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## City Proposes Taking Over Hunt Library

The Hunt Library Ad-hoc Committee met to hear proposals from Olive Community Services and the City of Fullerton on April 3, 2023. After a presentation by Deputy City Manager Daisy Perez, the ad-hoc committee approved the City Proposal to go before the city council on May 2nd.

Ad-hoc committee board chair Ellen Ballard, "The City Plan answers all the criteria and mission statements of the Ad Hoc Committee, which was to open the Hunt to a much-needed library, a community resource, and a meeting place for art, music, and other cultural events. The City takes the lead with program development. The other proposals, however worthy they were, called for projects that were not within the scope of advisement from the Ad Hoc Committee. Eric Levitt, the City Manager, and his staff have been resourceful and listened to community members' comments. The City Plan allows plans for the Hunt to move forward and become a destination place for the greater Fullerton community."

See City Proposal on page 5



## FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT OPENS NEW COMMUNITY CENTER

At left: Egleth Nuncci President of DELAC Representing the Parents of District 5, Aaruni Thakur President of the FSD Board, Tony Thurmond Superintendent of Public Instruction, (not well seen is Steven Miller), and Giullianna Nuncci member of the Dance Team representing Nicolas students at ribbon cutting for new community center.

See story New Community Center page 2.

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## California is becoming 4th largest economy in the world

by Kevin Currison

State Controller Malia Cohen, who began her term in January, was this month's featured speaker at Sharon Quirk-Silva's "Breakfast Club," held April 14th at the Buena Park Senior Center's Heritage Hall.

Cohen said that if California were a country, its economy would soon be surpassed by only the United States as a whole, China, and Japan.

As the state's chief fiscal officer, she discussed her office's role in managing California's financial resources. The Golden State Stimulus program was a federal program but administered by her office, so contact them directly if there were questions or it wasn't received.

California faces a projected budget deficit of \$22.5 billion for the coming fiscal year – a sharp turnaround from

last year's \$98 billion surplus. Projected revenues fell short, but the state has reserves in 2022 to offset this. There is \$23.3 billion in the Budget Stabilization Account, \$3.5 billion in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties (SFEU), and \$900 million in the Safety Net Reserve (for programs like MediCal).

Her department is conducting an audit to determine how and where the state spends nearly \$10 billion over three years. Of the half-million Californians who used those services, more than 40% ended up housed.

Sharon Quirk-Silva likened her role as Assemblywoman as having to decide between 20 needed budget categories, with just four "stickers" to allocate for what she saw as her top priority needs – which she saw as

homeless housing, mental health, education, and critical, incidental needs (such as an urgent leaking roof repair at the Cerritos Senior Center where the "Breakfast Club" met last month).

The 67th Assembly District now includes parts of the North Orange County cities of Fullerton and Anaheim, all of Buena Park, and the Los Angeles County cities of Artesia, Cerritos, and Hawaiian Gardens.

Quirk-Silva has conducted these "Breakfast Club" speaker meetings for years, even during the pandemic. The next one is scheduled for June 23rd and will feature Malia Cohen's budget-expenditure monitoring counterpart, Fiona Ma (who monitors revenue sources).

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### Update on JP23

The City Council will hear an update regarding downtown bar JP23 compliance at the Tues, April 18 meeting.

An April 18, 2023 memorandum from Police Chief Robert Dunn and City Prosecutor Gregory Palmer addressed to the city council lays out the history and is available in the back up materials for item 19 on the April 18 agenda.

•Feb 1, 2022: Council issued written decision overruling the decision of Police Chief Dunn's denial of JP23's live entertainment permit renewal application. The stipulations attached included ceasing

See Update on JP23 on page 13

### COUNCIL MAJORITY VOTES NO 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN 2023

Council majority voted to wait until 2024 for citywide July Fourth celebration. Fullerton Junior High School softball field is no longer an option as a location for fireworks due to new structures and solar panels being installed.

Staff worked with the Fire Department and Pyro fireworks com-

See No 4th of July on page 13

### Changes Coming at OC Power Authority Meeting April 19

On the closed session agenda for the OCPA Board Meeting, Wednesday April 19 at 10am public discipline/dismissal/release and new appointment will be discussed.

The full agenda can be found at: <https://www.ocpower.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/04-19-2023-OCPA-Board-Agenda-Packet.pdf>

This meeting is open to the public and will be held in person in the Palm Room of the Travelers Building, 3333 Michelson Dr., Irvine CA 92612. This meeting can also be viewed online at: [OCPower.org](https://www.ocpower.org)

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Left to right in photo: FSD Superintendent Dr. Robert Pletka, Dr. Julianne Lee, the district's associate superintendent of educational services, and Aaruni Thakur President of the FSD Board at ribbon cutting for new community center. PHOTO BY WES KRIESEL

## New Community Center continued from front page

Families packed the multipurpose room at Nicolas Junior High to find out how the new community center would help thousands of people with students attending the Fullerton School District.

The northern Orange County district was awarded \$7.8 million in the first round of implementation grants as part of the California State Board of Education's \$4.5 billion California Community Schools Partnership Program, which is investing in a "whole child" approach and bringing in community partnerships to support improved academic outcomes and family development.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond was among those in attendance.

"Our wish for all students and fami-

lies is to use education to open doors and opportunities," said Thurmond.

Centrally located at the middle school campus, the Nicolas Community Center will serve as the district's hub of wraparound services for more than 2,750 students and their families from Nicolas and five elementary schools — Commonwealth, Maple, Richman, Valencia Park, and Woodcrest.

Inside the center, students and families will have access to private rooms to conduct telehealth appointments, access to a local urgent care facility, and two pharmacies that will help families without insurance. They'll also have access to free weekly family meals.

"We have families that don't have

access to basic antibiotics," said FSD Superintendent Dr. Robert Pletka.

"With these partnerships, we can now provide urgent care-type services through partners like St. Jude Medical Center for kids who need it."

The center will be staffed with counselors, social service workers, and a full-time community liaison to help students and their families.

"Wraparound services allow us to address barriers within the learning environment to help students feel safe, secure, and ready to learn," said Dr. Julianne Lee, the district's associate superintendent of educational services. "Our ultimate goal is for students to thrive."

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### New In town

So much to do with the old and the new. Framing is taking place, and some classic decorative items from Mo's Fullerton Music have taken up residence at the new digs on Commonwealth and Raymond. Yes, you can still take music lessons. You can see where the new lesson spaces are in the photo on left. There is plenty of parking in the back.



The interior of Lagos Mexican, our newest downtown restaurant, is incredible. They have put enormous emphasis on every detail, with carved wood, an actual tree in the bar area (not kidding), lots of stonework, brass, and so on. We will go back soon and see how close they are to opening and will find out when they will start on the Brazilian restaurant

that will be next door. SoCo is expanding, and the favorites remain.

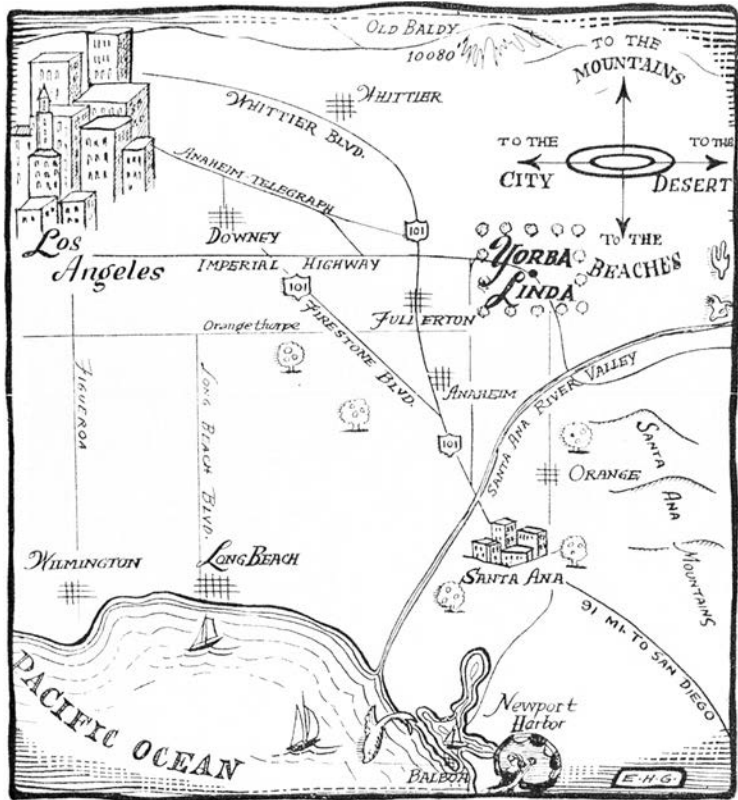
Also, Qamaria Coffee at 229 West Commonwealth is now open and serving highly regarded Yemeni coffee, which has been hard to find in these parts until now. It is unique and very flavorful, so they already have some regulars and even get busy after sundown. We finally found out what would happen to the lot directly across Commonwealth- Azmi, the owner of Quamari, purchased it for parking. Great news.

### What did George Fullerton do for downtown?

We were just made aware of some 'AI' (Artificial Intelligence generated) information circulating regarding the founding of Fullerton and the involvement of George Fullerton. George was not a developer here in Fullerton, but he was the President of the Pacific Land and Improvement Company, a Santa Fe subsidiary. He was also a surveyor sent to Orange County to purchase land for the railroad right of way.

George and Edward Amerige, speculators who had purchased 430 acres in and around what would become downtown Fullerton, along with a grateful community, decided to name the town after George Fullerton. After all, George had decided to run the tracks through here, which made Fullerton a boom town soon after the founding on July 5, 1887.

On the left is an unusual map that you may not have seen before. Heading to Los Angeles? Take Imperial Highway all the way, like my very young Dad did while riding with his Dad way back when. Wow, check out that huge city of Yorba Linda, big as LA. The mapmaker must have wanted everyone to think so. As has been said, you believe what you want to believe.



### Flea in Fullerton

It has been said that the original Flea Market was so named after the French term *marche aux puces* an outdoor bazaar in Paris, France because old, upholstered furniture brought out for sale was said to be infested with fleas.

Don't worry, don't flee; none of that will be at the spring cleaning sale at our Fullerton Museum Center on Saturday, April 22, from 10 am-4 pm. Instead, rummage through the offerings in safety. You will be supporting our local museum and vendors. Brian tells us there is even a beer garden. See you all there.



### Photo Quiz *Send answer to Mike at AllMedia@sbcglobal.net*



Last time: Of course, it's The Dresser Bridal Couture



This time:  
Where is this sign posted?

