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Project Curiosity: Students from Mrs. Karcher's Primary Multi-age (K-3) Class. See Project Curiosity on page 8

Union Pacific Trail advocates hold peaceful demonstration asking City Council to use the \$1.78 million grant for its intended purpose

At right: Fullerton residents demonstrating for the Urban Greening Project grant to be used for its intended purpose of construct approximately .5-mile multi-use side-by-side pedestrian and Class 1 bicycle paths.

> See Advocating for UP Trail on page 12

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Fullerton closes down sidewalk food vendors

The Orange County Health Care Agency alongside the City of Fullerton's Code Enforcement Division, Police Department, and Public Works Department, coordinated a citywide effort to address the growing number of unpermitted food vendors in the city. The City of Fullerton is comthe city have obtained the proper permits for the health and safety of all business patrons and members of the public.

A total of eleven street vendors were shut down in

Fullerton between Thursday, September 14, and Friday, September 15, 2023. On both nights, Code Enforcement staff provided verbal Notice of Violation and educational information, and the OC Health Care Agency issued notices to impound all products and equipment. The operators were mitted to ensuring that all business establishments located in informed that there would be fees of \$750 or more to retrieve their impounded items. At least five taco stands were cited and had equipment seized Thursday night.

See Fullerton Food Vendors Get Shut Down page 2

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OBSERVER CORRECTION

In the mid-September issue of the Observer on page 5 was an article "Who Owns Property on the Proposed Union Pacific Trail?" The information about Damion Lloyd Photography being the renter of 112 E Walnut was in error.

According to Damion Lloyd, "I do not and have never rented or property/land/buildings from Tony Bushala." (Also known as Bushala Brothers Inc.)

The *Observer* apologizes for the error and thanks Damion Lloyd for the correct information.

Fullerton Food Vendors Get Shut Down

continued from front page

In 2019, California law changed to decriminalize sidewalk vending. In response, the City of Fullerton amended the Fullerton Municipal Code in September 2020 to allow sidewalk vendors to operate with proper permits. The code requires vendors to meet specified health and safety standards. The Orange County Health Care Agency is responsible for the enforcement of these types of business establishments throughout Orange County to ensure that they have obtained the necessary permits and that all applicable health requirements are being met.

The Fullerton's Code Enforcement Division responds to complaints from the public by coordinating with the OC Health Care Agency to conduct the proper enforcement efforts. Upon inspection, Code Enforcement staff will provide vendors with educational materials that outline the process for obtaining the necessary permits to operate in a safe and legal manner. If the vendors are on private property, Code Enforcement will also notify the property owner that they cannot allow that use without obtaining all the required permits and approval.



For more information on permitting, contact City of Fullerton Business Registration at 714-738-6531, SidewalkVendorPermits@CityofFullerton.com, or

CityofFullerton.com/sidewalkvending.
Sidewalk vendors can pay online:
https://buslic.cityoffullerton.com/PrimeWeb.



Left to right: San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Vice Chairman Johnny Hernandez, Jr., Chairwoman Lvnn Valbuena, and First Governing Council Member Edward Duro, along with Radiant Futures' Director of Development Lana Erlanson and Chief Advancement Officer Alycia Capone.

Non-profit Radiant Futures Receives \$85,000 from San Manuel Orange County Golf Tournament

Non-profit Radiant Futures, formerly Women's Transitional Living Center, Inc. (WTLC), has received a donation of \$85,000 from the annual San Manuel Orange County Golf Tournament, held recently on ocean-view golf courses at Pelican Hill Golf Club in Newport Beach and Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Golf Links in Dana Point.

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Tribal leaders, businesses, and community partners united for this year's annual golf tournament to raise \$425,000 for tribal, local, and national non-profits, making it the most significant year for funds raised at the annual event.

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has donated

Non-profit Radiant Futures, formerly Women's more than \$3 million to 50 non-profit organizations due to transitional Living Center, Inc. (WTLC), has received a its annual golf tournament.

In addition to Radiant Futures, the other organizations receiving funds were Lakota Waldorf School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota; Voices for Children, which serves children in Riverside and San Diego counties; Citrus Counseling Services located in Redlands; and Meals on Wheels OC.

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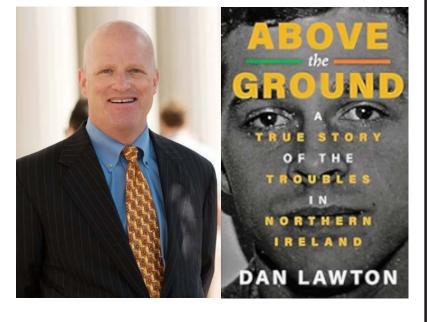
"Above The Ground" by Fullerton Author Dan Lawton

"Above The Ground" is the true story of Kevin Barry Artt, an innocent man falsely convicted of the brutal Irish Republican Army murder of British prison official Albert Miles during the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

This new book tells the tale of a young man who grows up mostly insulated from the bitter sectarian strife that gripped Belfast during the 1970s before leaving home at fifteen, moving to a Republican neighborhood, becoming a taxi driver for Ace Taxi, and developing sympathy for the Republican cause.

When Charles McKiernan, an IRA man-turned-jailhouse-informant desperate to please his captors, falsely names Kevin as the killer of Albert Miles, police arrest Kevin in the early morning hours in front of his young wife and baby and whisk him to Castlereagh Interrogation Center.

After days of grueling interrogation, beating, and intimidation, detectives coerce a false confession from Kevin. The "Irish Trial of the Century" that followed led to the false conviction of Kevin by partisan Unionist judge Basil Kelly, Kelly's sentencing of Kevin to serve a life sentence in Britain's notorious Maze prison, and Queen Elizabeth II's knighting



of Kelly at Buckingham Palace six months later.

The story ends in 2020 when the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal threw out Kevin's murder conviction based on new, exculpatory evidence discovered by the author.

True crime, courtroom drama, prison escape, Irish history, and the vindication of a man caught up in the unrelenting machine of sectarian and unjust policing and legal systems combine in this story of survival, redemption, and reconciliation between Kevin Barry Artt and Alan Miles, the son of Albert Miles and eyewitness to his father's murder four decades earlier.

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Woods and Malvern: Fullerton residents Bill and Kathy have created beautiful succulent gardens at the corner of Woods and Malvern.



Truslow Neighborhood Garden

Ignacio "Iggy" Morales had the idea to plant a garden to deter people from dumping in the Truslow area. In May of 2020 Iggy contacted the city manager for approval to allow the Truslow community to use the water key to water what was already there and to help provide mulch.

The goal is to maintain this community garden to inspire others to help the city with their green space, to create community gardens, and to educate people on how to grow plants and collect seeds to make a seed bank. Iggy also uses a calendar to guide and educate himself and the community.

"Iggy is a resident of the community and began working with a few local residents. Shortly after the Sunrise Rotary got involved and began working with Iggy on the organic growth of the community garden," said Sunrise Rotary spokesperson, David De Leon.

Truslow community came together and decided to start a garden, which turned into a community garden. They began by cleaning up the trash. Then, they put down cardboard and mulch from a local business, *organixrecy-cles.com*. A month later, the neighborhood came back to begin planting.

"I hope to educate, inspire, and help create community through gardening," said Iggy. Today the garden stands as a testament to community involvement. No longer a trash-filled eyesore, the Truslow area is now full of beautiful gardens.

















National Hispanic Heritage Month: A proclamation to announce September as National Hispanic Heritage Month that runs from September 15 to October 15. Many community leaders introduced themselves and thanked the city for recognizing them. The representatives who spoke were Eglith Nuncci and Veronica Maron from Richman Center for Healthy Neighborhoods, Marta from Solidarity, Director Elvia Rubalcava from Fullerton Museum, and Gabby Garcia from OC United.

City Council Notes by Leah Han

Meetings are 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 City Hall is located at 303 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton Contact Council at (714) 738-6311 or council@cityoffullerton.com

September 19 Meeting

NEW HEALTHCARE PORTAL FOR MEDICAL

Doug Chaffee and representatives from CalOptima talked about MediCal with CalOptima Health and the importance of updating your contact information as soon as possible on

benefitscal.com

Medi-Cal Renewal Member Resources

- CalOptima Health Customer Service:
 - Phone: 1-888-587-8088
- County of Orange Social Services Agency (SSA):
 - Phone: 1-800-281-9799
 - Online: BenefitsCal.com
- To learn about community events
- Follow social media @caloptima: Facebook/Twitter/Instagram

OC Power Authority Presentation

Joe Mosca, the interim CEO for the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA), made a presentation on the state of the OCPA. He explained that their goals were to develop and implement a strategic plan and expand their staff and environmental reach. Mosca also celebrated the OCPA as California's most extensive and greenest community choice aggregator.

Councilmember Nick Dunlap voiced issues about opting out from the OCPA but still being in it. Mosca apologized and explained that they would not default to SCE if people opted out too early when they first launched.

thanked the CEO and asked how peo-

ple can participate in their low-income programs and how the OCPA uses outside funds. Mosca directed people to the website if they were not previously enrolled in a low-income program. He also responded that they are currently working with stakeholders, but the only outside funding would be the EV charging program grant with the Department of Energy.

Councilmember Dr. Shana Charles asked to make the presentation available to the public, to which Mosca said that they would. Mosca ended the discussion by saying they were working on a community power plan to under-Councilmember Dr. Ahmad Zahra stand what programs would be helpful for Fullerton.

Public Comments

Michael Fiore invited people to the Facing Fentanvl event and said he would love to work with the city of Fullerton.

Fullerton resident Bernard asked for more bike infrastructure and help for people experiencing homelessness.

Another resident highlighted the danger of Rosecrans Road near Parks Jr

Over 30 residents from all the districts asked for the Union Pacific Trail grant to be used for the trail and not to be diverted or sent back.

Creation of a Senior Advisory Committee

The city staff made a presentation with two options for the council.

Option 1: Change one of the two at-large seats to the Parks and Rec Commission. There would be no fiscal impact.

Option 2: Make a new Senior Advisory Commission of 7 members. Five of these would be appointed by the council, one representative from the Fullerton Senior Club, and one at-large member. All members would be 60 or over. The cost would be \$3,600 per year in staff time.

Councilmember Dr. Zahra thanked staff for their work and supported option 2. Mayor Jung seconded. Option 2 passed unanimously.

Recognition Awards



Dr. James Young Arts Legacy award was presented to Aimee Aul of the Parks and Recreation department for her work and dedication.

Proclamation

Hunger Action Month: This month was also named Hunger Action Month. Megan from Second Harvest OC and the OC Hunger Alliance discussed food insecurity and thanked the city.

World Alzheimer's Awareness Month: Mayor Jung invited Kristen Moss of Alzheimer's OC, but she was

"Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder that tragically robs individuals of their memory and leads to mental and physical impairment. An estimated 5.4 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, including 200,000 under 65," said Jung, "The council resolved that

September 19, 2023, is World Alzheimer's Awareness Month. The City Council recognizes Alzheimer's OC for its unwavering and steadfast commitment to research advocacy support and education to find the cause as they collectively work towards a cure and a world without Alzheimer's disease. This is very personal to me as my father has it."

Proclamation: The week of September 17 is Constitution Week. A representative from the Daughters of the American Revolution, a bipartisan organization for patriotism, thanked the city for the proclamation.

