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VALENCIA PARK ELEMENTARY STUDENTS CREATE PAPER MACHÉ BUTTERFLIES

Second and third grade combination classroom at Valencia Park Elementary created butterflies with the principal Dr. Guillermo Muñoz. The students had a marvelous time with this art project. Sent in by Fullerton School District teacher Ms. Claudia Chavez.

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Unveiling of Colorful Collaborative Mural Celebrating School, Community, Culture, and Inclusivity at Raymond Elementary

Fullerton School District's Raymond Elementary School proudly unveiled a vibrant mural adorning its media center, which serves as a focal point of the school on May 16, 2024. The mural represents a creative collaboration between Carla Roque, a dedicated Raymond parent and well-known local artist, who wanted to contribute to the school's community by paying tribute to Raymond's robust pride and culture, while also showcasing the school's unique Spanish Dual Language Academy. The mural was designed with input from students, teachers, staff, and families. Roque with students hands worked to keep them connected to this motivational art project and to further

foster school pride.

Inspired by Roque and the collective contributions of the Raymond community to this project, Raymond Elementary parents, Laura Manchester and Priscilla Santos, of Las Dos Creative, a photography and film company, shared their skills and contribute to this project by documenting how this mural came together, capturing students' contributions to the mural, and to shining a spotlight on the heart behind the project and the Raymond Elementary community. The video premiered at the mural unveiling. Another parent donated a vinyl copy of the mural to be placed inside the school's media center.



Ronald S. Rochon Appointed President of Cal State Fullerton

The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees appointed Ronald S. Rochon to serve as president of California State University, Fullerton on May 22, 2024. Rochon currently serves as president of the University of Southern Indiana. He will assume the university presidency on July 22.

"I am honored to join the Titan community and excited to work alongside the university's talented faculty and staff to further support the success of its dynamic and diverse student body," said Rochon.

"I look forward to collaborating on strategies that will continue to strengthen Cal State Fullerton's position as an intellectual and cultural catalyst in Southern California and advance its key role in workforce and economic development for the region."

With over 30 years in higher education, Rochon's academic and professional career has focused on advocating for educational excellence, access and equity. Under his presidency, the University of Southern Indiana experienced increased growth.

Letters to Editor

Trees

To: City Manager, City Council,
& Fullerton Observer:

On my walk just now, I just passed a West Coast Arborist (WCA) dumpster around Cornell and Wilshire. This same stretch of trees was trimmed last year. Also, the trees along the south side of Rolling Hills near State College were trimmed the other day. These trees are so young and Rolling Hills is so wide, they provide NO tree canopy. Why were these young trees even trimmed? Oh I know, money, money, money...

Again, there is absolutely no reason these trees were trimmed other than for the \$ WCA makes destroying Fullerton's tree canopy. The City of Fullerton seems to be okay paying out Millions to WCA to destroy our tree canopy.

Note - Shame again on how WCA

topped the trees along Commonwealth, completely ignoring their participation in the Fullerton Community Tree Plan that, states toping trees is a no-no. So, another waste of Fullerton taxpayer money, this plan as its not being followed!

When and where are the 500 trees being planted? Oh I know, 175 are going to the Union Park Trail and some # were just planted for Arbor Day at Emery Park. I see none yet in 92831 which is environmentally challenged with only 11% and 22% tree canopy.

Note - The whole charade w/these trees, WCA and the lack of response from the City Council, even 92831's City Council member, goes to show the farce that is District elections/ representation. We may have gotten some supposed minority individuals now as our representatives in our City Council, but they only care about their District, not the City as a whole.

Susan L. Petrella *Fullerton*

Video Observer: Lucy Van Der Hoff Trail Needs Maintenance
Early March 2024

My wife Neva and I would like to send our thanks to Mr. Emerson Little for his recent article on the Lucy Van Der Hoff Trail here in Fullerton. We have lived and worked in Fullerton since the 1980's, and have walked and run the local trails since that time. But in all the times we've stretched our runs past Laguna Lake north to Imperial, we had never even heard of the Van Der Hoff Trail!

We now work as volunteers for Fullerton Meals on Wheels, and saw his article in the *Observer* there. So the next day we drove up to the Lake, and walked the trail - and loved it! The part of the trail that was overgrown when he checked it out for his article has been cleared out, and we thoroughly enjoyed our hike.

Today, after our Meals on Wheels deliveries, we told Sandy White (MoW President) about it, and she told us that Mr. Little had made a Podcast with her about Meals on Wheels a few years ago. We just finished watching it, and that was excellent, too.

Anyway, please thank him and commend him for his great work, and for contributing to our Quality of Life here in Fullerton.

Bill & Neva Higgins *Fullerton*



The *Fullerton Observer* community newspaper, founded by Ralph and Natalie Kennedy, Roy and Irene Kobayashi, and other friends in 1978, is staffed by local volunteers who create, publish, and distribute the paper throughout our community.

This venture is a not-for-profit one. Revenues are plowed back into maintaining and improving our independent, non-partisan, non-sectarian community newspaper.

Our purpose is to inform Fullerton residents about political, economic, and social forces which impact their lives. We hope that this knowledge can empower residents to participate in constructive ways to hold these public and private entities accountable, so they serve Fullerton in lawful, transparent, and socially responsible ways. We seek to promote a sense of community and an appreciation for the values of diversity with which our country is so blessed.

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Safer Bike Lanes

The city needs to invest in protected bike lanes. There has been extensive research that painted bike lanes actually make the roads LESS safe for both drivers and cyclists. They do less than nothing. More people would choose to commute by bike if they felt safer and getting people out of cars is probably the most impactful thing any city can do if it's trying to "go green."

Sara *Fullerton*

An open letter to Father Jerome Karcher, founder of Mercy House

Father Jerome Karcher
% Mercy House,
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Father Karcher:

Why are we being punished? I'm not being facetious, although it sounds like it. And this is not a general query regarding Humanity vis a vis God.

My specific query is this: why are the inhabitants of Bridges at Kraemer Place being subjected to having the lights left on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Please note that I'm asking on behalf of staff, security, and residents.

I'm not going to go deep into the well of data that demonstrates that 24/7 lighting – especially at night – disrupts human beings' circadian rhythms, leading to increases in depression, irritability, brain fog, weight gain, increase in systolic blood pressure, and other health deficits. A quick search on Google will give you more on the subject than I could include in this letter. But here's a few citations to get started:

“Day and night light exposure are associated with psychiatric disorders.”
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s44220-023-00135-8>

“Health Consequences of Electric Lighting Practices in the Modern World”
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5587396/>

“Medical hypothesis: Light at night is a factor worth considering in critical care units.”
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8174656/>

“Timing of light exposure affects mood and brain circuits.”
<https://www.nature.com/articles/tp2016262>

“Light and Sleep.”
<https://www.sleepfoundation.org/bedroom-environment/light-and-sleep>

When I asked a staff member at Bridges why round-the-clock lighting was initiated last month, I was told it was a security and safety issue to cut down on shelter residents stealing from and/or possibly assaulting other residents. That sounds good on the surface, but it has flaws:

- 1) Leaving lights on won't eliminate theft or abuse;
 - 2) It will increase incidents of verbal and physical abuse, which will be the inevitable result of leaving lights on all day and all night, thus disrupting residents' sleeping and waking cycles;
 - 3) It is a waste of electricity since the lights are left on even when exterior sunlight is more than sufficient to light the sleeping quarters; and
 - 4) Its overall impact on the morale of residents will be highly negative, now and in the future, should this policy continue.
- The practice of 24/7 lighting in jails and prisons has been controversial for decades: state courts in Pennsylvania and Washington state have ruled it a violation of the Eighth Amendment provision against “cruel and unusual punishment.” But while those courts found that twenty-four-hour lighting causes sleep deprivation, depression, and other serious disorders for incarcerated individuals, courts often do not consider it to be cruel and unusual pun-

ishment. And while jails and prisons represent involuntary confinement, shelter housing, by definition, is voluntary. Thus, so far, it has evaded Eighth Amendment judgment.