### Metzger Artiste/Artist

Steve Metzger has been seen and heard in our downtown for some time. Surely you have caught him recently at The Bowery or Bourbon Street. But he also finds time to sit still long enough to be one of our most revered artists on canvas. You can now see an exhibit of his works at Pilgrim's Coffee at 124 West Wilshire. They are open daily from 8 am-6 pm. You can stop by for one of their Friday jazz nights, too. Check with them for dates. Steve's paintings will be there until further notice, and some new ones may be swapped out from time to time, but why wait? Get over there soon.

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At Left:  
Troy Trimble, the instrumental music teacher at Fullerton High School, Mayor Fred Jung, and jazz ensemble student Sam Snyder

At Right:  
Eddie Cardona representing Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva, and City Landscape Supervisor Julio Jacobo.

Below Left:  
Arab American Civic Council and Councilmember Ahmad Zahra



**PUBLIC COMMENT continued**

**Homeless and Transportation**  
Curtis Gamble once again advocated for people experiencing homelessness and better bus transportation to and from shelters.

**Retaining City Employees**  
Munish Bharadwaja, Infrastructure, and Natural Resources Committee member, advocated for an employee progression plan. "We need to retain employees. We need to make an attractive place for them to work, an attractive place for them to come and to stay. Every employee we lose is institutional knowledge. We can't gauge how much that costs us. Not only in money but also in lost services," Bharadwaja said.

**Protecting Trees and Keeping City-Owned Land**  
Jane Reifer commented on city-owned property that the city is considering selling to a private owner, which has over 30 historic trees classified as native trees located on a lot in South Fullerton. The private owner had already purchased a lot from the city some years ago and removed most of the historic mature trees, so there is no reason to believe they wouldn't do that again. Reifer asked for the trees to be protected, which might make the lot less usable for the future owner or to use the surplus land act to be declared open space or for low-income housing. She also asked that future agendas be time-stamped and announced when they get revised.

**Road Safety Issues**  
Dr. Anjali Tapadia, Active Transportation Commissioner, spoke about safety concerns. "I'm speaking to

you from the corner of Highland and Roslyn, right next to Richmond Park. There have been many collisions here and, recently, a pedestrian death near the intersection where I am. This area is a lively but dangerous stretch of road, and I echo the safety concerns brought up earlier by Mr. [and Mrs.] Harrison. Among other places in our city, this is an area where we could improve safety. The crosswalks are too far apart. People need to cross, and there's no opportunity for them to do that safely. Right next to the park, there is no crosswalk. If the city has continuously been notified about the safety issue but does nothing about it, it presents a liability issue. Traffic collisions are not accidents; they are infrastructure failures. We have not provisioned these areas for adequate safety, particularly for the most vulnerable road users. Every person in our city deserves to be safe on our roads.

**Artificial Intelligence Bot Callers Opinion**

A call from an Artificial Intelligence Bot using the name Roy Lister lobbied false claims against councilmember Zahra and blasted councilmember Dr. Charles for her letter of support holding Mayor Jung accountable for his blatant disrespect of councilmember Zahra at the North OC Chamber of Commerce fundraiser called The State of the City. The AI Bot was afforded the same rights and respect as any human caller.

**City Council Notes:**

The Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Upcoming agenda information and streaming video of meetings are available at [www.cityoffullerton.com](http://www.cityoffullerton.com)  
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**APRIL 4 MEETING**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**Music in our schools month**

Troy Trimble, the instrumental music teacher at Fullerton high school, introduced high school student Sam Snyder who is in the jazz ensemble. Sam took the opportunity to contact the city and make March Music in Our Schools official with a proclamation.

**Arbor Day**

Julio Jacobo, the new landscape supervisor, announced that this year would be the 42nd Arbor Day. Arbor Day will

be held in Independence Park on Saturday, April 22nd, from 9 am to noon. Joining the City of Fullerton will be West Coast Arborist. There will be fun activities such as crafts and face painting for the kids.

**Arab American Heritage Month**

Councilmember Ahmad Zahra presented the Arab American Civic Council with a certificate in honor of Arab American Heritage Month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Road Safety and The state of the city event at Cal State Fullerton**

- Yolanda Harrison spoke of the eight times and counting that she has nearly been hit at Lemon and Valencia trying to cross and asked that the mayor and council give the crossing guard there a heroic accommodation because she is risking her life for those kids and the public at large when she's on duty. She complained about the \$125 meal she could not attend and thanked Councilmember Charles to please continue to hold Mayor Jung accountable for the continued disrespect he shows Councilmember Zahra.
- Bernard Oh said that Mayor Jung's behavior at the State of the City was an embarrassment. He also mentioned when Mayor Jung did not hear out Dr. Charles when she wanted to ask questions about the Legislative agenda.
- Todd Harrison said another severe traffic accident at the corner of Valencia and Lemon

Multiple police units and Fullerton Fire Fighters, and two loaded flatbed tow trucks with lots of crumpled sheet metal. Drivers, pedestrians, the mobility impaired, and school children need the city to make the corner of Valencia and Lemon safe. "Mayor Jung, I would not have believed you to be that narcissistic as to dismiss the very existence of a fellow council person who you have issues with. And Dr. Charles, thank you for having the integrity to turn away from that speech and walk out," Harrison said.

**No Front License Plate on City Officials' Vehicles, which is Illegal**

• Maureen Milton said Mayor Jung and Councilman Dunlap's Tesla have no front license plates.

**UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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- **April 17 at 5pm:** Infrastructure & Natural
- **April 18 at 5:30pm:** City Council
- **April 20 at 4pm:** Investment Advisory Committee
- **April 26 at 6:30pm:** Planning Commission
- **April 27 at 6pm:** Library Board of Trustees
- **May 1 at 4pm:** Transportation & Circulation
- **May 3 at 5pm:** Active Transportation
- **May 8 at 6:30pm:** Parks and Rec Commission

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ADDRESSING PUBLIC CONCERN

The mayor asked city Manager Eric Levitt to address some of the issues that came up in public comments. "According to the city engineer and interim public works director, they are looking at creating a plan to install a no-right turn for eastbound traffic and making timing modifications to improve safety at Valencia and Lemon," Levitt said.

The mayor asked about the cold weather shelter that the county-funded. Levitt said that the shelter was to closed at the end of March, and they're starting to make the improvements to correct any issues with the property.

The mayor asked if any city funds were used for The State of the City. "I recognize that it's a fundraising event for the North Orange County Chamber, but I do want to assure taxpayers [as to what the money was used for]," Jung said.

Levitt said, "Approximately \$20,000 was spent. That included the video, all the [audio visual] presentation, which was \$6,000 to \$8,000 of that cost - similar cost as other cities. It could be a couple thousand more than in previous years because of inflation. In addition, the city does buy a table which is an additional \$600."

DISTRICT UPDATES

**Reporting on District 3:** Councilmember Dr. Shana Charles thanked people who made public comment and assured them that the council listens and takes them into account. Cal State Fullerton has events that are open to the public. Fullerton Arboretum is free and open to the public.

She thanked Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva for hosting the annual Woman of Distinction Award which included Director of CSUF Project Rebound which helps people who are formerly incarcerated get their college degrees and re-enter society.

"We just heard that The State of the City cost about \$20,000 of taxpayer money. I had a conversation with the head of the Chamber of Commerce

who mentioned that they spent over double that as well, so it's obviously very expensive event. And we heard that the ticket prices were very expensive. We have done other things in the past. In 2019 when Jesus Silva was Mayor of Fullerton, he hosted an open free public event in the Fullerton Museum Plaza," Charles said.

Her office hours are from 12 to 2 pm Thursdays at City Hall.

**Reporting on District 4:** Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitaker said he would be updating the public on water quality issues at the April 18 city council. We have regular and steady dialogue between the Orange County Water District and Fullerton Water Utility.

*No other District Representatives made reports.*

TRAFFIC SIGNAL VEHICLE DETECTION EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

City Engineer Steven Bise answered questions on the Traffic Signal Vehicle Detection Equipment Purchase request.

Vehicle detection triggers a call in the traffic signal controller to switch a phase. The old type of vehicle detection we're loops cut into the pavement. When pavement rehabilitation comes through those intersections, the loops get torn out.

There's a newer technology: video detection cameras that usually get mounted on the mast arms or the luminaire mast arms that provide the same type of call to the traffic signal controller.

This request allocates a certain amount of funds to a specific model. We're trying to be consistent with the equipment we install at our intersections for maintenance and integration into our traffic management center. We're updating to have the same makes and models. We're trying to standardize what we're installing at our intersections.

Dr. Anjali Tapadia, Active Transportation Commissioner, asked if the traffic detectors also have bike sensors and if they will be calibrated to extend the crossing duration so that a bike can get through the intersection within the time limit.

Bise answered, "Yes. Video vehicle detection also detects bicycles. It would make the same call as a car to the traffic signal controller to change the phase. We do have signalized synchronization programs that we're working with. Depending on the corridor or intersection, however, we must wait until we do an actual corridor retiming to implement that. Here in California, it is a requirement to implement to provide bike detection whenever we're affecting a signalized intersection."

Mayor Jung asked if it had gone before the Active Transportation Committee and was informed that it had not.

The item passed unanimously.



POINT COMMON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT PROPOSAL

The project site is two and a half acres. The initial proposal was for 62 units. The project got refined and is now for 65 units and 108 parking spaces with 38 parking spaces with EV charging stations. The project site floor plans range from almost 600 square feet for the one-bedroom to 1100 square feet plus for the three-bedroom units. The CEQA analysis required an environmental review to mitigate negative declaration and found no significant impacts. The project is ADA-compatible for wheelchair people.

There's been two Planning Commission meetings and three community meetings. The ordinance before the council is #3321 is an ordinance of the City Council of the city of Fullerton, CA, to approve the zoning amendment to change the zoning classification from manufacturing general to limited density multiple-family residential on a 2.50-acre parcel of land located at 1600 W Commonwealth Ave.

The item passed unanimously.

City Proposal to Hunt Ad-Hoc *continued from front page*

Ad-hoc member Molly McClanahan acknowledged and thanked Egleth Nuncci for all she has done to build community and thanked the City of Fullerton for the support they are currently providing. She also spoke about the city's proposal, "This [plan] also honors the intent of the State grant of \$5 million for the restoration of the Hunt Library. However, I am aware that the direction to the Hunt Library Ad Hoc Committee did not include the purview of the City's 2.4 acres of City parkland. It is currently used as the Dog Park."

was made aware that a concept use plan for the 2.4-acre parcel was drawn up in our Engineering Department. In addition, Arts/OC suggested a community garden. So, looking at the partners we have to date, we have a solid base to start."

