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From left to right: Sarah Wills, Eleanor Perez, Sandy Goldband, the Emcee Jake Cassman, Ahmad Zahra, Christine Truxaw, Professional Dance Duo Rudy & Maria Hernandez, Pastor Nate Allen, Jason Phillips (Judge), Laurie McGee, Emily Menaker, Leanna Forcucci (Judge), Ryan Dick, Megan Klink (Judge)



PHOTO BY GASTON CASTELLANOS

Look Who's Dancing Raised \$65K for Pathways of Hope

There were fantastic performances by all the contestants and guest dance groups. Fullerton Councilmember Ahmad Zahra won the Peoples Choice award for best in dance and Pastor Nate Allen of St Paul Lutheran Church won the Champion and Money awards. Rudy & Maria Hernandez Dance studio worked with everyone to do the choreography.

More info for the Dance Studio go to: <https://rmhdance.com/?mode=intro> For more information on Pathways of Hope contact them at: 714.680.3691 Info@POHOC.org • www.POHOC.org • PO Box 6326, Fullerton, CA 92834

Vigil Honors the Lives Lost in the Current Isreal-Hamas Conflict

by Saskia Kennedy

Students, professors, and community members gathered to show solidarity and call for peace in Fullerton and worldwide on the CSUF campus. By the end of the vigil, there were over 100 candles lit in the Humanities Quad.

"I appreciate CSUF faculty and students organizing this peace vigil for Israelis and Palestinians. It's important that we stand together in our grief and

unite in our common humanity towards peace for all," said Fullerton City Councilmember Dr. Ahmad Zahra.

CSUF Lecturer Freddi-Jo Brusckhe helped coordinate the event. When asked why it was important to help organize this vigil, Brusckhe answered that over the last few weeks she had been speaking with Jewish friends who were feeling dismissed in many ways

and needed a place to mourn, a place to recognize the tragedies, and share stories.

"I, like many people, have family in Israel, and what I see in emails from cousins is just a non-stop stream of horror every day. To see people I know either ignore it or say that it is justified has just been hard for me to process," said Brusckhe.

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Jewish and Muslim Leaders united at a candlelight vigil at CSUF to share words of understanding, prayers, music, and remembrances for those who lost loved ones in the Israel/ Palestine conflict. PHOTO BY GASTON CASTELLENOS

Vigil Honors the Lives Lost continued from front page

After Hamas' October 7 attack on Israel, a large group marched on the California State University Fullerton (CSUF) campus and chanted hateful things, which many people found very upsetting and exclusionary Brusckhe said.

"We wanted to counter that event, show that there's a different response that doesn't spread hate [or justify killing innocent people]. We needed something to remember the people who've died and mark the moment. We offered two prayers, a Du'as from the Quran and the Kaddish from the Torah, which were read in sequence, and I

was tasked with speaking before that," said Busckhe. "I thought about how important it was that we speak to the lives lost, both the Israeli and the Palestinian lives and the hostages who are currently still captive under who knows what conditions. Of all the people who just got caught up in it, visitors, expats, and speak to that. Not to justify who's right or who's wrong. Speak to whether it's ever justified just to start killing people, no matter your cause."

"I was heartened by the vigil at CSUF, with all of the campus and the community represented and coming

together. Of the roughly 100 people there, we had faculty, students, administration, and members of the public from all walks of life and every part of Fullerton," said Fullerton City Councilmember and CSUF Professor Dr. Shana Charles, who is Jewish. "There was some fear that it would turn into a fight. Instead, we listened to each other, supported each other, and sent a clear call for peace. My favorite moment was the Du'as being said by a Muslim graduate student. I'm unaware of any other event with the Jewish Mourner's Kaddish and the Muslim Du'as being said together in unity and compassion."

Worldwide Demonstrations Call for Hamas/Israel Ceasefire

October 7: 1,400 Israelis were killed and over 4,000 injured in an attack by Hamas*, which also fired missiles into central and southern Israel. 222 people were taken hostage, including both Israelis and dozens of other nationalities (4 have been released so far). Most missiles have been intercepted by Israel's defense system, according to the Israeli government. (Recently, Iran's foreign minister, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, announced at the U.N. that Hamas is ready to release the hostages but that the world should push for the release of 6,000 Palestinians imprisoned in Israel. According to a Reuters report, a Palestinian senior member of Hamas, Moussa Abu Marzouk, said, "Foreign prisoners cannot be released due to the continued Israeli bombing of Gaza.")

Following the October 7 attack, the Israeli government cut off electricity, water, fuel, medicine, and food to Gaza's over 2.2 million population and ordered over a million civilians living in the north to evacuate south, warning that the north would be bombed.

Those who could travel did - but found sites in the south were also being bombed. Adding to the difficulty of escaping was the lack of fuel. According to U.N. data, over 7,300 people in Gaza were killed, including 2,600 children, and over 17,439 were injured, including many who fled to refugee camps.

Among those killed were 27 journalists and 57 aid workers. Hundreds of Palestinians were killed while seeking treatment and safety at the Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital, which was bombed and is running low on medicine, food, and water, as well as fuel for generators to operate the hospital without electricity. (By October 26, twelve hospitals had shut down.)

October 10: President Biden, continued to support Israel's right to defend itself, while he denounced the killing of civilians, and said that the U.S. would provide \$100 million in humanitarian aid for Gaza and the West Bank. By October 21, U.N. Humanitarian Affairs Coordinator Martin Griffiths reported the first convoy of aid into Gaza had arrived, but said much more was needed.

According to the U.N., 20 trucks carry supplies enough for 22,000 people in one day, but - 629,000 people are sheltering in the 150 U.N. Relief and Works Agency facilities. Hundreds of trucks await inspection and by October 27, only 84 trucks had made it through the Egyptian border.

October 18: Over 300 people, including members of the Jewish group "If Not Now" and "Jewish Voice for Peace," were arrested at a U.S. Capitol Hill sit-in demanding a ceasefire as innocent civilians are being victimized. Demonstrations called for a ceasefire, return of Israeli

hostages, and support of a free Palestine were held in Washington DC, Chicago, Boston, New York, Brooklyn, SF, LA and other cities across the U.S., and cities in France, Germany, Britain, Denmark, Italy, Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, Yemen, Turkey, Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco, South Africa and other countries.

October 25: The U.S. government, which contributes an annual \$3.3 billion in aid to Israel, has failed to join the push for a ceasefire, instead committing \$2 trillion in arms to support the blockade, occupation, and bombing. The U.S. House of Representatives, passed - in a 412 to 10 vote, a resolution for the continued support of Israel while condemning Hamas.

October 26: European Union leaders representing 27 nations called for a pause in bombing from both sides to get humanitarian aid to those in need. The US Government sent 900 soldiers to bases in the Middle East.

At the 15-member UN Security Council, a second Russian attempt at a ceasefire resolution, which also demanded Israel rescind its order for Gaza citizens to move south, failed with US and UK vetoes. A second US resolution to "pause" bombing to allow humanitarian aid and calls for a halt to providing arms to Hamas also failed with vetoes from Russia and China. It only takes one veto to stop a resolution and US, UK, Russia, China, and France are the members with veto power.

October 27: On Day 21 of the Israeli/Hamas war in the occupied Palestinian territory of Gaza, the 193-member U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for an "immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce" between Israeli forces and Hamas militants. The resolution also called for Israel to rescind its order for Palestinian civilians and U.N. staff to evacuate northern Gaza and for immediate release of all civilians who are held captive by Hamas. There is no veto power in the General Assembly, and resolutions are non-binding.

***Who is Hamas?:** According to the Council on Foreign Relations, "The Palestinian militant group has struggled to govern Gaza and remains committed to violently resisting Israel."

Hamas won a dominating number of seats in the Palestine Authority legislature in 2006 with post-election polls indicating that Palestinians' supported the authoritarian group's promise to end poverty, corruption in government, and the Israeli occupation in place since 1967, rather than its ideology. No elections have been held during the past 17 years.

For updates and ways to help, visit www.unrwa.org or www.oxfamamerica.org

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Out of My Mind

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Tears of Futility

Prologue: *I was walking in the countryside in Tunisia in 1967 and encountered a German cemetery from WWII. Family members had clearly visited and put pictures of these forever young men on their gravestones. I was 23, and most of those faces belonged to boys younger than I, boys whose lives had been cut short by war. I looked at them and wept. My tears did not endorse their cause but their humanity.*

My heart breaks when I see the distraught faces of parents, children, and babies twisted in pain that is beyond words. My tears fall when I hear their cries of fear and loss—the ineffable agony of war. For the people in such pain, it truly doesn't matter who started it, who is right or wrong, whether it's a good cause, a bad cause, or a lost cause. What matters is their lives were torn and broken.

While leaders make speeches and the media search for emotional pictures and sounds to exploit, the despair they capture is real. These are not "Crisis Actors." These are people, our fellow human beings. The Jewish families in Gaza are devastated by their losses. The Gazan families are equally devastated by their losses. If we fail to feel their pain, if we emotionally withdraw and shut off our connection to them, we diminish our humanity.

Whatever a TV crew elicits from a grieving Gazan family about being proud of raising a martyr (Shaheed), an Israeli family might evince pride in the heroism or sacrifice for the greater good; they didn't have children and raise them to be martyrs (Kaddosh HaShem). They had children whom they wanted to live, to love, and to be loved. Post facto, they try to give meaning to their terrible losses and find some measure of comfort from their perception of the holiness of their cause. It's natural for any person to try to find greater meaning in the absurdity of deaths in war.

Here in America, we may see gold stars displayed in the windows of some homes or worn as a pin indicating that they lost a son, daughter, or sibling in combat. These stars may be shown with pride, but we know that whether the death was in a good war or an ill-considered war, the loss is the same. We also know that whatever solace a family may take from the sacrifice, they didn't have children and raise them in order to earn a gold star and belong to the Gold Star Society.

Families, whether Ukrainian or Russian, suffer the loss of their children the same. Muslim or Hindu in India and Pakistan, left-wing or right-

wing in Latin America, Hutus or Tutsis in Rwanda, all the survivors cry, keen, and scream in bewildered pain. Then, they try to find a reason for their pain. Some seek revenge and live on anger. Others seek peace and an end to the conflict. Some look for signs of a divine hand or justification for their loss, while still others hold that only total and final victory will assuage the bottomless pit of their despair.

I understand that wars might seem, or even be, necessary. People do have to defend themselves. But I also believe that they are mostly absurd and, in the fullness of time, futile. There are no holy wars—wars fought in the name of God don't make them holy. Killing each other with hearts filled with righteousness is tragic.

