndrome, a complication of chicken pox. I still have the 35-year-old gym bag that the family gave to each of us in gratitude for the measures we took to try to save their daughter's life.

Pediatricians of my generation have treated many children who suffered permanent brain injury from measles, or who had other complications from what are now vaccine-preventable diseases. Fortunately, over many years, there has been

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## Rest In Peace, IUSD Principal Stu Cunningham (1936 – 2016)



SCHOOLWATCH  
by Carolyn Inmon\*

I recall one morning, many years ago, when I rushed into the faculty room at the old El Toro Marine Corps Elementary School. In those pre-Starbucks days, Principal Stu Cunningham and I always headed straight for the huge coffee pot — we both needed our first cup of coffee, no matter how bad it tasted. Well, this particular morning, I excitedly started to tell Stu about one of my new ideas, when he interrupted me and said, "Carolyn, you forgot the topic sentence." I remember thinking at the time that it really didn't matter, because Stu was so supportive that he would listen to *whatever* my idea of the day was.

That word — *support* — was the common thread in the Facebook posts when I announced Stu's passing. Some recalled his support of counseling services for kids. Others remembered his support for teachers. Also remembered was his loving spirit, his wonderful smile, and that he was a genuine, nice guy. A former IUSD School Board member called him an "inspirational leader."



Stu Cunningham and colleagues

We salute Stu for his long and dedicated service to the Irvine Unified School District. He was Principal at University Park Elementary, Vista Verde Elementary, El Toro Marine School, and Brywood Elementary. Thousands of Irvine families, teachers, and children benefitted from his leadership...and *support*.

Stu passed away on August 4th, after battling Alzheimer's for five years. His wife, Jeri, notified me and my husband, John, who was a fellow Irvine principal with Stu. Our thoughts and good wishes are with Jeri and their family. We hope they know that Stu truly touched the lives of many thousands of people.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Stu Cunningham on Wednesday, September 14, at 2:00 p.m. at the Saddleback Church in Lake Forest (Tent No. 2).

\*Carolyn Inmon is a retired Irvine teacher. She has taught at virtually every grade level from K - 12, and at the community college level.



WORDSWATCH  
by Harris E. Kershner\*

## Marching and Voting

"The right to vote is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democracy. I risked my life defending that right." — U.S. REP. JOHN LEWIS

Congressman John Lewis — whose quote, above, was first featured last month — has co-authored three graphic novels titled *March*. Written and illustrated in a comic-book format, *March* provides a first-person window into the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. *March* recently received an "Eisner Award" — the comic-book industry equivalent of an Oscar — and it previously received the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award. It has been so well received that, in May, 2016, the New York City Department of Education decided that it will be part of this fall's "Passport to Social Studies" program for eighth graders.

The Irvine and Tustin Unified School Districts might want to add *March* to their curricula. In fact, you might want to add *March* to your family's personal reading list. Representative John Lewis, the last surviving speaker who addressed the historic 1963 March on Washington, is often referred to as "the conscience" of the United States Congress.

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## Irvine's History of Olympic Athletes



SPORTSWATCH  
by Joel Smith\*

The 2016 Summer Olympics ended with USA atop the medal count with a total of 121 medals, 51 more than the next country. This year, Irvine was proud to send 8 athletes to the Rio Olympics, all current and former UCI students. They include: Charles Jock and Persis William-Mensah in track and field, David Smith and Kevin Tillie

in Volleyball, Eva Lee and Phillip Chew in Badminton, Dave Durden as assistant swimming coach, and Dan Klatt as assistant volleyball coach. (Persis William-Mensah competed for Ghana in Rio and Kevin Tillie competed for France, all others competed for team USA.)

Over the years, Irvine has produced an impressive number of Olympic athletes, including Amanda Beard, Aaron Peirsol, and gold medalist swimmer Jason Lezak. Those with young children who play basketball, soccer, or volleyball here in Irvine may also be familiar with the Misty May-Treanor Sports Center that opened up on Myford Road, just off Jamboree and Walnut. (Misty May-Treanor won multiple Olympic gold medals.)