"I want to share data that the Parks and Recreation Commission, Council, and community should be aware of. In the City's General Plan, the standard for local neighborhood parkland is 4 acres per 1,000 population. Given Fullerton's southwest quadrant (west of Euclid, south of Malvern ) with its population of approximately 50,000 residents, this quadrant has 47.56 acres of neighborhood City-owned parkland. (This includes Independence Park.) Given the adopted standard, this area should have more acres of parkland. While we will never make up that deficiency, we should not treat the 2.4 acres adjacent to the Hunt Library grounds as expendable for non-park use, given the adopted standard as it relates to the currently available neighborhood parkland in Fullerton's southwest quadrant," McClanahan said, "I

Ad-hoc member Jan Flory said, "I supported the city proposal for a couple of reasons. Daisy Perez presented the city proposal. According to Ms. Perez, the capital improvements to the Hunt Library will be completed sometime in November. There is a real concern that the building, with all of its improvements, might be vandalized if left vacant after its completion. The structure was significantly vandalized last year."

"Neither the KCS nor the Olive proposals would be able to conclude negotiations and take possession of the property (let alone begin substantive programming) by the end of the year. The city proposal was characterized as a two-year bridge proposal. That allows sufficient time to determine whether the city has the funds and resources to run the library as a library and community hub. In addition, the city proposal does not call for the construction of any ancillary buildings on the site; thus, no long-term lease is required to finance the proposed construction. Many community members found this to be a fatal flaw in the KCS and Olive proposals," Flory said

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR APRIL 18 CITY COUNCIL

**Item 19** is a an update on the JP23 (restaurant at Commonwealth and Harbor) situation. This item is an update and no action is called for. See story on page

**Item 20** is on road maintenance and rehab for 2023-24 made possible by SB1 (Item #9 on the Consent Calendar also deals with street repairs). SB1 funds are about \$3.5 million. In addition there are OCTA M-2 funds. The biggest project is State College from Yorba Linda north to the city line, with smaller projects throughout the city. Although the presence of bicycle routes is supposed to be a factor in determining priorities, the Active Transportation Committee was not consulted about these projects and few involve bicycle routes.

**Item 21** is to approve an update to the Community Forest Master Plan (CFMP).The agenda item is to approve the plan and plant 500 trees this year. The CFMP was last updated in 1998. The document is 173 pages, some of it boilerplate, but well worth looking at if this is your interest. The power point presentation and summary basically say nothing.

More info on all of the above, including the complete CFMP can be found here: <https://fullerton.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>



## Fullerton Union High School Receives National Recognition for Theatre Education Program

Fullerton Union High School has been honored with the distinction of being named a Premiere Community for Theatre Education for its outstanding commitment to the field. The Educational Theatre Association (EdTA) recognizes individual schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide theatre access and education to all students.

“Our school and its community wouldn’t be the same without the arts,” said FUHS Principal Laura Rubio. “Receiving this award is a reflection of the hard work and talent of our teachers and our community and the commitment we have to educate our children well, especially in the Arts.”

To qualify for the distinction, Fullerton Union answered detailed questions about funding, teacher development and evaluation, theatre class curriculum and participation, instruction time, facilities, and support for the theatre program. Responses were verified with official documentation and reviewed by the Educational Theatre Association.

“Theatre at FUHS is important because it provides a safe space for every student on campus, and it helps develop skills that will help in the future, such as self-confidence, public speaking, critical thinking, and creativity,” said senior Lily McWatters, FUHS Thespian President. “Personally, the theatre has provided me with a comfortable place where I can express fully who I am as an individual.”

Research affirms the educational and social-emotional benefits of participat-

ing in the school theatre. In one study, at-risk middle school students who engaged in an after-school musical theatre program demonstrated improved confidence, creativity, resiliency, responsibility, collaboration, and a sense of community. Another study found that students who received drama-based instruction made better connections to the curricular content. 95% of school administrators believe that theatre experiences improve students’ overall academic skills.

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Life Hacks by Tegan, 5th grade



Spring has Sprung



Spring is a wonderful season full of opportunities for new beginnings, fresh starts, and personal growth. As the weather warms up and the days get longer, many of us feel a burst of energy and motivation to tackle new projects, clean and organize our spaces, and get outside to enjoy the sunshine. To help you make the most of this season, here are some life hacks for spring that can make your life easier and more enjoyable.

Enjoying the outdoors.

Spring is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Going on a walk, a hike, or a bike ride, are all perfect examples. Spending time in nature can help reduce stress and improve your mood. You can also use this time to start a garden or plant some flowers to add some color to your outdoor space.

Whether you're deep cleaning your home or getting outside to enjoy nature, there are many ways to take advantage of the energy and inspiration that spring brings.

Create a spring cleaning checklist.

Spring is the perfect time to deep clean your home and get organized. To avoid feeling overwhelmed, create a checklist of tasks that need to be done and break them down into manageable chunks.

This will help you stay on track and make sure you don't forget anything important. Some tasks to include on your checklist might be cleaning out your closets, decluttering your pantry, scrubbing your floors and baseboards, and washing your windows.

Science Curiosity by Erin, 8th grade



Got an Essay to Write? Wait Until You're Tired

It is 4 PM and I have an essay due by midnight today. I have no idea what to write at all. Procrastinating, time passes by. Now, it's 11PM. I'm exhausted and tired from a chaotic day, but I need to finish the essay. I open an empty document and all of a sudden I'm overflowing with ideas. Why is this?

According to an article in medium.com, "when you are tired, less structured thoughts can sometimes randomly connect leading to insight. You gain a moment of sudden inspiration, recognition, or comprehension." You lose concentration based on the topic and so your train of thought wanders to random topics that may be useful.

For brainstorming and everyday thoughts, the default network of the brain is used. When you're trying to solve a complicated and complex problem, the executive control network of the brain comes into play. The salience

network determines which stimuli are worth thinking about. Creative people tend to use all three networks at the same time, which usually don't work together. Somehow when you're tired, the same neurological connections as creative people come to life, making us more creative.

Coffee or anything that contains caffeine can keep you more alert and awake, helping you focus better, but it will eliminate those random thoughts that you find yourself thinking when you are tired. Another article in Smithsonian Magazine suggests that a study compared people that sleep early and those that sleep late. Both groups did the same on analytical math problems, but those who were more tired did better on insight problems.

If you're ever having a hard time on a project or assignment that requires creativity, just wait until you get tired!

National Celebration

by Mateo, 9th grade



National Kickball Day April 17: Why Kickball Can be Your Go-to Game

Kickball is a sport that almost every single person in America has played at least once. A combination of soccer and baseball, two of the most popular sports worldwide. It involves a player kicking a ball rolled by another player and then running the four bases until they either score or are called out.

I deeply resonate with kickball, as I spent most of my elementary school years playing the game with my close friends. It not only kept me physically active, but it further deepened my love for all sports. In fact, some of my favorite childhood memories came from the field we played on as young kids. So, as a result of the impact kickball has had on millions of children and adults alike, April 17th is designated as National Kickball Day.

Here is a brief history on kickball, as well as why I believe it is one of the best recreational sports out there.

Back in 1917, a man named Nicholas Seuss first invented the sport of kickball in Cincinnati, Ohio. At the time, it was intended to be a game that physical education teachers could teach to schoolchildren to introduce them to the basics of baseball. Since then, however, the game has spread to a variety of age groups.

Adults began to pick up the game as early as 1922, and American soldiers fighting in Tunisia during World War II were documented playing kickball to pass the time. More recently, in 1998 the World Kickball Association was established.

Multiple kickball leagues affiliated with this organization are located around North America, and the best teams from each league yearly travel to Las Vegas to compete in a giant kickball tournament.

It is truly incredible to see how kickball has transformed from a kid's game into a universally loved sport. What makes it so intriguing? In my opinion, the ability to play the game virtually anywhere at any time is a big plus. As long as you have a ball with you, you can play on a field, on the street, or anywhere else with a good amount of open space. Also, kickball generally has a low risk of injury, which is why it is growing in popularity among adults. Unlike sports such as football and soccer, there is limited contact between players in kickball, making the game much safer to play. So, if you want to get some fresh air and have fun, grab a couple of friends and challenge them to a friendly game of kickball.

Featured Pet & Animal Trivia

by Rosie, 6th grade



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Left: Clark Silva inside Leyendecker exhibition at Muzeo  
Above and Below: Leyendecker Muzeo exhibition  
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### J.C. Leyendecker Exhibition Curated by CSUF Graduate Student

The Nicholas and Lee Begovich Gallery at Cal State Fullerton recently partnered with MUZEO Museum and Cultural Center to organize the exhibition, *Figures, Poses and Glances: Coded Illustrations of J.C. Leyendecker*, which had its closing reception on April 9th. The exhibit featured the works of one of the most prolific artists of the Golden Age of American Illustration, J.C. Leyendecker, who was known for creating the covers of the Saturday Evening Post, Collier's Magazine, Fortune magazines, and countless advertisements for Arrow Collars and Kuppenheimer clothes. After talking with Begovich Gallery Director Jennifer Frias, I received a museum press release, and reached out to Exhibition Curator Clark Silva, who offered me a tour of the gallery a few days before the show closed.

"This exhibit is looking at the secret kind of LGBTQ history to one of America's forgotten, but also reimagined illustrators," said Silva, who is also an Exhibitions Specialist at MUZEO and an M.A. candidate in Art History at CSUF. "J.C. Leyendecker's work sort of straddles the early 20th century (the end of World War I and 1918) to when he's sort of phased out by the magazines and advertisements in the Thirties going into World War II. He is credited with creating a lot of the iconography in Americana and American holidays. He was a part of creating those images. He is also famous for essentially starting American advertising illustration, and this exhibition looks into a little bit of the secrets behind those images that he created."

Silva first became interested in the works of Leyendecker when he was in

a graphic design class at Cal State Fullerton. His class was talking about World War I propaganda posters, and he saw one with a depiction of Lady Liberty with a boy scout holding a sword. There was something about it that caught Silva's attention, so he wanted to find out more about this artist. The artist was J.C. Leyendecker.

"As I started to look into his work, I realized that I kind of knew who he was," said Silva. "He gets lumped in a lot with Norman Rockwell, who was Leyendecker's protégé but completely eclipsed him in sort of the Forties and Fifties. The thing about the Lady Liberty bonds poster was that it looked like Lady Liberty was a man in drag, and I was like, well, that's a really interesting thing for the turn of the century to be producing. As I looked more into Leyendecker, I saw that there were images that suggested that there may be a kind of coding or something was happening with a lot of these paintings that he was doing that didn't reveal themselves just surface level."

Silva explained that Leyendecker was a gay illustrator at the turn of the century using gay imagery, gay coding, and gay culture to advertise and essentially create these ideas of what we equate with American pop culture.