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Wars seem like eternal conflicts of absolutes that are forever irreconcilable. History doesn't support such pessimistic certainty. How many times did Protestants fight Catholics in England? I think we in the United States have somewhat reconciled with those vile colonialist oppressors of the English Crown. Up until three weeks ago, the number one spot for Israelis, particularly ultra-orthodox Haredi, to book destination weddings was Dubai! The top three European destinations for Israelis are Turkey (!), Spain, and Germany (!). American tourists (318,000) filled the streets of Saigon and Ho Chi Min City in 2022.

We human beings don't forget the pain and losses, nor are we compelled to poison our lives forever with that pain. In the biblical story of Lot and his wife, while escaping the hellfires destroying Sodom, she looks back and is turned into a pillar of salt. I think the deeper message is not to be obsessed by the past and trapped inside a salty carapace of tears but to turn towards life. Yes, we glance back and don't forget the anguish, but we must know that to dwell in that pain is to deny the joys of today and tomorrow.

So, let's weep for the dead, let our hearts break for their families, but let's also know that peace will come, and our tears can grow flowers.

Observer Around the World



In October, the Shah family embarked on a 3-hour hopper to Mexico City, immersing themselves in the city's culinary delights, rich cultural arts, and breathtaking sights. Their exploration took them to the awe-inspiring Teotihuacan pyramids, a sprawling Mexican archaeological marvel nestled just outside the city. Enthralled by their experience, Jay and Ria (shown in picture) look forward to another trip to Mexico City and recommend a journey there.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Opinion Editor,

Like every Fullerton resident I know, I am very unhappy with the council's mean-spirited and short-sightedness regarding the Union Pacific Trail. Several years ago, Emerson Little wrote about a similar trail in Brea that was part of the rails-to-trails program. After reading that article, I checked it out for myself, and it is wonderful. Built in an industrial area, passing between ugly buildings, it has a concrete path that winds between landscaped plants and trees, with exercise equipment available to those who wish to use it. There is also a nice parking lot. The trail is very popular with both walkers and bikers and has spruced up a formerly blighted area.

Fullerton has the opportunity to do the same thing, but for some bizarre reason has chosen not to. Shame on them. I suggest the mayor and his cronies watch Emerson's Observer video of the Brea trail to see what Fullerton is missing out on due to their stupidity.

Jimmy Fullerton

Dear Fullerton Observer,

Emerson Little's article on the Fullerton College Historical District (Mid Oct issue) was eye-opening, and the video was great!

It also served to emphasize the wonderful work done by Fullerton Heritage, a non-profit organization that deserves a big shout out for all it does in our community.

I found that out firsthand a few months ago when I hired a contractor to replace the roof on my 1920 Craftsman Bungalow. Because I live in a historical preservation zone, I contacted FH with questions about replacing my "rotting" rafter tails.

I was helped immensely by two of the fine Board members, Ray Sly and Bob Linnell, who came to my house numerous times, researched rafter solutions, spoke with my contractor, and also provided me with facts about the man who built my place and several others in town.

The FH members went above and

beyond to help me and I now have a fine new roof. This organization is a true Fullerton treasure.

Leslie Allen Fullerton

Dear Observer:

Regarding the canceled park, trees and trail grant to improve life on the wrong side of the tracks, I can see Mayor Jung's logic in his and Whitaker's and Dunlap's voting it down. These guys have two ends, a thinking end and a sitting end. Since their seats depend on the money they get, they do the bidding of the highest bidder, donations-wise. Bushala wants land for development instead of a people's park, fine with these recipients of his campaign largess.

But wait, there's more! Fear. I wouldn't doubt that they vote Tony Bushala's interests out of fear. They—we all—have seen what a vicious campaign he can wage against one who does not do his bidding: Ahmad Zahra. No expense spared to disparage, demean and denounce whom Bushala does not like.

It seems we have a one-man Mafia in our fair city; one man and his minions.

JAK Fullerton

Please renew my subscription for another year. I live here in Fullerton is my private home where I have lived since 1996 when we bought the house.

I was born and raised in New York City in 1928. I left NYC in 1945 when I enlisted in the Marines. I retired in 1973 after 28 years as a Marine. My first home was in Irvine, then Tustin, and finally here!

Keep up the good work.

Neil Fullerton

The enclosed check is a donation. I already receive the newspaper because it is delivered to where I live.

I very much appreciate your very timely and interesting articles.

I hope you will be able to continue this service for many years to keep us informed of some local issues and events.

Charlotte Fullerton

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Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is an opportunity to remind families in our communities to focus on prevention year-round by avoiding exposure from sources such as chips and peeling paint in older homes, imported toys, jewelry, pottery,

candies, and traditional folk remedies. This year will also bring awareness to neighborhood sources of potential lead air pollution, including construction, desks from older housing, and industrial sites such as battery recycling, welding, solar manufacturing, pigment, glass making, shooting ranges, and most ammunition. Family members working in these sites should shower and change clothes before going home to protect their household from lead dust.

For more information go to: <https://ohealthinfo.com/lead>



The month of October is proclaimed as National Violence Awareness Month

A Radiant Futures representative accepted the proclamation. Radiant Futures has served the community for over 47 years with legal, housing, counseling, and education services for survivors of domestic violence and their families. It is a collaborative effort to address this pressing public health issue.

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City Council Notes by Leah Han

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October 03 Meeting

Public Comments

Twenty residents spoke asking the council to bring back Union Pacific Trail.

Resident Karen Loreda asked for greater transparency in the city minutes.

Yolanda and Todd Harrison bring up the dangers of Lemon and Valencia. Another accident occurred.

Another resident named ZJ seconded their statements and brought up the lack of sidewalk on Page Ave near Orangethorpe Elementary School.

Resident Maureen Milton asked city staff to put the print date on papers being given out from the city. This

way, residents can know if they are up to date. Milton also asked for the chamber doors to be brought to ADA compliance.

Mike Laquino, a retired Anaheim Police Officer and resident of Fullerton spoke out about issues in the past Planning Commission meeting and asked for an appeal. Residents were told they could appeal at the end of the meeting but now are unable to. A former planning commissioner and another resident echoed Laquino's statements. (See *Planning Commission Meeting on next page*)

Review of Allocation of Park Dwelling Fees

Several people in public comments favored option one, which uses the Parks Dwelling Fee money for the area near building projects but leaves half of the money for all other parks.

Resident Jane Reifer asked for clarification that trails count as parks.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitaker later confirmed that they do.

Councilmember Dunlap brought up recreational sports fields and how they have to be maintained by private funds.

Councilmember Zahra explained that he believes there is an issue of over-relying on grant funding for parks.

Whitaker said that no one is intentionally depriving areas of park space but that it is only how the city has developed.

Councilmember Charles stressed the issue of making sure parks accessible to families are the ones focused on. Charles added that she thinks staff

should try putting together some criteria and numbers for what parks are important to focus on.

Whitaker highlighted the importance of maintaining the parks that we currently have and agreed with Councilmember Zahra that Mayor Jung should be present for the item.

Mayor Jung was not present during this time.

Zahra emphasized the poor condition of Independence Park and how much help it needs.

Whitaker explained that he is against adding more requirements to allocating Park Dwelling fees since it might hold up the money.

Zahra responded that it is not limiting because they have grants but do not want to rely on them entirely. A motion was unanimously passed to continue the item at the next meeting.

City Council Comments

Councilmember Dr. Shana Charles thanked her colleagues for attending various city events, like the World Korean Business Convention and local business openings. Charles reminded residents of her office hours on Thursdays from 12pm - 2pm and invited people to talk virtually if they cannot attend in person. Charles also read a statement she and Councilmember Zahra had signed about the recent events in Israel and Palestine. The statement said they are against the violence against civilians in Israel and Palestinians in Gaza, as well as the rise in Antisemitism and Islamophobia.

Councilmember Nicholas Dunlap replied to a public comment that the council does not listen to public comment by showing his notes. He also responded to a comment about how council members should visit the site for the Union Pacific Trail. He said he had visited the site and was familiar with the area.

Dunlap explained that he was also shocked by the previous Planning Commission meeting regarding short-term rentals and would like to see the ordinance brought to the council.

He ended with excitement for post-season baseball.

Councilmember Dr. Ahmad Zahra thanked Charles for reading their joint statement. Zahra shared that the Public Works Department has good ideas to better Lemon and Valencia and asked

them to bring their ideas to the council.

Zahra also asked Public Works to come back with their pilot program for fixing the lack of lighting in areas like Woodcrest. He also asked to look at the ordinances for smoke shops and liquor stores to ensure sufficient distance between them. He responded to a public comment about the negatives of districts by explaining his opinion that he saw positives in districts because as a councilmember he could see issues in all areas that might have been overlooked previously. He added that it allowed the public to engage better when there was an assigned representative.

Zahra thanked the Fullerton Fire Department for their work and for allowing him to participate in the Fill-The-Boot fundraiser. He also thanked Sunrise Rotary for cleaning Truslow Park and other organizations' work helping to maintain parks.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Whitaker spoke on his experience at the Water Summit held by the Orange County Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Orange County. Whitaker praised the well-attended, useful event. He also explained that he feels he cannot respond to all of the public comments because it is not agendized in meetings. Whitaker explained that this is why he enjoys being invited to speak on certain things.

Falc Ambulance Extension

Mayor Fred Jung recused himself from this item. The council voted on a 60-day extension for the Falc Ambulance contract while the RFP is being renewed.

A public comment expressed confusion about why we must work with Falc Ambulance.

Councilmember Charles asked for the City Manager, Eric Levitt, to clarify for the public.

Levitt explained that Fullerton should maintain their right to control their ambulance services and that it is essential to ensure transport and care to the hospital. The item passed unanimously.

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**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2023:
SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT FOR 1850 EDGECLIFF DR.**

Commissioner Dino was delayed. Commissioner Tudor, Vice Chair Cox, and Chairman Mansuri were present. Commissioner Gambino had an excused absence.

STAFF PRESENTATION AND RECOMMENDATION

The applicant requested short-term rental approval to allow partial home rental, generally less than 30 days. This property is in the R1 zone, and the process is exempt per section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines.

When staff receives an applications for short-term rentals, they go through a series of steps.

1) They look to see if there are any open building permits or any open code enforcement cases.

Findings: There were no open building permits or code enforcement cases for this application in this case.

2) If warranted, they check calls for service from the Police Department.

Findings: Based on staff research and calls for service, staff did determine that there were 12 calls for service to the Police Department between 2019 and the present. City Planning Manager Chris Schaefer said, "I want to caveat that comment because it's anytime somebody calls the Police Department to register a complaint, and so that's logged into the system, whether or not there's a report filed."

Then, general offense reports are done. Two general offense reports were

generated. However, those are confidential. The majority didn't cause any reports.