City Council Comments

Councilmember Dr. Shana Charles thanked everyone's help for the excellent Farmer's Market. She also reported that the new Cal State Fullerton President is open to working with the community. She finishes with excitement for the Tommy Lasorda Day

Councilmember Nick Dunlap spoke about his experience at the Fullerton Museum and his eagerness for the Tommy Lasorda Day event.

Councilmember Dr. Ahmad Zahra also had a wonderful time at the Fullerton Museum.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitaker reported on the need for a replacement at the OC Water District and his anticipation for their ground-based cloud seeding beginning in November. He also stressed the overlooked need to fix our residential streets.

Mayor Fred Jung asked the City Manager to fix the danger of the crosswalk at Rosecrans Road near Parks Jr High. The City Manager had already asked Public Works Director Stephen Bise to investigate what can be done to make it safe.

City Manager Eric Levitt responded to questions about the Union Pacific trail by summarizing that the council asked staff to come back with other options for the grant at the August 15 meeting.

Fullerton's Urban Forest Pruning Management Plan

The city Arborist Julio Jacobo presented Fullerton's Urban Forest Pruning Management Plan. Their goals are to maintain tree health, safety, and aesthetics. They explained that they use natural pruning systems instead of Topiary ones. Many pictures were shared of pruned and unpruned trees in Fullerton.

Resident Jane Reifer asked if they could not staple the signs to the trees but instead fix them with tape or string. This way, residents would not think it is okay to nail things on trees. She also commented that the Jacaranda trees in Fullerton look severely pruned.

Resident ZJ commented that since the Jacaranda trees look severe, the city should explain how they are still healthy when pruned as such. He suggested that the community would participate in maintaining the Union Pacific Trail. He also advocated for the City of Fullerton to invest in an auto mall to generate money for the city.

Maureen Milton asked, what is the cost for use of the EV stations? Who can use them? Do they generate money for the city? She also advocated for the Union Pacific Trail.



Fullertonians wait to speak on September 19 at the City Council meeting to advocate for Union Pacific trail.

Residents Unite to Advocate for the Union Pacific Trail

Over 25 south Fullerton neighbors were joined by a handful of north Fullerton residents in a demonstration designed to urge the Council majority to reconsider their August 15 council decision to send back the \$1.78 million grant to the California State Natural Resources Agency, rather than use it to construct Phase II of the Union Pacific (UP) Trail.

The walking and biking trail is part of a 2012 plan to reuse the abandoned Union Pacific railway line, which will connect Union Pacific Park on Truslow downtown to Independence Park on W. Valencia and eventually connect to other trails. The grant to build the trail, which includes planting 176 native trees, landscaping,

and trail amenities, was accepted by the council in 2020. However, Mayor Jung, Mayor Protem Whitaker, and Councilmember Dunlap directed staff to return the grant if the granting agency would not allow it to be used to open UP Park instead, according to grant language, that switch is not permitted.

Advocates of UP Trail will be at the City Council meeting on October 3.

All districts are encouraged to support the grant from Urban Greening to be used for its intended purpose of creating Phase II of the Union Pacific Trail. See how many acres of open space each district has on page 12.

See Advocating for UP Trail on page 12

Did you know?

A GAS STATION was APPROVED by Planning Commission on 8/16 for the Provecho parking lot on Euclid between Wilshire & Little Chapman (Please see map on right)

Conditional Use Permit approved, claimed that Provecho is a "department store" "Categorically Exempt" from environmental review despite:

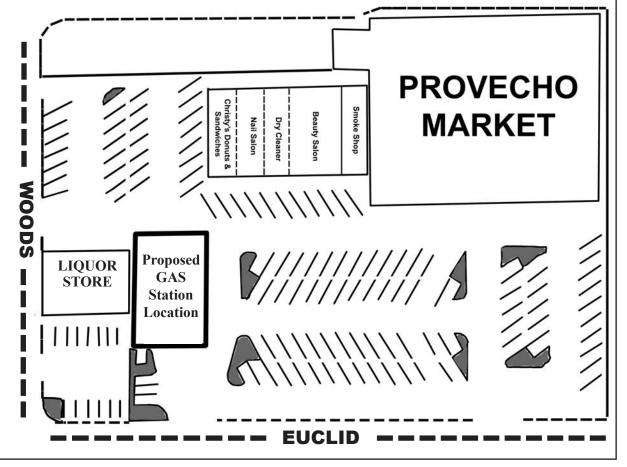
- hazardous materials air quality impacts • traffic impacts
- "Full size tanker truck" exiting on residential street
- 100 feet from historic homes & senior living facility

Neighbors are Appealing

They are asking you to be there too. The Appeal is tentatively scheduled for October 3 City Council Chamber 5:30pm Check the City Council Agenda on or after 9/29 fullerton.legistar.com

Contacts to receive updates & the Location of a Community Meeting Monday, 9/25 • call or text 714-729-3019

- email Together@saveFullerton.com
- .• facebook Euclid/Commonwealth Business Corridor



Parks and Recreation Commission September 11 Meeting by Christina Garner

Current commissioners present were Jesus Silva, Kathy Lira, Adrian Meza, Erik Wehn and Damion Lloyd

Department Updates: New Senior programs at Fullerton Community Center include Chair Volleyball; Music Sessions including Ukelele tunes. Singalongs and Drum Circles; and Trivia utilizing iPad's donated by the Office on Aging.

Youth sports leagues have started their fall seasons.

Acacia playground equipment is ready to ship, and a pre-construction meeting will soon be held before final installation.

Emory Park concept design phase is finished.

The Union Pacific Park has been cleaned up for use, and a final design for the premises will soon go to the council.

Higher netting has been installed in Amerige Park for safety as well.

Summer Highlights: Twenty-two Fullerton Street Markets were held between April and August, with many vendors, live music, and a popular Kid's Korner.

Special market nights included such as Star Wars, themes

Superheroes, Pride Night, Dogs of Summer and CSUF Titan Night.

Camp Hillcrest served 484 children between June and August, featuring martial arts, music, arts and crafts, swimming and excursions to places such as the LA Zoo.

Family nights debuted in June with a screening of "Puss in Boots", followed in July by "Twilight at the Lake."

Summer Concerts continued during September at the Fullerton Sports Complex, featuring an 80's Tribute Band, Blues, Country and a Selena Tribute Band on Friday evenings. Along with the concert, a special Tommy LaSorda night on Friday September 22nd.

The Fullerton Tennis Center served 3,000 players in August and was host to week-long summer camps for Servite and Rosary Schools.

Staff expressed appreciation to the organizations currently maintaining city parks and trails through the city's Adopt-a-Park program.

Regular Business: Julio Jacobo, Certified Arborist for Public Works, gave a thorough presentation on Urban Forest Pruning Management. He explained that tree pruning reduces

health of trees, helps develop the desired structure of each tree and helps prevent interference with the built environment in town.

The City of Fullerton does two kinds of pruning.

GRID PRUNING removes diseased, decayed, dead and broken branches. It is done by certified tree workers every 4 years, causing minimal stress to

LARGE SCALE PRUNING is necessary for the city's Chinese elms, as they are prone to sudden limb failure. This kind of pro-active pruning for risk mitigation has been very successful, as the number of call-outs for broken limbs to the city has dropped 95% since 2017.

It is best to perform this routine in early summer because it is the most common time of year for limb failure. Chinese elms are no longer included on the tree palate for future plantings as the city will continue to use more California native trees.

Public Comments: Curtis Gamble confirmed the importance of tree trimming for public safety, based on his experience as an OCTA bus driver, noting that tree branches can be hazardous

overall risk to the public, improves the for drivers' vision and damaging for vehicles. Christina Garner, Parks and Rec Volunteer, spoke about her experience updating and maintaining neglected trail kiosks, and suggested that unused kiosks that are currently collecting dust could instead be used for permanent public art pieces, such as murals or mosaics.

> **Staff Communications:** A written report on grant funding for the playground at Independence Park was requested by Jesus Silva.

> Adrian Meza suggested that the idea of kiosk art be considered by the Cultural Arts Subcommittee.

> Staff reports that the Hunt Library will soon re-open, as 99% of the construction is complete, and a ribbon cutting is planned for October.

> Other site improvements, including re-striping of the parking lot, will be done in March.

> Finally, it was announced that Parks and Rec staff member Aimee Aul was selected to receive the Dr. James Young Legacy Award this year in a ceremony at the Muckenthaler, for her longstanding contributions to art education in Fullerton.

The DOWNTOWN Report by Mike Ritto © 2023



Left: The bar in SoCo's newest restaurant, Lagos Mexican Cuisine.

Right: One of the exquisite rooms at the Charleston, the new event venue has a 1920s glamour and charm.



New in Town



Chako's Social

Chako's Social has just opened also, at 101 S Harbor. They promise to be "the hottest new restaurant and Supper Club in Southern California, with bold flavors, quality service, tableside entertainment," and a "Red Carpet Experience." Entertainment will include aerialists, magicians, singers, dancers, and more.

Lagos Mexican Cuisine

Wow factor: Very high. We published progress photos here over the past two years, and now, the time has come.

Once you walk in the door, you will be overwhelmed by the attention to detail, the architecture, craftsmanship, and the overall feel of the newest addition to our SoCo restaurants. Located at 139 W Santa Fe Ave. Now, for even more food, fun, and shopping choices, it's Downtown Fullerton First.

Akashiro

Also coming soon is Akashiro, a unique Japanese/Peruvian restaurant at 444 N Harbor. Wow, we have a bit of everything now, don't we?



The Charleston

event center

ready to go and will have a grand

open house on Saturday, October

7th, from 5:30 to 9 pm. All are

invited; no RSVP is needed. It's

also quite overwhelming in every

way. Wow, downtown is really

getting dressed up. Wear your

1920s-inspired attire if you dare.

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The Charleston event center is

AX Lair

A stone's throw away from a former field of wild mustard, where a stake was driven into the fertile earth to begin founding



a town, sits four of downtown's newest enterprises. El Camino Real would eventually become a main artery with horseless carriages leading the way more on that stake below.

No stakes were driven this time, but axes were thrown. What? Yes, it's true: AX Lair is set to open at 109 E Commonwealth, the former home of The Green Place Plant Boutique (now at 111 E Commonwealth).

Photo Quiz

Send answer to Mike at AllMedia@sbcglobal.net



This time: At what well-known downtown landmark was this taken?

Last time: Yes, Linda, that certainly was taken inside Modelmania at 232 W Commonwealth during one of their many Art Walk exhibit nights.



Garden Parks

The playspace on Truslow and Lawrence mentioned here in our mid-September issue is now being adopted by the Fullerton Sunrise Rotary Club. Each second Saturday at 8 am, volunteers spend a few hours trimming, weeding, and sprucing up the park. The adoption is not yet official, but they are working with City staff; word is, they have been very supportive. The Rotary Club also hopes to help restore the outside block wall surrounding the two sides of the park, thinking it will be an excellent place for a community mural.

Spooky Movies and Ghost Tours

Our Fullerton Museum Center is hosting FREE movies in October, and yes, the beer garden will be open with snacks and more. All events start at 4 pm, with The Addams Family on October 5th, followed by Corpse Bride on the 12th and Ghostbusters on the 19th. Also on tap: Haunted Fullerton Walking Tours starting October 4th.