Irvine has always been known as a great sports community, where athletes of all skill levels and all ages have opportunities to thrive and reach for their dreams. Some go on to become elite athletes, winning Olympic medals.

\*Joel Smith is a hometown Irvine athlete and Concordia University graduate who excelled in soccer, and now coaches in Irvine.



CULTURECORNER  
by Marilyn Vassos\*

## Performances at the Irvine Barclay Theatre

In August, I wrote about the history of the Irvine Barclay Theatre located at the corner of Campus and Peltason Drive on the campus of University California, Irvine. This month, let's consider some of the outstanding programs that are coming to the theatre beginning this fall.

For those of you who love jazz, the **Jazz Series** will be kicked off by the jazz phenomenon, Joey Alexander and his trio. You may remember seeing him recently on *60 Minutes*.

The **Great American Songbook Series** is headlined by Orange County's own Broadway and television star, Matthew Morrison. And, the Irvine Barclay's signature dance series features four companies with an international flair including the tap virtuoso, Savion Glover.

Quoting Jerry Mandel, the Barclay's President, "These are exciting times at the Barclay. There are many changes underway and these new program initiatives are already creating energy among our patrons and stirring interest among people who have not attended the Irvine Barclay Theatre before."

In addition to the many performances at the theatre, the Irvine Barclay is committed to family programming and an expansion of its ArtsReach program that takes artists who perform on the Irvine Barclay stage and puts them into classrooms and community outreach programs.

For information about performances, go to: [www.thebarclay.org](http://www.thebarclay.org). Enjoy world-class theater right here in Irvine!



Max Raabe Und Das Palast Orchester



Backhaus Dance

\*Marilyn Vassos is a retired Irvine teacher and long-time resident and supporter of Irvine's cultural arts.

# Merlot

by Peter Dills\*



I thought summer was almost over, but between barbecues, beach weather, and birthday parties — aka living in Southern California — the summer never seems to end! Being a good guest, I often ask what type of wine is the host or birthday boy's favorite, and half the time the answer is merlot. So, why then is the space allocated to merlot in supermarket so small compared to other varieties of wine?

I have developed my own theory that not only is the price point narrow compared to other wines, but the aging potential is longer so you might run into a merlot that is a few years old. Supermarket sales of merlot have risen from around 3% in the 90's to about 13% last year — a big jump but still a small selection.

I have been a big fan of St. Francis Winery for some years — I even visited the winery on a recent visit to Santa Rosa to the Charles Shultz Museum. St. Francis' 2012 Sonoma Merlot hit all the right notes with me, having benefitted from

heavy rains that May, followed by a cool summer. I closed my eyes on my first taste and could actually taste the aromas of cherry and licorice, finished by soft tannins. The St. Francis website suggested a pairing of goat cheese or duck, but my market was out of duck so we had rotisserie chicken which went very well with it. I do suggest decanting the wine for a few minutes before drinking.

Let me pause for my Writer's Wine Definition: **Aging Potential.** This is the potential for the wine

to get better in your wine storage area. **This 2012 St. Francis Merlot has it!**

## DILLS SCORE 90

With each review, I give you my **Dills Score**. Starting with a base of 50 points, for the **2012 St. Francis Merlot**, I added 8 points for color, 7 points for aroma or "nose", 8 points for taste, 8 points for finish, and 9 points for my overall impression, which includes my value rating. I deducted one point for the time it took away for decanting. **The maximum possible score is 100.**

**Total Score for the 2012 St. Francis Merlot is 90!**  
 Retail for about \$24, on sale \$17,  
 wide distribution throughout  
 Southern California including Pavilions.

\*Peter Dills is the proud son of noted restaurant critic Elmer Dills. You can email Peter at [thechefknows@yahoo.com](mailto:thechefknows@yahoo.com) and follow him on Twitter @kingofcuisine. Check out Peter's radio show, *Dining with Dills, Sundays at 5pm on radio station KLA, 830 AM, and watch the TV version Thursday night at 7:30 on PBS, KLCS TV.*

# Jake's iPhone Tips: Hidden Features Revealed

by Jake Jacobs

This is the third of a series of articles on how to get the most out of your iPhone. I have been using iPhones for more than five years and have discovered hundreds of useful features within this marvelous device. These articles will help you discover the hidden power of your iPhone.