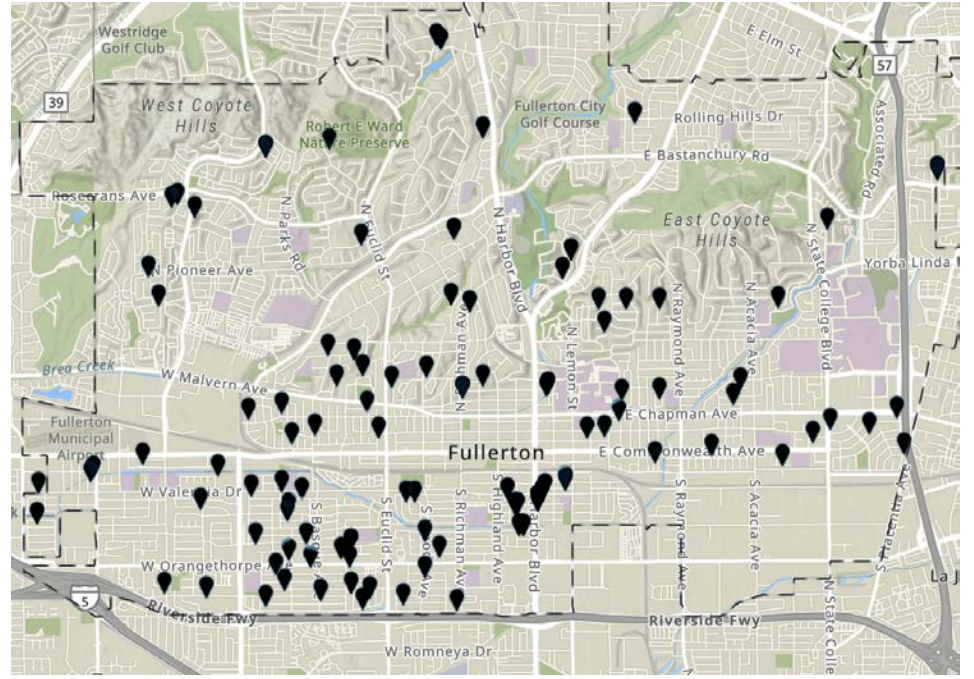
3) They have the ability, through a service that we use called Host Compliance, to look at any activity occurring on the property.

Findings: Host compliance uses a web crawling system to see if any activity regarding a short-term rental includes any time a notice is posted. Anytime it's taken down, somebody rents out the property. Based on that system, staff determined that seventeen listings were posted and taken down 11 times. Eight documented stays occurred before a short-term rental permit was approved.

4) Staff sends notices to all the property owners within 300 feet of the subject property. They allow those property owners a few weeks (10 days) to provide comments and responses. They can respond in two ways. They can go to the host compliance website and lodge comments or send them directly to the staff, who will upload them into the system.

Findings: Staff did receive comments from individuals. Staff tried to determine where the comments came from. Based on this information, two of the comments were from adjacent neighbors. The other two couldn't be decided where they came from.

The staff did not make a recommendation. The commissioners had three



Short-term Rentals in Fullerton as of October 2023. You can see the interactive map at: <https://www.cityoffullerton.com/government/departments/community-and-economic-development/code-enforcement/short-term-vacation-rentals>

actions: approve, deny, or approve the application with conditions.

Planning Commissioner Chair Arif Mansuri asked, "Are the comments included in our packet the ones from today?"

City Planning Manager Chris Schaefer responded that all the packet comments were from the last meeting. The previous meeting had to be canceled because of technical difficulties, so everything from the last meeting was forwarded to this meeting, and no additional comments were added.

Commissioner Dino made a motion for conditional approval, seconded by Commissioner Tudor.

The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Gambino was absent.

Unless an appeal is made in writing, the planning, commission approval, or denial of any action on this agenda should be final and effective ten working days after its decision. Anyone interested in appealing should contact the Community and Economic Development Department for assistance.

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ACROSS THE GLOBE

IDENTITY THEFT IS ON THE RISE

The Postal Service is not the intended target, however it is implicated due to the fraudster intercepting financially-oriented mail such as credit cards or checks. To combat the rise in fraudulent submissions, the Postal Service has strengthened authentication processes for all methods of Change of Address (COA) submissions, both electronic and hardcopy (either submitted in person or through the mail stream).

Since the expansion of enhanced in-person change of address protocols and the implementation of additional identity verification services for online change of addresses, fraudulent submissions have decreased by more than 99.3% compared to the same period last year.

50% REDUCTION IN COUNTERFEIT PACKAGE POSTAGE IN POSTAL NETWORK DUE TO INCREASED CONTROLS AND ENFORCEMENT.

The Postal Service is committed to protecting the integrity and security of the mail system and ensuring that customers receive the service they pay for. Customers are urged to use only authorized and legitimate labels for their packages, and to report any suspicious or fraudulent labels to the USPS or the Inspection Service. Customers who use counterfeit or hijacked labels may face legal consequences and lose their mailing privileges.

The USPS has developed a sophisticated system to identify, intercept and retain counterfeit or hijacked labels on packages, using artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data analysis. Since the start of the interception pro-

gram, counterfeit package postage in the postal network has significantly reduced by more than 50%.

In May, analysis conducted by the Inspection Service led to the arrest of a Chinese-national in Los Angeles for running an alleged counterfeit postage scheme and shipping more than 9 million pieces of mail with \$60 million in counterfeit postage.

INCREASED MONETARY REWARDS

The Inspection Service is authorized to issue monetary rewards for certain types of offenses against the United States Postal Service. The agency along with its partners has enacted regulatory changes to reflect increased monetary reward amounts for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a perpetrator of mail crime. Relevant criminal behavior includes homicide, assault, mail fraud, mail theft, counterfeiting and forgery, and destroying, obstructing, or limiting the passage of mail.

In August, the Inspection Service increased monetary rewards for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a perpetrator of mail crime:

- Offenses Against USPS Employees/Contractors __\$250,000
- Assault on Postal Employees __\$150,000
- Robbery __\$150,000
- Offenses Involving Theft of Mail or USPS Property –Burglary Of Post Office __\$100,000
- Theft Of Mail Or Postal Service Property __\$100,000
- Postage Or Meter Tampering __\$100,000

ACTION THE PUBLIC CAN TAKE TO HELP PREVENT MAIL THEFT

Customers can take several steps to protect their mail and their letter carriers, including:

- You can significantly reduce the chance of being victimized by simply removing your mail from your mailbox every day.
- Deposit outgoing mail securely inside your local Post Office or at your place of business or by handing it to a letter carrier.
- Sign up for Informed Delivery and get daily digest emails that preview your mail and packages scheduled to

arrive soon.

- Become involved and engaged in your neighborhood via neighborhood watches and local social media groups to spread awareness and share information.
- Keep an eye out for your letter carrier. If you see something that looks suspicious, or you see someone following your carrier, call 911.
- Customers are encouraged to report stolen mail as soon as possible by submitting an online complaint to the Postal Inspection Service at www.uspis.gov/report or calling 877-876-2455.

**UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 6 at 4pm: Transportation & Circulation • November 7 at 5:30pm: City Council • November 8 at 6:30pm: Planning Commission | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 13 at 6:30pm: Parks and Recreation • November 15 at 5pm: Active Transportation • November 20 at 5pm: Infrastructure & Resources |
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(Tentative) AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 7 CITY COUNCIL

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| <p>Tuesday, November 7, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well 6 Rehabilitation • Flood Ordinance Update • Classification Plan Update • Fire Station #1 Cell Tower Lease • Well #10 & Pipeline Design Services • The PINES AT SUNRISE VILLAGE Assignment • GROUNDSWELL/ previously known as OC Human Relations Annual Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled Person's Parking Zone at 437-443 West Valencia Drive • Update to Non-Regular Employee Hourly Pay Rate • Deferred Home Improvement Loan Appeal • Recind "Early Morning Parking" restriction on Valwood Dr • FPOA Police Safety and Dispatch unit agreement |
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Changes in town

Toyz N Fun

A Loungefly Retailer that carries toys, backpacks, purses, Pokemon, Funko, Sannio, and many other items. They are moving from their former location at State College. Welcome to downtown.

Semilla Plants

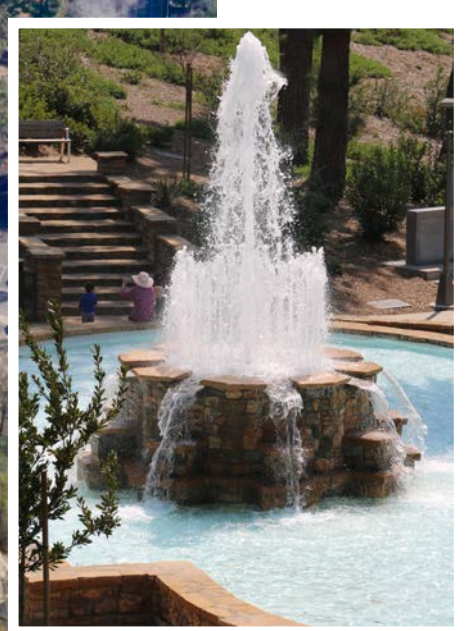
Semilla closed their operation at 109 N Harbor on October 14, and they are now looking for another location nearby where they can sign a long-term lease for stable growth, so hopefully you will see them return before too long. In the meantime, they will continue with pop-ups, private events, installations, and launching their website while searching for a new location. This is a family-owned and operated business, just what our downtown needs more of, and they have been able to do well here.

Sojeata Organic Café

This Café & Creamery at 115 E Commonwealth had a soft opening on October 21, serving selected items from their menu.

One menu item that stands out is – croffles? Yes, it's a croissant and a waffle made with organic ingredients, available in sweet and savory flavors. Plant-based & vegan options are on the menu.

Wow, that part of downtown is evolving. The Greenery and a health food store were once located on that block. Healthy options have returned.



Walking Tour / Hike

Kay Miller was there when Business Owners and the Fullerton Downtown Business Association needed her help with Winterfest and other downtown events, and she is still there. Now, she and Fullerton Heritage invite us to meet them at the lower parking lot on Lemon and Valley View, at the base of the stairs, for a walking tour of Hillcrest Park. It starts at 9am on November 4, \$5 cash/check on the event day, or go online for pre-pay and more info at www.fullertonheritage.org/tours. It's FREE for Fullerton Heritage members. The hike will last about two hours; dress accordingly and bring water.

Works Progress Administration Downtown

It was called the 'New Deal' and the US Government undertook a huge number of construction projects to create jobs and stimulate the economy via the Works Progress Administration (WPA). They built schools, hospitals, airfields, and bridges, and here in Fullerton, we requested and received more state and federal relief funds than any other city in Orange County. If you go on the tour mentioned above, you will learn more about the historic fountain and surrounding stonework completed with those funds and restored in May of 2018.