"Leyendecker's famous creation was the Arrow Collar Man, who was this debonair, suave, sophisticated guy cre-

ated to sell Arrow Collars and Kuppenheimer clothing at the turn of the century," explained Silva. "That figure is a model named Charles Beach, who was Leyendecker's life partner. They met in 1902, and then they lived and worked together until they both passed away in the early Fifties. To me, that was shocking that so much of American pop culture is indebted to this gay man, but also sort of this gay love story. That is what this exhibition is really looking at."

As curator of the exhibition, Silva's research process started with a book by Judy Cutler titled *J.C. Leyendecker*, which cataloged many Leyendecker covers and illustrations. He explained that Cutler runs the National Museum of American Illustration in Rhode Island and owns a bunch of Leyendecker pieces. This led to Silva combing through the works of Leyendecker's life, which coincided with "a rising tide of re-evaluating Leyendecker," who had pretty much descended into obscurity in the Thirties.

"Rockwell takes over and Leyendecker gets forgotten, part of that being because of the homophobia in the Forties and Fifties during the Depression, and post-World War II," said Silva. "From there, it was about looking into Leyendecker's life, re-evaluating the very few historical records on him, and then looking through and finding different ads...In

the early Fifties, Leyendecker wanted Charles Beach to destroy everything, so photos, journals, diaries were destroyed. What we have left are these illustrations to kind of tell the story. It was researching images, and establishing what the narrative was going to be, finding the images, reaching out to collectors, and building the narrative around those."


Silva thinks that the Leyendecker look is still present in modern American society. "You can look at these Arrow Collar ads and these illustrations, and you can still see this look in *GQ* and the Academy Awards a few months ago, and how that Leyendecker look is still much of a part of American mainstream culture. And to trace that back to essentially, a gay man and his life partner was really kind of an emotional journey for me."

Having curated the show, Silva was able to see how people reacted to this story. He explained that a lot of people still don't know who Leyendecker is, so they're experiencing this artist for the first time. But for people who kind of know who Leyendecker is, but don't know this story, they've been really responsive to it.

Silva concluded our tour by saying, "I think for a lot of people, that underlying, queer-coded, and sort of queer love story that runs through Leyendecker's work has been really meaningful for them."

*Figures, Poses and Glances: Coded Illustrations of J.C. Leyendecker* was on view at Muzeo in downtown Anaheim because Cal State Fullerton's Begovich Gallery was and still is currently under construction as part of CSUF's College of the Arts' ongoing modernization project.





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Premiering in 1904 at the Paris Opera Comique, this bittersweet ballet is based on the fable of the grasshopper and the ant. With a cast of 18 dancers, including children from the Lois Ellyn Ballet Studio, the ballet is enjoyed by all ages with moments of both comedy and tragedy.

The program's first half includes classical, contemporary, and world dance. In addition to 8 variations from the classical ballet repertoire, choreographers Scott Anderson and Janaina Faustino Watkins have created three eclectic modern dances for the company. The countries of China and Armenia are also represented. Xiaoling Wang choreographs and performs a Chinese classical dance based on a

poem from 1300 years ago. Armenian dance choreographer, Tom Bozigian, contributes an Armenian dance based on the spinning wheel and finishes with a lively traditional folk dance. Excerpts from Ms. Ellyn's Capriole Suite based on Renaissance court music will also be included.

Rounding out the program Theresa Knudson, co-founder and executive director of Ballet 22, will perform to the music of Eric Hines, and "Simone Sings The Blues" music of jazz legend Nina Simone. The company is under the artistic direction of Sheree King.

Tickets for the April 28 concert can be purchased online at [nouveauchamberballet.com/upcoming-events/](http://nouveauchamberballet.com/upcoming-events/)

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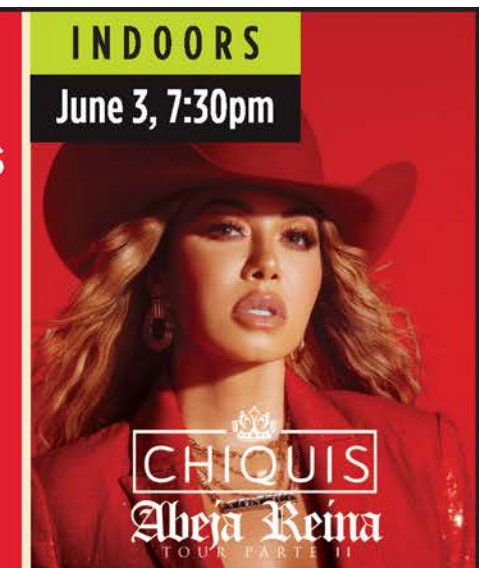



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# HITS & MISSES

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## AIR: Two Hits

Only in America could the star of a movie be a pair of shoes, not just any shoes but Air Jordan shoes, developed in the mid-1980s and netting Nike Company \$162 million dollars in sales its first year of production. Design, branding and celebrity endorsement are major forces toward this success as well as Americans' love of spectator sports. Making a movie about this entertaining, even riveting, tale are the script by Alex Convery and the team of Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, working together again both on-screen and behind the screen.

Affleck directs "Air" and plays the role of Nike's CEO. He has a couple of scenes opposite Damon that sparkle with the energy that these two dynamic on-screen characters create. Damon plays real-life Sonny Vaccaro, a Nike executive tasked with creating a shoe that will rival or exceed the sales of industry giants Adidas and Converse. Sonny happens to be a dedicated fan of professional basketball. Watching this sport closely on television, he understands every signal and the significance of every move. He sees a new and rising star in this competitive sport—Michael Jordan.

Affleck knows that Jordan has indicated he is only interested in endorsing one of the two top brands, but Vaccaro wants to exceed their offers. He wants Nike to put all of their investment dollars in seeking this one rising basketball star. None of the executives at Nike agrees with this strategy. They prefer to offer less money to three different athletes rising to the top in their sport. Vaccaro has heard that Jordan wants \$250 thousand dollars plus a red Mercedes Benz but only from Adidas or Converse.

Developing a new play, Vaccaro flies

to Wilmington, North Carolina, to meet with Jordan's parents, who might be interested in convincing their son to go with Nike, whose personal interest in his success would be an added enticement. At this point, the movie takes on an added dimension. Deloris Jordan is played by Viola Davis. Swagger and fast talking give way to Mrs. Jordan's quieter, more thoughtful and long-term concern for a basketball player now seen as a talented human being, not a commodity. As an actress, Davis projects a quiet strength and thoughtful energy that make her character believable as a counter-weight to the commodity-driven world of commercial exploitation.

One advantage that helps Nike prevail in the competitive world of athletic footwear is the imagination and dedication of designer Peter Moore (Matthew Maher), who has to be both engineer and artist. A thing of beauty, the shoe he creates sports too much red to comply with NBA regulations, but Nike decides to pay the fine that ensues. We see Jordan's agent, David Falk (Chris Messina), negotiating his client's contract, but it is Deloris who gets a breakthrough monetary concession on the part of Nike.

Moviegoers expecting to see Michael Jordan play basketball in his newly branded shoes will be disappointed. The only basketball playing we see are old clips of games on the television screen and those are brief. An interesting anecdote told about the casting of "Air" is that the producers when securing Michael Jordan's permission to make the film had to agree to cast Viola Davis as his mother. The choice could not have been better.

"Air" is screening in movie theaters.

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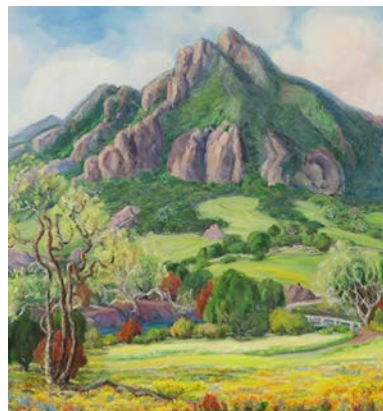


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ON Thursday, December 21st, the President of the French Republic, Raymond Poincaré, presided at the Avion No. 3, Grand Salon, in the Grand Palais, inaugurating the first real exhibition of practical flying machines that has ever been held in France. This is the first occasion on which the industrial and leisure sectors have been arranged consecutively, for hitherto they have, as our readers know, run concurrently in separate buildings. The executive, however, considered that the changed conditions warranted, if they did not cost a departure by precedent, and hence the present arrangement by which the science of flight is now presented to the public among industrial exhibits and motor cars. It is a rare occasion, and one that is of great interest to all those who are interested in the progress of aviation. The exhibition is held in the Grand Palais, which is a vast and magnificent building, and the exhibits are of the most varied and interesting character. The exhibits include a large number of flying machines, and a large number of models of flying machines. The exhibits are arranged in a series of galleries, and the visitor can see the exhibits from a distance, and can also see the exhibits up close. The exhibits are of the most varied and interesting character, and the visitor can see the exhibits from a distance, and can also see the exhibits up close. The exhibits are of the most varied and interesting character, and the visitor can see the exhibits from a distance, and can also see the exhibits up close.

PARIS AERO SALON.—Front view of Ader's "Avion No. 3." The bird-like appearance of the machine is well shown, as also are the curious leather propellers.

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Tinikling, Philippines' National Dance featured at the 2023 Pilipino Cultural Night

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## Little known Annual Culture Shows in Fullerton that are Affordable and Worth Watching

by Francine Vudoti

I have spent months and grueling days of after-school dance rehearsals, but it never occurred to me that I would be part of a cultural show that many thought was so amazing and affordable, they want to watch every cultural show that our school has to offer.

On April 1st, Sunny Hills High School's (SHHS) Filipino club, Bayanihan, held its highly anticipated popular annual Pilipino Culture Night (PCN) at the school's performing arts center. Tickets were sold the week of the show for only ten dollars and slightly increased to twelve dollars at the door.

The program included 14 dances, eight skits, and four commercials altogether showcasing two hours of spectacular show highlighting Filipino culture and promoting cultural appreciation. The PCN received high praise for its professional dances, humorous skits, and interesting trivia that many in the audience found enriching. It helped that the sold-out PCN full of family, friends, classmates, and even alumni were so engaged, it made the

show not only unique but electrifying.

Even as PCN stage director last year, just watching from the sidelines had so much impact on me that it inspired me to join the show this year. Despite my already busy calendar, I was determined to be part of this year's PCN dance crew. The calling was so intense that I did not mind rehearsing after school and even on weekends since the beginning of the school year.

Before joining the Bayanihan Club, I never knew I could enjoy so much the cultural dances that my mom had enjoyed watching and performing as a young girl in the Philippines.

Now I am very grateful that I was given the opportunity out of the hundred applicants who signed up for dances. It was both exhilarating and fulfilling as I performed to an electrified audience who remained engaged throughout the show. The experience made me feel more connected to my Filipino roots.