## ENTERING AND EDITING TEXT IN YOUR IPHONE

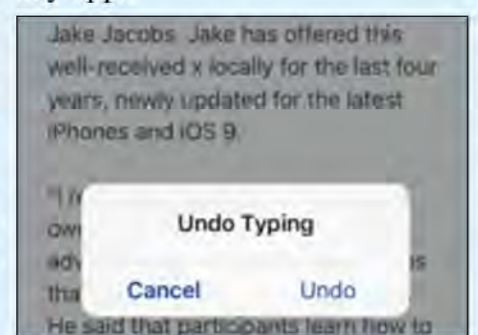
The keyboard is used for *Mail, Messages, Contacts, Calendar, Notes, Reminders, Search, Safari*, correcting dictated entries, and any app requiring text entry. Here are some terrific tips to enhance your iPhone keyboard experience. Once these hidden features are familiar to you, keyboarding can be fun!

**How to quickly end a sentence with a period:** Simply double-tap the spacebar. This will insert a period at the end of the sentence, add a space, and upshift to capitalize the next word.

**How to undo a mistake:** What if you delete text, for example, by accidentally typing a character when text is highlighted? The entire highlighted text disappears and is replaced by that single character? Bad news! **Where is the Undo**

key? Here is the trick: **Shake the iPhone!** The Undo buttons pop up, waiting for you to tap *Undo* and restore your work. How cool is that!

The examples here use the *Notes* app, but this will work on any app.



**Selecting text** is the secret to easy editing. First, you need to have the keyboard on the screen. You can't edit without it. Tap anywhere in editable text to pop up the keyboard.

**How to insert the cursor:** Tap somewhere in the text and

you will see the cursor. Hold your finger on the cursor and slide it to exactly where you want to insert or delete text.

**How to select a word:** Double tap the word. The word will be highlighted with a little selection handle at each end. Use your finger to drag the selection handles to modify the highlighted selection to multiple words or part of a word. Here I have selected the words *iPhone Workshop*.



Once you have made your selection, notice that there is a popup with a list of options: *Cut, Copy, Paste, B/U*, and . Just like on your PC or Mac, you can perform these simple editing steps. You can cut or copy and select and paste it somewhere else, even into another app. Tap **B/U** to change the selected text to **Bold, Italic, or Underlined**. Tap the to explore other options available such as *Define, Share, and Replace*. Not all options are available for some apps: you can't edit a received email unless you tap *Reply* first; you can't edit text on a Webpage or iBook, but you can use *Copy, Define*, and others.

**Jake Jacobs**, a retired electrical engineer, has worked many years in the high tech arenas of Silicon Valley, MIT, and Orange County, where he co-founded a medical device company. He has taught introductory computer science at Stanford University. He has created and taught iPhone workshops locally for three years. If you would like more information on Jake's workshops, check out his website at [JakeAir.weebly.com](http://JakeAir.weebly.com) for the Fall schedule. Email Jake at [JakeAir@cox.net](mailto:JakeAir@cox.net)

# TestForToxics.org by Harvey H. Liss, Ph.D., P.E., Executive Director

## IUSD's Dangerous Experiment On Our Kids

On August 24th, 400 ninth-graders spent their first day at Irvine's new \$300 million Portola High School (PHS). These kids, as well as their teachers and staff, are human subjects in a dangerous experiment, and they are not volunteers. The experiment will determine if locating a high school on a site that suffers from site-wide contamination with various carcinogenic and neurotoxic petrochemicals — such as benzene derivatives, naphthalene, and toluene — will produce adverse health effects.