Also part of the WPA was the bridge we mentioned in our last issue. Here it is, restored after the unfortunate collision that took it out. The artisans on this project are doing an incredible job, and they pointed out that there is much more steel in the new railing, so it should last a very long time. They also pointed out the plaque you see here, confirming our suspicions that it was another WPA project.



OctoBoo Fest

Downtown Fullerton Plaza was a safe trick-or-treating event for kids on October 26. There was a costume parade, bounce house, face painting, food vendors, and plenty of treats for the whole family.

\$\$\$\$\$\$ Downtown Rents \$\$\$\$\$\$

There has been a lot of business turnover in the past couple of years, and we always try to fill you in on the changes here. It does happen everywhere and all of the time, but it seems a bit different now. As the popularity of our downtown goes up, so does the demand, and you know the rest –location, location, location.

A local real estate professional whose business it is to know the ins and outs of this trend confirmed that some of the mom-and-pop shops we have held near and dear are having

trouble making it, and there may be no end in sight. A business can't just increase prices to keep up.

Innovation is in the air, and it's up to some creative, hard-working entrepreneurs to figure this out. They may very well be doing that right now, with several new ones from elsewhere in town finding the north end of downtown the place to be, moving in, making improvements, and adding new energy. One thing that helps our retailers? Here it comes –Shop Fullerton First.

Photo Quiz

Send answer to Mike at AllMedia@sbcglobal.net



Last time: If you answered 32 meter pool project with new bathrooms, signage, etc. you were correct. It should be finished by May or June.



This time: Where is this and why is there a tractor without a trailer parked in the outfield?

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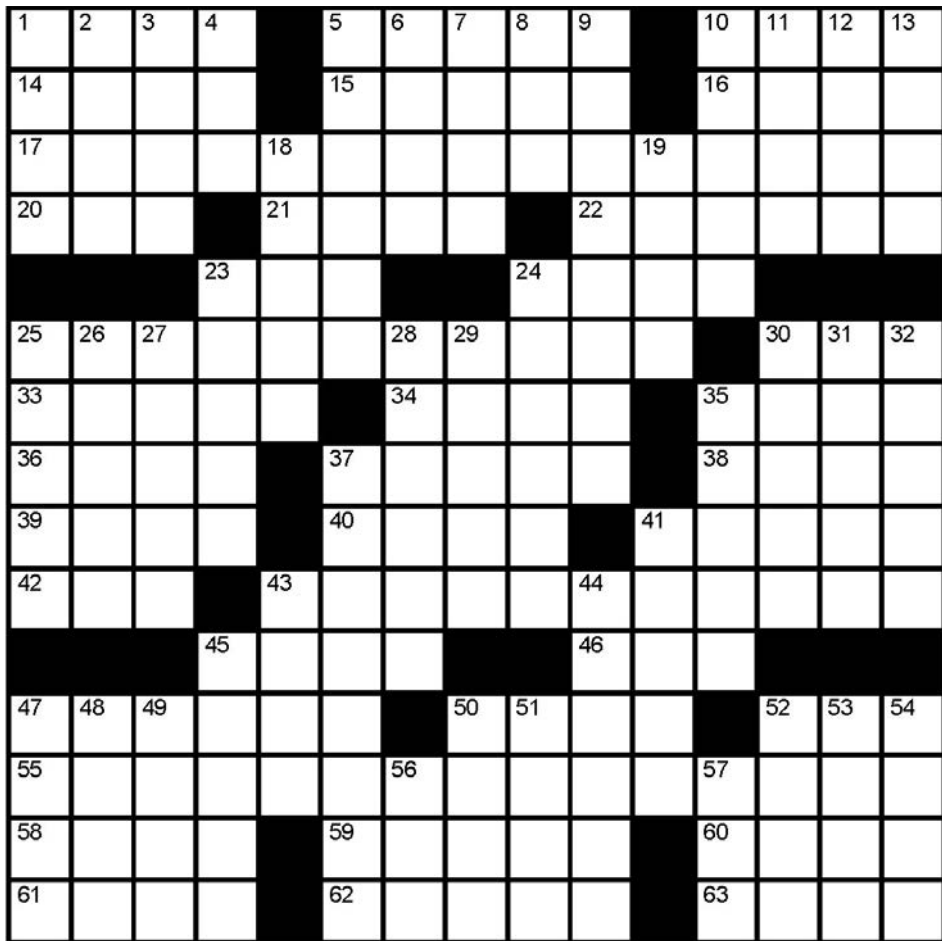
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"ALL DRESSED UP" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 19)



ACROSS

DOWN

1. Org. in post-Katrina news
5. Shred cheese
10. Wax-coated cheese
14. Skating jump
15. Honey badger
16. Repeated, singer who sang with Cult Jam
17. "Mention you, and there you are!"
20. Little one
21. Not home
22. Unoccupied
23. Disco ___ of "The Simpsons"
24. Pepper's partner
25. Someone who takes a little something off the front
30. L.A. hours
33. Pistil part
34. Hawaiian goose
35. ___ helmet: safari accessory
36. Country singer McEntire
37. Piggens
38. Prefix with dynamic
39. Bleak
40. Takes too much
41. More certain
42. From Jan. 1 to now
43. Ready for shenanigans
45. Time to crow
46. Gun grp.
47. ___ Halloween, and where the ends of the longest answers can be found
50. Comprehension by the ocean?
52. Trial figs.
55. Quits
58. Darjeeling and oolong
59. Meddlesome
60. Cher and Sade, vocally
61. Nine-digit IDs
62. Social media influencer Myers with a famous 100 tacos story
63. Drive or reverse

1. Breakneck...or something to break
2. Montreal player, before 2005
3. Heated competition?
4. ___ mode
5. Mature
6. Nadal of tennis, familiarly
7. Trial fig.
8. Most common typo
9. Lifts up
10. Vote into office
11. Prima donna
12. A ___ apple
13. Fountain treat
18. Bates of "Misery"
19. Chip's cartoon pal
23. "Get lost!"
24. Most rational
25. "___ and Bess"
26. Blatant
27. Fanatical
28. Around, so to speak
29. 1952-2022 for Queen Elizabeth II
30. Early Renaissance painter ___ della Francesca
31. Scatter
32. Side issue?
35. "CSI: Vegas" actress Newsome
37. "Ol' Man River", for one
41. Scrawny one
43. Speaker's spot
44. Cyclops feature
45. Reprimand, with "down"
47. Some N.C.O.'s
48. Polly's ___
49. "Ghostbusters" director Reitman
50. ___-bitsy
51. "___ Gotta Have It"
52. Clinton's 1996 opponent
53. "The Thin Man" canine
54. Blend
56. D.C. insider
57. Witchy woman

BALANCE & CHANGE

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



Find your support community

Sometimes life can be very difficult. In fact, we can count on that. All of us will go through tough times at some point in our lives. It is important to remember some things when you are in the middle of the heartache.

The first is that this is a temporary state. Even if it is hellacious, it will end. Things will change. Sometimes, we need to hold on to that when we cannot hold on to anything else.

The second thing I want you to remember is that you cannot do this alone. You must be part of a community. Having people holding your hand and giving hugs (even if virtual) makes a huge difference in our ability to tolerate the hard times. Our communities can be found in many places. Our family and friends, of course, are the first place to turn to. But there are many

other places as well. Your spiritual community may be a place of source and strength. Any club/organization you are a member of may surprise you with their support. Where we work or go to school can often be much more supportive than expected.

It is important to use it after you become aware of where your support may be found! Asking for support is not a sign of weakness. It is a sign of strength. There is no shame in needing support. The healthiest, strongest people I know use their communities to help them through their hard times.

And, of course, if you see someone else struggling, it is your turn to be part of their community and support them. Please be sure to take care of yourself and the members of all of your communities!

Healthy Awareness

by Jo Ann Brannock, Ph.D. © 2023



Drug Addicted, Mentally Ill, and Homeless

Several agencies in Fullerton aim to help the homeless, from overnight stays to short-term and long-term shelter. Some agencies offer supportive services such as job training, therapy, education, and case management. However, many of these programs do not treat the problem of why people are homeless, only treating the symptoms. The poor, poverty-stricken people who have lost their homes due to financial reasons are housed with drug addicts with mental problems who are a danger to themselves and others. These homeless people should not be placed in the same facility. With the lack of supervision, drug dealings may occur on the premises. Established rules are not enforced, and as a result, there is chaos and violence. Destruction and lack of maintenance of the facility also can occur. This lack of supervision and accountability is traumatizing for the residents of the facilities.

Shellenberger, who authored the book, *San Fransicko*, is a former hard-line progressive leftist who has lived in San Francisco Bay Area for thirty years. He formerly advocated decriminalizing drugs, affordable housing, and alternatives to jail and prisons. He was forced to take another look at the homeless problem when he witnessed encampments spreading and deaths skyrocketing.

In his book, *San Fransicko*, he states that the progressive policies were not working, and the problem only worsened. It happened in major cities on the West Coast, such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Portland. He stated that the underlying problem was NOT just the lack of housing or money for social programs, but it lies in the homeless, drug-addicted people with mental and physical health problems.

According to Shellenberger, based on their length of time of being homeless, they suffer from "trimorbidity," which is the combination of medical or chronic illness, mental illness, and substance abuse problems.

An estimated 171,000 people are homeless in California, and nearly 70,000 live in Los Angeles County. In assuming the role of victim, drug-

addicted homeless individuals can get a financial stipend in cash per month and food stamps. They can get two meals daily at many churches and use their food stamps to negotiate money and the cash they need to buy drugs. Free tents are available through various homeless advocacy groups as temporary shelter from the environment.

Shellenberger states, "The chronic violation of laws and social norms erode the foundation of our cities and civilization itself." We are the victims of the homeless situation, and we have not seen much improvement with all the money poured into these programs.

However, as of September 15, 2023, Senate Bill 43 (SB 43) (https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB43) was signed by Governor Newsom to better help and protect Californians in most need of care by modernizing conservatorships. Californians with serious mental illness or substance abuse are at the most risk of harm to themselves and others. They can have a conservator/a third party, often a court-appointed family member, through a county mental health department petition.

Opponents such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) believe that involuntary holds do not work in advancing treatment and instead "lead to processing people into the most restrictive and most expensive corners of the system. Freedom is taken away by allowing intervention by the government. People who cannot provide for their personal safety or necessary medical care, in addition to food, clothing, or shelter, are not free. For drug addicts and the mentally ill to be homeless is unhealthy, unsafe, and inhumane. Are we letting mentally ill and drug-addicted people live and die on the street to be forgotten by society?"