Many ethnic clubs can be found throughout the Fullerton Joint Union High School District. A unique feature

of the clubs is that they are open to all students regardless of ethnicity provided that applicants are interested in the specific ethnicity represented by the club. For example, this year's PCN performers included Taiwanese and Germans who had as much fun as their Filipino friends and experienced firsthand the beauty of the Philippine culture.

Besides PCN, another highly anticipated cultural show is the Korean Culture Night (KCN). The ticket cost was ten dollars as with all the shows held at my school's performing arts theatre yet gave performances worth hundreds.

These shows can be watched by any-

one who is connected to a student who can buy the tickets on their behalf. For such a token amount of ten dollars, these shows are like hidden gems that provide great entertainment and education about other people's culture.

It was my first time to watch KCN and I was glad I did because it provided a fresh perspective of Korean culture beyond the k-pop music and k-dramas I binged on. So far, SHHS has only two annual cultural nights and I hope the influence of the performances of the Bayanihan Club and the Korean Culture Club will inspire the rest of SHHS's ethnic clubs to start their own cultural nights as well.



### Fullerton College JAZZ FESTIVAL Friday, April 21 at 8am to 6pm Saturday, April 22 at 8am to 6pm

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## Groundwater Replenishment System Completion Increases Water Supply Reliability for Orange County

Officials gathered to toast and dedicate the completion of the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS). A joint project and a decades-long effort of the Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) and the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San), the GWRS is the world's largest indirect potable reuse facility.

This marks an incredible milestone of recycling 100 percent of OC San's reclaimable wastewater flows and providing up to 130 million gallons of water a day (MGD), enough to serve one million people daily. Operational since January 2008, the GWRS began producing 70 MGD and increased production to 100 MGD after an initial expansion was completed in May 2015. To date, it has produced more than 400 billion gallons of water and counting.

The GWRS takes highly treated wastewater that would otherwise be discharged to the ocean and purifies it using a three-step advanced treatment process consisting of microfiltration, reverse osmosis, and ultraviolet light with hydrogen peroxide. The result is high-quality water that is pumped to

recharge basins in Anaheim where it naturally percolates into the Orange County Groundwater Basin (Basin) and becomes part of the drinking water supply for 2.5 million people in north and central Orange County. GWRS water is also sent to injection wells located along Orange County's coast to create a seawater intrusion barrier that protects groundwater supplies.

In addition to reducing the volume of treated wastewater discharged into the ocean, GWRS water improves water quality in the Basin and offers a more cost-effective and energy-efficient alternative than importing water from northern California or the Colorado River. Over the years, GWRS water has become a primary source used to refill the groundwater basin and has enabled OCWD's 19 cities and local water retailers to pump more water from the Basin and become more locally sustainable.

The GWRS has garnered global attention for its innovative approach and use of technology and continues to serve as a blueprint for other agencies around the world.

For more information visit <https://www.ocwd.com/gwrs/>

## No 4th of July Celebration in 2023

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pany to try and find a new site to accommodate a similar 4th of July fireworks show. They were able to identify CalState Fullerton as the only location for a large aerial firework show. Staff also considered other options and even new event ideas such as a drone show. Postponing has more opportunities for food and beverage vendors and kids entertainment options. Moving into

2024 helps us to give the ample time that's needed to actually plan the event.

Total cost for event is approximately \$145,000 and includes public works, PD, and Fire personnel. The cost may double if held at Cal State. A motion to postpone was made and seconded.

Passed 3 to 2 (Zahra and Charles - Voted to have the 4th in 2023)

## Update on JP23

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entertainment at 11pm from Sunday to Wed., and 12am from Thurs. through Friday, limiting occupancy to 299, and review by council of the permit set for Oct. 31, 2022.

•Sept 30, 2022: According to the memorandum, a letter from City Prosecutor Palmer to Jacob Poozhikala informed him of remaining issues needing to be resolved before the October meeting including improvements made without permits or approvals, lighting that had not been installed on west exterior of the building, new security plan had not been submitted, music being played after the time limit imposed (based on police reports). Mr. Poozhikala was also asked to clarify who the new owners were and if he still had a role in the business.

•October 6, 2022: In a response letter Mr. Poozhikala's attorney Jennifer Harris denied music was being played after hours and addressed other points. She said that the business licenses and property were in process of being transferred to a new owner expected to be completed by early Nov. 2022.

•Nov 2, 2022: Council was notified of the change of ownership to Makaveli dTF, LLC dba Chakos Social. An entertainment permit application and new security, operations, and floor plan was submitted by new owner Luke Pathiyil.

A written "Purchase of Business Agreement" was provided to the city by Mr. Pathiyil dated February 22,

2018. It was executed by Mr. Poozhikala and Mr. Pathiyil on July 1, 2022. The purchase price for all business equipment, inventory, records, files, trademarks and names was zero dollars (\$0.00). The sale will not close until the ABC licenses transferred, entertainment permit is approved, extended patio as approved, business licenses, approved and the lease is signed. If conditions are not met, the sell agreement will be void.

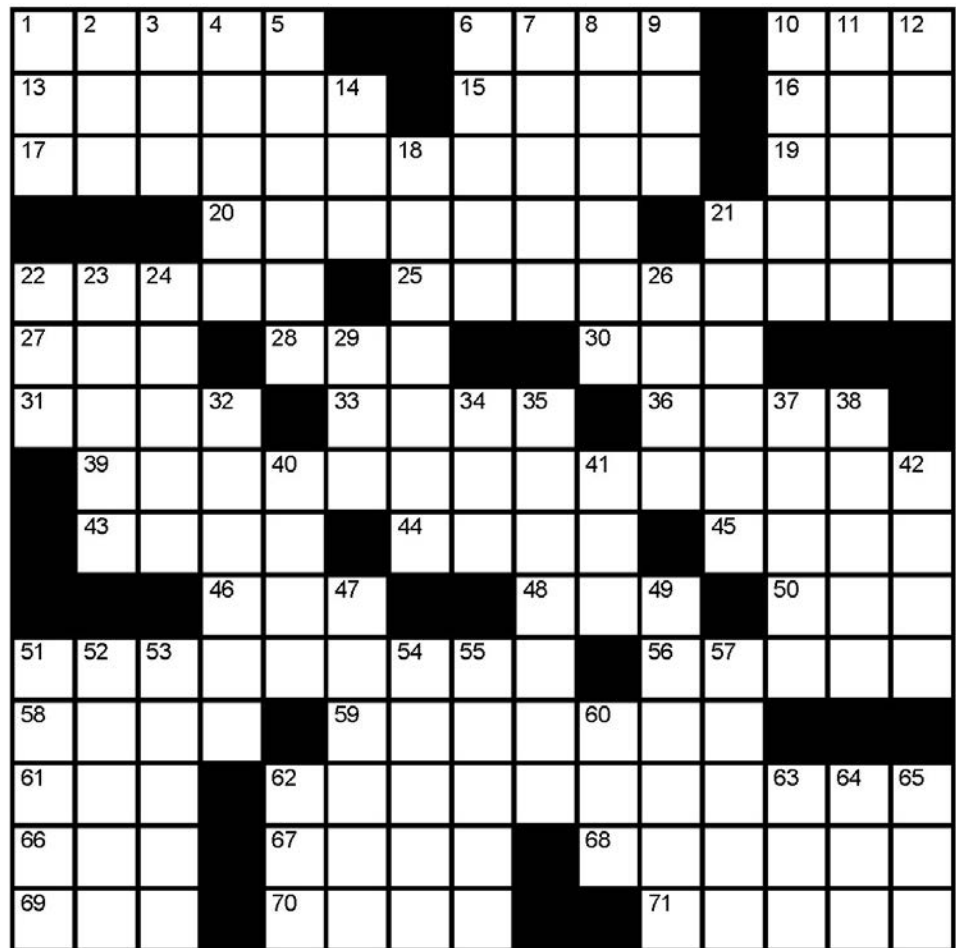
In the commercial sublease agreement signed July 1, 2022, Mr. Poozhikala is the sub landlord and Mr. Pathiyil is the sub tenant. No term is mentioned.

•Feb 7, 2023: Police Chief Dunn, and City Prosecutor Gregory Palmer met with Mr. Pathiyil at the Fullerton Police Department where it was discovered Mr Pathiyil is Mr. Poozhikala's cousin and has a full-time work-at-home IT job for a company on the east coast. He has never operated a restaurant or bar and is being trained by Poozhikala. When the lease and all licenses are transferred he will become owner but until then Poozhikala remains owner.

According to the memorandum the city believes that "Mr. Pathiyil is not a bona fide purchaser" and Mr. Poozhikala is responsible for a list of violations including lack of permits and approvals, required lighting, and amplified music played after agreed upon hours.

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"REFRESHING" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 19)



### ACROSS

1. Low point
6. Kermit's greeting
10. Main squeeze, in slang
13. Banished
15. "\_\_\_ first you don't succeed..."
16. It was dropped in the 60's
17. \*Vegetables that may be red, yellow, orange or green
19. One billion years
20. After the event
21. Singer Del Rey
22. Disney mermaid
25. \*Roulade and yule log, for two
27. Sue Grafton's "\_\_\_ for Corpse"
28. "Thar \_\_\_ blows!"
30. Nevertheless
31. Frog's kid-lit friend
33. Abbr. at the bottom of a bus. ltr.
36. Narrow part of a bottle
39. \*Side dishes served with sour cream and chives, in the U.K.
43. South American berry
44. Proverbs
45. Butter substitute
46. Dorm authority figures: Abbr.
48. Gangster's gun
50. 1990 film "Bird \_\_\_ Wire"
51. \*Coachella Valley treat
56. Less common
58. Start of a spell
59. Local traveler's aid
61. Hawaii's Mauna \_\_\_
62. Good time for a mint, and where to find the starts of the starred answers
66. \_\_\_ de Triomphe
67. Sporty car roof
68. Sly
69. "Ugh!"
70. Spanish "those"
71. Barracks boss

### DOWN

1. Bird's beak
2. Lumberjack's tool
3. "Rugrats" infant
4. "\_\_\_ back" (oft-quoted "Terminator" line)
5. Drives back
6. Aware of
7. "It's my opinion..."
8. Not quite
9. Extra qtrs.
10. Cheerless
11. In unison
12. Ferber and St. Vincent Millay
14. Joe Biden's st.
18. Folks
21. Not on time for
22. Make a scene?
23. Spanish wine region
24. Bartender on TV's Pacific Princess
26. Wrestler John
29. Half a laugh
32. Beltway region, briefly
34. Busy bee in Apr.
35. Car setting for hills
37. Some sports commentary
38. Nancy Drew's creator Carolyn
40. Sorrento and Sedona
41. Org. using wands
42. Fly high
47. Mine passages
49. Prepares for a bout
51. \_\_\_ Lama
52. Multiple-choice choices
53. Use bloodhounds
54. "Star Wars" droid, informally
55. Possesses
57. Sleeping disorder
60. Docs
62. Chowd down
63. Not wide: Abbr.
64. Hosp. test
65. Reuben bread

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## Healthy Awareness

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### Graces Choices

We all make choices in life no matter what life hands us. I wanted to write an article about choices because I was curious about how my friend, Grace, has survived so many misfortunes.