It is true that most of the concentrations of these volatile organic compounds (VOCs) found so far on the school site have been at "low levels." However, huge quantities of naphthalene-contaminated soil, with an alarmingly high concentration was accidentally discovered on the school site while trenching along Irvine Boulevard. Records obtained from a California Public Records Act request reveal that it wasn't all removed, *even after 78 truckloads of the contaminated soil were hauled away.*

Finding such an enormous quantity of contaminated soil should have raised questions about the possibility that similar contamination is elsewhere on the 40-acre school site; but, the sad fact is that no one seemed to care.

The PHS site-contamination problem has a long history with many twists and turns, all involving hiding of information, spreading misinformation, and irresponsibly bad decisions by the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) Board and by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

The PHS site is located on the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS El Toro), a federal Superfund site, which should have raised a special concern of likely contamination. The airbase became operational in 1943 and was active through three major wars (WW II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars), when dumping of fuels, solvents and other toxins directly on the ground

was standard operating procedure.

FivePoint Communities, the developer that purchased the entire airbase at auction from the Federal government, sold the PHS school site to the IUSD at the land's highest residential value. The site is located next to the main landfill for the airbase — a toxic-waste dump — and miles from where the majority of students are living.

It's understandable, but not acceptable that the IUSD would do everything it could to justify its foolish purchase decision. IUSD just kept doubling down with an extensive campaign to cover up any negative findings regarding the school site. At each step, the DTSC was complicit.

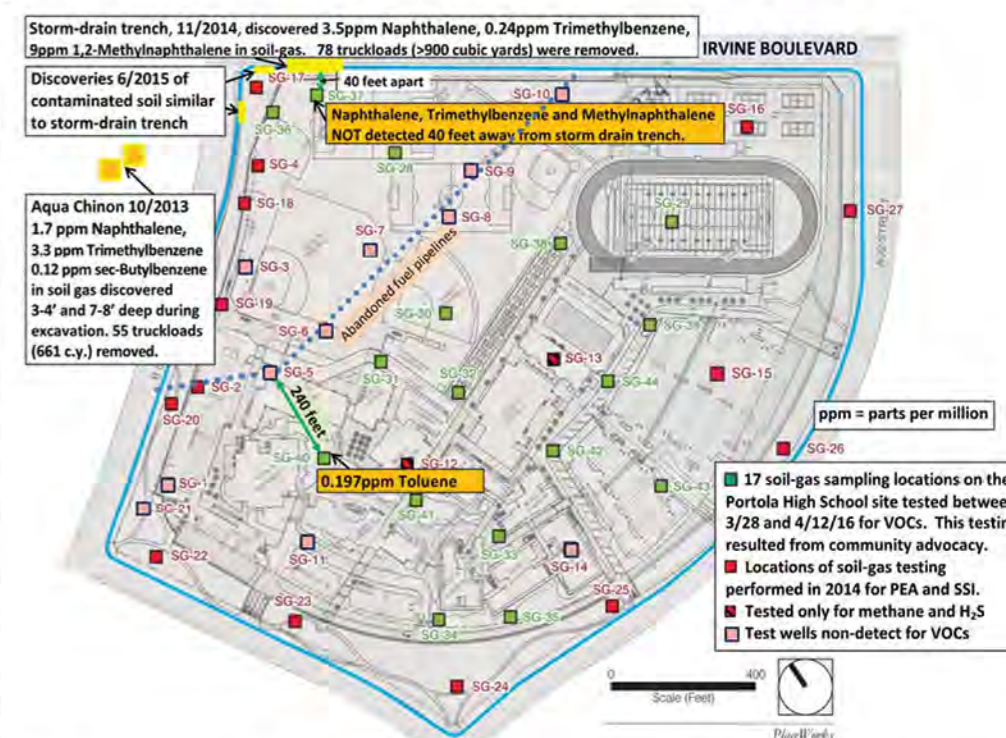
In 2014, when the site boundaries were slightly shifted, 10 of 11 soil-gas test wells that were sunk around its perimeter showed low levels of various combinations of VOCs. Since then, former Mayor and City Councilmember Larry Agran and I have been pressing IUSD, the Governor's office, CalEPA and the DTSC to require comprehensive testing of the school site interior.