The World Health Organization has developed a new model that harmonizes mental health services and practices with international human rights law and has criticized practices promoting involuntary mental health treatments as leading to violence and abuse.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES by Vivien Moreno
 Fullerton School District Board meets at 6pm,
 2nd & 4th Tues of each month at district headquarters,
 1401 W Valencia Dr, Fullerton
 For agenda go to: www.fsd.k12.ca.us or call (714) 447-7400

FSD Board meeting October 17

TRUSTEE UPDATES

• Trustees Bev Berryman and Leonel Talavera spotlighted Nicolas Jr High's Tiny House Project, which teaches building and design skills while allowing students to serve the shelter needs of local community members.

• Trustee Ruthi Hanchett worked with Fullerton Councilman Ahmad Zahra, school administration, Maple Elementary's parents, city engineers, and the Fullerton Police Department to make the Valencia Dr and Lemon St crossing area outside Maple Elementary safer for children and parents walking to and from school by moving visual impairments, fixing sidewalks, and studying safety features.

ART FUNDS ALLOCATION

Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, Dr. Adaina Brown, and Director of Education Services, Philip Ling, reported the district plan to expand FSD's current arts program.

The district's goal is to incorporate art into every subject at every school through additional art teachers and new art opportunities. Funds come from FSD's share of Prop 28 Arts and Education Funding, the Arts and Instructional Materials Block Grant, and additional unrestricted general fund money for both instructors and

supplies.

Arts education stimulates different brain areas, enabling students to think in new ways and retain information better and longer.

The districtwide plan includes hiring two Lead Art Instructors, providing FSD teachers training to incorporate art into all subjects, including science and mathematics, and offering art stipends to help coordinate art into the curriculum over the next three years.

After surveying families and administration, the district also plans to update Ladera Vista Jr High's sound system, upgrade all school stages for ADA compliance, and replace over 100 student-loaned instruments. All schools will expand art programs and museum field trips and increase student exposure to career avenues utilizing advanced art education.

Expanded music programs include choir in kindergarten and instruments as early as 5th grade. The wildly popular Clay Lab, where students from kindergarten to sixth grade learn about and create pottery pieces, will be expanded to double capacity.

Superintendent Dr. Bob Pletka emphasized the plan maintains existing art programs, including All the Arts and art-based schools like Ladera Vista Jr High and Golden Hill Elementary.

The expansion goal ultimately places

an arts coordinator at each site but has inadequate funds. Trustee Talavera questioned art resource equity and requested a school site project breakdown. Board President Aaruni Thakur agreed, wanting to see that the district received the "best bang for the buck," and Trustee Hilda Sugarman said the entire board unequivocally supports arts programs districtwide.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Dr. Rob Coghlan, requested consultant funding to align FSD Master Facilities Plan (MFP) facilities projects with matching state money. FSD requires numerous facilities updates, and without a new elementary school facilities bond, the district cannot accomplish the expensive infrastructure projects.

State facility bonds act as superconductors for districts with local facilities money, making a local bond go much farther for a community. With over 1000 California school districts, state bond money is allocated quickly, and by being prepared with projects ready to go, Dr. Coghlan believes FSD has a better chance at matching district/state money. After public discussion the board approved the \$28,000 payment.

DUAL LANGUAGE PRESENTATION

Dr. Brown announced that FSD's first dual immersion 56-student cohort will graduate from 8th grade going into high school in June 2024. Recent state testing revealed that dual immersion students (including dual immersion English Learner students) met or exceeded last year's literacy growth goals and recovered faster from pan-

demical isolation compared to mainstream students. The growing 7th/8th-grade dual immersion program needs additional qualified instructors.

Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services, Dr. Chad Hammett, requested any current FSD teacher who wishes to complete their BCLAD (Bilingual Cross-Cultural Language and Academic Development Accreditation) or BCLAD teacher looking to gain a single subject accreditation to please contact his office.

Dr. Brown reported that La Habra Elementary District's first dual immersion cohort of 43 students enrolled in the high school district in August 2023. Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHS) only offers a dual immersion program at Sonora High School, where the program registered 7 out of the 43 students.

Dr. Brown explained that 22 of the 43 chose to attend La Habra High School, which offers AP Spanish but no dual immersion program. The high school program prevented participants from the full high school experience with no room for sports, arts, and a stifled AP pathway.

Additional communication with feeder districts may support the high school district to create a more appealing program. Parents of incoming students to the high school district can contact Dr. Sylvia Kaufman, FJUHS Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, at 714-870-2840 skaufman@fjuhsd.org to get additional information.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 14 at 6pm.

The Autism Speaks Walk is back, and better than ever.

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In the US, autism affects 1 in 36 children and 1 in 45 adults. Autism Speaks is dedicated to creating an inclusive world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

Autism Speaks Walk events are tailored to fit local needs in each community, with the shared goal of providing a network of friendship and support, and raising funds that provide crucial resources, research, advocacy and support to help all people with autism.

Sometimes the environment at an Autism Speaks Walk can become overwhelming for people with sensory sensitivities. All of our walks allow access to a quiet space that can be used as a safe outlet if you or your loved one living with autism becomes overwhelmed. We recommend finding the quiet area of your walk when you arrive and share its location with your team for ease of access later on in the day should it be needed.

There are many ways to participate nationwide. To find an event in your area that meets your needs, learn more at autismspeaks.org/walk.

SCHEDULE

- 09:00 am - Registration
- 10:00 am - Opening Ceremonies
- 10:30 am - Walk Begins

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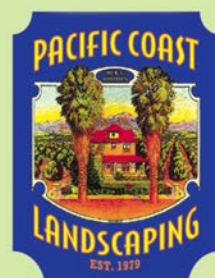
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Everyday Science by Erin, 9th grade



Osiris: Underworld God to Out-Of-This-World Spacecraft

On September 8, 2016, the spacecraft, Osiris-REx was launched into space in hopes of returning home with more knowledge of the galaxy we barely know. On September 23, 2023, Osiris-REx successfully returned to Earth with samples from the 4.5-billion-year-old asteroid Bennu.

Osiris-REx was to land on Bennu while it passed close to Earth, which only happens every six years. When the return capsule was taken to a lab to be opened and examined, scientists said the black rocky debris contained traces of water and carbon. These two organic elements are two major components of life. Due to the ancient age of the sample, it may provide further

evidence about the history of Earth, life, and our galaxy itself.

In addition, it weighed about 60 grams, which is almost 12 times the amount of what the Japanese Hayabusa2 spacecraft obtained from the asteroid Ryugu in 2020. Osiris-REx is a huge accomplishment for NASA because this became the first U.S. mission to collect a sample from an asteroid. Not only that, but it was more proof that there could be a planet somewhere out there that we could also call home. However, the Osiris spacecraft will not rest.

A new mission, Osiris-APophis, is planned to land on another asteroid in 2029.

National Observance

by Mateo, 10th grade



Extra Mile Day November 1

The final week of October is typically a highlight of everyone's year. The celebration of Halloween with friends and family coupled with the return of the cool autumn weather that most people have been waiting for all year makes for a superb pair that many people look forward to.

After all, dressing up in a cool costume and roaming the streets while collecting free candy with the people who are closest to you by your side is a tough feeling to beat. However, there is one other important observance that also occurs during this week but is usually overshadowed by all of the other festivities going on.

It is called Extra Mile Day which is observed the day after Halloween. Extra Mile Day serves as a reminder that no matter what goes on in our lives, we should always give our best effort to ensure that our own lives and the lives of those around us are as fulfilling as can be. It emphasizes the recurring theme in life that those who work the hardest will receive the most benefit, and it teaches us many ways that we can become better humans and make the world a slightly better place each and every day.

Extra Mile Day was established in 2009 by Shawn Anderson, a motivational speaker and author whose philosophy has been critically acclaimed by Olympic medalists, politicians, and many other people of high social status. He also founded the Extra Mile Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works to inspire people everywhere to "go the extra mile" to reach their goals.

Anderson knows quite a bit about

putting in hard work, as suggested by his resumé of life achievements. He started his first business at age ten, traveled across over 50 countries (and walked across eight of them), and spoke to hundreds of thousands of people about his philosophies. Anderson's ultimate goal is to promote positivity and collaboration, which is what led him to establish this special observance.

There are a multitude of ways that you can participate in Extra Mile Day. Volunteer work is a great way to do your part in going the extra mile. One of the main themes of this event is going out of your way to help others—by volunteering at your local soup kitchen or animal shelter, you can contribute to the well-being of those who are less fortunate than you.

Another thing you can do to fulfill your potential is put just a bit more effort into your daily activities. Little things such as complimenting your parents or hitting that extra rep in the weight room add up quickly, and they prove to others that you truly care about being the best person you can be.

Finally, feel free to take care of the environment by volunteering to clean up trash on beaches and parks near you. Everything is better with friends, so feel free to educate them about Extra Mile Day and encourage them to join in the fun alongside the people of the 438 U.S. cities who officially observe this day.

All in all, Extra Mile Day is the perfect time to start making positive changes in your life and to give each day your absolute best, no matter the conditions.

What's Trending? by Irene, 12th grade



Reviving History

"How often do you think about the Roman Empire?"

Despite its origins dating back over two thousand years, today, the relevance of the Roman Empire appears higher than ever before, all thanks to a TikTok trend.

In short, the Roman Empire trend revolves around the notion that men think about this ancient civilization far more frequently than women give them credit for.

According to Know Your Meme, a site dedicated to researching internet trends, Swedish Instagram user Asia Cort first posed the question in 2022, prompting discussions surrounding the phenomenon. Bringing the query back to the surface, Roman reenactor Gaius Flavius's 2023 Instagram reel garnered major traction, extending the trend to other platforms including TikTok. Videos under the hashtag, "romanempire" have since gained over 2 billion views on the app.

To test this viral theory, women across the internet have participated in the trend by asking their close male companions how often they think

about the Roman Empire. And to our surprise, most men admit that it is a daily occurrence. But amid the unveiling of this sensation, women have been left to ponder why men are so intrigued by this specific moment in history. As indicated by creator *@themasculedge* in his Sept. 13 TikTok post with now over 7.5 million views, "men inherently have the need to conquer." He explains that male interest in the Roman Empire is mostly due to psychological needs.

In a September 19 Harper's Bazaar article, the University of California, Berkeley professor Susanna Elm argues that the Roman Empire "was patriarchal, so groups who like nostalgic, idealized dreams of a faraway patriarchal 'paradise' will sympathize." This trend is ultimately indicative of the complexities in the male and female experience.