She was the second oldest of four children and five years old when her biological father died. Her mother remarried, and she and her husband had seven children. He favored his own children over his stepchildren and was physically and emotionally abusive to them. The family was poor since her stepfather drank a lot and could not hold down a job. They

moved every year since he could not pay the rent.

Grace made up her mind as a child that if she married, she would own her own home and provide for her family. She married at eighteen, and they moved to California from Georgia. Even though husbands in her generation thought that women should stay home and not work, she realized that if they were to be able to buy a house, she needed to work. So, Grace decided to go to school in order to have a career. Grace and her husband were then able to buy a house where they

raised two daughters, but the story does not end there. Grace became a caregiver for her mother, who lived with her for many years.

During the time that I have known her, she has suffered many losses. Still, it is her resilience that was established in her childhood, which most likely made her a survivor! And she continues to make wise choices.

During the pandemic, her daughters and their families fell into despair around the same time. So, Grace had them and their families move in with her, her husband, and her mother. Each of her daughters was married and had two children, making eleven people reside in her four-bedroom home. How did they manage? I must remind myself that she grew up with ten siblings! She also had a rule of no fighting or arguing in her home, for it was to be

peaceful. They were to communicate and talk out their differences.

During this time, one of her sons-in-law was sick with cancer and eventually died. Later one of her granddaughters died due to poor health. Today, her surviving daughter is raising her children. Six months after moving out, the landlord raised the rent. Unfortunately, she could not afford the increase. Guess what? Grace came to the rescue, and they moved in with her.

Back to choices—she made the right one by marrying her husband. He has been there for her through all these ups and downs in life. The rule in her marriage is to communicate. They don't always agree, but they talk it out, which is what marriages need. Lastly, Grace is also a good listener, which is essential in healthy relationships.



## BALANCE & CHANGE

by Michelle Gottlieb, Psy.D., MFT, LPCC © 2023

### Living Mindfully

When is the last time that you truly stopped and looked around you? Truly listened? Truly connected?

Living mindfully has been shown to increase satisfaction in all areas of well-being, yet we all struggle to do it. Most of us have our eyes glued to our phones all the time. We rarely make eye contact, much less make a meaningful connection with those we love.

We know that for children to grow up and be healthy adults, a strong attachment to their caregivers is crucial. Yet their caregivers are staring at a screen. As are the kids. There is little to no connection.

When couples or individuals come to see me, they often complain about the quality of their relationships. A good

start to investigate where the problem lies is to find out how much screen time everyone has. If everyone spends more time with their phone than with each other, we may have just discovered the problem.

Putting down the phone is not easy. It is an addiction. We are now used to being fed highly stimulating data almost constantly. The idea of sitting and watching nature, where the most exciting thing may be the play of light over the water, is definitely less stimulating. But it does soothe the soul.

So, everyone has a decision to make. Will you choose your relationships and your emotional well-being?

Or will you choose your screen?

## Did you give someone posing as tech support access to your computer?

Peter's computer started flashing and blaring that he had a computer virus and that he needed to call the 800 number for support immediately. So in a panic he called. The agent helped him restore his computer right away. They were polite professional. He had no reason to believe it was a scam.

He mentioned it to his daughter who was a tech support person for a major firm. She knew instantly that it was a scam. She walked him through the procedures to secure his computer. Luckily he had never used his online banking or made any purchases online. People who have had this scam done on them have reported sums as large as \$3,000 removed from their bank accounts.

If this has happened to you here is what you can do right now:

- 1) Disconnect your device from the internet
- 2) Use a different device to update your passwords
- 3) Use antivirus software to uncover malware on your device
- 4) Remove suspicious apps, browser extensions, and add-ons
- 5) Back up your computer
- 6) Wipe your computer and restore to previous settings
- 7) Update and secure your internet router
- 8) Freeze your credit card and contact your financial institutions
- 9) Consider signing up for identity theft protection
- 10) Report the scam to the FTC and law enforcement agencies
- 11) Thoroughly vet and verify any technical support services

## AT HOME WITH THE HOMELESS

by Andrew Williams © 2023



### A day in the shelterhood

People who know my situation have asked, "Can you describe what it's like to be homeless?" I've been pondering on that subject off and on for months. This is the result of said pondering.

What was most surprising was how well I made the adjustment. I'm not saying it was easy, but it wasn't the nightmare that most people envision. Once you're found a place to sleep where you won't get hassled, and you have a working food stamp card, and you happen to live in a temperate climate zone, it's a lot easier than it used to be. Not too long ago, the rules at shelters were stricter, there was less room, and violence was rampant. There are still rules, but there is more flexibility and less of the "you can sleep here, but that's it" mentality. Also, frankly, the threat of being kicked out of a shelter is a powerful incentive to refrain from violence. Harsh words, yes, but any further than that and out you go.

People who are used to having numerous sleep aids at hand—e.g., white noise, melatonin, lavender, alprazolam and cannabis—will have to make adjustments. Even with the addition of sleep masks and earplugs, a room full of sleeping people is rarely

quiet. The sounds of mass numbers of men coughing, sneezing and snoring, mixed with the tortured metal scraping of cheaply made walkers and wheelchairs as their users go to and from the bathroom, can be blocked out to some extent, but never completely. Also factor in the odd insomniac or three who's up all night watching videos, with or without earphones.

Some shelters do provide one or two hot meals a day. If you're that lucky, the choices can range from burritos and salad with mayo dressing to teriyaki chicken, rice and vegetables donated from a local restaurant. It's strictly pot luck or ad hoc. Most of the men and women at the shelter I'm in alternate between meals provided by staff and the grocery store, based on budget and dietary restrictions.

So far, that doesn't sound too bad, does it? 1-3 hots and a cot, with freedom of movement (via bus or a fellow resident with wheels) and shelter from the capricious elements. But there is a downside. The very nature of your status dictates that.

**If you're going to get out, it's mostly going to be up to you.**

Friendships can be made, but are tenuous. When you have nothing, you're more likely to share, but disagreements over payback can come to blows. And people still die in shelters. Luckily, I haven't seen any sheet-covered corpses wheeled out since I've been "inside," but it only stands to reason that the longer your stay, the more likely you will feel Death enter the room.

The worst is isolation from loved ones. Visits can be arranged, but long hours and days of separation is the norm. And if you have a loved one who isn't well, and needs care, the stress to improve your lot can be overwhelming. Staying in touch over the phone is not the same as touching the ones you love.

And there's the issue of relationships with staff. Once you've been in the workplace a few years, and have had to deal with bureaucrats, you learn there are three types to deal with. The first kind are the best: they have enough empathy to know how you feel,

because they've been there and/or they were raised to be kind and helpful to others. The second kind are doing the job to get it done and the bills paid, while being thankful that they're not where you are. And then, there's the third kind. The kind who regard their position by how much power it gives them over others. You've heard the expression, "Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely." Some peo-

ple, once they put on the uniform, are all too willing to use that power capriciously. And the more you resist, or talk back against unreasonable treatment, the more they are encouraged to behave in that manner.

The biggest elephant in the room is mental health. Those who have what I call intractable disorders, like schizophrenia, are going to have an uphill battle to function normally, let alone be able to live independently. The only real tools we seem to have for schizophrenia and bipolar disorder are psycho-pharmaceutical. And the pill that controls your disorder may reduce you to a numb, zombie-like existence. If you had to choose between that and uncontrolled hallucinations and repeated hospitalizations, could you? It's the ultimate Hobson's Choice.

Shelter life, no matter how regimented or laissez-faire, boils down to this: If you're going to get out, it's mostly going to be up to you. There are people who are genuinely helpful, and you will know them by their actions, but they cannot—and should not—shoulder your whole burden. You can end up staying weeks, months, or years, depending largely on your behavior and random chance. You can get help. But you have to ask for it, and you have to do at least half the work. And that's why I end every column with this statement:

Better days are coming...  
if we work for them.



## CIVIL DISCUSSION CORNER

## Regarding the Mayors Speech at the State of the City

To Mayor Jung

I am offended, the mildest word I can use, when angry fits better, at the treatment of Councilman Zahra by Mayor Fred Jung. It is highly unprofessional and unworthy of a mayor to bypass Councilman Zahra's turn as mayor twice and ignore him when introducing other council members. It is a reflection upon you, the mayor. You yourself do not deserve to be mayor and I hope you are termed out of office at the ear-

liest time possible. You are allowing your personal prejudices to interfere with your professional duties.

Suzanne Darweesh Fullerton

Dear Ms. Suzanne Darweesh,

Thank you for your follow up.

Your criticism is fair. I will keep your words in mind moving forward.

Thank you again.

Fred Jung

Dear Dr Charles,

I just finished reading your open letter in the Fullerton Observer and wanted to take a moment to thank you for standing up to unacceptable behavior by the mayor.

I live in district 5 and I did vote for Ahmed Zahra and like you I find it unacceptable that the so called leader of the council should disrespect me,

through my elected official, in such an unprofessional manner.

Hopefully the rest of the community will get behind this same message – There is no place in council for anyone who behaves like that. I would urge the council to support your call for an immediate and public apology.

Regards, Jon Whittaker

Tax Paying Citizen of Fullerton

Dear Mayor Jung,

I'm a long-time Fullerton resident, home-business owner and supporter of local journalism so I make a point of reading the Fullerton Observer regularly. I was upset to hear that you flagrantly disrespected Councilman Zahra at a recent State of the City fundraiser when you gave positive biographies of each council member EXCEPT Ahmad Zahra.

I pay careful attention to politics and have little love for politicians or the

games they play. In the future, be mindful that Fullerton constituents do care about civility, honesty and fairness. Local governments need to set an exemplary example for how leaders should govern and conduct themselves so that they may attract the best and brightest to serve in the future. You set a poor example in this instance and it should be remedied with an apology to Councilman Zahra. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Lisa Plettinck Fullerton

## Concerning the Fullerton Public Library IT

As a longtime fan of our once-great public library, I'm wondering why the Chief of Police is also the City's Chief of Information Technology?

I understand that library-related IT tasks are always at the bottom of the priority list. As a hard-of-hearing constituent, this presents quite a problem as I cannot adjust the volume on any computer or any program at the library as I attempt to watch and listen through

good quality I-Pod earbuds.