More info (714) 519-4461 info@fullertonmuseum.com



It's A Hit

The story of the mysteriously infamous Rhythm Room was told on these pages before, and thanks to Cheri (pictured), we now have the rest of the story. The vinyl album she holds has liner notes, and oddly, even though the hit Land of 1000 Dances clearly states it was Recorded "LIVE" at the Rhythm Room, the notes say only side two was recorded there. Apparently, it was actually recorded at Stereo Masters. Some say other songs were recorded there, and an American Bandstand video of The Premiers doing "Farmer John" followed by an interview by Dick Clark confirms that it was recorded live there. That video can be found on YouTube. The mystery will continue to have life since many involved have left the building.

Fullerton History

Seventy-plus local residents took advantage of the open house celebrating 50 years of our Fullerton Public Library Local History Room on September 19th. This newspaper has had extensive help from the staff there over the years, and many of the historic photographs you have seen here were supplied from that very room. BTW, if you have historic photos or items you wish to share, that's exactly how many of them came to be in the room. Photos can be scanned and returned.



When we hear the often-repeated story of how Edward Amerige formally staked his claim for the 430 acres he and his brother George purchased, we know it's not just folklore. They bought 390 acres from the Miles brothers for \$68,250, plus another 20 acres each from William S. Fish and Joseph Frantz. Edward literally drove a stake in the ground near the corner of what is now Harbor and Commonwealth, and here it is. If your family has a long history in Fullerton, you can research it or visit to view many unique artifacts, photos, books, and so much more.

Changes in Town

Let It Brie is staying right where it belongs, a unique and popular place where one can learn how to correctly pronounce charcuterie while sampling some of the most amazing cheeses anywhere. Owners Heather and Amy have announced that they are turning over the business to Hoss and his wife Kathi, long-time customers and, of course, lovers of wine, cheese, and the restaurant business.



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"BEGINNING OF THE MONTH" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 19)

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26. In-law units: Abbr.

28. Empowerment hashtag

31. John's "Pulp Fiction" co-star

- 41. Benchmarks
- 43. Taj Mahal locale
- 44. Flatten like a bug
- 46. Bucks and does
- 48. Casual greetings
- 49. Oscar winner Spencer
- 51. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
- 53. Draft pick
- 54. Big brass
- 56. World Series month
- 60. Tent show
- 64. Interrogate
- 65. BBC cartoon featuring eight underwater adventurers
- 68. Fencing move
- 69. Indian bread
- 70. " bien!"
- 71. Mystery writer's award
- 72. "I'll second that"
- 73. French holy women: Abbr.

Down

- 35. Take a deep breath
- 37. "Panic! at the Disco" singer Brendon
- 38. Support at sea
- 40. Rep. from the Bronx
- 42. Cold cuts, e.g.
- 45. "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" detective Elliot
- Hood
- 50. "Romeo and Juliet" setting
- 52. Gem weights
- 55. NCAA school with the most first-round WNBA draft picks
- 56. Eye rakishly
- 57. "Dang it!"
- 58. Bell sound
- 59. Gymnast Korbut
- 61. Brusque
- 62. Austin univ., in slang
- 63. Leaky tire sound
- Jansen: kid-lit detective
- with a photographic memory
- 67. kwon do

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Although the smallest of the three train depots in the Fullerton Transportation Center, the former Pacific Electric Railway Depot played an equally important role in the city's development. The Pacific Electric (P.E.) was founded by Henry Huntington in Los Angeles in 1900 and extended into Huntington Beach in 1904, becoming California's thirdlargest freight carrier by 1906. The company spent \$425,000 to establish the line from Fullerton to La Habra and \$10,000 to construct the new depot in late 1917.

The austere Mission Revival building was designed by Pacific Electric's in-house engineers and built by The Kling Company of Los Angeles, owned by three brothers: George, Spencer, and Wayland Kling.

The first scheduled train left Fullerton on February 1, 1918, and the last passenger train ran on January 22, 1938. The P. E. found the passenger line to be a money loser but quickly discovered that it could generate considerable revenue by shipment of locally grown citrus produce, which eventually grew to eighty percent of its

In 1936, the depot expanded its transportation offerings by adding Pacific Greyhound Bus service, which lasted until 1976. The building was acquired by the Fullerton Redevelopment Agency in 1978 and rehabilitated for use as a restaurant, and since then has been used as a privately operated eating establishment.

Although the P.E. abandoned the line in 1938, the Southern Pacific continued to operate trains on part of the route until around 1962. The train actually went through Fullerton College almost nightly down what was called "Boxcar Avenue" after crossing over the former "Welcome to Fullerton" bridge over Harbor Blvd.

The last remaining vacant parcels of former track right-of-way were recently sold by the College to developer Tony Bushala, who relocated two historic homes formerly owned by the College to the parcels in 2020 and is currently restoring them. Segments of the original tracks were discovered on Santa Fe Avenue near the depot during past development projects in the Transportation Center.

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PROJECT CURIOSITY: Above students from Mrs Keller's Upper Multi-age (4-6) Class. Below: A few of the students self portraits.

Project Curiosity continued from front page

by Orangethorpe Elementary teachers Pam Keller and Nancy Karcher

Orangethorpe Elementary has an initiative called Project Curiosity which infuses art, science and conservatism. We are taught to re-use and re-cycle. That is where we got the idea to use old newspapers as our pallet. We created self-portraits in the style of Artist Amadeo Modigliani. Each month we do a self-portrait in the style of a different artist. We love our city and we love the Fullerton Observer so we thought it would be nice to mount them on the front page as well! We did the project together in our Big and Little Buddy Groups.





HIGH SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS& Commentary by Vivien Moreno

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September 10 Board Meeting

New Sonora High Assistant Principal

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Ed Atkinson announced former Fullerton Union HS instructor, Mrs. Maggie Crail has transferred to serve as the newest Assistant Principal at Sonora HS. Mrs. Crail taught art and photography for 23 years at FUHS, including 16 years as yearbook advisor and various leadership roles including as a recent TOSA (teacher on special assignment) role to improve district wide art instruction practices.

Academy Program

Seven years ago, teachers created the Academy Program at LV/LS HS as a restorative practices-based program embedded in all LVHS and LSHS 10th grade Opportunity students' schedules. LV/LS HS students often face the possibility of not earning enough units to graduate from high school. Academy goals help students in 3 major areas of Recovery, Relationships, and Routine to instill skills to successfully graduate from high school then use those skills to pursue a career or higher education goal.

All teachers participate in trauma informed training and the program fosters a safe learning environment for both academics and social and emotional growth. Although students initially feel uncomfortable participating in the daily small group activities that teach skill sets ranging from organized study habits and routines, peer and professional relationship skills, and emotional awareness and regulation, most find support in a time dedicated to making learning more accessible and creating routines that balance academic, work, and healthy living requirements.

Academy allows teacher teams to hone best practices and students gain leadership opportunities. Program participation reflects lowered chronic student absenteeism and greater academic achievement. Better communication and restorative practice skills show a lower number of suspensions and expulsions overall and has increased graduation rates in a student population historically identified with chronic absenteeism, low graduation rates, and lower academic achievement.

Summer Awards for High Schools

BPHS: The principals shared student and staff summer achievements with the trustees. Buena Park HS Principal, Dr. Sonje Berg, congratulated 11th grader Scarlett Sanchez and 2023 graduate, Mercedes Martell for earning the OC Fair Supreme Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awards for their respective Market Turkeys this July. Instructor Paulina Cortez revived the BPHS Agriscience program that emphasizes best domestic fowl raising practices.

FUHS: Principal of Fullerton Union HS, Dr. Laura Rubio celebrated senior Audrey Bae as the 2023 National Speech and Debate Association's Champion for World Schools Debate. September.

Currently coached by FUHS Speech and Debate instructor Tarin Almstedt, Ms. Bae is the first FUHS student named as National Champion and is also recognized as a National Speech and Debate Association's American". In addition to her Speech and Debate responsibilities, Ms. Bae presides over the FUHS Model United Nations Club.

LHHS: Principal Steve Garcia of La Habra HS recognized LHHS pitcher Alex Haro as one of 20 high school baseball players nationwide participating on the USA Baseball National Team playing a worldwide tournament in the Dominican Republic mid-

SOHS: Sonora HS Principal, Mr. Steve Cardenas honored Agriculture Technical instructor, Jeremy Johnson, for his 24-year Career Technical Education (CTE) instructional career at SOHS where he has served as department head for both CTE and Agriculture Science program.

SHHS: Sunny Hills HS Principal Craig Weinrich congratulated SHHS Girl's Soccer Coach Jeff Gordon for his summer induction into the National High School Athletic Hall of Fame. During Coach Gordon's 32 years at SHHS, his teams earned 3 CIF Championships, 19 Freeway League titles, and over 600 victories.

Forces Association selected Mr. David 1sts

Kim as 2023's Cyber Patriot Coach of the Year. A TRHS graduate, Mr. Kim returned to instruct at TRHS in 2019. Mr. Kim also oversees the popular Cyber Security summer camp that allows mainly elementary and middle school students to explore cyber security concepts and applications.

LV/LS HS: La Vista/La Sierra HS Principal Sandi Layana recognized math instructor, Dr. Al Rabanera for his service with the Teach Plus National Advisory Board speaking at a summer congressional briefing concerning education policy. Dr. Rabanera also authored the Golden Bell Application to recognize LV/LS HS's Academy TRHS: Troy HS Principal, Dr. Will Program for academic excellence this Mynster reported the Air and Space year for which they are currently final-

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Tiny Homes, Big Dreams: Nicolas Jr. High Wood 2 students, joined by Teacher Mucio Vidales (far left) and Principal Jose Varela (second row, middle)

FSD Innovations by Edyn, 10th grade

Tiny Homes, Big Dreams

Nicolas Junior High held the will be put to "good "groundbreaking" of its new, innovative Tiny Home project last month. Twenty-two students will build the Tiny Home, handpicked from the school's woodshop class, Wood 1. To ensure they were ready for the job, the students built a shed that allowed them to gain familiarity with building large wood structures.

Teacher Mucio Vidales shares that "the students have been ready to work since last year but encountered some delays," so he is very excited that the project is finally moving forward. One of his students, Anita Perez, views "the project as a fun learning experience that can be useful in the future."

Anita is excited that the tiny home

use" for a family to get back on their feet.

However, Fullerton School District's Innovation & Instructional Support Department, led by Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Davis, hopes the project's impact on the community will not end with just one family.

The Innovation team hopes to build a tiny home annually or biennially because, besides helping the community, project proponent Pablo Diaz explains that the project is an ideal tool to educate students on the issue of homelessness.

It also teaches essential life skills and encourages the students to be active and productive community members.

International Observance

by Mateo, 10th grade

International Day of Nonviolence October 2nd, 2023

In today's terror-filled world, horrific acts of violence occur during every hour of every day. In the U.S. alone, over 300 people are shot every day. Also, in the U.S., over half a million houses are burglarized yearly, and the people responsible are caught only about 11% of the time. The ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia raises concerns about an even bigger war that could potentially kill hundreds of millions of people. Even on a smaller scale, many students are forced to endure acts of bullying and racial discrimination, among other things, daily.

However, despite the looming threats that these immoral acts impose on our lives, the inspiring legacy of Indian activist Mahatma Gandhi gives us hope that, perhaps one day, the world will utilize non-violent protests and negotiations to solve conflicts rather than brutal attacks. Gandhi proved to the world that humanity can thrive without violence through his many peaceful demonstrations and movements.