Finally, on March 2, 2016, DTSC Director Barbara Lee, on behalf of the CalEPA, issued a remarkable set of orders, directing the IUSD to test the interior of the site, and also to engage the community in devising a work plan. This collaboration with the community never happened.

Even more remarkable, two days later, a DTSC Division Chief sent an email to the IUSD telling officials that its March 2nd letter was *not* to be taken seriously. So, grudgingly, and only after a resident uprising at a turbulent public hearing on March 22nd, did the DTSC and the IUSD agree to sink 17 soil-gas test wells in the interior of the site — none of these under the buildings, since school construction had already been completed.

**That testing, completed in April, showed that all 17 soil-gas test wells had various combinations and concentrations of VOCs.**

So, wouldn't you think that those results would provoke a serious search



for the sources of this dangerous contamination? No! A ridiculous excuse was cooked up to justify that no further testing would be done. The explanation offered — with absolutely no supporting evidence — was that the contamination was caused by the Irvine Ranch Water District's (IRWD) recycled irrigation water used when the site was a farm. This absurd claim was easily disproven, and immediately refuted by the IRWD.

On July 28th, Larry Agran and I flew to Sacramento to meet with CalEPA Deputy Secretary Grant Cope and others, to present the current situation and ask them to postpone the PHS opening and require comprehensive testing of the entire site, including under the buildings, by an independent

environmental firm. Only then can the highest concentrations of VOCs on the site be determined.

There has been no word back, yet, on what CalEPA and the DTSC are willing to do, if anything.

It's obvious that we cannot depend on State and local agencies to protect our kids. The DTSC is notorious for not protecting the public, an example being the Exide Battery Recycling plant in Vernon that poured out toxic lead fumes for 30 years, poisoning thousands of nearby homes and residents, until it was finally shut down only by the U.S. Attorney General. It's up to the residents, especially those within the Portola High School attendance area to demand that their children not be involuntary subjects of this dangerous experiment.

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## Mary Ann Gaido for Mayor

In making recommendations and endorsements in the Nov. 8th local Irvine elections, our editorial staff at *Irvine Community News & Views* uses a Candidate Comparison Chart — we compare the candidates' records on key issues of concern to Irvine voters. **Here is the chart we used — and the issues we researched — in reaching our decision to endorse former City Councilmember and current Planning Commissioner Mary Ann Gaido for Mayor of Irvine.** - FJL

### The Irvine Mayor's Race – Where The Candidates Stand on Key Issues

	Issue No. 1 Growth & Development	Issue No. 2 Veterans Cemetery	Issue No. 3 Gun Safety
	<p><b>Do you favor specific, practical policies to control growth and traffic in Irvine?</b></p>	<p><b>Do you favor creation of the 125-acre Veterans Cemetery within the Great Park?</b></p>	<p><b>Do you favor the gun safety measures adopted by the State and on the Nov. 8th ballot (Prop 63)?</b></p>
<p><b>Mary Ann GAIDO</b></p>	<p><b>YES.</b> Gaido proposes a Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance that would “take a ‘time-out’ from overdevelopment by strictly limiting the number of new residential building permits issued by the City, and by requiring voter approval before any new residential project can move forward.”</p>	<p><b>YES.</b> Gaido has consistently supported and advocated for creation of a 125-acre Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery within the Great Park. She opposes any “land-swap” that would derail and defeat the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.</p>	<p><b>YES.</b> Gaido supports and advocates for strict gun safety policies, including the common sense measures in Proposition 63 — requiring a background check on ammunition purchases and a prohibition on firearms magazines with more than 10 bullets. Gaido would have the City re-join the national organization, <i>Mayors Against Illegal Guns</i>.</p>
<p><b>Don WAGNER</b></p>	<p><b>NO.</b> Wagner says, “More than words are needed to fix the problems caused by uncontrolled growth” but he only proposes appointing a “transportation czar” who will “propose solutions to our gridlock,” along with a citizens’ “transportation commission.”</p>	<p><b>NO.</b> Wagner first opposed a Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park, but then supported State legislation to create the Veterans Cemetery, and now favors the Christina Shea - FivePoint Communities “land-swap” to derail and defeat the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.</p>	<p><b>NO.</b> Wagner, as a State Assemblyman, has voted against virtually every gun safety measure that has come to the floor of the Legislature. He has a near 100 percent “favorable” rating by the gun lobby, and a near-zero rating by gun safety organizations. He opposes the gun safety provisions included in Prop. 63 on the Nov. 8th ballot.</p>