I have filed grievances with Bridges staff and OC Social Services; there has been no response as of this publication date. So, I have taken the further step of addressing the issue publicly. Granted, the *Fullerton Observer* pales in size and circulation beside the *Orange County Register* and the *Los Angeles Times*, but it does have a significant readership in the Fullerton/Anaheim/Buena Park corridor of North Orange County. So you might get letters. Then again, you might not.

A further question is begged: Was this 24/7 lights-on policy initiated by Mercy House for all its owned and operated shelters, or has it been implemented at the behest of the county's Continuum of Care Board? I cannot answer that question. Perhaps you can.

I am writing this open letter to you, Father Karcher, hoping you might take corrective action. You're the founder of Mercy House; in a very real sense, the buck stops with you. If nothing changes in the next 30 days, I will contact other media outlets regarding this issue. And the point will be made, quite forcefully, that—in this respect—homeless people are being treated as badly, or worse, than prisoners.

This may result in me being “exited” from Bridges. But as Martin Luther is said to have said, “Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise.”

Sincerely, Andrew Williams

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Students Worldwide are Demonstrating in Support of Palestinians

Peaceful student protests are taking place on university campuses around the world, including in the US, UK, European Union, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Egypt, Lebanon, and more. In the US, students are calling for a cease-fire in Gaza and demanding that their universities divest from war-related investments in Israel. These demonstrations are organized by Jewish Voice for Peace and Students for Justice in Palestine.

(www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org)
(www.nationalsjp.org)

Some university administrations have responded by calling in police in riot gear to break down encampments and arrest student protesters. Students have been suspended, evicted, and prevented from graduating. Over 2,900 protestors, including faculty members, have been arrested on over 60 campuses in the US, including UCLA, UC Irvine, Columbia, Barnard, University of Texas, University of Pennsylvania, MIT, Harvard, Yale, and others.

The following administrators have agreed to either divest or meet with students to initiate dialogue on their respective campuses: Union Theological Seminary, Evergreen State College, Northwestern, Brown University, UC Riverside, John Hopkins University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sacramento State, Occidental College, Vassar College, Harvard University, and University of Minnesota.

California State University Fullerton has released a statement on divestment. The statement reads, "In light of its fiduciary responsibilities and existing policies governing the assessment of environmental, social, and governance risks, the California State University does not intend to alter existing investment policies related to Israel or the Israel-Hamas conflict." It clarifies that the university system does not directly invest in any stocks or equities.

On May 24, the UN International Court of Justice ordered Israel to immediately stop military assaults on the city of Rafah in Gaza, open border crossings, allow humanitarian aid, and permit UN investigators into the area. The emergency order, which passed in a 13-2 vote, was part of the ongoing case brought by South Africa charging Israel with genocide. This case is expected to take much longer to resolve.

As of the latest data, 35,709 Palestinians have been killed and 79,990 injured since the attack by Hamas on October 7, 2023. The attack resulted in the deaths of 1,200 Israelis and the capture of 250 hostages. Additionally, 80% of homes, schools, hospitals, businesses, and infrastructure have been destroyed. The UN has declared an imminent famine, and there is a lack of humanitarian aid reaching those in need. The US continues to send billions in military aid to Israel.



Students at UCLA created memorials to honor Palestinian relatives killed in the Hamas-Israeli war.

The International Criminal Court prosecutor requested arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, and three Hamas leaders - Yahya Sinwar, Mohammed Deif, and Ismail Haniyeh - on charges of war crimes on May 20, 2024. Pre-trial judges will review the evidence to determine if the warrants are supported. The ICC has 124 member countries, with the United States, Israel, China, and Russia not being members.



Out of My Mind

by Jon Dobrer © 2024 • JonDobrer@mac.com

Words Mean Something: Mass Destruction, War Crimes & Genocide

Israel's everyday treatment and mistreatment of Palestinians on the West Bank and "over the top" violence in Gaza are certainly open to criticism. Well, that's an understatement. The tragic facts on the ground demand criticism, as, of course, the wanton slaughter of boys, girls, men, women, and children on October 7th by Hamas demands outrage.

Did Hamas commit genocide on October 7th? Is Israel committing genocide now? In both cases, the answer is "No."

We should strive for clarity and precision about how we label different acts. It makes a difference, and I believe that we cheapen and dilute the horror when we inflate our rhetoric. We debase the currency of our moral disgust. Not every killing is murder. Not every "mass killing" is meaningfully mass. When we define mass casualties at 5 (wounded and/or killed) because a pipe bomb found in Times Square some years ago was categorized as a Weapon of Mass Destruction, we cheapen the horror. I'm not trying to downplay pipe bombs and their lethality, but when the truck bomb that took down the Alfred Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma and the A-Bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki share the same category, we are not communicating rationally. These events are tragedies, but the word "mass" loses meaning.

When the words "violence" and

"brutality" become metaphors for something that may be rhetorically violent, this subtracts from the impact of actual physical violence and brutality. A word may be offensive, may be provocative, or may lead to violence and brutality, but the word is not identical to the act. (See Magritte's painting, "Ceci n'est pas une pipe." Of course, it isn't a pipe. It's a painting of a pipe).

Some words and phrases should be sacrosanct in their horror to keep them safe from being cheapened as metaphors. "Rape" is such a word. Hearing it used metaphorically, particularly by men who have not been raped, as I have heard too often, is an offensive misappropriation of a specific experiential horror.

"Genocide" is another word/term whose unique horror ought to be protected from cheapening. Genocide is different from a "War Crime," a "Crime against humanity," or an "atrocities." Yes, I believe that most killings and all wars are tragedies and crimes. However, genocide is of a different order. True, the deaths are equally tragic; the families mourn just as

deeply. The level of feeling and depth of horror may be the same or worse, but the words mean different things.

Genocide is a term coined specifically after the Holocaust, the Shoah, to convey the German's maniacal and obsessive attempt to annihilate a people. Genocide as a label is not a matter of numbers. More Soviet citizens died in WWII than Jews. (Present statistics are 6 million Jews and 26 million Soviets, reported by The Russian Academy of Sciences.) The Soviet citizens were victims of war and certainly of many war crimes, crimes against humanity, sexual violence, and intentional starvation. The Soviets were clearly frequent victims of atrocities but not genocide.

In our human madness, we distinguish and must distinguish between so-called rational and legal acts of war and genocide. Rational and legal war acts (the phrase sticks in my throat) are undertaken to win land, power, factories, cities, markets, and minerals. Atrocities happen in war. War crimes are committed. Civilians are slaughtered but for a rational if horrifying end. Hitler may have believed that Slavs were inferior and dehumanized them after the

failure of the Hitler-Stalin Non-Aggression Pact, but he didn't set out to exterminate all Slavs—only those necessary for his ambitions of power.

Today, the US nuclear bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki would be considered war crimes and

atrocities, but no matter the number of dead (110,000 immediately and eventually 226,000), we were not trying to erase the Japanese people from the earth and perpetrate a genocide. We wanted the war to end. We didn't want to invade the main Islands. We didn't want to kill all of the ethnic Japanese.

The German attitude and obsessive hatred of Jews were different. It was not to get cheap labor or confiscate their property. Those were only additional benefits—or so they believed. Their irrational yet profound hatred of Jews arguably cost them the war. If not for anti-Semitism, Albert Einstein, Hans Bethe, Leo Szilard, Edward Teller, and Klaus Fuchs could have remained in Germany and built the German bomb first. But hate trumped national interest, and even at the end of the war, when they knew they had lost, they kept sending Jews into the ovens, shooting them, and dumping them into trenches.

Hamas espouses the desire to annihilate Jews in Israel, which would be genocide, but October 7th was not genocide. As horrific as the bombing and killing in Gaza is, there is no ambition to wipe out a people or a faith.

Protesting the tragedy in Gaza is completely appropriate—many Israelis and American Jews are equally repulsed. War Cabinet members are threatening to resign, and generals have retired. Debate if the tactics are either moral or effective. Picket and sit in if your moral judgment calls for it. If you carry signs opposing Netanyahu, I may join you. Please join me in mourning all the wounded and dead—the Gazans, the Israelis, the hostages, and the many more who seem cursed to die in this futile war that moves all of us further away from a state for the Palestinians and peace for the Israelis.

We should strive for clarity and precision about how we label different acts. It makes a difference, and I believe that we cheapen and dilute the horror when we inflate our rhetoric.