Seems to me this might be just a simple toggle switch within a program that needs to be activated. I'm not asking for all new software to be purchased and installed. Surely this can be addressed at some time in the near future? This situation is effectively preventing others from taking advantage of taxpayer-paid public computer access. Thank you. Cathy Fullerton

## Concerning the Hunt Library

The Hunt Library (William Pereira building) has insulation and a new roof, window replacement is imminent, and the whole building is now ADA compliance. We thank Sharon Quirk-Silva, Representative, for guiding \$5 Million from State funding for the renovation!

Thank you to our city Manager for suggesting the city help with a "Bridge of programming" to open the building for public use until funding is resolved. The Ad Hoc Committee voted to approve the "Bridge proposal" that will

go to the city council for approval. Programming could include library, room rentals, music and art exhibit events. In addition, Southwest Fullerton needs park space and access to a public center.

Thank you to the individuals, the committees, the City, and State for the many hours spent preserving this historical building.

Watch the City of Fullerton newsletter and the *Fullerton Observer*.

M. Kerr Fullerton

## Regarding Young Observer Declan article

It is good to see that Declan (Early April 2023 Observer) is alert to the dangers of dehydration. I have been hospitalized for dehydration myself. However his recommendation of a dozen cups of water a day for adults lacks nuance. Perhaps he meant to say liquids.

Liquids come from many sources other than water, including solid foods, especially something like watermelons. Soda, tea, milk etc. are also sources of liquids. Even so called dehydrating liquids like coffee and alcohol provide a net benefit.

The need for liquids also varies with many external factors such as age, size, health, gender, temperature, humidity

and exercise. One size does not fit all.

The old belief that we are a dehydrated nation and that everyone should drink 8 glasses of water a day has long since been discredited. The Harvard Medical School recommends only 4-6 cups of water per day, which is a bit of an outlier.

(<https://www.health.harvard.edu/staying-healthy/how-much-water-should-you-drink>)

The best advice is to drink when you are thirsty (or if you expect to be thirsty, due to exercise for instance). Declan is to be credited with bringing the importance of adequate hydration to our attention. Jack Fullerton

## Out of My Mind

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## Joe Biden in Ireland &amp; the Royal Family

We all want peace—or so we say. Why is it so difficult to make and maintain peace? President Biden and the British Royal Family might give us a hint.

Today, Biden is in Ireland—a nation known for its historical ire and traditional enmities. He is visiting two lands (Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland) that are more or less at peace—both with each other and internally.

Across the Irish Sea, a mere 12 miles at the nearest part, England is a mess. Brexit has decimated its economy. Both major political parties are held in low regard but most illustrative of my point (that I am approaching...if slowly) is the chaos and turmoil in the Royal Family.

While Biden tours the mostly peaceful island of Ireland, the Royals model a kind of disarray and dysfunction that, sans the violence of Henry VIII, recalls Henry's time.

The longstanding fighting between the Catholics and Protestants is on a low simmer. People who fought, feared, hated, killed and died have given way to people who dare to hope and heal.

Meanwhile, the Royal Family (the Windsor Mountbatten-Battenberg, Saxe-Coburgs) are in an ugly internecine battle for...for...WHAT? While Ireland heals, the Royals, well, roil their own waters and fight over who occupies which castle or estate, who attends the coronation and, old Kremlin style, who stands on the Royal balcony and next to whom.

In Ireland, old battles over religion and colonialism that in the Troubles left 3,500 dead and 50,000 injured, move towards reconciliation, while in England new battles over status move only towards silly.

In England a divorced king is a king. A divorced wife of the king is at first the Duchess of Cornwall, then Her Majesty Duchess of Rothesay, then Queen Consort and now Queen. Earlier in our soap opera, Lady Diana became Her Royal Majesty Diana, Princess of Wales, then lost "Her Royal Highness."

Having learned nothing from trying to manage the marriages of the Duke of Windsor and Mrs. Simpson, the royals meddled with Charles, Diana and Camilla—to a tragic effect.

Continuing the pattern of no learning, the royals meddled in the romance between Harry and Meghan Markle. This is going as well as things went with the Duke, with Princess Margaret and with Charles himself.

Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, will not be attending the coronation or standing on the balcony. So, who cares? I don't care a bit. Why then am I writing about a soap opera with no inherent importance while most of the non-royal world struggles with real problems? The reason is the truth—maybe sad or possibly hopeful—that it's easier to

reconcile and embrace a former enemy than a former friend or family member.

There was more warmth in Northern Ireland today between members of the Sinn Fein Party and the Protestant Unionists than at any Royal Garden Party of recent memory.

Once upon a time, Prime Minister Begin could go to Cairo, President Sadat could visit Yad Vashem. The German Ambassador could be at the 70th anniversary of D Day, John McCain could embrace his former captors and torturers in Vietnam. Today, Israelis can move to Germany and have destination weddings in Dubai but making peace at home just seems too difficult.

Our human capacity to forgive but not forget is amazing and a source of great hope.

In this season of hope, I'm torn. Spring calls for faith in our ability to renew our world and our lives. Jews

celebrate the Passover and the rebirth of freedom. Christians celebrate Easter and its promise of rebirth. Muslims commemorate Ramadan and remember the message of Mercy and Compassion that precedes virtually every chapter of the Quran. Yet, we fail to heed the message and make peace.

I want, to be inspired, to get involved in changing the historic patterns of enmity. However, despite all our science, all our technology, despite our ability to produce enough food to feed the world and attack the scourges of famine and disease, we seem to reject much of the love in our faith traditions, and too many refuse to use science and reason to solve our problems. We can argue, even fight, about faith versus reason, but when we abandon both, we become unmoored and drift from

passion to despair, from passivity to rage.

There is so much going on in our world that seems Apocalyptic. The sky is falling and bringing pollutants down with it. The seas are rising as our ice-caps melt, and the defrosting tundra is releasing methane into our already polluted skies. Authoritarian governments are spreading as chaos breeds insecurity and insecurity breeds a desire for order.

We see challenges and enemies all over, and most tragically, we see them up close and personal. We have been turning on each other and seeing our adversaries as our enemies and our politics as a war between good and evil.

We Americans are acting too much like the House of Windsor, fighting each other and demonizing each other. We could take a hint from the once Fighting Irish and move pragmatically towards peace—peace that inevitably will be uneasy at first but can grow if we but nurture it.

As St Francis of Assisi is quoted "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

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**Micheline (Mickie) M. Armijo 1936 - 2023**

Mickie of Fullerton, CA, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was 87.

Mickie was born in Kane, PA. At 12 years old she moved to Los Angeles, California. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy. She married Arsenio (RC) and they owned and operated their own pool business. They had three children before moving in 1976 to Fullerton where she would establish permanent roots and live out her beautiful life with her family.

Mickie was the most amazing mother. Not only did she manage to have homemade dinners every night, but she always had a freshly baked dessert. For Mickie, her family was her top priority as she made each one feel truly special.

Through the years Mickie was blessed with 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She adored each one. Out of all of Mickie's achievements and accolades, her greatest was that of her family.

Mickie is survived by her children -Karen (Richard), Mark (Christine) and Lisa (Robert); Grandchildren - Mariah, Dayna (Matthew), Shannon (Brook), Corey, Carissa (Daniel), Jenna (Ronald), Logan, Courtney and Austin; and Great-Grandchildren-Alex, Aliyah, Alayna, Mila, Ava and Eliyah.

Service was held on Friday, April 14, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Placentia, CA.



**Phillip Otis Hollimon 1966-2023**

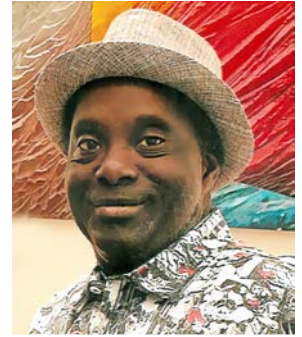
Phillip Otis Hollimon, age 57, of Fullerton, California passed away on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Phillip Hollimon was born in the illustrious Queen of Angels Hospital, which is located in the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, Ca. Phil spent a short time in the Los Angeles, Ca neighborhood of Florence, before relocating to Fullerton, Ca.

In Fullerton, Phil attended Richman Elementary School; Endeavor High School. He took adult classes at Fullerton College's campus that was formerly Wilshire Jr. high School.

Phillip had a passion for music. He followed that passion, and he became a self-taught drummer and percussionist. He enjoyed playing drums at church. He also enjoyed playing along with favorite Jazz, Blues, and R&B songs.

Phil made many friends in Fullerton. He had one long term friend named Matthew Cobrink. Matt and Phil were inseparable. Where there was



one, there was the other. Phil and Matt studied together, graduated high school together, participated in the Special Olympics together, and they will be friends for eternity.

Phillip lived a life of dignity, while surrounded by family, friends, and music. Remember him as a decent, funny, approachable person.

P.S. He also loved the entire Los Angeles Lakers organization; especially Kobe and Shaq. He was also pretty fond of Rocky Balboa.

Viewing and funeral were both held April 8 at McAulay & Wallace Mortuary, Fullerton, Ca.

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**Richard Newton Kidwell 1928-2023**

Richard was born in Denver, Colorado, at Denver Hospital in 1928. He was the only child of Mildred Armstrong Kidwell (later Lambert) and Henry Kidwell.

He was a captivating storyteller about life during the Great Depression and the antics of his large family on his mother's side. A favorite was his story of visiting Aunt Rachel and Uncle Cecil at their new apartment when he was 5-years-old. Children weren't allowed inside, so his parents left him in the car, and then everyone came to the window to wave hello. Years later, he put it together: it was the county jail they had been visiting. His aunt and uncle were serving a year-long sentence for selling bathtub gin out of a baby buggy!

Although a city boy, he was sent to live on Aunt Emma's farm in Kansas when his mother found out he'd been spending his days at the movie theater instead of school. Before dawn, he was turned out of bed to feed the chickens and milk the cows.

At the local high school in Saint Francis, he played football and became smitten with a girl named Doralene. But before he married her and had four children, he skipped out on school again to join the air force. He was just 17, but World War II was fast coming to an end, and he was desperate to see action. He was sent to Alaska for two years, where the most significant fight was trying not to freeze to death.

Richard never did graduate from high school, but he received a B.S. in Mathematics at Fort Hays State University Kansas where Doralene-not coincidentally-was also studying



to get her teaching degree. Math always came easily to him.

After graduation, he was offered several jobs in the defense industry and chose one in Southern California. He went on to get a Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering at California State University Fullerton while supporting his growing family.

There were dance lessons and music lessons and endless recitals and school events that he attended; he coached his son's soccer team, cut the grass on weekends, and played with the dogs; he taught his daughters to drive and was a patient stand-in when they wanted to learn how to couples dance. He had a quick, wry sense of humor that could catch you off guard and puns that made everyone groan, "Dad!" He took great joy in being a father and grandfather.