While it reveals some profound truths about modern society and the role that our intricate history plays in shaping our ideals, it's also a playful internet craze about a gender-specific

Featured Pet by Rosie, 7th grade



Meet Penelope

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Endangered Species

Q: What is the cutest endangered animal in your opinion?



A: The Sand Cat definitely is in the top ten. There are an estimated 27,264 mature individuals in the world. Weighing only a few pounds, sand cats are small wild cats that live in rocky deserts, far from water. They are about 39-52 centimeters long, including their long tail. They live about 13 years. Threatening the sand cat's population status right now is habitat loss.



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HITS & MISSES

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KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON:

Two Hits

Basing his movie on David Grann's non-fiction book "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI," director and screenwriter Martin Scorsese creates a masterpiece of filmmaking. Co-writing with Eric Roth, Scorsese devotes more time to the first half of that title than to the fledgling FBI. Yet even with that alteration, the film runs three hours and 26 minutes. Audiences, however, are not restive as this true story from America's past proves that fact can be more compelling than fiction.



Helping to tell this story is a superb cast of Native American newcomers to the screen along with legendary award-winning Hollywood actors. The "Flower Moon" refers to an Osage celebration, and they have much to celebrate as the Osage nation, removed from the fertile prairie states to a more barren Oklahoma, are now the owners of hundreds of active oil wells. It is the early 1920s and statistics indicate that per capita the Osage are the richest people in the world.

passengers is Mollie Kyle (Lily Gladstone), a beautiful, young Osage woman who chooses to ride with Ernest whenever possible. They flirt with each other, fall in love, and eventually marry. In the meantime, Mollie's mother dies of the "wasting disease" and one of her sisters, the feistiest, is shot.

Fearing the Native Americans would not be able to manage their wealth, the Government has assigned money managers to monitor their assets. But the problem that slowly grows is that the Osage have become targeted by unseen forces. By the end of 1921, several tribal men have been shot or blown up on country roads or within their homes while many Osage women have died slowly of "wasting" disease. Another alarming statistic is that many Osage have been diagnosed with diabetes and are getting regular shots of insulin.

The mysterious deaths continue and even national newspapers write about them. A new Bureau of Investigation has formed in Washington with a young J. Edgar Hoover in charge. Wanting to gain national acclaim, Hoover is willing to spend resources on solving the mysterious deaths in Fairfax County. He hires a Texas Ranger, Tom White (Jesse Plemons), and gives him several deputies to use as undercover agents. The men submerge themselves within the community and are never seen together, meeting only at night in dark remote places to report to White and to piece together their findings.

Arriving by train in Fairfax, Oklahoma, now a thriving town at the heart of Osage country, is a young veteran of World War I, Ernest Burkhart (Leonardo DiCaprio), who has come to visit his uncle, William Hale (Robert De Niro), a wealthy cattle rancher known as the "King of Osage Hills" for his generosity in building both a hospital and a school in Fairfax. Ernest is hoping his uncle will help him find him a job.

Several factors contribute to make "Killers of the Flower Moon" a gripping and compelling movie. Scorsese puts together a remarkable cast, using reliably fine actors like Robert De Niro and newcomers like Lily Gladstone, whose quiet dignity and expressive eyes capture audience sympathy. But perhaps his most important directorial decision was to make a casting change from his original plan to have DiCaprio play good-guy Tom White, to switching this appealing actor to play the equivocating Ernest Burkhart. The decision was brilliant and DiCaprio more than rises to the challenge.

Uncle William sizes up his nephew and finds him a good-looking young man, who might appeal to women. He advises Ernest that his road to wealth would be to court and marry an Osage woman. He then gives Ernest the use of a nice car so that he can become a chauffeur-for-hire. One of his steadiest

The movie and its cast are sure to get Academy Award attention next year.



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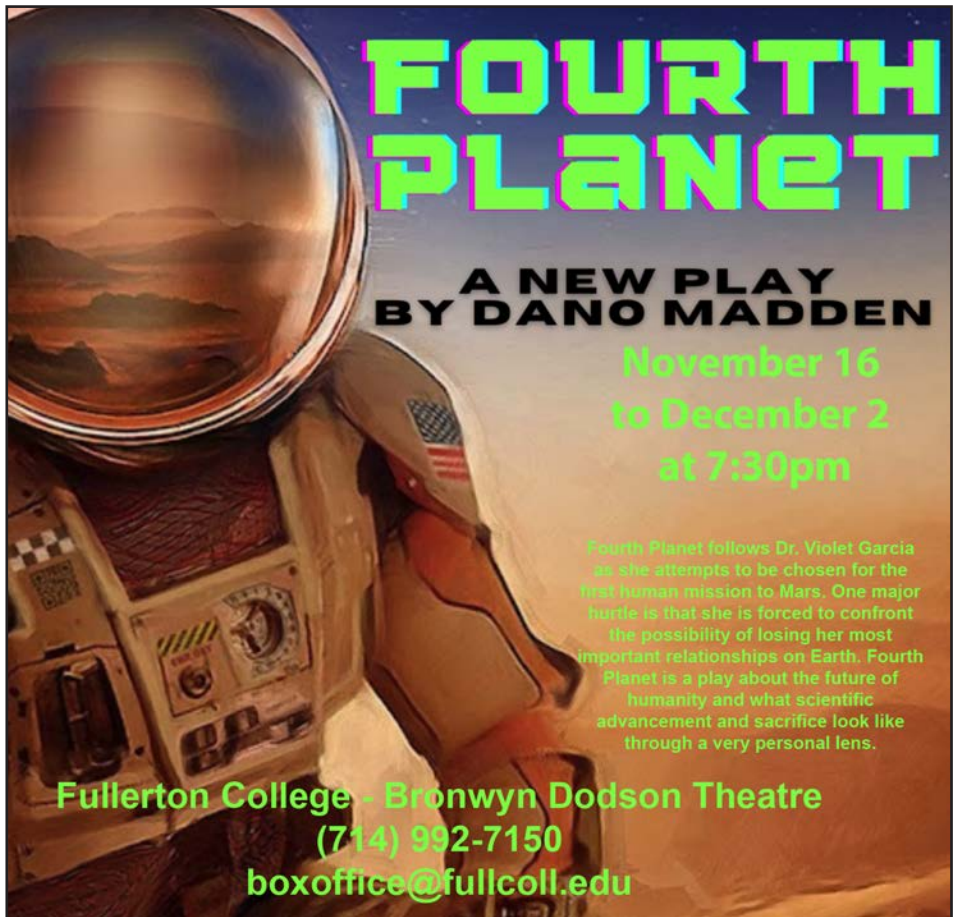
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Synergy Vocal Jazz & Lab Band: November 7, 7:30pm
 **Campus Theatre, 1300 bldg

The lab band is a beginning Jazz Band performance ensemble. It encompasses big band literature to teach the jazz musician the fundamentals of style, interpretation and ensemble playing. \$10

Jazz Combo: November 8, 7:30pm
 **Campus Theatre, 1300 bldg

Small group jazz gives each player more room for individual expression through improvisation - a key component in jazz music. These ensembles borrow from every style of jazz from Dixieland to the present. \$10

Treble & Bass Chorale: November 9, 7:30pm
 Wilshire Auditorium
 315 E Wilshire Ave, Fullerton

The Fullerton College Men's Chorale has a tradition of camaraderie. The Men's Chorale performs both on and off campus and provides students an opportunity to perform a broad range of music from a variety of genres. \$10

**Brass Ensemble Recital:
 November 13, 7:30pm**
 Recital Hall, 1100 Music Bldg
 321 E Chapman Ave,
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The Brass Choir has grown from a quintet to over 20 musicians in the past several years. Consisting of trumpet, French horn, trombone, bass trombone, euphonium, tuba and percussion players, this active and enthusiastic group of intermediate-through-advanced level Brass students is well-known on and off campus for its highly varied, high-quality and enjoyable concerts. The ensemble rehearses and performs music from the Renaissance and classical periods through modern and pop. FREE



**Christmas
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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. FREE in the new RANii Gallery.

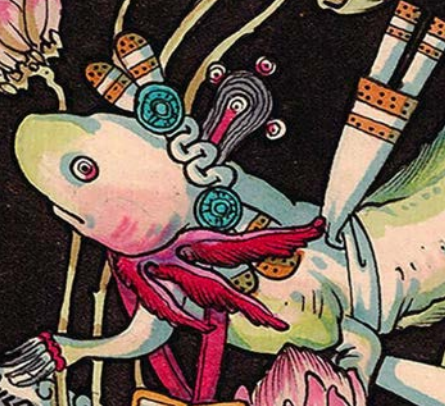


Early Images of the Visual Arts Complex at CSU Fullerton

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 thru March 22, 2024:**
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Threads That Bind: thru Dec 8th
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MUCKENTHALER CULTURAL CENTER
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**Pensar Y Poder - Jimmy Centeno:
 thru 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.

**Dave Webb - the grateful chair:
 thru November 24**
 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.

**Friends of Coyote Hills
 Nature Walk
 Saturday, November 11**

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 9:00 AM at the equestrian center of Laguna Lake Park, on Lakeview Dr. just east of Euclid St. Bring water to drink and wear comfortable shoes.



**Friends of Coyote Hills
 Adopt-A-Park
 Saturday, November 18**

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 9:00 AM 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 them. Wearing sunscreen and comfortable shoes is recommended.



Fire Department Raises Over \$10,600 in Cancer Awareness Fundraiser

Every year Fullerton Firefighters position themselves at the busiest intersections of the city with their firefighter boots in hand to raise funds for their annual Cancer Awareness Fill-the-Boot campaign. All the money collected through this effort is used locally.

During the annual Fill-the-Boot campaign, the Fullerton Fire Department and Fullerton Firefighters Association Local 3421 collected \$10,600 to help those with cancer thanks to the generosity of the Fullerton community!

This year, the Fullerton Fire Department hosted a Fill-the-Boot fundraising event on October 14 at the intersection of Harbor and Orangethorpe. This year the event is in recognition of retired Fullerton Fire

Department Assistant Chief Larry Greene who served the City for 30 years and is currently battling Stage 3-prostate cancer.

Chief Greene who is undergoing cancer treatment at St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton requested that all fundraised monies go to the St. Jude Memorial Foundation, Crosson Cancer Institute to continue their outstanding research and treatment of cancer patients.

Cancer is the most dangerous threat to a Firefighter's health and safety today and caused 66% of the career Firefighter line-of-duty deaths from 2002 to 2019, according to the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF).