To honor his legacy, the United Nations designated his October 2nd birthday as International Day of Non-Violence. What made Gandhi so memorable were his philosophies and methods of handling conflict. When Great Britain colonized India, many native Indians, including Gandhi, were treated unfairly and poorly. Gandhi had many reasons to act violently towards the British, but he chose to use peaceful means to protest.

For example, Britain implemented an act in 1882 that prohibited Indians from collecting or selling their own salt. Instead of violently protesting against this brutal law, Gandhi in 1930 gathered thousands of civilians and walked 240 miles to the Indian coast, where he made his own salt from the seawater. This peaceful walk, later dubbed the "Salt March," was highly successful, and although it resulted in Gandhi's arrest, it played a vital role in the eventual liberation of India and proved to the entire world that there are peaceful solutions to conflicts,

The actions of Mahatma Gandhi were so impactful that many global leaders implemented his tactics. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement used Gandhi's ideas of nonviolent protests and boycotts to protect the rights of people of color in the United States. This led to the creation of the Institute of Peace in 1984 in the U.S., which aims to promote conflict resolution and prevention.

You can advocate for non-violence to recognize and honor International Day of Non-Violence. In Gandhi's own words, "non-violence...is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man."

View Point by Irene, 12th grade

The Tides are Turning

Sporting a loose hoody and gym shorts, Sen. John Fetterman's visits to Capitol Hill often include less than standard work attire. However, amid recent controversies and backlash, according to The Hill, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer announced changes to the Senate dress code on Sept. 17, easing nearly two decadeslong requirements that forced leaders to abide by business-attire clothing.

"Senators can choose what they wear on the Senate floor," Schumer said, "I will continue to wear a suit."

I was initially concerned that this change would set a dangerous precedent on the Senate floor, potentially compromising the work of our country's lawmakers. But after reading Elena Sheppard's Sept. 20 CNN column and much deliberation, I realized that I was taking a rather rigid approach toward the situation.

"We have a bad enough reputation for lack of civility and decorum now, and this just takes it to rock bottom,' said Senator Cynthia Lummis, according to a Sept. 19 The New York Times article. Contrary to her belief, business attire doesn't make a politician any more agreeable or civil.

In fact, casual and unpretentious apparel makes the Senate appear more palatable to the general public. And if anything, clothing should play no role in a senator's ability

to fulfill their responsibilities.

Considering the historical role that dress codes have played in reinforcing social hierarchies across different racial and gender groups, it is more imperative than ever that we change the standards that have been established to disenfranchise people of color and women.

"Fashion has played an important role in social activism for centuries. Sometimes, that role has been as explicit: a social activist fighting against the power structure. Other times, it is more subtle," legal scholar Richard Thompson Ford said in a Feb. 2021 Stanford News interview.

"In the late Middle Ages and early Renaissance, people resisted what was called 'sumptuary laws,' which were designed to assign people in society a particular type of clothing that would express their social status.

In the sea of black suits and dull ties, want to see politicians embracing and, quite frankly, flaunting their identity. That starts with rejecting conformity to what our society considers desirable — frequently traits associated with whiteness. After all, having a choice is empowering.

Featured Pet by Rosie, 7th grade

Meet Uto-Pia

When you hear the word "Pia," you think of the sonorous sounds of birds. When you think of birds, you might

think of their predatorslike cats! Meet Pia, a two-year-old cat mother with a litter of nine kittens. Notably amicable and gentle, Pia is a natural mother. She showcases her parenting talents by

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Q: Are there any blue-eyed fish?

A: The Honey Blue-Eyed fish has cerulean eyes. Their species name, derived from Latin, is the Pseudomugi mellis. They inhabit the oceans of Australia. They grow up to 3.8 cm and have a semi-transparent body. They were originally classified as vulnerable in 1988.









A HAUNTING IN VENICE: A Hit and a Miss

Perhaps we can view "A Haunting in Venice" as a Halloween movie for grown-ups. Once again, actor/director Kenneth Branagh adapts an Agatha Christie novel for the screen. Following some success for his "Murder on the Orient Express" and "Death on the Nile," Branagh again stars as master detective Hercule Poirot with an even more impressive mustache. But "Haunting" resembles a Gothic tale more than a murder mystery.

Based loosely on Christie's "Hallowe'en Party," the movie is set in Venice within an ancient palazzo, that contains its share of strange noises, wandering spirits of dead children, and the hiring of a medium (Michelle Yeoh) to expunge the evil forces. Also arriving at the palazzo is famous crime writer Ariadne Oliver (Tina Fey) seeking material for her next novel. On this dark and stormy night, a murder occurs and Poirot announces that no one is allowed to leave the palazzo until he has solved the murder.

Odd fragments of music and cultural references remind us that "Haunting" is set in 1947. World War II has ended but several of the characters reflect some elements of war fatigue and troubled memories. This is especially evident in the relationship between wartime surgeon Leslie Ferrier (Jamie Dornan) and his 12-year-old savant son, Leopold (Jude Hill, who appeared in Branagh's "Belfast"). Placing us in



popular songs "When the Lights Go on Again" and oddly "Meet Me in St. Louis," whose relevance does not reveal itself until a brief comment made at the end of the movie.

Along with Michael Green's screenplay, which veers away from the Christie novel, "Haunting" contains some unusual camera work by cinematographer Haris Zambarloukos that frequently focuses on bizarre and grisly images, such as a rat crawling out of die in that house never leave it."

the 1940s the credits open with the mouth of a stone gargoyle and a character almost drowning in a pail of water while bobbing for apples.

> As an audience, we have felt the tension and torment of living through a long, dark night in a moldering, ancient palazzo, where children from centuries past have died of cholera. Even as the sun shines the next morning on the guests departing in gondolas, we are reminded by the youthful but serious Leopold that "those who

Two Hits: Don't Miss it! A HIT & A MISS: You Might Like it. Two Misses: Don't Bother.

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The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time: thru Oct 22 at 8 and 7pm

This play won 5 Tony Awards (including Best Play), 7 Olivier Awards (including Best New Play), 6 Drama Desk Awards (including Outstanding Play), 5 Outer Crics Circle Awards (including Best Play), and countless other awards.

Meet Christopher Francis Boone, a brilliant and neurodivergent 15-yearold boy standing in his neighbor Mrs. Shears' backyard in the middle of the night. She is screaming at Christopher because he is standing over the body of Wellington, her sweet dog who has been speared with a garden fork. When Christopher vows to find the murderer, he doesn't realize that there is more than one mystery to solve and he will be forced to take a perilous journey that will upend his world. Based on Mark Haddon's best-selling novel, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" is a thrilling and heartwarming adventure story featuring an unforgettable young hero.



Jonathon Lamer, Holly Jeanne, Jared Machado, Aaron Lipp, Rachel Oliveros Catalano, and Rachel McLaughlan in "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time." A play by Simon Stephens, based on the novel by Mark Haddon, and directed by Darryl B. Hovis. Photo by doug catiller



Maverick Theater's original stage adaptation of Night of the Living Dead

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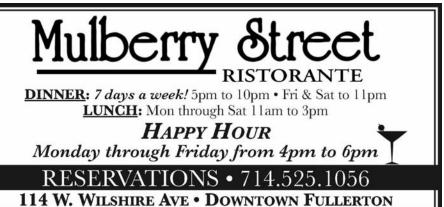
Maverick Theater's original stage into the farmhouse, zombies begin to adaptation of Night of the Living Dead is back! For 18 years audiences have grab anything they can to defend themmade this show part of their Halloween selves. This is a unique production that tradition, returning year after year. captures the feel of cinema and the in-Adapted to the stage by director and your-face excitement of live theater. theater founder, Brian Newell, from the screenplay by George Romero and of creepy zombies, this action packed John Russo, this production is a thrilling night of theater.

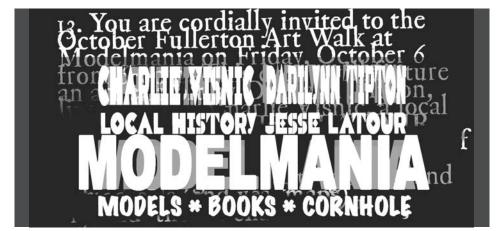
A group of panicked survivors are barricaded in a deserted farmhouse while a horde of flesh-eating zombies hovers outside their door. In the climatic final scene, a full size truck smashes

pour into the room as the survivors With strong performances and plenty Halloween adventure is good clean fun for anyone over the age of 13.

Opens Oct 6 and runs thru Oct 29

Performances are \$30 Fridays at 8pm Saturdays at 7pm & 9pm Sundays at 7pm





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Sofia Talvik: October 5: Swedish folk artist Sofia Talvik is a keen songwriter and an avid storyteller with a voice comparable to giants like Joni Mitchell. A world class act who has played festivals like Lollapalooza and SxSW, she shines the most in this kind of setting where she can casually joke and communicate with the audience.



Roberta Lea: October 12:

With a voice like cinnamon and a pen like butter, Roberta Lea is a rising artist, ready to give the world a taste of what she's made of. Fellow artists have called her Hampton Roads' best kept secret. It's as though she's a family recipe, kept hidden until now.

Fellow musicians have described her sound as "country-neo-pop."

Peter Brandon: October 19: One of Fullerton's favorite sons returns to The Muck!

Known for his smooth brand of patriotic country music, he has shared the stage with Brad Paisley, Blake Shelton, Glen Campbell, and Asleep at the Wheel.



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PUMPKIN RUN 5K & Bike Tour: Saturday, October 28: Juanita Cooke Greenbelt Trail, 1275 N Berkeley Ave, Fullerton, Meet at Parking Lot behind North Justice Center

Family-friendly, costumed 5K in Fullerton benefiting children & families in our local elementary schools! NEW this year, we are adding BIKE routes! Join us for three different bike opportunities — an 11-mile mountain bike on the Fullerton Loop, a 10-mile or 25-mile street route that will take you on a tour of OC United's different locations!

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7:30am – 25-mile bike route begins

7:30am – Runner Check-In, Coffee, Breakfast

8:00am – 11-mile mountain bike & 10-mile street route begin

8:00am – Runner Warm up **8:30am** – 5k Race Start

9:30am – Awards for Top Runners &

Best Costumes

11:00am – Community Fair Closes

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Fullerton Art Town: What Feels Like Home: Thru November 12: This show features 52 local artists' expressing and defining home. This interactive exhibit will pose the question back to you and help see yourself and your story reflected in others.

The Leo Fender Exhibit:

Year round: The father of the modern solid-body electric guitar, was a life-long Fullerton resident, and his most important designs and products were manufactured in shops and factories located in Fullerton, CA.



Mad Marion Cartoons: thru November 30: Mad Marion Cartoons were created by artist Sharon Kennedy in the late seventies/early eighties when she traveled with her children in tow around the western states in a converted school bus caravan. Curated by Fullerton College Art Gallery museum studies senior intern Grace Yoo.

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Pensar Y Poder - Jimmy Centeno: Oct 5, 2023 - Nov 26:

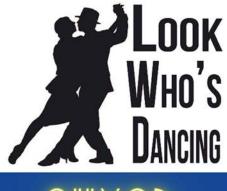
Pensar y Poder is a playful and serious exhibition inspired by La Escuela de Sur (The School of The South) where by means of rescued objects a language of self-determination arises in the process of giving shape to sculptures, assemblages and mixed-media art pieces.