PROCLAMATION
MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH

Promoting mental health awareness fosters understanding, empathy, and support within our communities, creating environments where individuals feel safe to seek help and support. Mental health awareness encourages early intervention, reduces stigma, and promotes mental wellness, ultimately leading to healthier and more resilient communities.

The certificate was presented to High Hopes Counseling, Saint Jude Medical Center, Radiant Health Centers, and BeWell Orange County.



Chess Champions: Arnik Raina, Olivia Leav, Harvey Sim, Owen Tse, Tianyu Xiong, Jayden Baek, Joshua Sun, Isaac Chun, and Marcus Vasquez with Mayor Dunlap, Councilmember Dr. Zahra, Pete Baron, who was the longtime Chess Championship event coordinator, Councilmember Whitaker, and Councilmember Dr. Charles.

FULLERTON LIONS CITY SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 RECOGNITION AWARDS

The 16th annual Fullerton City Scholastic Chess Championship, sponsored by the Fullerton Host Lions with significant help from the Fullerton School District since its inception, was held on April 26 at Ladera Vista Jr. High. To reduce the number of no-shows and to raise funds for expenses, we charged \$5 for each participant. The tournament organizer this year was Lion Marisol Terraza, who organized the Morrison Scholastic in February. With that experience, she ran one of the best-organized tournaments in memory despite the added complexity of collecting money and the shortage of section monitor vol-

unteers.

Lewis Gerbl was the tournament director, and Dewain Barber made the introductory remarks. Barber supported the cause by providing chess sets and boards, medals for third places, and keychain tags for all students. The tournament finished in an impressive three hours—an all-time record!

The number of elementary school and Junior High students participating was 52, slightly lower than last year (58). Nine different grade-level tournaments were run (K-7 and an 8 & 7 section); each winner is the 2024 city champion for their grade.

The winner of this year’s “SuperChamp section,” Marcus Vasquez, is Fullerton’s 2024 SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPION, a title to be proud of. Chess Champions by school and grade are:

Arnik Raina (Acacia), Kindergarten,
Olivia Leav (Laguna Road), 1st Grade,
Harvey Sim (Covenant Christian), 2nd Grade,
Owen Tse (Laguna Road), 3rd Grade,
Tianyu Xiong (Acacia), 4th Grade,
Jayden Baek (Acacia), 5th Grade,
Joshua Sun (Sunset), 6th Grade,
Isaac Chun (Fisler), 7th Grade.

City Council Notes by Staff

Meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Upcoming agenda information and streaming video of meetings are available at www.cityoffullerton.com

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Tuesday, May 21 Meeting

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED

- May 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes_____Approved
- Monthly Committee Activity & Attendance Report_____Received and filed
- April 2024 Check Register_____Received and filed
- Proposed Fiscal Yer 2024-25 Fee Changes_____Received and filed
- 2023-24 Office on Aging Grant Application_____Approved
- Tyler Munis Utility Billing Implementation Appropriation_____Approved
- Clean California Maintenance Agreement Amendment 1_____Approved
- North OC Public Safety Collaborative Operations_____Approved
- Custody Security Officer Services Agreement_____Approved
- Crossing Guard Services Agreement_____Removed
- Costa Court Area Rehabilitation Agreement_____Approved
- Firethorne Area Water Main Replacement Project_____Approved
- Residential Pavement Treatment FY 2023-24 Agreement_____Approved
- Candlewood Area Water Main Replacement Project_____Approved



Summary of Significant Changes

- Expanded guidelines on communication and messaging.
- New section to include **ACCESS and Functional Needs, Equity and Inclusion, and Cultural Diversity.**
- Updated IT & Vital Records Retention.
- Added Finance Unit and IT to Activation Plan.
- Sample Emergency Proclamations and Emergency Messaging.
- **Care and Shelter Annex.**
- **Extreme Weather Annex.**

THE CITY OF FULLERTON
UPDATED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Ensuring the safety and well-being of the community is a shared responsibility among local, state, and federal governments. The City of Fullerton has crafted this Emergency Operations Plan to efficiently allocate resources to safeguard lives, property, and the environment during emergencies.

While it is impossible to entirely prevent the challenges that disasters bring, a well-designed and updated plan executed by skilled and trained professionals can significantly reduce the impact and minimize losses. This plan outlines the structure of our emergency response organization, delegates roles and responsibilities, and fosters coordination among various emergency teams and services. It leverages established frameworks such as the Incident Command System, the Standardized Emergency Management System, the National Incident Management System, and the National Response Framework to ensure a cohesive and effective response. This item was approved.



PROCLAMATION OF MAY AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

Jewish American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the remarkable achievements, enduring legacy, and invaluable contributions of Jewish Americans to advancing our society and enriching our collective heritage. As we commemorate Jewish Heritage Month, let us reaffirm our commitment to fostering inclusivity, promoting understanding, and honoring the diversity that strengthens the fabric of our nation.

Councilmember Dr. Shana Charles said, “After I

was elected, I discovered I was the first Jewish person ever elected to the Fullerton City Council. And so, you know, in that role. It has been my pleasure to serve alongside not only the 1st Muslim American on this council but also incredibly supportive colleagues of multiple faiths. All five of us represent the diversity, inclusivity, and unity that we, as a Fullerton community, have shown in promoting our strength and diversity. I want to acknowledge Rabbi Miriam Van Raalte, who did not get her rabbinate until she

was 66 years old, Rabbi Mati Kirschenbaum, who gave the invocation, and trustee, Lauren Klatzker, who serves on our local Fullerton high school board. Thank you all.”

This year, Temple Beth Tikvah celebrates its 60th anniversary of being in Fullerton, a testament to the enduring spirit and contributions of our Jewish American community. Temple Beth Tikvah is known for opening its doors to all faiths.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MEMORIAL DAY FULLERTON

Marilyn Harris: The homecoming is our theme that reflects when service members come home or return home to their final resting place.

On May 27, we will gather to reflect on all those occasions we yearn for our service members to come home safe, but also, we realize saying goodbye can be so hard. Our speaker this year is a Troy High School graduate class of 2008. She spent ten years in the Navy and now writes speeches for the Secretary of the Navy.

We have two opportunities for volunteering. One is on Saturday at 8am. We'll place over 4,400 flags on every veteran grave buried there and on Tuesday we'll remove the flags and iron them over at the Community Center starting at 8am.

The Memorial Day program is Monday at 10am at Loma Vista Memorial Park. We invite all of you and the public to join us in commemorating and remembering those of us who have served our country and are resting there in peace.

PARKING TICKETS

Maria Figueroa: I want to thank our councilmember from district #5 for coming to our community and giving information about the pilot program. Jeffrey Shisha and our traffic police were also there. They also gave us information regarding the parking program that's coming this summer. The Woodcrest community has very little parking. We have the school and the park, and the owners of the houses will not permit parking in front of their homes. We are paying for the overnight parking. We ask that while this program takes place and we get the permits, please stop giving tickets in the Woodcrest and Orangethorpe area. I make this request in the name of our community at Woodcrest.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

Resident: I documented my walk that I have to make when I have to abide by the 2 to 5am no parking rule. The City Council is disconnected from how dangerous it is. There are many spots where it's poorly lit, dilapidated side-

walks, overgrown bushes, and active gang territory. And it is unfair to make the residents of this city go through this.

The City Council only offers options for residents who own property. They don't offer anything for renters. Which is the boat I'm in. The City Council must understand that making these people walk at night is dangerous.

I challenge all of you City Council members to come down to District 5 find somebody, any resident affected by this no parking rule, ride with them, watch them find parking, and then follow them back to their residence. See what it's like. See what we go through daily so that you can keep this 100-year-old rule in place. For what good?