Three lesser-known candidates for Mayor are: Gang Chen, an architect; David Chey, an entrepreneur; and Katherine Daigle, a small business owner. Gang Chen has been campaigning all year, posting political signs on Irvine streets since early 2016, and voicing his opposition to the Veterans Cemetery in the Great Park.

In their public statements, David Chey and Katherine Daigle have yet to provide specific positions on growth and development, the Veterans Cemetery, and gun safety.

## Comments, Notes and Letters

■ The founders of the City of Irvine had the goal of building a planned community, but the current Mayor and City Council have given it up by giving developers permission to build houses, condos, and apartments in any area they want. I have lived in Irvine for the last 40 years. I have never seen such acceleration of environmental pollution and traffic congestion!

—*Hiroshi Ueha*

■ The present City Council obviously has no regard for the majority of the residents of this City. In my opinion, we should replace all of the sitting Councilmembers with fresh faces and fresh ideas. Rhetoric has failed us, and so have they.

—*Rich Hoffpauer*

■ Residential growth is out of control. You can't count on getting anywhere in Irvine in a timely fashion due to heavy traffic and badly synched traffic lights. Multi-unit apartment complexes come with multi-car residents. It doesn't take a rocket scientist or a traffic study to figure this out. I don't have any illusions of returning to the one-traffic-light City to which I moved in 1972, but I'd like NOT to be literally driven out by the traffic that comes with uncontrolled growth.

—*Lynne Ruedy*

■ The Mayor and Councilmembers have sold our City out to developer FivePoint Communities and others who are lining their pockets as we watch our quality of life disintegrate!

—*Robert Rowan*

■ Most of our roads are loaded now in the early A.M. and the evening rush hour from work to home. With the advent of all the new apartments and condominiums, this can only become more of a nightmare. Some very quick planning to address this issue needs to begin.

—*Marshall Goldman*

■ It is so very painful to watch the destruction of the City that my family and I love.

—*Andrea Swanson*

■ Our civic leaders have been complicit in the ridiculous and unacceptable build-out that is still in progress. Massive housing tracts are currently being constructed along Jeffrey between Irvine Boulevard and Portola. More homes are being built along Irvine Boulevard at the Great Park, as well as east along Alton. Our home in Woodbury is about one mile down Jeffrey toward the I-5. Some mornings it can take 40 minutes to reach the on-ramp. Sand

Canyon just several years ago was a bucolic drive through strawberry fields. No longer. Traffic from Stonegate and Orchard Hills have turned Sand Canyon into a traffic-clogged nightmare. What in the world were our politicians thinking?

—*James Williams*

■ Enough building of homes and apartments! Just where are these people supposed to park and drive? It's a mess. Mayor and Councilmembers, you have taken the “quaint city” out of Irvine — shame on you!

—*Sandi Graces*

■ Do any of the Councilmembers and Mayor drive the streets of Irvine, especially at certain hours of the day and night? They should before signing more deals with developers. The General Plan for our City was originally set up for a certain population and amount of traffic — and now it's expected to handle, without changes, many more people and much more traffic.

—*Judy Rodriguez*

### Veterans Cemetery

This letter, written by long-time Irvine resident Jane Olinger, was in response to another resident who wrote a public letter objecting to including the 125-acre Veterans Memorial Park and Cemetery as a feature of the Great Park — because of “daunting” cost considerations. Ms. Olinger writes in response... - FJL

You say that \$77.4 million dollars for a Veterans Cemetery is “daunting.” It is not daunting. It is anything but daunting. In fact, it is about the same amount that we paid to build just one of Irvine's three railroad underpasses.