Opening Gallery Reception: Dave Webb - the grateful chair: Thurs Oct 5 | 6:00-7:30pm

Part love note, part meditation on mortality and part unsolicited advice, the grateful chair is an artist's response to his spouse's terminal cancer diagnosis; in 2018, she was declared cancer-free. This narrative exhibit creates a place to consider love and loss.





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California will raise the minimum wage for fast food workers to \$20 per hour next year

The legislation, AB 1228 by Assemblymember Chris R. Holden (D-Pasadena), authorizes the Fast Food Council to set fast-food restaurant standards for minimum wage, and develop proposals for other working conditions, including health and safety standards and training.

Governor Gavin Newsom said, "California is home to more than 500,000 fast-food workers who - for decades – have been fighting for higher wages and better working conditions. Today, we take one step closer to fairer wages, safer and healthier working conditions, and better training by giving hardworking fast-food workers

a stronger voice and seat at the table."

"Today, we witnessed the signing of one of the most impactful fast food wage laws that this country has ever seen," said Assemblymember Holden.

"We did not just raise the minimum wage to \$20 an hour for fast food workers. We helped a father or mother feed their children, we helped a student put gas in their car, and helped a grandparent get their grandchild a birthday gift. Last month, when we were knee deep in negotiations, hundreds of workers slept in their cars and missed pay days to come give their testimony in committee and defend their livelihood. Sacrifice, dedication, and the

power of a government who serves its Huerta, President of SEIU California people is what got us to this moment. My goal for AB 1228 was to bring relief and solutions where they were needed and together with my colleagues and Governor Newsom, that is what we have done. Thank you to the SEIU and all who supported this important effort. We, as a state, should be proud."

"After ten years of vibrant and courageous activism, which included raising the minimum wage for all workers in the state and bringing billions of dollars into working families' pockets, fast food workers have now achieved something historic," said David

and SEIU USWW. "We extend our deepest gratitude to the Governor for his leadership in fighting poverty, empowering workers, and moving us toward a more just and equitable soci-

April 1, 2024 fast food worker minimum wage in California goes up to \$20. Why is the City of Fullerton still offering jobs at \$15.50 an hour with no benefits?

https://www.gov.ca.gov/2023/09/28/c alifornia-increases-minimum-wageprotections-for-fast-food-workers/

Residents Advocate for Trail

continued from front page

The Union Pacific (UP) Trail for walking and biking is part of a 2012 plan to reuse the abandoned UP railway line, which will connect UP Park Truslow downtown Independence Park on W. Valencia and eventually connect to other trails. The grant to build the trail, which includes planting 176 native trees, landscaping, and trail amenities, was accepted by the council in 2020. However, Mayor Jung, Mayor Protem Whitaker, and Councilmember Dunlap directed staff to return the grant if the granting agency would not allow the grant to be used to open UP Park instead. According to grant language, that switch is not allowed.

UP Park has been closed to the public behind a chain link fence for over ten years. Some residents are advocating for both the construction of the trail and the removal of the fencing around the park. Districts 4 & 5 have less park land and no trails compared to park land and trail rich north Fullerton.

A group of residents from all city districts gathered at the corner of Harbor and Commonwealth with signs protesting the council's decision to kill the trail and walked to join others at City Hall. Nearby District 5 south Fullerton residents once again told the council of the positive impacts of open space greenery on their families' health and how they had participated in several years of surveys, committees, and public participation meetings about the trail. No one spoke against the trail.

Dallany Garcia listed the improvements to south Fullerton over the last 20 years spearheaded by the Valencia Task Force group of residents working with a previous council, including safer lighting, additional stop signs,

urged the council to reverse its decision and use the grant to build the trail, "We are standing up for the health of our kids and don't understand why the council doesn't want to help us bring the green space we need," she said.

Egith Nuncci, a south Fullerton leader, speaking for a group of 14 residents, asked the council to respect the years of neighborhood and staff efforts on working to get the grant. She asked that just one of the three councilmembers voting no on the trail to reconsider. "We pay taxes; we want the bike and pedestrian path with lots of trees. Please listen to the community," she

Many other individuals commented, urging the council to listen to the community, accept the grant, and build the trail, pointing out the benefits of fresh air green space. "We want everyone to be proud of your job, but we don't think you are paying attention," said a resident. "Please use the grant for what it is meant for," said another. The woman who cried out at the previous council meeting after Jung, Whitaker, and Dunlap voted against the trail apologized for her outburst and asked Jung to explain his actions, "Why, when we come, do you ignore us?" She said that before the election, she believed everything Jung said, "But then you do the opposite," she said.

Several residents of districts 1, 2, and 3 also spoke in favor of keeping the grant and building the trail. "It is hard to get grants from the state," said one resident, "the people in favor of the trail are not only District 5 residents; it would make all of Fullerton nicer," she said, also pointing out that opening trails in Coyote Hills was accepted without a grant and maintenance was Woodcrest playground, and more. She not an issue. Another resident, Diane





Union Pacific Trail advocates marched to City Hall on September 19 to ask council majority to use the \$1.76 million grant for its intended purpose of completing Phase II of the Union Pacific Trail.

Vena, said she was heartbroken about sending the grant back, "This is a trail needed by all of us," she said. "We live rushed and busy lives, and many live in apartments with no green space. The majority want the trail, and you must learn how to listen." Anjali Tapadia reminded the council that the Parks & Recreation Committee had passed the trail plan unanimously, "This is part of a 20-year multi phase plan; the community wants it," she said also pointing out her disappointment at the majority vote to cut off discussion on the

Outside city hall, the residents who spoke up were briefly interviewed and filmed for a Telemundo broadcast. Observer and the Daily Titan reporters were also at the meeting.

Advocates of UP Trail will be at the City Council meeting on October 3. All districts are encouraged to support the grant from Urban Greening to be used for its intended purpose of creating Phase II of the Union Pacific Trail.

OPEN SPACE BY DISTRICT MEASURED IN ACRES

District 1	767.7
District 2	1,321.49
District 3	169.09
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Healthy Awareness

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The Importance of Play

giving

undivided

your child

quality time

with them

is crucial.

California, Los Angeles states that playing is not just joyful and energizing but is deeply involved in human development and intelligence.

Brown's first piece of research on the importance of play focused on Charles Whitman, who at the University of into criminals. There were perhaps

Texas, Austin in August of 1966 climbed the campus tower and killed fifteen people and injured 31 after killing his wife and mother before being At any age, gunned down by campus police. Brown and other authorities in disciplines of toxicology, neurology, neu- attention to ropathology, graphology, sociology, psychology, psychiatry, and law enforcement concurred and having in studying Whitman that the major environmental factors in the development of his behavioral problems were the over control by his father and the unending abuse by his mother, in addition to a lifelong lack of

play. He was deprived of imaginative, parallel, give-and-take and social play by his parents. Charlie was not allowed to play outside and inside he had to play the piano for other children as his play activities. The result, Brown states, was that nothing Charlie did came from within. In preschool, he would watch what the other kids were

Dr. Stuart Brown of University of doing and then imitate their behavior according to one of his teachers. He just did not have the ability to perform internally motivated play and his responses to the world were too narrow to just play freely. But not all people with Whitman's background develop

> genetic factors that predisposed him to his reaction to the environment.

[Over half of male inmates (56%) reported experiencing childhood physical trauma according to the book Patterns of Victimization Among Male and Female Inmates: Evidence of an Enduring Legacy.]

So, what is it about playing freely and its importance to the brain's development? Many researchers have shown that play stimulates nerve growth where emotions get processed and where executive decisions are processed. Jaak Pankseipp, another specialist in play

research, suggests that "without play, optimal learning, normal social functioning, self-control, and other executive functions may not mature proper-

Michael Shellenberger in his book, San Fransicko, points out that "children today spend less time on selfdirected creative play, as opposed to



time spent with electronic devices, or in structured activities organized by adults." Less free play creates children who are afraid to take risks important to being creative in later life.

Nancy L. Segal stated in her book, Deliberately Divided, that exposure to abusive environments overwhelms the genetically-based predispositions of children and that children raised in these environments will not thrive socially or intellectually. Even with good physical care, orphanage-raised children deprived of playful interactions use their hands as toys, do not laugh or smile, and show stereotypical behaviors such as hand banging and body rocking.

Children's free play has declined sharply over the past century in the United States according to Peter Gray of Boston College and is related to a rise in psychological disorders such as anxiety, depression, suicide, feelings of helplessness and even narcissism in young children, adolescents, and adults. Gray cites the following behaviors as important results of play in developing good mental health: 1) to

develop intrinsic interests and competencies; 2) to learn how to make decisions, solve problems, exert self-control, and follow rules; 3) to learn how to regulate their emotions; 4) to make friends and get along with others as equals; and 5) to experience joy (Brown, 2010).

Parents can help to give their full attention by looking at their children and being responsive to their physical movements. In general, at any age, it is important to give undivided attention to your child and have quality of time with him/her. Many times, I have witnessed mothers or caregivers on their cell phones while the child is trying to interact with them. This does not mean that one must give the child 100% of their time, for the child needs to learn to wait at times for attention, but it is important to be there for them. Enjoy your child, talk to, dance with, read to them, and look into their eyes when you interact with them for they are special. Encourage free play in addition to board games and other interactive activities.

Life's Hacks by Tegan, 5th grade



It's October– pumpkin season is in full swing! From pumpkin spice lattes to pumpkin-flavored treats, this autumn

icon takes over. Pumpkins aren't just decorative; this fruit (yes, it is a fruit) is packed with vitamins, fiber, and antioxidants, making them enjoyable in different ways. Here are some pumpkin hacks that will make your October a little more exciting.

Did you know that you can repurpose your carved pumpkins into bird feed-

According to the Audubon Society, it only takes a few items- a pumpkin, small sticks, rope, and birdseed. First, find a pumpkin and clean out the guts and seed. Fill the pumpkin bowl with bird seed and hang it outside with rope.

Pumpkin Blast If desired, puncture a

few sticks through the pumpkin to make perch-

es for the birds. All that's left is watching your feathered friends flock to enjoy their pumpkin-inspired treat!

If you're a fan of pumpkin spice lattes but want to save a few dollars, try this hack. Make your own at home instead of rushing to the coffee shop daily. According to a life hack by "The Kitchn," you can create a delicious pumpkin spice syrup by combining canned pumpkin, sugar, pumpkin pie spice, and water. Simply mix it up, heat it on the stove, and add it to your coffee for the perfect homemade pumpkin spice latte.

So, embrace the pumpkin fever, and let this vibrant symbol of autumn bring you joy throughout the season.

BALANCE & CHANGE by Michelle Gottlieb, Psy.D., MFT, LPCC © 2023

Enjoying the Journey and the Spice

I admit it. I am one of them. It is chat with the owner. Once I get my September, and I start looking for pumpkin spice lattes. It must be a regular part of my day by the time we get to October! I know, I know. People are scoffing right now. I get it. I really do. However, I like it, which is what this column is about.

There is a little privately owned coffee shop just down a small side street from my office in our historic downtown. I leave my office and take a short walk to the coffee place. While I walk, I look in the windows. I notice the trees. I listen to the birds. I smile at people I pass by. Once I get to the coffee place, I smell the coffee. I look at journey! all the goodies that there are to buy. I

coffee, I stroll back to my office, sipping the entire way enjoying the flavor of my treat.