RANCHO LA PAZ

Todd Harrison: Life as a Fullerton Rancho La Paz senior is not easy. Retired, but working a collection of part-time jobs that keep me exhausted trying to keep up and failing, I owe about 1/3 of my retirement savings. We want to keep up, but we can live in Fullerton for at least two years. All these challenges limit my efforts to help other senior citizens I know are facing many of the same problems. John Saunders is blamed for many of these issues and is still getting away with it. Years ago, others and I came to our government, including the then leaders of Fullerton, for help with his attack on us. Who else but our community could help fight back against a predator with so many resources, money, and political power? What did we get? A lot of head pats and explanations of why what was happening was wrong, but there was little or nothing that could be done for us. Some of you tried, but those efforts were too little, too late, and mostly ineffective. I do appreciate the concern and hard work, but the few that did give a damn and tried to help. I'm a great believer in self-responsibility. My problems are my job to handle. This does not absolve those who take on responsibilities for their community at any level. Shame on my government. Shame on all of it at every level.



LESS LEATHAL PROJECTILE

Resident: I came here today to show the City Council what less lethal rounds look like. These are the rounds used on Alejandro Campos Rios that were shown in the critical incident video that the Fullerton Police Department released. They come in a full-length shotgun. It could be orange, but that doesn't make it less lethal.

And maybe this bird shot is wrapped in canvas, but that doesn't make it any less lethal. You can see here that they're filled with lead beads, and the only thing I can imagine that makes them less than a birdshot shotgun round is being wrapped in canvas.

Actually, on the round itself, it says that they're stabilized by this canvas round and by this canvas wrap, meaning that this birdshot is more aerodynamic and penetrating than it might have been if it wasn't wrapped in canvas. And so I'd invite the Fullerton Police Department, the City of Fullerton, and the City of Fullerton's council to consider whether these rounds truly are less lethal and provide some evidence that they are less lethal.

HELPING HOMELESS

Curtis Gamble made the following recommendations on behalf of the over 300+ Homeless and Low-Income people living on the streets of the City of Fullerton recommended:

1. The Cash App Card is a free visa debit card which allows Community Funding to pay for rent, electric bills, gas, hotels & motels, OCTA bus passes, shelter beds and other goods and services.
2. Extremely Low Income units are units that are affordable to, and occupied by, persons, whose income is at or below 30% of the area median income as defined in Health and Safety Code.
3. Rapid Rehousing units are an alternative to emergency shelter, and are occupied at no rent or subsidized rent for a limited time to allow a household to collect sufficient funds for move-in deposits and moving costs.

END OF LANDLINES & ADA COMPLIANCE

Maureen Milton: independent advocate for the disabled, handicapped, little people, and the mobility challenged. I want to advise everyone that I heard the news about the AT&T Landline situation. I was told that the administrative law judge plans to recommend that the proposal made by AT&T be rejected. Final confirmation will come in June. If you haven't written your letter or called, I urge you to do so immediately. Your voice is crucial in this matter. If they do not win their request, AT&T can request this again one year after the final confirmation.

I want to thank everyone again for the push buttons that open the doors of the council chambers. It took a long time, but I really, really appreciate it, and I'm sure all the mobility-challenged people in the city who come into the council chambers appreciate it, too.

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9TH ANNUAL DAY OF MUSIC

The dark days of COVID put the brakes on our annual Day of Music, but as you must know, it has been resurrected. This year, things are full speed ahead, with hundreds of musicians ready to participate on Friday, June 21, at various locations at noon all over Fullerton.

If you are unfamiliar with the event, Day of Music Fullerton was borne out of Fete de la Musique, an annual music festival that began in France. Fullerton is now one of more than 1,000 cities worldwide celebrating Make Music Day with FREE concerts and activities that appeal to all ages and fans of all types of music. Day of Music is open to anyone who wants to participate: solo acoustic artists, duos, a capella

groups, school orchestras, rock, hip hop, folk, jazz, country, young musicians just starting to those with marquee names, and more, all joining in for the simple pleasure of creating music for all.

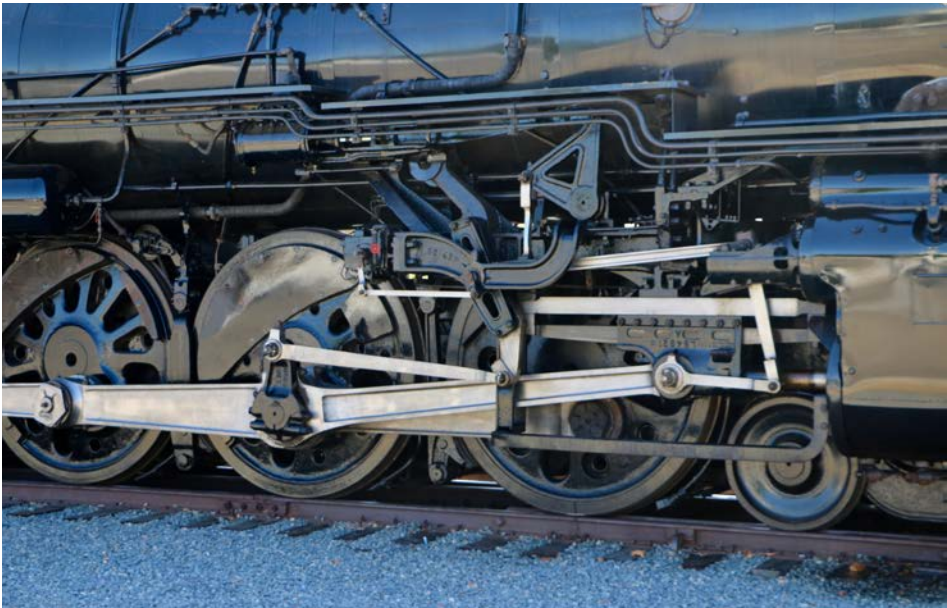
The main stage is the Downtown Museum Plaza, where, along with the FREE concerts, you will find food trucks and more starting at noon. The Plaza is always a good place to start, and you can find out more about the other 30-plus venues and over 70 musical artists from there. A must-go-to stop is the Fox Fullerton, where The School of Rock will perform on the outdoor patio from noon to 2pm, after which the show inside the theater begins.



Train Museum Sat May 18

The annual open house at our Train Museum always attracts 'railfans'; of course, many younger fans find their way there to tour the many cars and experience the excitement of passing trains. The

Southern California Railway Plaza Association operates the museum, and they promote educational programs, activities, and exhibits dedicated to the preservation of our rail heritage. If you missed it, no worries –the museum is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 9 am to noon. It's



well worth the visit, and hey, stop by the café after and watch those passing trains and passengers coming and going. Consider taking a train trip north or south; it's an amazing experience. The museum is in the Fullerton Transportation Center on Pomona and Santa Fe.



New Downtown

Have new mascots landed? Are we being spied on? A tip led us once again to FUHS and this time, it was not the discovery of a bear skull, mural restoration, or new gymnasium; no, it was the arrival of a family of red hawks. First thought to be a falcon in the Auditorium bell tower, perhaps then chased off, a hawk appeared, then another, then a fledgling. If you look closely, you can catch a glimpse of their nest.



This hawk family nest activity has become something of an event at the High School, with some catching a daily view from the Library windows or takeoffs and landings from several places on campus. Take a look up when you pass by, and you may catch a glimpse of the suddenly famous family yourself.

Obelisk Update

There still seems to be some lingering speculation concerning the two concrete posts that we call obelisks from the past that remain here in town, but perhaps the definitive answer to what they are and what they were for has come in from an email we saw after the last issue that tells us a small blue mailbox was attached to the one on Richman Knoll, and later, a larger one was installed. Somehow, the post remains and the memories from those who recalled it from their school days are still there, so thanks for the info Steve Chapin.



