

# Laureate title given to author Straight

**HONOR:** The UC Riverside professor is the first person to receive the title from the literary center.

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Inlandia Institute has named Susan Straight the first Inlandia Literary Laureate.

The recognition was presented Friday at the 23rd Annual Tomás Rivera Conference, titled "Latino Health Care in 2010" at UC Riverside.

In announcing the award, the institute stated that the



**Susan Straight**

jury for the Inlandia Literary Laureate selected Straight for the honor first for her critically acclaimed work, but also she lives and works in the Inland Empire, writes with a regional voice, reaches out to diverse audiences, and mentors emerging writers.

Straight, professor of creative writing at UCR, has won the gold medal for

fiction from the San Francisco-based Commonwealth Club for her fifth novel, "Highwire Moon," now in development as a motion picture by Little Monument Pictures and for which she was also nominated for a National Book Award. She is also the winner of the 2007 Edgar award.

Straight's other critically acclaimed fiction includes "Aquaboogie, I Been in Sorrow's Kitchen and Licked Out All the Pots," "The Gettin Place," and "Blacker Than a Thousand Mid-

nights." She has also published two children's books.

In October 2010, Pantheon Books will publish "Take One Candle Light a Room," a companion novel to "A Million Nightingales." The book is set in August 2005 and takes place in Los Angeles, Louisiana, and the fictional Inland Empire community of Rio Seco which features prominently in many of her works.

She was born in Riverside and still lives there with her three daughters. She has taught creative

writing at UCR since 1988. She was the Distinguished Teaching Award winner for 2007-2008 at the university.

The Inlandia Institute is a literary center in partnership with Heyday Books. The institute publishes regional material under a special Inlandia imprint, supports and produces readings and conferences throughout the Inland Empire, conducts oral histories, holds writer's workshops for emerging authors and mentors younger writers and cultural activists.

## IN BRIEF

### NORCO

#### Lake Norconian cleanup today

A clean-up is being held to keep the Lake Norconian kept up.

The one-time resort but now shuttered facility is being cleaned from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Norco, 2300 Fifth St. Lunch is provided.

All ages are welcome to work at their own pace and should wear work clothes and bring gloves and hand tools.

No power tools are permitted. Volunteers must have photo identification to get onto the base.

For more information, log onto [www.lakenorconian-club.org](http://www.lakenorconian-club.org)

—Leslie Parrilla  
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### RIVERSIDE

#### Kids to participate in Day of the Arts

Two hundred elementary school children and their teachers from the Moreno Valley Unified and Jurupa Unified school districts will participate in the annual spring Gluck Day of the Arts at UC Riverside on April 30.

Students from TownGate and Seneca schools in Mor-

eno Valley and Granite Hill and Mission Bell schools in the Jurupa district will spend the day watching performances and participating in arts workshops with graduate fellows from the Gluck Fellows Program of the Arts.

They also will play theater games with award-winning movie director Bala Rajasekharuni ("Blind Ambition" and "Green Card Fever"), experience a partic-

ipatory introduction to the orchestra with UCR orchestral conductor Ruth Charloff, see a new piece of choreography performed by the Gluck Contemporary Dance Ensemble before talking with the dancer and choreographers, and attend a lecture/demonstration on flamenco music by guitarist and ethnomusicologist Josh Brown.

—Laurie Lucas  
llucas@PE.com

## BIRTHS

### RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Deanna Wiltjer and Douglas Evans, boy, March 24  
Heather Pfeifer and Aaron Hughes, girl, March 24  
Gricelda Coronado and Hector Cazares, boy, March 24  
Shabana Munshi and Desmond Roiballove, girl, March 24  
Rebecca Trammell, girl, March 24  
Laura Noriega and Jose Camacho, girl, March 25  
Leticia Carrillo and Jose Melero, boy, March 25  
Angela Avila and Thomas Salazar, boy, March 25  
Jennifer Cook and Ryan Long, boy, March 26  
Milinda Morrow, girl, March 26  
Shannon Griffis, boy, March 26  
Jennifer Thomas, boy, March 26  
Marina and Clark Hapeman IV, boy, March 27  
Maria Cervantes and Jacob Bowie, girl, March 27  
Megan and Jerry Benson, II, boy, March 27  
Patricia Rodriguez and Matthew Torres, girl, March 27  
Ashley Hofmeister-Woodwon and Steven Powers, boy, March 28  
Katya Casalez and David Guerra, girl, March 28  
Susana Maganda and Edwin Archila, boy, March 28  
Jessica Razo, girl, March 29  
Camille Larkins, boy, March 29  
Heather Johansen and Lawrence Haislip, boy, March 29  
Ruth and Luis Enriquez, girl, March 29  
Vanessa Ceja and Marcos Garcia, Sr., girl, March 29  
Krystal Cole, girl, March 29  
Divinity Lasley and Robert Kearney, boy, March 29  
Stephanie and William Wilson, III, boy, March 30  
Lucia Gomez and Sabas Barbosa, boy, March 30  
Michelle Heinemann, boy, March 30  
Jessica Ramirez, boy, March 30  
Elizabeth Alarcon and Aaron Kirk, boy, March 31  
Cristal Chavez and Eric Sanchez, girl, March 31  
Crystal and Kenneth Dowell, boy,

March 31  
Sarah Webber and Daniel Wheeler, Sr., boy, March 31  
Sarah Chavez and Matthew Levesque, girl, March 31

### PARKVIEW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Julie Mudarri and Daniel Curran, IV, boy, April 1  
Arlene Soliz and Nicholas Zavala, girl, April 1  
Fidelia Duran and Guillermo Perez Ceja, boy, April 1  
Jessica Pedraza and Matthew Castellon, boy, April 2  
Karia Castillo and Hector Guzman Perez, girl, April 2  
Ayesha Augustine and Derek Wilson, boy, April 2  
Miriam and Avelino Mendez, boy, April 3  
Karina Angel and Jorge Martinez, boy, April 4  
Patricia Damian, boy, April 5  
Anna and Eric Arellano, boy, April 6  
Brandi Lien and Jeffery McDow, boy, April 6  
Olivia Muniz and Mario Salgado, girl, April 6  
Danielle LaFaye and Michael Romero, girl, April 6  
Tyanna Dandridge and Tony Ramsey, boy, April 6  
Patrice and Benjamin Harrison, boy, April 6  
Jennifer and Harry Windhorst, boy, April 7  
Carla Sanchez and Eriberto Diaz, girl, April 7  
Theo and Cory Bremerthon, girl, April 7  
Leticia and Robert Rock, girl, April 7  
Maria and Carlos Herrera, girl, April 7  
Lizbeth Huerta and Ricardo Arroyo, girl, April 8  
Gricelda and Alejandro Sandoval, girl, April 8  
Sandra Pardo and Paul Gonzales, boy, April 8  
Melanie and David Dopson, girl, April 9  
Jessica and Andrew Gonzales, boy, April 9  
Youmei Kanyavong and Robert Heinemann, boy, April 9  
Maria Arias Avalos and Luis

Cisneros, girl, April 9  
Melissa Chase and Steven Cordova, boy, April 9  
Jennifer Johnston and Nathan Byrd, boy, April 10  
Heather Harris and John Farris, boy, April 14  
Rocio and Aaron Simmons, boy, April 14  
Yolanda and Salvador Avila, boy, April 14

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