You may wonder what the point was of my little interlude. The point is that I left my office and allowed myself to stop working and just be in the moment. This little 10-minute break recharges me. It gives me energy. It makes me happy! Because I do this, I am actually more productive!

What have you done today to take a time out? To be in the moment? To recharge? While you are thinking, I will finish my latte! Always enjoy the

Let's Eat Healthy

While our various organ and bodily systems all use nutrients in different ways and may sometimes need one nutrient more than another, there are some overarching themes in how to eat to feed your vital organs:

- 1. Eat real, minimally processed foods 2. Eat a variety of color from the plant world
- 3. Make sure you eat enough protein. How much protein do you need? Anywhere from 10% to 35% of your calories should come from protein. So if your needs are 2,000 calories, that's 200-700 calories from protein, or 50-175 grams. The recommended dietary

allowance to prevent deficiency for an average sedentary adult is 0.8 grams per kilogram of body weight.

4. Make sure you eat enough healthy

Monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats, including omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids, are both healthy fats. Fatty fish, olive oil, and chia seeds are some of the best sources of healthy fats, but there are many others.

From heart and bone health to a robust immune system and vibrant skin, following these 4 key food guidelines will keep all of your vital organs and systems in working order.

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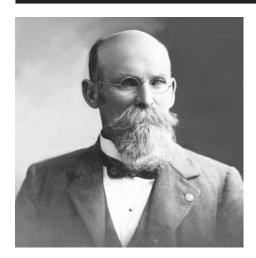
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Left: Alexander
McDermont brought
his family to Fullerton
in 1882 and soon
became prominent
for his civic and business
enterprises. McDermont
built a business building
on the corner of Spadra
and Amerige in 1893.
When it burned to the
ground in 1908, the
Fullerton Fire
Department was formed.



This house was the first built in the Hillcrest Tract that overlooks central Fullerton. It was built for Samuel (S.N.) Fuller, and later was the home of his son, Fred Fuller. Both men were instrumental in the business affairs of Fullerton's early years of development. Sam Fuller was involved in real estate, insurance, and orange and walnut orchards.

A Brief History of the Fuller Family in Fullerton by Geoffrey Fuller

Alexander McDermont, my Great-Great-Great-Great Uncle settled with his daughter, Anna Grace, in Fullerton in 1882. This is documented in the book, "Ostrich Eggs for Breakfast," written by Dora May Sim for the centennial celebration of Fullerton in 1987. The book actually calls the McDermont daughter Grace while her actual name was Anna Grace McDermont. Grace became one of the first teachers in Fullerton. The book includes letters that Grace wrote to her uncle, Frances McDermont, my Great-Great-Great-Grandfather.

The McDermonts came from Greene County, Indiana. When Alexander came to visit Indiana and his niece Sarah Jane McDermont, my Great-Great-Great Grandmother, he convinced his brother's son-in-law, Samuel N. Fuller, to move to Fullerton for some amazing opportunities. Sam, my Great-Great-Grandfather was convinced to move to Fullerton with his two sons, Fred and Loyd.

Sam N. Fuller settled in Fullerton in 1901, where he began work starting an orange grove. After oranges, he began buying land to subdivide and build houses. These housing tracts ultimately became Fullerton High School, under

the advice of Sam himself to the city. The current Fullerton High School sits directly on housing tracts and a walnut grove that Sam N Fuller started. This is mentioned in the book, "History of Orange County, California." My great grandfather, Sam's son Fred Fuller, was in the first graduating class of the current High School site in 1911. My father, Alfred Lee Fuller Jr, also attended Fullerton Union High School.

During his time as a real estate developer, Sam was one of 3 associates to start the Hillcrest tract. On the Hillcrest tract, he had his personal house built in 1913. He lived there until he died in 1963. After he died, his son, Fred Fuller, who also had a house in the Hillcrest tract, moved into Sam's house. Fred lived in that house until he died in 1977. After his death, my father moved into that house, and still lives in that house currently.

Beyond real estate, Sam Fuller sat on the board of several of Fullerton's early banks. From 1917, he was an officer and director for the Fullerton Savings Bank (established in 1906) and the First National Bank of Fullerton (established in 1895). His son, Fred, also became an officer of the Fullerton Savings Bank. In 1923, the Fullerton Savings Bank was renamed Fullerton Commercial and Savings Bank, with Fred Fuller and Sam Fuller both listed as Officers and Directors. Even though the City of Fullerton website lists the Farmers and Merchants bank as the first bank in Fullerton, with all the early elite on the board, it was incorporated in 1904. However, it only lasted a few years with a fraction of the loans that the Fullerton Savings Bank had on its books, and Fullerton Savings Bank was incorporated only 2 years later in 1906. The Farmers and Merchants bank of Fullerton had to reincorporate in 1923.

Relating to civic positions held, Fred Fuller was the City Treasurer in 1920. Sam Fuller was clerk of the Fullerton Grammar Board, and also sat on the Fullerton Board of Trade and Housing Committee. As mentioned earlier, Sam N. Fuller was instrumental in choosing the current location of Fullerton Union High School. I also have a certificate of appreciation given to Fred's wife, Lillian Davis Fuller, for 54 years of federated service, 1921 - 1975, in the Orange County California Federation of Women's Clubs.

The most amazing part about our Fullerton history is that my father still

lives in the same home as the first Fuller to settle in Fullerton. Sam had the home built in 1913. Equally amazing is that my father, Alfred Lee Fuller Jr, is the Founder, Owner, and CEO of Fuller Laboratories, founded in 1995 and located in Fullerton. I work with my father currently at Fuller Laboratories. Our family has always been here in Fullerton, and has always contributed to the past and current history of Fullerton.

The Fullers have run and started many companies in Fullerton, and my father still runs a fantastic company in Fullerton. We still live in the same 1913 house on the nearby hill overlooking Fullerton Union High school. The same high school that sits where my Great-Great-Grandfather's orange and walnut groves grew, where his housing tracts sat, where he was personally involved in advising and organizing the development location of the high school, where my Great-Grandfather was the first graduating class in 1911 in the high school's current location, and where Fred, Alfred Sr, and my father Lee, went to high school.



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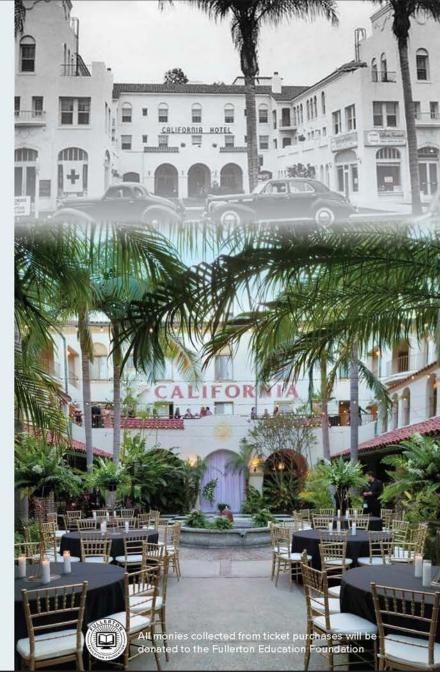
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Fullerton Observer park challenge photo.

This is the Friends of Coyote Hills Adopt-A-Park clean-up crew at the Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve.

Photo above from left to right: Lisa Martinez, Molly Chapman and Jeff Townsend participated in the city's Adopt-A-Park program, where the Friends of Coyote Hills sponsors monthly trail clean-ups on the Nora Kuttner and Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve trails. Some but not all of the crew on 9/16 were pictured at the nature art sculptures in the Ward

My favorite thing about this park: walking the Basque & Gnatcatcher loop trails where native plants grow lush in the Nature Preserve, and one cannot hear traffic nor see any homes - very immersive!

Friends of Coyote Hills Adopt-A-Park

Nature Hike Saturday, October 14

Please join us for a Nature Hike on the newly opened trails of the Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve in Fullerton's West Coyote Hills.

Meet at 9am at the equestrian center of Laguna Lake Park, on Lakeview Dr just east of Euclid St. Bring water to drink and wear comfortable shoes.

Clean Up Hike Saturday, October 21

Please join us and help clean up our Fullerton parks and trails.

We are Adopt-A-Park sponsors of the Nora Kuttner Trail and Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve trails.

Meet at 9am in the lower parking lot of Sunny Hills Church of Christ, 2255 N. Euclid St. Bring water, "trash grabbers" and your own gloves if you have

Wearing sunscreen and comfortable sneakers or boots is recommended.

Stephen Bise Named as the New Public Works Director for Fullerton

Fullerton City Manager Eric Levitt has selected Stephen Bise to serve as the City's new Public Works Director. The Director is a key member of the City Manager's Executive Team and provides day-to-day management of the Public Works Department. This facilitates an efficient and collaborative effort to manage the City's public infrastructure.

Bise previously served the City of Fullerton as the Engineer/Assistant Director of Public Works, managing the Engineering including Division, Capital Improvement Projects, Water, Traffic, and general Engineering. "Director Bise has been involved in several critical infrastructure projects as City Engineer, said City Manager Levitt, "and I believe he will provide critical leadership for the City in the future operations of the Public Works department."

Before joining the City of Fullerton, Bise worked for a local small-mid-size consulting engineering firm for over 15 years. His previous design, construction, and management experience in the private sector has brought value and a unique perspective to the City's ongoing operation and maintenance endeavors. With the City, he was directly and/or indirectly involved in a wide variety of public works projects, including infrastructure upgrades, pavement rehabilitation, transportation improvements, safety solutions, utility management, signal synchronization, and community development.

The Fullerton Public Works Department actively manages the community's investment in its infrastruc-



ture - the streets, buildings, parks, and other facilities that belong to all Fullerton residents. Public Works provides enhanced coordination of the three major components of the City's infrastructure: Design, Construction, and Maintenance Services on City projects. The City has Orange County's only municipal general aviation airport, and operations are managed by the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department has an operating budget of \$78.3 million and is staffed by 185 budgeted full-time employees.

Bise received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civic Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He is a licensed Professional Civic Engineer and Traffic Engineer. He is an American Public Works Association member and the Orange County Traffic Engineers Council member. As a long-time Fullerton resident, Bise is personally invested in continuing to see the City of Fullerton thrive in the coming years. He is married and has two children.

Free Weekly Entrepreneur Meetup

Unlock Your Entrepreneurial Spirit Every Wednesday Morning (7:30 to 8:30 am) at Fullerton College - Building 500, Room 529 Whether you're a seasoned business owner, just starting, or somewhere in between, there's always something new to learn and someone new to meet.

Local Classes

Yoga at The Muckenthaler Cultural Center 1201 W Malvern Ave, Fullerton

Outdoor; Donation based class; no registration required; bring a mat, water, and a friend
Saturday, 9-10am & Wednesday, 6-7pm

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chair fitness with instructor Gloria in from time to time. a free class every Saturday from 8 to 8:30 am. Leave a RSVP message at Physical Trainer and Fullertonian.

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- 1) Attend Adult Lap Swim at Janet Evans.
- 2) Follow @FULLERTONSWIMSHERE on Instagram.
- 3) On the same day that you swim, comment the distance you swam on the most recent post related to the Swim to Catalina Challenge. (Yards will magically count as meters for this event.)
- 4) If you can reach a total of 26 miles before the end of 2023, you win the official event t-shirt!