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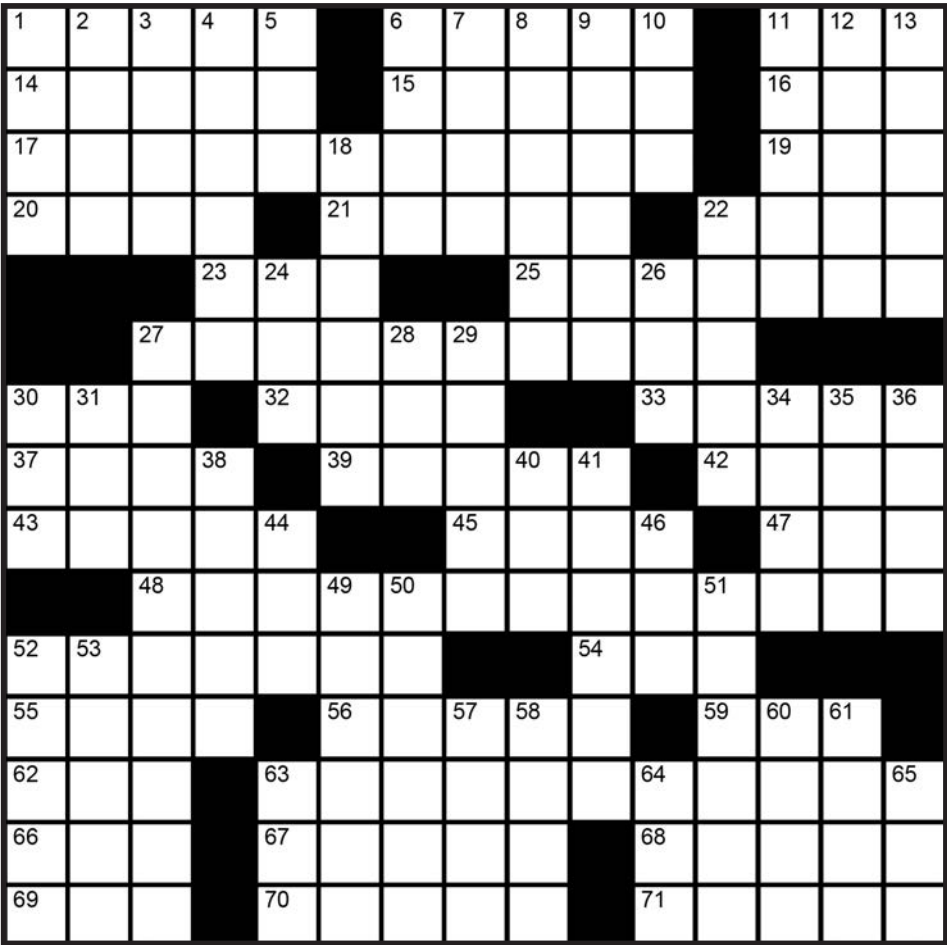
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"PUZZLE OF THE MONTH" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 15)



ACROSS

1. "Annie" song of the month

6. Sixth-century pope

11. Windy City commuter org.

14. Walking ____ (elated)

15. Off-Broadway awards

16. NYC rep. since 2019

17. Former "SNL" cast member of the month

19. Outcome of bad prkg.?

20. Swiftie or Belieber

21. Nabisco ____ wafers

22. Condiment of the month

23. George Clooney's talent agency: Abbr.

25. The Beatles' "____ Rigby"

27. Makeup brand of the month

30. ____-friendly (green)

32. Ultimatum ender

33. Blatant

37. Prohibits

39. Founded: Abbr.
42. Falco of "The Sopranos"

43. Popeye's nemesis

45. Arab ruler

47. Gangster's gun

48. McDonald's character of the month

52. "Alas!"

54. "You've got mail" co.

55. ____ legs

56. Respected one

59. Word with rally or talk

62. Tolkien talking tree

63. Former "Jeopardy" co-host of the month

66. JFK alternative

67. Go on and on

68. In harmony

69. 16-Across, for one

70. More sound

71. Loud

DOWN

1. "Choosy ____ choose Jif"

2. Gray's subj.

3. Actress DaCosta of "Chicago Med"

4. Mick's ex

5. Drop the ball

6. Benson who voiced Disney's Ariel

7. Ancient Greek coin

8. Jewish campus group

9. Sherpa, typically

10. "Give or take" ending

11. Boardgame with settlers

12. 2020 Olympics city

13. Thespian

18. Not up to the task

22. "Circle of Friends" author Binchy

24. Popeye's affirmative

26. Brian of Roxy Music

27. Game-changing

28. Hook shape

29. "Don't care if they do!"
30. Wane

31. Berkeley sch.

34. Advantage

35. Narrow inlets

36. French bean?

38. Self-restrained

40. Gremlin manufacturer

41. Tummy soother, briefly

44. Yiddish laments

46. Pi follower

49. Mark who won the Masters and the British Open in 1998

50. Use for support

51. Rio Grande city

52. Young pup

53. New wave band ____ Boingo

57. Eat

58. Like a 911 call: Abbr.

60. "The Time Machine" race

61. Spare parts?

63. Physical pros

64. 007 creator Fleming

65. Essential

City Council Notes *continued from page 5*



Back row: Mayor Dunlap, Councilmember Dr. Zahra, Councilmember Whitaker
Front row: Sienna Shah, Abigail Estrada, Layla Andre, and Emily Molendyk.

GIRL SCOUTS GOLD AWARDS

Abigail Estrada achieved the Fullerton's top Girl Scout cookie seller award for selling 5,444 packages of cookies and securing fourth place in Orange County.

Layla Andre's project filled a gap in earthquake preparedness, particularly within immigrant communities. She organized workshops and booth presentations that empowered approximately 200 individuals with life-saving information. The sustainability of Layla's project, which was facilitated through partnerships with ICNA Relief and the Make Noise Today Club, exemplifies her commitment to long-term community resilience.

Emily Molendyk's revamp of the museum at Camp Sherman (Girl Scouts' resident summer camp) reflects her commitment to enhancing the experiences of both new and returning campers. Through her diligent efforts, she transformed the museum into a more engaging space, ensuring the campers can immerse themselves in its exhibits and activities for projects.

Sienna Shah started an initiative called Reading for Kids, which has been instrumental in combating declining literacy rates by creating and implementing a comprehensive reading curriculum tailored to the needs and interests of young learners. Through a six-week program at Fullerton School District and monthly events at the Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton and the Anaheim Public Library, Sienna has successfully ignited a passion for reading among elementary students.

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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- **May 30 at 6:00pm:**
Library Board of Trustees

• **June 03 at 4:00pm:**
Transportation & Circulation

• **June 04 at 5:30pm:**
City Council
- **June 10 at 6:30pm:**
Parks & Recreation

• **June 12 at 6:30pm:**
Planning Commission

• **June 17 at 5:00pm:**
Infrastructure and Resources

AGENDA FORECAST (Tentative) Tuesday, June 4, 2024

- DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT FRONTIER
- HERMOSA AREA STREET REHABILITATION
- LAS PALMAS AREA STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT
- ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND HYDROGEN FUEL STREAMLINING ORDINANCE
- CALL 2024 ELECTION
- BUDGET ADOPTION
- CHAPMAN PARKING LEASE
- FOURTH OF JULY BUDGET APPROPRIATION

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Art collector Benjamin Feldman gives a tour of his collection on display inside the Muckenthaler Museum



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Curating a Salvador Dali Collection
at the Muckenthaler

Independent curator Annabella Pritchard has always been fascinated by the Surrealist movement, and her research has been focused on women Surrealist artists for a little over a decade.

One evening a year ago, she received a call from a close friend who had learned that art collector Benjamin Feldman had recently acquired a Salvador Dali collection and wanted to exhibit the pieces with a non-profit organization. Her friend put Feldman in contact with Pritchard; they chatted over the phone, and it wasn't until after she hung up that she realized it was May 11, Dali's birthday. It was a remarkable coincidence. After a year of authenticating artifacts at various institutions and planning and coordinating with the Muckenthaler Cultural Center, an exhibit of 50 Salvador Dali art pieces is open to the public and on display inside the historic Muckenthaler mansion until June 28. I recently had a chance to interview Pritchard about her time curating the Dali exhibit and took a tour of the displays with the collection's owner.

Pritchard said, "I felt in a way that I was betraying these Surrealist women and their spirits by focusing so much on Dali. But then, when I started chatting to people about this upcoming exhibition, I was very surprised. I must've communicated with dozens of people of all ages who didn't know Salvador Dali, and I thought that was quite important. I thought this exhibition might help people discover his work, develop an interest, and explore his life and artistry. 2024 is also the

100th anniversary of the Surrealist movement, so that's another lovely coincidence; it coincides with the Muckenthaler's 100th anniversary."