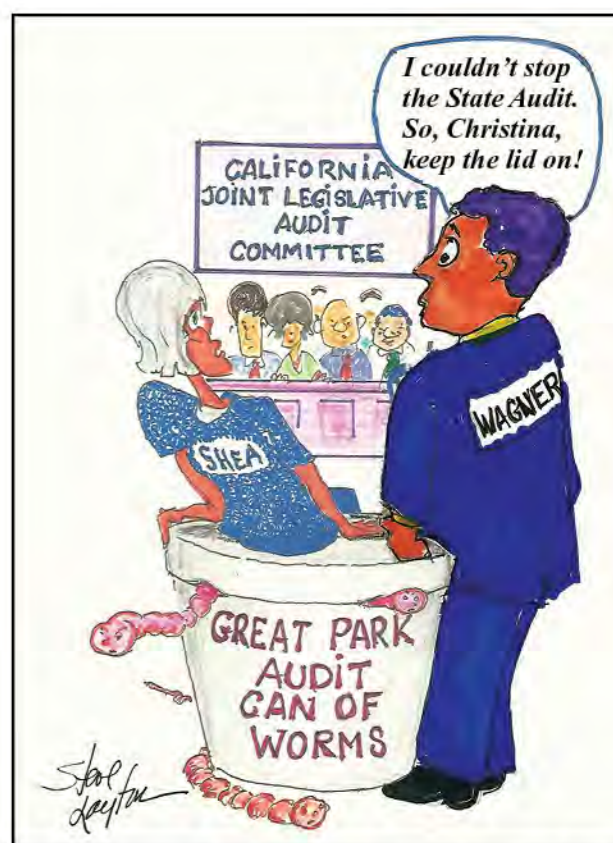
You also say that several of our governmental agencies would be “on the hook” for funding.

You characterize the cost of providing a dignified place to bury the men and women who volunteered to sacrifice their health and lives for our country as “being on the hook.” Shame on you! Many of the men and women who flew out of the El Toro Marine Corps Airbase, mostly to theaters of war in Asia, came back in body bags.

\$39 million (the State and local share of the cost for a Veterans Cemetery) may be thought to be “a large grant request” by some; but it is a very small price for us to pay compared to the sacrifices veterans have made for us all.

—*Jane Olinger*

## Great Park “Fraudit”



Assemblyman Don Wagner tried to block the State Auditor's investigation — which found Christina Shea wasted \$1.7 million on a Great Park “audit” that was simply a political witch hunt.

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**I'm running for Mayor to put the people back in control of planning.** These past four years, I've watched the Mayor and City Council quickly approve every proposal from developers for thousands of new houses and apartments. Meanwhile, they've ignored the damaging effects on our existing villages and neighborhoods — including the traffic mess they've created throughout Irvine.

I believe our City desperately needs new leadership and a new direction.

Let me be specific: If I am elected Mayor, I pledge that at the first City Council meeting, **I will introduce a Comprehensive Growth and Traffic Control Ordinance** — an ordinance to take a "time-out" from overdevelopment by strictly limiting the number of residential building permits issued by the City, and by requiring a vote of the people before any major new residential project can move forward.

As a current Irvine Planning Commissioner and former two-term Irvine City Councilwoman, I know that under State law we have ample legal authority to put these growth and traffic control policies in place. **What's needed is a Mayor with the political will to stand up to big developers and do what's right for the residents of Irvine. I promise to be that kind of Mayor.**

It has been my honor to serve the people of Irvine and take the lead in the careful planning of nearly every village and neighborhood and park in Irvine. I also helped lead the fight to preserve our beautiful open space and wilderness areas, and defeat the proposed Airport.

**Now, I'm ready to continue my public service...planning for our City's future...this time as your Mayor. I would be honored to have your support and your vote.**

Thank you!

Mary Ann Gaido

P.S. If you believe as I do — that the people should be back in control — please visit my website and join our campaign: **[www.MaryAnnGaido.com](http://www.MaryAnnGaido.com)**