See Lifeguard John with any questions, and good luck!



Out of My Mind

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Ecclesiastes and The Epidemic of Loneliness Sweeping the Nation

Well, my friends are gone and my hair is grey I ache in the places where I used to play Leonard Cohen, Tower of Song

Studies

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Ecclesiastes had the answer to loneliness. It was not wealth or power, nor even pleasure nor wisdom. It was simple: Eat your bread and drink your wine with someone you love. Clearly meaning and fulfillment trump wealth, power and pleasure. Life is simple but beautiful, and no, death does not make a mockery of life. Quite the opposite: Life makes a mockery of death.

Now, I know the world has a lot of problems. I mean the sky is falling under the weight of pollution. Democracies are devolving into oligarchies and dictatorships. Wars, famines and diseases fill our news cycles but, in my view, insufficiently motivate our hearts to translate our feelings into the actions of our hands. There is racism, sexism, homophobia

and intolerance. But these great and terrible issues are not the direct subjects of this column.

If all goes reasonably well, a few days after you read this (non-political) column, I'm turning 79. Doesn't seem possible since it was only yesterday when I was young. My ability to deny the sands flowing rapidly through the hourglass becomes difficult when I try to stand up from a couch or consider the hair that is voluntarily migrating from the top of my head to the insides of my ears, even as my chest is slipping towards my feet. The one

a push-up, with my arms fully extended, my stomach is already touching the floor. Thus, very little, if any, actual bending of elbows is needed. I can save bending an elbow for a nightcap later to assuage any anxieties concerning my various aches and pains.

As with many other aging folks, I have clear memories of my first real kiss in 1957, meals I enjoyed in 1965, a 1945 Laffite drunk in 1981 and every moment of Alec Guinness in Habeas Corpus in London. What I don't remember is where I put my keys or what the hell I did last Tuesday. "What was that movie Honey, starring, uh, you know, the one who was in that other movie."

I'm actually in pretty good physical shape because of my faulty, or at least, selective memory. I live in a two-story house and never make it to the car without having forgotten my keys upstairs. So up I go. Halfway down I remember the check I meant to mail and remount the stair. Getting to the door, I remember my wallet on the

nightstand. Up once (possibly twice) more.

Ecclesiastes said that life was "chasing the wind." My stair climbing has not left me chasing wind but building my wind for my mile-long walks in the hills near home.

Yes, I still teach four or five 90minute lectures per week. I still read and write and spend time with family and friends. I cook for my wife, The Fair Helenkela, and for the kids and grandchildren who live nearby and for friends.

Covid has, in some ways, given a gift of closeness. Calls and checking in have become more important. Friends whom we've included in each other's bubbles have, by dint of daily telephonic or FaceTime contacts, become

> even closer. I feel truly blessed and do not suffer from isolation and the epidemic of loneliness afflicting so many.

> Studies have shown that despite being electronically connected, many Americans feel inconsolably lonely. This effects their physical health, mental health, quality of their lives and their longevity.

> Loneliness is not the same as aloneness. You can be lonely in a crowd and connected alone in a room. Objective circumstances are not the key, but behavior is.

> The good news is that the treatment for loneliness does-

advantage to this is that when I attempt n't take a lot of expensive drugs, or controversial vaccines. It does take effort. Call someone to find out how they are. Join a group where you can work together for a common goal. Join a church or a synagogue, a mosque or an ashram. Join an interest group. Volunteer at a food pantry or library. Try the Sierra Club or a Democratic club, or a Republican club. Try a march. I took a friend to her first march when she turned 80. March with me or against, but care enough about something to bestir yourself to participate in something with and for other people.

> During these Jewish High Holidays, the first sermon I heard was Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben on loneliness. He talked about the deleterious effects of loneliness and said that "It is better for your health to eat Twinkies with people you love than to eat broccoli alone." Finally, I thought, a sermon I can completely take to heart. Yet it's not so very different from Ecclesiastes telling us to eat our bread and drink our wine with people we love.

Mr. Dobrer,

I just read your article in the Mid-September issue of the Fullerton Observer. As an 85 year old Conservative, there are positions on some issues that you have written about that I, naturally, don't agree with. However, I must compliment you on the cited article. I wish more columnists/commentators, liberal & conservative, would be willing to emulate

Over my many years of adulthood I've witnessed a gradual decline in social civility in general and more specifically in the political arena. I've read many reasons cited for this phenomenon, not the least in my opinion is the emergence of social media and the all-pervasive, 24-hour news cycle. Certainly the more extreme and vocal members of the Left and Right must bear much responsibility.

Keep up your good work, especially recognizing where we can all agree that can only make our society better. Listening more and speaking less is trait that if habitual, would benefit most of us.

Art Black *Fullerton*

Compass Rose Apartments: Not coming up smelling like "roses."

(Names were changed for some of the people in this story)

On June 21, 2023 after winning a ments were supposed to be paid back lawsuit against Richman Park Housing Partners, The John Stewart Company, and Jamboree Housing, which are the owners of Compass Rose Apartments, a tenant "Denise" still waits payment from her victory in Orange County's Superior Court.

Ms Jefferson was the victim of gross negligence and code violations when the property manager of Compass Rose apartments, Ericka Guiterrez allegedly failed to provide Ms Jefferson with working heat for 101 days.

The Superior Court of Orange County ordered Ericka Guiterrez the property manager of Compass Rose Apartment to return Ms. Jefferson's rent back to her that she paid during the time period she had no heat in her unit.

What was even more shocking than a tenant being without working heat for this amount of time was according to the court transcripts from this case that I reviewed, Ericka Guiterrez and her regional manager Debora Hernandez allegedly admitted to the judge in court that they were overpaid by the Government Pandemic Program C.A.R.E.S Act. Funds.

The C.A.R.ES Act was a rental assistance program that Ms. Jefferson & her fellow tenants were eligible for. Once applied and approved the C.A.R.E.S Act would provide partial rental assistance for tenants who experienced hardship during the pandemic.

According to Ms Jefferson, Compass Rose was paid over \$14,000 for 15 months of her rent by the government C.A.R.E.S. Act. However, what the government did not know was Ms Jefferson was living in an uninhabitable unit for part of those 15 months.

When Ms Jefferson received a bill in 2022 from the property manager, she called the Sacramento headquarters's of the C.A.R.E.S ACT and they confirmed what Ms Jefferson suspected, Compass Rose was overpaid by the government. According to the contract between the landlords and the C.A.R.E.S Act, any & all over payto the government immediately.

The landlords were NOT to give tenants any rent credits. Rent credits were a violation of the CARES ACT contract. And the government funds were not to be given to landlords whose tenants were living in units that were not up to code. This was not only the case for Ms Jefferson but other tenants came forward and admitted they were also living in units that were not up to code who were getting rental assistance from this same government program.

When Ms Jefferson brought this to the attention of the supervisors of Ericka Guiterrez, they did absolutely nothing about it, according to Ms. Jefferson.

John Stewart Company Regional Managers; Marie Sinclair and assistant regional manager Debora Hernandez allegedly began to harass Ms Jefferson when they were made aware of the over payment.

Ms Jefferson claims that the supervisors began to profile her using stereotypical racial slurs and even told the judge in the court hearing that Ms Jefferson refused to let them repair the heat in her unit. She also says that the property manager and four employees broke into her unit as she was sleeping in order to try and repair the heat quickly because code enforcement was called on them.

Ms Jefferson called the police during this incident and even with a police report of this illegal entry supervisors continued the harassment.

Finally, in February 2023, Jefferson was shocked and outraged when the property manager had the audacity to send another bill claiming the C.A.R.ES. Act left a balance of over \$2,000.

Ms. Jefferson had enough and reported all three the property manager's to the Fraud department of the Government CARES Act program, The Department of Justice, Consumer Affairs and The Orange County District Attorney's office in Santa Ana.

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How Helping a Family Seeking Asylum Changed Our Church Group by Bill Lawrence

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Before we met an Afghan family who resettled in manizing-- the asylum process could be. The family Orange County last year, most folks at my church knew little about asylum seekers. We certainly didn't understand how complicated the asylum issue was. But over the last year, our group of 14 Christian retirees has gained the education of a lifetime.

My wife Jenny and I have been married for 51 years and have belonged to our evangelical free church since 2020. Like others there, we sought to volunteer during our retirement, especially since our four kids left

home. So when our group heard about World Relief's Good Neighbor Team program, which connects community groups with refugee families, we signed up.

And so last August, we met Nazir, Zahab, and their many children. (We've changed names for privacy.)

From the get-go, we discovered that the federal government gives asylum seekers little assistance—and limits their ability to work. Nazir was eager to support his family but couldn't receive legal employment authorization for at least six months.

With minimal funds, the couple had not purchased groceries in weeks. So, two team members took Zahab and her eldest son to the store. Five of us arranged to come by with cake a few days later. We learned their story over the full meal the family insisted on feeding us. Nazir had assisted with evacuations

during the U.S. withdrawal from Kabul and was assured his family would be evacuated, too. They

Afterward, the Taliban took Nazir and beat him; other extended family members had gone into hiding or were put to death. In early 2022, the family fled Afghanistan. They caught a series of flights to Mexico, hoping to request asylum at an American port of entry.

On the journey, human traffickers forced Nazir to surrender his money. Finally, the family crossed safely. A noble group of Afghan Americans, themselves children of refugees, connected the family to World Relief.

Our group was shocked by this story. Nazir and Zahab opened our eyes to how dangerous—and dehudidn't only need material comforts; they needed trusted friends in this new country.

Over the next four months, our group took the family grocery shopping, to doctor appointments, and immigration hearings. As word got out, church donations poured in, but Nazir still hadn't received a work permit nine months after their arrival.

In late November, Nazir texted me with anticipation as the day had finally arrived for the family's hearing

> to receive humanitarian parole. This two-year status provided a small amount of government assistance and would allow Nazir to work.

> But a few hours later, the hearing was canceled; the court had lost the schedule. Jenny and I checked on the family that afternoon. They were devastated. We encouraged them to persist, but Nazir feared deportation if they didn't receive legal status soon.

> When we couldn't reach them a few days later, we drove to their apartment. It was dark. We feared the worst. Had they been deported? When Nazir finally texted, we were beyond relieved. They'd fled to another country with friendlier immigration policies. In fact, Nazir soon received benefits and then work authorization there.

I'm happy for the family, but I wish America had done more for them. Nazir risked his life for Americans, only to be denied basic dignity in the United States.

We now see migrants in a new light, including their resilience in the wake of trauma and the injustices they face, like delayed work permits.

Jesus told us to welcome strangers. When we do this, we not only help others; we also change ourselves. Our team cannot fix all our immigration challenges. But we can make a difference by helping one family. We're glad we did.

Bill Lawrence and his wife Jenny are retirees and members of Fullerton Free Church and live in Orange County. Their Good Neighbor Team is now serving a second refugee family.

New gas station at 312 N Euclid St

Dear Editor,

This is a totally unnecessary and inappropriate location for a gas station, especially if it is purported to draw more clientele to the Provecho Market, yet it's unsigned. The applicant claims that because the fuel tanks are double-walled, there's no pollution concerns. But what about the vapors that inevitably escape from the fueling process?

And, to remove 14 parking spaces for the gas station doesn't bother him, but he objects to removing one space for an EV charging station? Doesn't compute for me. More EV charging spaces, less gas stations, please. And, I do not drive an EV.