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WITH THE FULLERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

CERT on November 2, 3, 4, & 5

CERT is a 20-hour emergency preparedness class, which is certificated. After completion of the class, participants can volunteer for the program at events and in the community. **To participate, contact:** Kristi Batiste, Emergency Manager Fullerton Fire Department • 312 E Commonwealth • 714-681-0890 • KBatiste@fullertonfire.org
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Easy Homemade Disaster Supply Kit

by Jere Greene (involved with disaster operations since 1993)

In a disaster emergency services could be delayed. It is important to have basic supplies within easy reach to keep your household safe. Items listed below can be added to your weekly shopping list to create a home-made disaster kit.

Week 1

Hardware Store

Waterproof storage container (such as a garbage can or tote to store supplies)

Grocery Store

- 1 gallon of water (for each person)
- 1 large can of juice (for each person)
- 1 can of meat (for each person)
- 1 jar of peanut butter (unless allergic)
- Hand-operated can opener
- Toilet paper/paper towels/handwipes
- Permanent marking pen

To do:

- 1) Date each perishable food item.
- 2) Make a list of special items each member of your household would need until help arrives. Such as: diapers, eyeglasses, medications, pet food, etc. to add to your supplies.

Week 2

Hardware Store

Matches in waterproof container

2 flashlights with batteries

Work gloves

Duct Tape

Plastic garbage bags

12" adjustable wrench (to shut off utilities if needed)

Pharmacy

First Aid Kit

To do:

- 1) Sign up for www.AlertOC.com
- 2) Learn where your utility shut-offs are go to: www.socalgas.com/staysafe/emergency-information

If you smell gas and can not reach the gas company and decide to turn off the gas meter, do NOT turn it back on before calling (800) 427-2200 for assistance.

Week 3

Grocery Store

1 gallon of water (for each person)

1 large can of fruit (for each person)

1 can of meat (for each person)

1 can of ready-to-eat soup (for each person)

Plastic bowl, cup, and spoon (per person)

Permanent marking pen

To do:

- 1) Make a floorplan of your home showing utility shut-offs, emergency supply storage, exits, and meeting locations.
- 2) Identify safe places to go in case of fire, earthquake, and flood.
- 3) Meet with your family to discuss the plan.
- 4) Make a list of emergency numbers and family contact numbers.

Week 4

Stationary Store

Waterproof container (for important documents)

Notebook, pencil, and pen

To do:

- 1) Gather and copy important documents. Include a photo of your household members including pets.
- 2) Find the circuit breaker at your home. Learn how to shut off individual circuits and the main breaker.

https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/electrical-safety/turning-your-electricity-on-and-off/turning-your-electricity-on-and-off.page

FEMA recommends you turn off individual breakers before shutting off the main.

Week 5

Clothing (store in waterproof bag)

Set of clothes (for each person)

Sturdy shoes (for each person)

Hardware Store

4-in-one screwdriver

Brackets and screws (to secure heavy items that might fall in an earthquake)

To do:

- 1) Inspect your home. Look for heavy items that might fall in an earthquake. Secure them.
- 2) Obtain a map of the local area. AAA has maps for free for members or google map your area.

Week 6

Sporting Goods Store

Sleeping bag or blanket (per person)

Tent or tarp and heavy cotton or hemp rope

(to make an outdoor shelter). Battery or

crank power radio and batteries (store batteries in a zip-lock bag)

Solar phone charger

To do:

- 1) Have a family drill to practice what your family would do in an emergency.
- 2) Decide alternative locations to reunite is the family if not at home during a disaster.
- 3) Sign-up for a First-aid/CPR course www.redcross.org (714)481-5300

Week 7

Grocery Store

1 gallon water (per person)

1 large can fruit (per person)

1 can vegetables (per person)

1 can ready to eat soup (per person)

Dried fruit and nuts

To do:

Create a disaster supply kit for each car.

Week 8

Pharmacy

Personal Items such as sunscreen, toothbrush, deodorant, lotion, ChapStick, diapers, feminine pads, aspirin, anti-acid, etc.

Medical Supplies

Prescriptions (check expiration dates)

Eyeglasses

Batteries for hearing aids

To do:

- 1) Consider attending Fullerton Neighborhood Watch Meetings

- 2) Consider taking a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Class (714) 681-0890

Week 9

Hardware Store

Whistle (or other noise making device that does not require electricity)

Smoke detector batteries

To do:

- 1) Test smoke detector and install batteries. Replace smoke detector if it is over 10 years old.

Week 10

Hardware Store

Disposable dust mask (1 per person)

Multi-function knife (Swiss army type)

Water purification straw, tablets, or filter.

To do:

- 1) Learn how to purify water in an emergency www.redcross.org
- 2) Learn about your workplace disaster plan.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Ready-OC www.readyoc.org

Red Cross www.redcross.org

AT HOME WITH THE HOMELESS

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Narcs Scare III: The War on People with Drugs

“This article operates at the intersection of privacy law, Fourth Amendment doctrine, and prescription drug surveillance instigated by the U.S. drug overdose crisis. Reputable reporting sources frequently frame that ongoing crisis as a prescription-drug-overdose ‘epidemic.’ Current epidemiological data, however, indicate that most American overdose deaths are now a result of illicit and polysubstance drug use and not prescription opioid misuse.

The prescription opioid centric frame has nonetheless sparked the rapid rise of surveillance of prescribers and patients in the form of state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) databases. State PDMPs, which maintain and analyze significant data concerning every dispensed controlled substance, surreptitiously collect a stunning amount of sensitive health information.”—Jennifer Oliva, abstract to “Prescription-Drug Policing: The Right To Health Information Privacy Pre- and Post-Carpenter,” Duke Law Journal, Vol. 69, No. 4 (2020), 775-853.

The Drug Enforcement Agency never met a drug it liked. So when opioid-related addictions, overdoses, and deaths started rising 13 years ago, the DEA perked up its ears and began doing what it does most: arresting dealers and interdicting illicit narcotics shipments. The hitch this time: the main villains were pharmaceutical companies based in the U.S. and doctors allegedly overprescribing opioids.

Polysubstance use is not new, but combining opioids with other opioids or benzodiazepines can be deadly. As this behavior became more common, the death toll started to rise.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), “opioid-involved overdose deaths rose from 21,089 in 2010 to 47,600 in 2017 and remained steady through 2019. This was followed by a significant increase in 2020, with 68,630 reported deaths, and again in 2021, with 80,411 reported overdose deaths. Drug overdose deaths involving prescription opioids rose from 3,442 in 1999 to 17,029 in 2017. From 2017 to 2019, the number of deaths declined to 14,139. This was followed by a slight increase in 2020, with 16,416 reported deaths.

In 2021, the number of reported deaths involving prescription opioids totaled 16,706. Drug overdose deaths involving heroin rose from 1,960 in 1999 to 15,482 in 2017 before trending down to 13,165 deaths in 2020 and 9,173 deaths in 2021. Drug overdose deaths involving benzodiazepines steadily increased from 1,135 in 1999 to 11,537 in 2017, declining to 9,711 in 2019. Between 2019 and 2021, deaths rose again to 12,499.”

<https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/trends-statistics/overdose-death-rates>

The data show some declines over the past two years but significant increases in other areas, namely opioids with or without benzos. So, with these statistics in hand, federal, state, and local pressure was brought to bear on pharmaceutical companies already smarting from multi-million dollar lawsuits brought by plaintiffs who’d been lied to about the efficacy and addiction potentials of opioids and benzos. Consequently, Big Pharma started to shut down the pipeline to legitimate physicians and patients, citing shortages due to COVID-related supply chain issues. As we have seen,

increased reliance on the NarxCare program led to primary care physicians “turging” patients prescribed opioids and benzos for chronic pain and anxiety, with pain care specialists being targeted by law enforcement for prescriptions, legitimate or not.

Ms. Oliva makes a vital point: deaths from polysubstance misuse must be viewed separately against deaths from prescription-opioid misuse. NIDA makes this clear in its data. Unfortunately, journalists and law

enforcement officers—then and now—have failed to make this key distinction. The result has turned a public/mental health problem into a law enforcement problem.

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But we continue to prosecute and persecute drug users. The “drug problem” is a nail, so the only tool available is a hammer. And epidemics and pandemics sell papers.

Last month, in an attempt to put a Band-Aid on a suppurating wound, Congress approved funding for the NOPAIN Act, designed to fund and encourage the use of non-opioid pain treatments like nerve blocks and long-acting numbing medications like lidocaine. Unfortunately, the program doesn’t go into effect until early 2025, meaning at least another 18 months of NarxCare targeting all physicians who prescribe opioids and benzos and the patients who legitimately need them.

Also, the NOPAIN program is meant only to divert opioid users to non-opioid treatments, which not all patients will be able to access or find helpful. While there is promising research regarding an alternate neural pathway that could result in painkillers with little or no addiction potential, practical applications are still years away.

Once again, we’re torn between legalization and criminalization, between treating drug users as human beings or as criminals. The law, then as now, seems to still have trouble recognizing that gray areas exist.

This leads to the \$512,000 Question: Why are so many people addicted to alcohol, opioids, and benzodiazepines? or what forces in their lives are driving them to seek such drastic chemical solace?

These questions have bedeviled Americans since the first temperance societies were established in the mid-19th century. These will be the focus of the last part of this series in the next issue out on November 13.

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Rosellen C Gates 1922 - 2023

There will be a Celebration of Life to remember the remarkable life of Rosellen Gates on Saturday, November 11 at the Fullerton First United Methodist Church at 114 N Pomona Avenue in Fullerton. From 2 – 4 pm there will be an open house gathering in the church lounge, hosted by her daughters. Rosellen was a long time Fullerton resident who recently passed away at the age of 101.



Sally Ann Saggau 1930 - 2023

Sally passed away peacefully at her home in Fullerton, CA, at age 93. She was born in Sacramento and spent her early years there. In 1951, she married the love of her life, Charles Rae Saggau.



Sally was a devoted Christian who held her faith and family close to heart. She pursued her spiritual journey by graduating from Spirit Life Bible College, where she received her Ministry degree. Sally was passionate about ministering to others and found great joy as President of the Women's Aglow Christian Organization in Orange County.

daughters, Cindi Jones & Patti Saggau; her son-in-law, Henry Jones; her granddaughters, Tree Mazzare, Sienna Kimbell, and Lavender Lloyd; and their husbands and nine great-grandchildren.

Sally and her beloved Charlie loved adventure and explored the world together, always eager for a good time. Sally was known for her sweetness, humor, artistry, and her fun-loving and deeply caring nature.

Sally's legacy lives on in the hearts of her family and all those who knew her. She will be remembered for her unwavering faith and deep love for her family, friends, and home.

Sally is survived by her two

Guy Lynn Davis II 1959-2023

Guy Lynn Davis II, age 64, a native of Fullerton, succumbed to his illness and passed on to Eternal Life on Thursday, October 5, 2023. Guy spent his last years on the mountain he called home in rural Arizona. He loved the outdoors, his family and his pets.