He was loved and adored by all of us. He died 94 years young, surrounded by family. He is survived by his children and their spouses and children: Susan Kidwell; Mardi Kidwell and Lori Goldenberg; Janice and Russ Sansom and their sons Reed and Brent; and Craig and Elaine Kidwell and their daughter Caitlyn. His wife of 60 years, Doralene, preceded him in death in 2013.

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# Students feel the financial burden of increased costs for University

by Melissa Aguilar-Perez



*Melissa Aguilar-Perez is a junior at California State University, Fullerton, majoring in Business Administration with a Double Concentration in Marketing and General Management, and a fellow of Our Voice: Communities for Quality Education. She is a native of South Los Angeles, California.*

As the costs for universities increase, many students see college as a financial burden that forces them to hold several jobs and suffer emotional stress.

For many students, particularly those of us who are first generation, the excitement of attending a four-year college for the first time often turns to worry when we become aware of the exorbitant costs of higher education. Having enthusiastically transitioned from the university student dorms to newly-built suites at Cal State Fullerton (CSUF) for the 2022-2023 school year, I was disappointed to learn that the cost of college housing increased by a whopping \$10,000 from the previous year. This unreasonable hike in the price of housing has become a stressor for me, as well as many of my colleagues.

For many students, the thought that California State University (CSU) presidents were given raises worth tens of thousands of dollars at the start of the fall 2022 semester seems outrageously out of touch with the financial pressures they and their families experience. After learning that Cal State Fullerton's president, Framroze Virjee, received a salary increase of \$98,000, making his annual salary \$476,223, many students were upset and felt that this salary raise was given at our expense.

While school presidents enjoy additional financial perks, too many students are struggling under a financial burden that promises a return on investment in the future but currently forces them to hold several jobs and

suffer emotional stress about how much money they have to pay now.

At CSUF, commuter students and resident drivers are forced to pay \$300 for parking permits. However, the permit doesn't guarantee a parking space. As a result, many students struggle to find parking and must arrive at school early to make it to their classes on time. In addition, student residents are obligated to pay for an on-campus meal plan worth anywhere from \$1,020 to \$2,253 a semester, whether or not they dine at the food court. These added expenses to our existing high-priced college tuition escalate the multiple stressors a college student faces today. Most of us are already on a student loan path for an education we need, but that is increasingly becoming too expensive. The thought of the debt waiting outside our door at graduation is an overwhelming burden.

In the fall of 2022, The University of California (UC) system increased its tuition across all campuses by approximately 4.2%, making it difficult for families struggling financially to decide to send their children to college. Knowing about this increase in tuition while the UC system is experiencing a housing shortage is infuriating. With

this influx of new funding, the UC campuses could build more housing to keep many of their students from becoming homeless, especially those whose hometowns are far from their college campus.

As a first-generation student from an immigrant family, it is heartbreaking to see how these college systems take advantage of their students, especially those who come from a similar background as mine. My parents work extremely hard, often sacrificing family time, to ensure my siblings and I have everything we need, including a college education.

Many working-class families, like mine, have strong aspirations of sending their children to college but are discouraged as they see the increasing cost of making this happen.

I'm sure some colleges wish they could do more for their students and provide them with the best education and amenities they can. Still, the reality is that they are falling short of meeting student needs. The fault lies within the university systems and the state, which need to monitor how funding is used.

As a student, I would like to see specific policies implemented in our favor. For example, they should put students

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## Fullerton Food Distribution Centers

by Jere Greene

April will again offer a renewal of the food distribution program at the Community Center by offering food twice a month to anyone facing the increasing cost to feed a family. While the selection is limited to what is available, the price (free) makes it worth checking it out.

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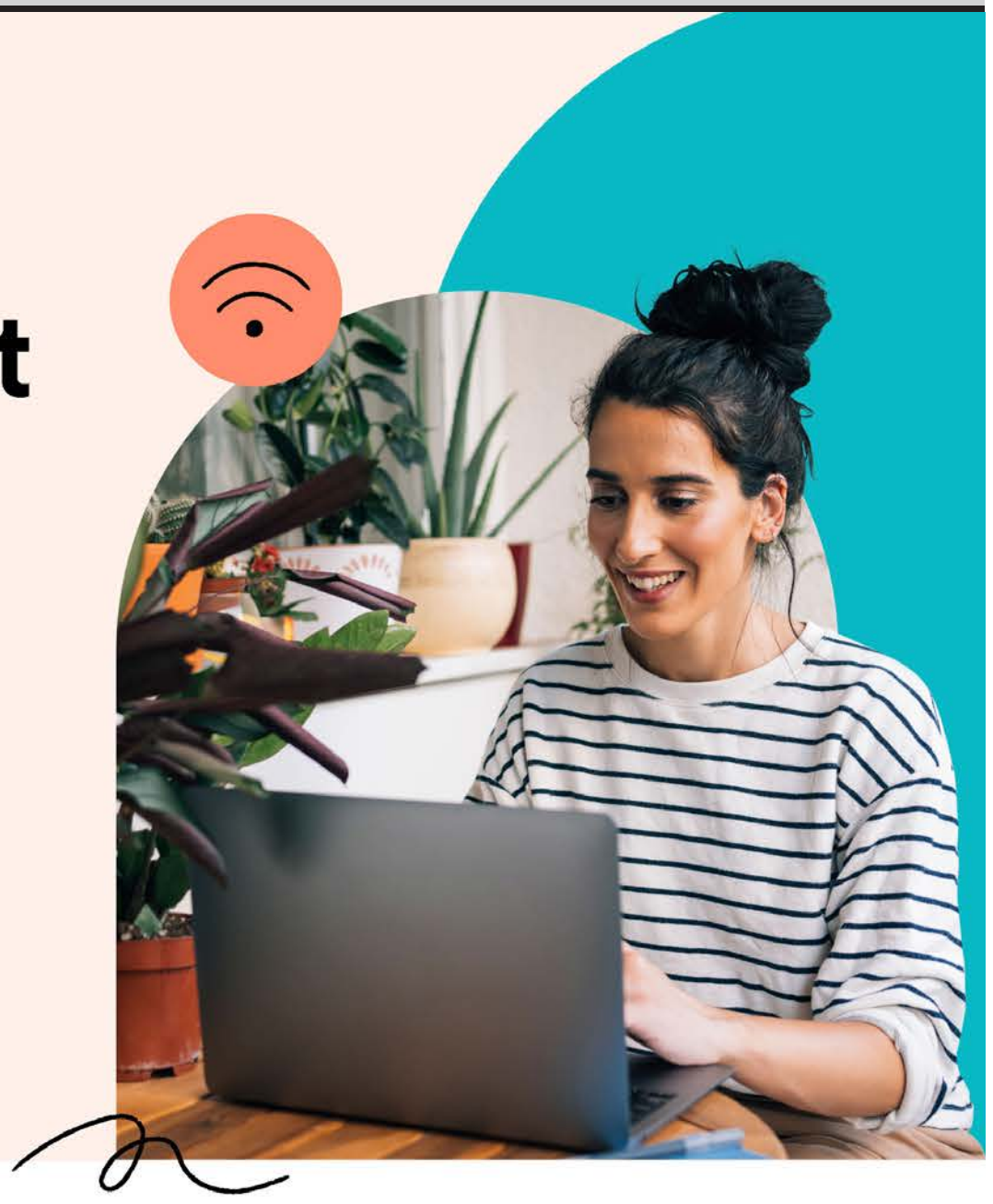
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## Observers Around the World



Gerri McNenny and husband Neal Hartsough visit Bend, Oregon.

## Beware the redbud caterpillars!

Early last summer, after my liquid amber tree had fully leafed-out, I noticed a bare area at the tips of one branch. Something was obviously eating the newest leaves, but I figured whatever it was had metamorphosed and flown off.

A month or so later, there was the same type of damage in another location of the tree. Not knowing what I was looking for, and not finding any evidence when I brought part of that branch down, I scratched my head in puzzlement.

By late summer, there was major damage to a larger section of the tree (which left a dark stain on the sidewalk in front of my house), so I figured I was looking for something with a really large mouth. I used binoculars and could see a whole committee of small dark things. I then used my pole-trimmer to bring down that branch and collected the (approximately) 1” caterpillars in a jar and took them to Armstrong Nursery to inquire what they were.

“Redbud caterpillars,” an Armstrong employee said, “They’re an invasive species only seen recently in our environment. I subsequently noticed evidence of this same destruction on trees near the YMCA and the ValMesa parking structure, so the word needs to get out.

I called a tree service who treated topically to eradicate them, and then came back this spring to treat with a systemic insecticide to prevent another infestation.

Judy Berg Fullerton

## Community Invited to Final Vote on New City Tree Master Plan

The Heritage Trees Committee of Fullerton encourages the public to voice their concerns when the City Council considers approving a new Community Forest Master Plan (CFMP) this Tuesday.

The City is updating the 1998 Master Plan, and securing a Cal-Fire grant to plant 500 trees, primarily in tree-scarce areas of south Fullerton. When heard before a recent Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, several people asked for stronger protections for Fullerton’s special heritage trees, and stronger techniques for stopping tree-damaging tree topping on both public and private trees.

There is hope that the City will implement a Landmark Tree program which has been on the books for decades but never implemented, and create more stringent

protocols to prevent damage to City trees from sprinklers, lawn mowers, and string trimmers that contribute to trunk damage and weakening.

There will be a new “palette” of street trees available to choose from, and residents will be able to look up their street and see the tree choices proposed for their street. The City added many more native tree choices such as oaks and sycamores, and is highlighting federal requirements to protect migratory birds during nesting season.

Please attend this once in a lifetime opportunity to improve Fullerton’s tree care: April 18, 5:30pm (last item on agenda), City Hall.

For documents, see [www.SaveFullerton.com/trees](http://www.SaveFullerton.com/trees)

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20	GILMAN PARK	2590 HARTFORD AVE	46	TRUSLOW PARK	401 E TRUSLOW AVE
21	HERMOSA SCHOOL PARK	400 E HERMOSA DR	47	VALENCIA PARK	2425 W VALENCIA DR
22	HILLCREST PARK	1200 N HARBOR BLVD	48	VIRGIL "GUS" GRISSOM PARK	1601 W ROSECRANS AVE
23	HILTSCHER PARK	1002 N EUCLID ST	49	VISTA PARK	2002 E BASTANCHURY RD
24	INDEPENDENCE PARK	801 W VALENCIA DR	50	WEST COYOTE HILLS PARK	2100 N GILBERT ST
25	LAGUNA LAKE PARK	3120 LAKEVIEW DR	51	WEST COYOTE HILLS TREE PARK	2349 N PARKS RD
26	LAGUNA ROAD SCHOOL PARK	300 LAGUNA RD	52	WOODCREST PARK	440 W ORANGETHORPE AVE

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