Pritchard wasn't sure Muckenthaler CEO Farrell Hirsch would say yes to this exhibition, but he did. When preparing for this show, Pritchard was reminded of Dali's connection with Caresse Crosby, a respected female publisher and poet. According to Pritchard, we probably wouldn't know Salvador Dali if it wasn't for Crosby's support. Pritchard said, "I learned more about these powerful, interesting women artists while also moving forward with this exhibit on Dali, so it has been a great experience. As much as I like to credit Caresse Crosby for Dali's success, his wife, Gala, was truly the architect of his career, and perhaps she was the first PR agent. She really knew how to publicize her husband's work. But it was women whom Dali really loved and who helped shape his career and his vision."

Callie Prendiville Johnson, Communications Director at the Muckenthaler explains that it took her and Pritchard about a year of planning to create this exhibit. Adam England, Chief Programs Officer at the Muckenthaler, designed the Dali exhibit. According to Johnson, it only took a couple of days to physically install all of Dali's works. "How every-

thing is [laid out in the gallery space] is how I had hoped it would be," said Pritchard. "The blood-red wall is what I wanted so much. It's very dramatic, and you have a gold frame. I think it's heartstopping. I didn't even want to bring this up. I was concerned it would be rejected, but when I walked into the gallery, there was the crimson wall."

According to Pritchard, England wanted all the feminine pieces to be in the back gallery, which is Pritchard's favorite room. She's very fond of a Dali piece titled "Space Elephant" in the front gallery. Many people at the exhibit's opening found the Surrealist sculpture of a bronze elephant standing on spidery legs (with an obelisk-like structure on its back) one of their favorite pieces in the show. Pritchard also happens to be drawn to "very erotic and exciting" Dali pieces available for viewing in the Muckenthaler's back gallery, including sculptures such as *Woman Aflame* and *Minotaur*."

Art collector Feldman did his research and approached many prestigious, well-respected institutions that studied the Dali pieces now on display in the show and confirmed that they were authentic. Highlights from

Feldman's collection include the Surrealist artist's iconic *Les Amoureux* (*The Lovers*) and *Pantagruel*.

Pritchard hopes that everyone who sees the exhibit learns more about Surrealism. Elaborating, she explained that artists such as Andre Breton, who founded the Surrealist movement, eventually asked Salvador Dali to leave because perhaps Dali was too provocative or controversial for this group of artists. "Beauty in art can disturb or provoke or move you. It doesn't matter if you find it grotesque as long as it stimulates you; enough to feel or to think, then it has done its job, and I was very moved by that when curating," Pritchard said. "There could be people who visit and may not like this work, but if they're thinking about it and exploring other artists in the movement, then the exhibition will perhaps have achieved its mission."

The Muckenthaler's exhibit of Salvador Dali's lesser-known works from Benjamin Feldman's personal collection is on view in their Main Gallery until June 28. The Dali exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 5pm and will also have special Sunday hours. Gallery admission is \$5 and includes access to all of the museum's current exhibitions.

For more details, please visit themuck.org.

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Art Talk with Over the Moon

by Jane Ouweleen and Carol Van Ahlers

I'm a Working Artist. Why Should I Teach?

It's easy to see the benefits of art classes and workshops for students wanting to learn about art. The instructor shares tips and tricks, and the students leave with tools to improve their skills. But what's in it for the art instructor? Where is the value for them?

Luckily for students, several working artists choose to share their expertise. Although teaching classes and workshops requires time to plan and takes away from studio time, two working artists we spoke with feel strongly that they, as instructors, are also the ones who learn.

Teri Gammalo, one of our gallery artists, has taught watercolor classes for over 20 years. She began by offering demonstrations at several art associations she was a member of. As Teri demonstrated, the audience would also share their techniques and tips.

Through these exchanges, Teri found the confidence and validation to offer her own classes. She began at her home studio which offers great light and room for 10 students. Today, she continues teaching, and many of her students have been with her for over two decades. When Teri talks about her classes and students, she lights up.

"Teaching gives me personal validation, and I get excited to tell others

what I know," she said. "The joy I get from painting is doubled and tripled as I work with my students and see their progress, the confidence that builds as they become artists in their own right. I'm their cheerleader and encourage them not to be afraid to try. In my classes, there's no "I can't" or 'I won't.'"

California artist Joe A. Oakes, known for his brilliantly colored Western and Southwestern landscapes, stepped into teaching classes and workshops 14 years ago and has never looked back. He offers local three-hour courses and one-day remote workshops in areas such as Sedona, the perfect location for his painting style.

"I thought teaching classes would help me become a better painter. I was right, but it has been so much more. Teaching classes and workshops has taught me a lot about myself."

Joe explained that he designs his workshops so people of all levels can participate and gain from the experience. Often, questions from beginners are those that more experienced painters may have had but never asked. His classes have shown him that everyone learns differently, and he enjoys ensuring that students get what they need from his classes.

"One of the biggest things I've



After each workshop, Southern California artist Joe A. Oakes takes a photograph with his students as they proudly show the result of the skills they learned. This photo is from Joe's April 2024 workshop at Artisan Art Supply in Santa Fe, NM.

learned from teaching is about structure," Joe said. "As I worked to design the best workshops for my students, I depended on structure, which is key for anything you want to do well. Following the same structure will take you where you want to be, and it's a must for painting and improving your skills. I gained that knowledge through my teaching and now share it with my students."

Both Teri and Joe are award-winning, working artists who love their craft. While painting is integral to their lives and livelihoods, they each feel that teaching has expanded their love and appreciation of art. It offers great satisfaction and has introduced them to people from all walks of life from all over the world, each with different talents, skills, and interests. They have formed friendships and bonds with their students. In Joe's words, we all "unite over art!"

Over the Moon Gallery is an online art gallery featuring works from a variety of artists. Visit their website at www.overthemoongallery.com.

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FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MAY 14

During the last meeting before graduation, the Trustees wished Sunny Hills High School senior Katie Sweeney well as she prepares to attend the University of Washington. They also thanked her for her leadership during the year. Additionally, they welcomed the incoming 2024/25 Student Board Member Noelle Lidyoff and new Vice Chair Oscar Deniz. The Student Advisory Council (SAC) brings together ASB representatives from all FJUHSD campuses to address issues such as updating the dress code and meeting mental health needs during the pandemic, as well as to plan districtwide community service activities. The SAC provides students with a platform to voice their ideas and concerns to district administrators and gain leadership experience.

Dual Language Program Update

Assistant Superintendent of Education and Assessment Services, Dr. Sylvia Kaufman, announced the expansion of the Dual Language Program (DLP) to Fullerton High School for the 2025/26 school year. The program starts with kindergarten enrollment at FJUHSD elementary feeder districts, including Fullerton School District, La Habra Elementary, Lowell School District, and soon Buena Park Elementary.

In the DLP, students learn all subjects with varying ratios of the primary language (English) and the second target language. For example, kindergarten children in the Spanish DLP receive 90% of instruction time in Spanish and 10% in English, with this ratio changing yearly so that by 4th grade, instruc-

tion is provided in a 50:50 ratio of the two languages. The DLP aims to develop students' comprehension and use of two languages, and children in the program have shown significant academic progress, especially in the post-pandemic school years.

Dr. Kaufman reviewed the FJUHSD goals for the Sonora High School Spanish DLP. The curriculum includes daily classes to enhance language fluency, expand literacy, teach academic content in the target language, and provide cultural exposure. Students take AP Spanish, AP Spanish Literature, IB Spanish, and a World History course focused on Spanish-speaking countries, all taught in Spanish.

The Sonora High School program currently has 21 students. Over the next 5 years, hundreds of 8th graders from elementary school districts will join FJUHSD, with some participating in the SOHS and FUHS programs. In 2031, the Fullerton School District will send its first Korean DLP student cohort, who may choose to attend a new Korean DLP at Sunny Hills High School. Trustees Fawley and Klatzker were impressed with the high school DLP expansion, but Klatzker did not publicly follow up on her previous question about embedding the new ethnic studies class requirement in the curriculum.

Other News

Principal Sonje Berg announced that BPHS aquatics plans to offer diving next school year.

Business Services has placed the new master facilities plan and a tutorial video up on the website: <https://www.fjuhsd.org/Page/1048>.

Next board meeting is June 4 at 6 pm.