Guy was preceded in death by his son, Guy Lynn Davis III, and his parents, Guy Lynn Davis and Anita Wright Davis.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Johnson Davis of Arizona; his son Brian Davis and his wife, Shannon Geraghty-Davis of Wildomar, CA; his sister Sandi Davis Degraffenreid; and her husband Kenneth Degraffenreid and his brother Robert Davis and his wife Rena Davis.

Guy is survived also by his 14 grandchildren. He was Dad, Husband, Grandpa, Friend and Uncle Guy. His wishes were to be cremated and his ashes scattered in a private ceremony. He will always be remembered.

GOD IS LOVE; AND HE THAT DWELLETH IN LOVE DWELLETH IN GOD, AND GOD IN HIM. 1 John 4:16



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

(source: OC Coroner's Office)

September 1st

Lawrence MORGAN - Anaheim

September 2nd

Jose MARTINEZ - Santa Ana

Ivan ESCOBAR - Santa Ana

Perry PARCHINSKI

Huntington Beach

Brittany MANNION - Anaheim

David LEBER - Garden Grove

September 3rd

Jose REYES - Anaheim

September 4th

Luis COT - Fountain Valley

Michelle HOLMES - Westminster

Jarrold GORDON - Anaheim

Jessey CASTILLO - Fullerton

September 5th

Jeffrey MARKEL - Costa Mesa

Jose MEJIA - Fountain Valley

Anthony THOMAS - Fullerton

September 6th

Daniel RAYMEN - San Clemente

Vu LAM - Santa Ana

Marie CORTEZ - Garden Grove

Donald LEWIS - Orange

September 8th

Michael BRYCE - Garden Grove

September 9th

Paul CARPENTER - Sunset Beach

Leslie REQUE - Cypress

Patrick OMALLEY - Anaheim

September 10th

James MARCUSE - Newport Beach

Armando VALLADARES - Orange

Miguel VALDEZ - Placentia

September 13th

Stanley ARONSON - Mission Viejo

September 14th

Gale WAKEFIELD - Westminster

September 17th

Francisco RODRIGUEZ-LUCIO

Santa Ana

Fernando RODRIGUEZ

Buena Park

September 19th

Van NGUYEN - Fountain Valley

September 20th

Thomas NISHIDA - Newport Beach

September 21st

Cheyenne BRYANT - Santa Ana

Juan GALVAN-MARTINEZ

Costa Mesa

Patrick WILSON II - Santa Ana

September 23rd

Guy LEVINE - Fullerton

Lorine HOANG - Orange

Jeehoo AHN - Irvine

September 24th

David CROWELL - Garden Grove

Karen MARTIN - Fountain Valley

September 26th

Kari GORDON - Anaheim

Najib FAZAI - Santa Ana

September 27th

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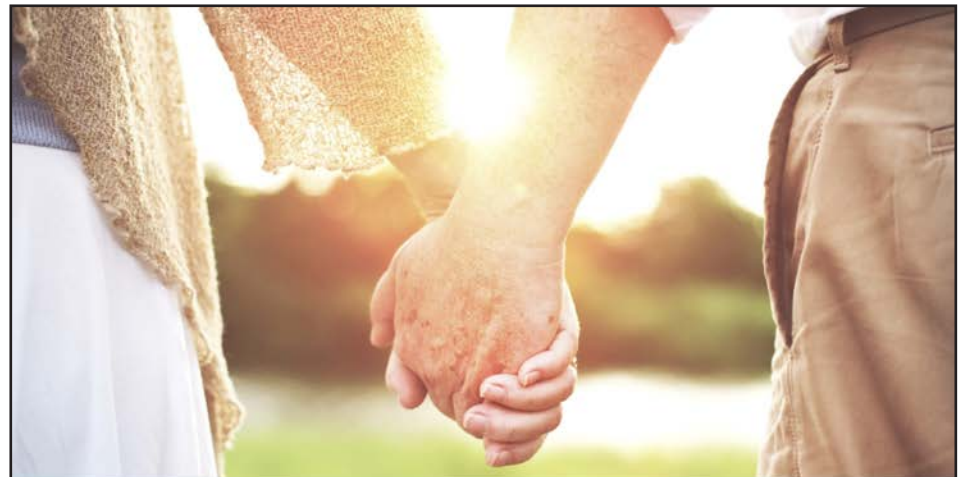
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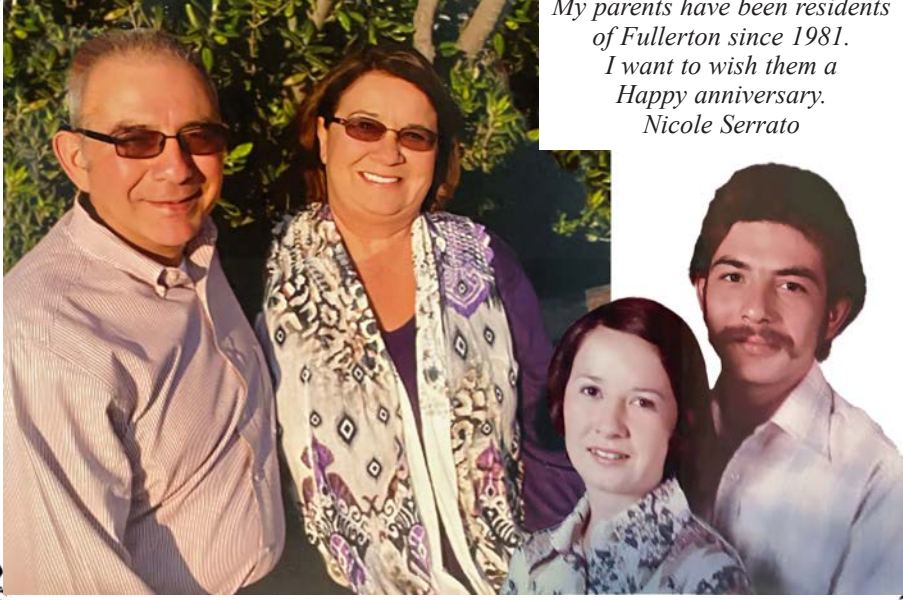
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Ghost Guides Share Stories About FMC Haunted Walking Tours

For 22 years, Aimee Aul and Christina Garner have been docents (otherwise known as ghost guides) for the Haunted Walking Tours at the Fullerton Museum Center, escorting visitors to some of the most haunted historical locations around town. Recently, I had a chance to interview them about their experiences.

The haunted walking tours began in 2001. According to Aul, FMC staff wanted to do a Halloween fundraiser at a historic location. She suggested something in the “edutainment” arena, including local history ghost stories. Then museum director Joe Felz loved her idea and gave her complete creative freedom. This is how the tours we know today came to life.

“Stories came from Mike Ritto, Sylvia Palmer Mudrick, Cathy Thomas as well as numerous ghost eyewitnesses,” said Aul. “I spent countless hours interviewing people and going through archives at the local history room. We premiered the tour that fall...Christina [Garner] contacted me and volunteered to lead some tours. I never expected it to be so popular! We sold out immediately. This was before paranormal tourism was widespread.”

Garner had previously been on ghost walks in other cities and countries around the world, and thought it would be fantastic if Fullerton could have its own tours. She felt that Aul had done a wonderful job of finding historical and psychic research, and blending them together.

Aul said, “My most memorable experiences include meeting NOPS (The North Orange County Paranormal Society) and joining them on a couple of paranormal investigations.”

“Some of the more interesting groups that I’ve taken on these tours include the psychics from the Queen Mary Haunt, Boy Scout troops, and the Red Hat Society ladies,” Garner said. “Imagine taking a tour with the Phantom Coach Society? They’re also called the Hearse Owners of Orange County...So those were some interesting tours that I took.”

She explained that many cultures believe that the world is full of ghosts and spirits, and that it’s our job to take good care of them. She said that, since Puritan times, ghosts were seen as a

form of ancestor worship, and that it still seems to be a deep-seated need, since people all over town are now putting up graveyards and ghost decorations.

Because of her interest and background working in world language and culture, Garner did take a group of international students from Cal State Fullerton on the FMC haunted walk, and she shared with me some of their reactions to American ghost tours. Overall, the international students were very eager to go on the tour with her.

A student from Kuwait wanted Garner to listen to his phone. She recalls him saying, “There’s a ghost in my cell phone. When I call my sister, I always hear a strange voice. Listen to it; I want you to hear this.”

A Vietnamese student told Garner that in her country, a ghost will take over a person to control them, and you really have to perform a ritual to make it leave. A student from Brazil shared with her that their uncle was taken over by a ghost when he was a child and he spoke in a strange language in the deep voice of an adult.

“Another student from India had asked me if I had seen the YouTube videos of ghosts and also if this evening we would be detecting ghosts or if we would also be getting in touch with other spirits and demons. One Arabic speaking student told me that to him, “la llorona” sounds like “you can’t see it” in Arabic. So, we had a very rich night,” said Garner.

The night before my interview with Garner, she had hosted a tour where she’d heard from a student with Japanese heritage about river ghosts, and why they might be around.

“So, I hope we can keep adding more from the world cultures to our tour,” Garner said.

There are places around town that won’t fit into a two hour walk. Aul said, “The police station is just a little too far for our walk, but haunted as all



Above: Aimee Aul and Christina Garner are “ghost guides” for the Fullerton Museum’s Haunted Walking Tours.

great enthusiasm is because on a larger scale, we need times to honor the dead, and for grief and mourning. She thinks our culture doesn’t provide much of that. “Many of us in the United States, at least those of us who came over as immigrants, now live far from the

bones of our own ancestors. Mexico’s Day of the Dead is a very healthy ritual for much of the population to allow them that chance to pay respects for the dead. Actually having a way to do public grief, collective grief has been lost in our culture.”

One year, Garner had a woman attend a tour who had just lost her family in the last few months. She was going on every ghost tour she could find in Southern California because every time she went on one, it was an affirmation that people’s names would still be spoken and there would still be connection with life and the living.

“When we have these ghost tours that are proliferating across the country over time, there are three things we can kind of pin down,” explained Garner. “One of them is that we come to terms with the architecture of the world we’re living in. We process history, and we find some way to gather together, and deal with death and mourning. Now, we’re not visiting places where people have suffered recent trauma; we’re looking at places where the distance of time lets us talk about and bring to life these characters around town. Usually, people at the end of the tour really want to keep talking. They want to share stories; they want to tell the psychic investigators who accompany us what they saw at their homes or what they experienced, and feel validated. It’s really a way for all of us to grow tighter as a community and process what’s common to all of us: our fear of death and mourning.”

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