Judy Berg Fullerton

Environmental Comments Sought On Massive **Re-Zoning Program**

In an effort to provide for Fullerton's approximately 7,500 California state-required units of affordable housing, the City of Fullerton is starting a Housing Incentive Overlay Zone (HIOZ) Program to streamline development approvals on 759 parcels, allowing housing in areas currently zoned non-residential. This would accommodate 35,611 units of new housing, an over 75% increase in Fullerton's existing housing stock. Comments are being accepted until close of business October 9th regarding what a draft Environment Impact Report should address.

Topics: Air Quality, Aesthetics, Biological Resources, Historic Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Population and Housing, Public Services, Hazards, Water Quality, Transportation, Land Use and Planning, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities, Noise.

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Barbara Louise (Harding) Kohlenberger *1928 - 2023*

Barbara Louise (Harding) Kohlenberger passed away on September 11, 2023 at the age of 95. Barbara was born in Santa Ana, CA, and grew up on a farm in Santa Ana, as a member of a large Orange County Pioneer family.

She attended University of Redlands, graduating in 1949 with a degree in Education. She married Charles W. (Bill) Kohlenberger the same year. They were married for 64 years before his passing in 2013.

Barbara worked briefly as a librarian in San Luis Obispo. She was a loving

mother and wife, mostly managing a household, and caring for four children while Dad was working as an engineer and Boy Scout leader. "She later cared for several grandchildren after the four of us had left home," said her daughter Carol, "She also worked as a kindergarten teacher at Fern Drive Elementary School."

Barbara was an active member and Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in Fullerton, CA. She taught Sunday School, and coordinated committees for the church over many years.

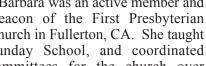
children, Carol Rush, Robert Kohlenberger, Jean MacLean, and Roger Kohlenberger; six grandchildren, Lara, Marla. Jennifer, Brian, David and Piper; and twelve greatgrandchildren.

Services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Fullerton on

10 am. The service will be followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

the First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton Deacon's Fund.

Please contact Carol Rush at (661)549-0042 for more informa-



Barbara is survived by her four



Saturday, October 21, at

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Our Brothers and Sisters who died in Orange County "Without Fixed Abode" (Homeless) during the Month of August 2023

(source: OC Coroner's Office)

August 1st

Mario BARAJAS - Garden Grove August 3rd

Ryan RAMOS - Fountain Valley August 4th

Juan RODRIGUEZ - Orange Johnny ARIAS - Stanton

August 5th

Mark BIRD - Huntington Beach David DELEAL - Huntington Beach Anthony LUGO - Garden Grove

August 6th

Luis CAMPOS - Santa Ana Russell BRITTON - Huntington Beach

August 7th Javon MCGRIFF - Costa Mesa

August 8th

Mark BUCHHEIT - Buena Park

Kirk MCKENZIE - Anaheim Ana LARA w- Fullerton

August 10th

Aaron SEARLS - Orange Raymond TAFOLLA - Santa Ana Roberto RODRIGUEZ - Santa Ana

August 12th

Kevin CARDONA - Huntington Beach Richard MASSE - Laguna Hills

August 16th Herman GYORGY - Orange

Michael FURTADO - Placentia August 17th

Aubree CUMBO - Santa Ana August 19th

Cristian BARRAGAN - Anaheim August 20th

> Frank GUTIERREZ San Juan Capistrano

August 21st Edwin ELOE II - Santa Ana August 22nd Scott CALDWELL - Anaheim August 23rd Daniel VILLANUEVA Fountain Valley Isaac OLVERA - Orange August 24th

Mark ALLEY - Orange August 25th

Richard MULCAHY - Santa Ana August 26th

Randy ARMSTRONG Los Alamitos

August 27th

Brandon MORRIS - Newport Beach Desiree MIXON - Fullerton

August 28th

Samantha BARNARD - Orange

August 29th

Nathaniel BEGAY - Cypres August 31st

William BETANZOS PORTILLO Santa Ana

Jose GONZALES - Mission Vieio Charles LEIGH - Anaheim

Also those who died in July whose names were released in August:

> Deborah DOE died on July 4th in Orange

Juan SANCHEZ died on July 31st in Fullerton

May they rest in peace.

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."



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Rosellen C Gates 1922 - 2023

Long time Fullerton resident Rosellen Gates passed away on July 16, 2023 in Santa Rosa, California, where she had moved in 2015 to be nearer to her daughter Joan. She was 101 years old.

Rosellen was born on June 12, 1922 to Herman

Cornett and Movna Adams in Dexter, New Mexico. The family soon moved to Breckenridge, Texas, where her two younger sisters, Betty and Joyce, were born. Rosellen liked to tell the story of a giant dust storm that chased them to San Jose, California when she was about 16, where her father owned a shoe store with his brother. Rosellen graduated from San Jose State University with a major in Music and taught elementary school for a few years. During the latter part of WWII she served in the Navy WAVES in Washington DC, and then married Robert Gates in 1947 in San Jose. In 1950 they moved to Fullerton when Bob took a job sight unseen at Fullerton College, where he taught science before becoming a dean.

Rosellen lived in Fullerton for 65 years, where for many years she taught private piano lessons in her home. She and Bob were involved since the early days with Fullerton Friends of Music, were longtime members of the Fullerton United Methodist Church, and Rosellen organized and conducted the



Windsong Players, a Recorder Music group, for 40 years. She was also an active member of the Mu Phi Epsilon Music Fraternity, sang in the choir at her church, and was a Girl Scout leader. She and Bob took many adventurous overseas

vacations, until he passed away in 2000.

Rosellen is survived by her sister Joyce Wilkinson (Fred), daughters Laurie Gates Engelhardt (Darrell) and Joan Gates (Steve Marlowe), as well as three grandsons Brian Engelhardt, Allan Engelhardt (Mandy Lowe), and Max Marlowe. She was predeceased by her sister Betty Binford. A memorial service in Santa Rosa is pending, and a celebration of life will be held in Fullerton with details to be announced later.

Rosellen had an active life filled with music and a love for helping others. When she moved to a senior residence in Santa Rosa at age 93, she immediately got busy helping other new residents get settled into the community by befriending them and encouraging them to join an exercise group, a drumming class, and a book group. She was an inspiration and made a positive impact wherever she went. We envision her now singing and playing piano and recorder with the angels. She will be greatly missed!



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EMPLOYMENT

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Location: Fullerton Elementary School District, Fullerton Salary Info: Appropriate Placement

on Salary Schedule **Deadline:** Until Filled

Special Day Class Teacher Moderate/Severe (09182023)

Location: Fullerton Elementary School District, Fullerton

Salary Info: Appropriate Placement

on Salary Schedule **Deadline:** Until Filled

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Youth Services Division

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Community Cntr Specialist

Salary: \$16.50 - \$17.50 Hourly Job Type: At Will/Non-Benefited Job Number: 02 - Community Ctr. Department: Parks and Recreation Applications accepted continuously

Park and Trail Specialist

Salary: \$16.50 - \$17.50 Hourly Job Type: At Will/Non-Benefited Job Number: 02 - Park and Trail Department: Parks and Recreation Applications accepted continuously

Fire Dept. Utility Worker I/II

Salary: \$15.50 - \$16.50 Hourly Location: Fullerton Fire Dept Job Type: At Will/Non-Benefited Job Number: 2023-00009 Applications accepted continuously

Library Page I

Salary: \$15.50 - \$16.00 Hourly
Location: Fullerton Public Library
Job Type: At Will/Non-Benefited
Job Number: 22 - FD Utility Wkr
Department: Fire Dept
Applications accepted continuously

Police Cadet

Salary: \$15.50 - \$16.75 Hourly Location: Fullerton Police Dept Job Type: At Will/Non-Benefited Job Number: 05

Position Limited to 25 Hrs Weekly Applications accepted continuously

Police Dispatcher (on call)

Salary: \$26.32 - \$33.59 Hourly Location: Fullerton Police Dept Job Type: At Will/Non-Benefited Job Number: 2022-00133

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Salary: \$6,620 - \$9,094 Monthly Location: Fullerton Police Dept Job Type: Full Time Job Number: 06

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Sr. Parks & Recreation Specialist
Salary: \$18.00 - \$20.50 Hourly
Job Type: At Will/Non-Benefited
Job Number: 2021-00053
Department: Parks and Recreation

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b Number: 2023-00009

List of items: DeWalt telescopic hedge trimmer, Fiskars hedge trimmer, Hitachi leaf blower, and Echo string trimmer. Text interest to Cheryl at 714.294.4906

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Congratulations on Your Engagement!

In September the families of Ariana and Brett visited Mammoth for the engagement announcement and party of these two wonderful people.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Ariana and Brett.



Happy 50th Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Jaramillo





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ANSWER KEY TO PUZZLE "BEGINING OF THE MONTH" on page 7:



Master Valerie Brickey
was born in Fullerton and returned to raise her family here. She has been contributing puzzles

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Above right: Evan and Erin Chen went to Japan in June for a 2-week family vacation with their parents Wayne and Cathy. Here they are in front of the Osaka Castle, which was built in the 16th century by Toyotomi Hideyoshi, a samurai warlord. He constructed the castle as a symbol of his power and grandeur after unifying Japan under his rule.

THE UNION PACIFIC TRAIL DECISION

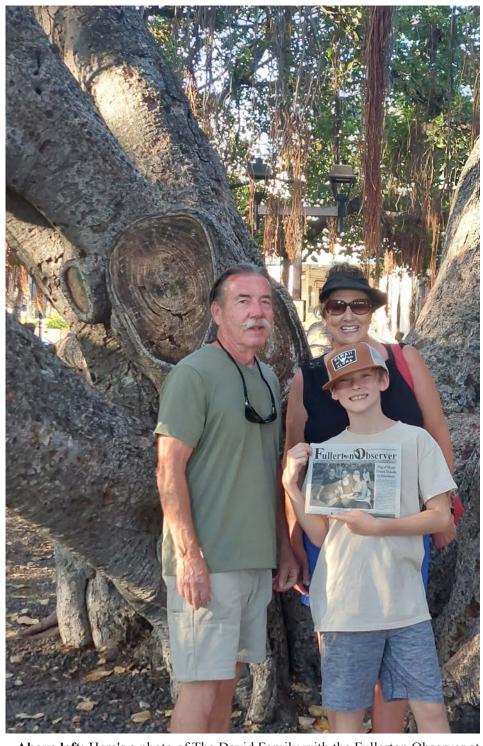
I am so disappointed in the 3-2 Council decision to forego the grant and cancel the Trail project. Mayor Jung's comment that "the City was already not maintaining well the things the City has now" is directly related to the budget cuts and layoffs this Council has instituted.

Yes, medians and grass areas around town, overgrown with weeds, look embarrassing, but I say look in the mirror, Mayor Jung. And Dunlap's com-

that districts Councilmembers to "pick fights. Council should consider what is best for the town instead of politicizing." I agree. But, again, look in the mirror Mr. Dunlap.

You all do represent the entire City; the District system is to assure that all areas of the City have a representative who listens to them. You certainly don't represent me.

Judy Berg District 2 Fullerton new growth!



Above left: Here's a photo of The David Family with the Fullerton Observer at The Lahaina Banyan Court Park on Maui. The tree is over 150 years old!

A fire happened soon after we were there, however the tree is reported to have



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