FJUHSD Employees of the Year

Classified Employees 2024

- **Angelica Belmudez**, Senior Records Clerk, BPHS
- **Mark Marshall**, District Electrician, DSC
- **Melanie Garcia**, Transportation Scheduler, DTC
- **Gilbert Calderon**, Custodial & Grounds, EC
- **Benigna Rodriguez**, Principal Secretary, FUHS
- **Lisa Tarnowski**, Senior Records Clerk, LHHS
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Senior Records Clerk, SOHS
• **Shannon Cogswell**, Senior Records Clerk, TRHS District Employee of 2023/24

Teachers of the Year

- **Amanda Klaus**, Dance, BPHS & District Teacher of 2023/24
- **Brooke Kerr**, English, FUHS
- **Aaron Riekenberg**, Special Education, LHHS & District Teacher of 2023/24
- **Bridget Reynolds**, World History, LSHS
- **Joel Medina**, English, LVHS
- **Lindsay Safe**, English, SHHS
- **Joseph D'Amelia**, History/Business Finance, SOHS
- **Marisa Sanders**, Special Education, TRHS



Scholarships and Honors

FSTO President Angie Cencak announced the annual Fullerton Secondary Teachers Union's (FSTO) Education Scholarships celebrating graduating seniors who are dedicated to majoring in education or fields adjacent to educating students. This year's recipients' goals range from mathematics and animal science to speech interventions and special education majors.

FULLERTON UNION HIGH SCHOOL

- Grace Allen to attend UC Davis

TROY HIGH SCHOOL

- Elizabeth Cresap to attend Vanderbilt University
- Emma Mason to attend University of Pittsburgh

SUNNY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

- Kylee Lathrum to attend Missouri State University

LA SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL

- Natasha Uraine to attend Fullerton College

Dual Enrollment Program

FJUHSD's Dual Enrollment Program is a formal agreement with Cypress and Fullerton College that allows FJUHSD students to gain college transferable units at no cost to the student. Previously, the district informally offered free tuition for students requiring a college class that was not offered in the high school district. This policy applies to advanced mathematics, world languages, and some Career Technical Education pathway courses that offer coursework toward certification.

The current Buena Park High School (BPHS) Dual Enrollment Program, which expands in the fall to La Habra High School (LHHS), offers students a different opportunity. Unlike Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes that give college credit depending solely on the final exam score, BPHS dual enrollment classes are taught by college professors on high school campuses and offer semester college credit to high school students to utilize after graduation.

Dual Enrollment programs create additional student opportunities to advance career and college exposure. The classes allow students who have never considered college to earn units toward a certificate or a higher education degree. Students experience col-

lege classroom instruction, homework load, and input from college professors while still having the support of high school instructors and resources.

Over four years, a BPHS student could graduate while simultaneously earning the 60 units needed to earn an AA, allowing the graduate to transfer as a 3rd-year student directly into a California State University (CSU) and some majors for the University of California (UC) System. BPHS, and soon LHHS, students can take a few courses, or all 60 units, while learning to balance study with a busy high school schedule. The program allows students to prove to themselves and universities that they are college-ready and can achieve higher education goals.

CSU and UC schools need students who can graduate in 4 years and succeed, so they screen for students who are ready for college-level academic work. Universities consider AP, IB, Cambridge level scores, and dual enrollment class success as strong indicators of a student's ability to earn a 4-year degree. In 2019, The Public Policy Institute of California found that only 64% of UC students graduate in 4 years, while a dismal 19% of CSU students graduate in 4 years, which rises to 59% after 6 years.

Many students, particularly students who are the first in their family to attend college (referred to as 1st gener-

ation students), experience academic difficulties like learning deficits, scheduling classes, and problematic financial support while attending school, causing many to drop out without a degree and in debt. For students attending dual enrollment programs at no cost and at a lower cost, community colleges earn transferable units and provide universities with college-ready students. Where the UC transfer students have graduation rates similar to UC first-year students, the CSU graduation rate for transfer students rises to 79%. (Public Policy Institute of California, October 2019, Increasing Equity and Diversity.)

On May 2, FJUHSD and Fullerton College hosted Vision 2030:

Success with Equity, A Dual Enrollment Convening, where California educators discussed the benefits and issues for students participating in dual enrollment programs. Cypress and Fullerton College Faculty: Ron Farol, Craig Lee, Stephanie Teer, and Kelly Robertson shared how students find this opportunity rewarding, but success requires continuous communication between students and all instructors.

The faculty focused on flexibility when teaching dual enrollment classes, acknowledging that high school students have heavy schedules with numerous obligations. Instructors need

flexibility within instruction while maintaining the rigor of an entry-level college class. The professors also teach students to advocate for support and the resiliency to deal with failure to be successful later in their careers and higher education goals.

The faculty emphasized that program coordinators need student input concerning time management, appealing course offerings, and how challenges affect their ability to participate in the program. Passionate, flexible instructors are necessary for dual enrollment to succeed as an option for students not interested in AP courses but willing to join a dual enrollment course that seems more accessible, particularly students who are 1st generation college bound.

Besides the basic transferable college units, Fullerton College certification programs partner with FJUHSD to provide career options many students never consider. The new Fullerton Forensics Lab allows LHHS students to process mock crime scenes. Working with Fullerton Police Department Forensics Inspector and Supervisor Leticia "Letty" Ramirez and FCC Administration of Justice Professor and Department Coordinator Kelly Robertson, students learn to process and write reports in mock crime scene settings, network with forensic departments, find paid internships, and explore.



Life’s Lessons by Erin, 9th grade

It’s Getting Hot In Here

This summer is one I have anticipated the most. I am going on a trip to Europe and a much-needed break from my exhausting freshman year in high school. However, I despise the heat; it seems this summer might be the hottest yet. According to the National and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), “it is virtually certain” that 2024 will beat 2023 as the hottest year and a 99% chance of being among the top 5 warmest summers since 1850. This may be due to the shift that happens every 2-7 years from an El Niño to a La Niña climate pattern. These climate patterns are determined by the ocean’s temperatures near the equator and blow a temperature jet stream over land.

For Fullerton, as well as the rest of Socal, a La Niña means that this will bring hotter temperatures and a drier summer. However, this expected hot weather is not all due to the shift to La Niña. As the atmosphere caves inward, human activities and pollution are being bounced back toward Earth, which causes even more of an increase in temperature. This is nature’s response to human activity and warning from our planet - this is only a taste of what else could come due to global warming.

In order to protect yourself this summer, always put on sunscreen, use fans, drink lots of water, and try to stay in the shade, limiting yourself from being in the sun. And a little ice cream might help!



Tween Experience by Alicia, 6th grade

Student life

Men of ancient Greece woke up to hit the gym straight away, then took a nice bath before heading to work. Women began their days with household chores and childcare, moving on to more house-keeping. People’s daily routines vary depending on their lifestyle, profession, cultural background, and personal preferences. How about the typical school day of a student in Fullerton?

Most students start, and should start, by waking up between five and seven in the morning. We kick things off by brushing our teeth and dressing up for school. It depends on who you are, but I like to take a few minutes to pick out a comfortable outfit that will be convenient for the day’s activities.

Like the citizens of ancient Rome, people often grab a light breakfast for energy and head off to work or, in a student’s case, school. The motivation that keeps most students from dreading school is the joy we receive from being around our friends. It’s like we immediately forget about the hefty amount of mental strength we had to exert to wake up the moment we make eye contact with someone who brings us happiness. Many students said class time isn’t the most enjoyable part of a school day. Our eyes are constantly catching glances at the clock, hoping that the next time we look, it would be break or lunch time. Break times in high or middle schools are entirely different from those in elementary schools, but they both share the traits of students chattering throughout the campus, often with snacks and food.

It’s impressive how fast students can switch up when the bell rings, loudly calling out the end of the school day. Most of us have after-school activities. Some of us are into sports like soccer, baseball, or volleyball. Others are more into artistic things like dance, theater, or musical instruments. It keeps us busy but tamed as we utilize action to keep us focused on our goals. On days when we aren’t occupied with anything, it’s likely for us to work on homework, chores, leisure activities, and socialization. We put time into our relationships with others to add a bit of fun and excitement to our lives.

By the time we are done with our daily commitments and tasks, most of us feel tired and relieved. We take a nice shower to relax our bodies and minds and start preparing for the next day. Once we are in bed, lying down on the mattress, some of us fall asleep within minutes, and others lie away for hours, contemplating our life choices.

Everyone has their daily routines and habits. Many Fullerton students share the same traits in their daily lives, although we are all individuals. A student’s life is busy and shaped by different characteristics of our environment.



National Observances by Mateo, 10th grade

National Sunscreen Day - May 27th

As the summer season grows near, so does the sweltering heat that Southern California is known for, and it is important to be prepared. Last summer was recorded as the hottest in the world in at least 2000 years; the city of Fullerton alone saw temperatures nearly hit triple digits in the summer of 2023. This abnormally hot weather only adds to the list of reasons why sunscreen is so beneficial for our well-being. Although it can be a pain to apply sometimes, especially for young children, it is a necessity if you want to avoid the harmful effects of the Sun’s deadly rays. National Sunscreen Day, celebrated annually on May 27th, reminds the community of the benefits of wearing sunscreen and spreads awareness to others of its importance in our daily lives.

The idea for a sun protection paste began in the 1930s when multiple people began working on a formula. An Australian man named Milton Blake was the first to produce and sell sunscreen, followed by French chemist Eugène Schueller (who later founded L’Oréal) and Swiss chemistry student Franz Greiter. Although their efforts pioneered future sunscreen development, these first attempts were futile, as the sunscreens were ineffective and tended to be uncomfortable on the skin.

World War II airman Benjamin Green is credited with having made the first modern sunscreen. After his first attempt went awry due to the discomfort it caused on the skin of its consumers and its unappealing red coloration, he added cocoa butter and coconut oil to his original mixture. He dubbed this new mixture “Coppertone,” and in the 1950s, it took off, selling like crazy due to some creative marketing. Even to this day, Coppertone is still a commonly used sunscreen in America.

Since the invention of Coppertone, innovative companies have made numerous advancements to sunscreen to make it more effective. In the 1970s, water-resistant sunscreen exploded in popularity on the market due to its usefulness when going swimming or when sweating profusely, and broad-spectrum sunscreens became popular in the ‘90s because they could protect users from both UVA and UVB sun rays.

So, what makes sunscreen so important? When applied properly and often, it can heavily reduce the likelihood of you getting skin cancer, the single most common cancer in the U.S. Sunscreen does this by mitigating the harmful effects that the Sun’s ultraviolet rays impose on your skin. Furthermore, sunscreen can prevent skin damage and slow down signs of aging, making your skin appear younger, and the pleasant smell that most sunscreens possess is just a bonus. So, next time you travel to the beach with your friends or enjoy a calm afternoon in the pool, don’t forget to put on your sunscreen; it may be the best health decision you make all summer.



Kids Rule by Teagan, 6th grade

Fullerton Loop

As spring comes to a close at the end of May, there is still a short window of time to enjoy the cloudy weather before the scorching heat of summer arrives. One great way to savor the last days of spring in Fullerton is by taking advantage of outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, picnicking, and simply relaxing in nature.

One popular hiking trail in Fullerton is the “Fullerton Loop,” a roughly 7-mile loop that offers stunning views of the surrounding landscape. This biking trail is a favorite among locals and visitors alike for its scenic beauty and moderate difficulty level. The Fullerton Loop is a great way to exercise and enjoy the fresh air before the summer heat sets in.

Numerous benefits for both physical and mental well-being come from hiking, biking, and other outdoor activities that can be pursued in the Fullerton Loop. According to AHA’s (American Heart Association) article, spending time in nature can reduce stress, “improve mood,” and increase overall “feelings of happiness and well-being.” So why not take advantage of the last days of spring in Fullerton by hitting the trails, hopping on a bike, or enjoying a leisurely picnic in the great outdoors? Don’t miss out on this opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Fullerton before the summer heat arrives!

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BALANCE & CHANGE

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Clear Communication

Have you ever read a romance novel? The basic structure is basically the same in all of them: they meet cute, there is an issue that almost tears them apart, and they live happily ever after. But have you ever noticed that the issue that often tears them apart is poor communication? Assumptions get made, someone from outside the relationship tells someone something that is not accurate, and misunderstandings abound.

So often, the answer to these issues is to improve communication. The same answer is needed in real relationships. Do not make an assumption about your partner. Check it out. You might be correct, but also just as easily may be wrong! So, ask questions! If something was said that isn't very clear, clarify! Ask more questions, but not in an accusatory manner. Be lovingly curious. If someone outside the relationship tells you something, explore. See where and what the truth is. Notice if there is any agenda for the person telling you.

As I reflect on this, I realize that the essence of healthy communication is to minimize drama. While this may result in shorter, less eventful stories, it paves the way for more fulfilling relationships: they meet in a delightful way, they communicate healthily and build a strong bond, they navigate life's challenges together, and they find contentment in their journey, not just the destination.

Indeed, the process of improving communication and building healthier relationships can be a rewarding and fulfilling journey. So, let's embrace it with optimism and enjoy the ride!



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ONE SENIOR'S APPROACH TO RENEWING THE DRIVER'S LICENSE

by Edith Harvath



As a senior, I was unhappy when I received a notice in the mail that it was time to renew my driver's license. "Oh, no!" I thought, "Am I in good enough shape to pass the vision and written tests one needs to take when one is over seventy?"

I made an appointment at the optometrist to upgrade my glasses, got a copy of the DMV handbook, and began studying. I knew I was a competent driver, but age had also caused some deterioration.

As most seniors do, I felt dependent on my car to get me to the grocery store, doctor and dentist appointments, and the activities I enjoy, such as yoga and senior dance. Although buses, taxis, and even shuttles are available, not having your license means a loss of independence and dependence on others.

As I studied the DMV book, I realized it was good to review the driving laws, as some had changed and others had been forgotten, as you drive mechanically without thought. I realized it was necessary to have periodic renewals, as they force you to keep up to date on the traffic laws and to visit the optometrist you had put off. (Allow yourself plenty of time for new glasses, as there could be a glitch, as there

was with mine.) It's all about standards to protect ourselves and others on the road. As mentioned in the book, since 2010 more than 30,000 people have been killed and another 100,000 seriously injured on California roads.

There was even a place where seniors' problems were addressed, suggesting it may be time to stop driving the freeways or at night and stick to familiar travel routes near your home. Driving at appropriate times was also recommended to avoid the glare around sunrise and sunset and the heavy rush hour traffic. And they cautioned to be sure to keep your windshield clean!

Making wise decisions about your driving was just as important as knowing the rules of the road and having good vision, and here was where seniors often had an advantage. Youthful drivers with less experience frequently took chances, while seniors with years of experience were generally more careful on the road.

When I went to take my test, I did so not with the trepidation I initially felt when I got my notice in the mail but with confidence that I had done my utmost to prepare and would accept whatever the outcome. I'm happy to say I passed both tests and received a new license, which I plan to use with discretion. I am grateful for the privilege of being able to continue to drive.

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Dare to Struggle representative demands the dismissal of the officer involved in Alejandro Campos Rios's death

At the City Council meeting on May 21, 2024, a representative for the organization Dare to Struggle spoke out against the death of Alejandro Campos Rios, stating that there should be no business as usual in the city and the country as long as killer cops go unpunished. They emphasized the need for a stepped-up protest and resistance against these illegitimate murders. "I think there's no way that we can reform this system. We need a new system. It's a system that is a homelessness-generating machine from here in Southern California to Gaza. It sees the human life of poor and oppressed people as worthless and treats them as disposable. On the other hand, what the system thinks it can get away with has a lot to do with what the people will accept, and I think it's time that the masses of people refused to accept police brutality and murders," the representative said.

Alejandro Campos Rios died after being shot by a less lethal projectile by a Fullerton police officer at a McDonald's on March 6, 2024. The police responded to a call from the manager about two possibly drug-influenced males. Rios was uncooperative, swung a belt at officers, and was eventually subdued with a less lethal projectile. He sustained a significant chest injury and later died at a local trauma center. An independent investigation is being conducted by the Orange County District Attorney's Office. Rios, 50, was a resident of Buena Park.

In a February 2024 interview, Police Chief Radus mentioned that they had just started de-escalation, neurodivergent, and mental health training with the assistance of new virtual training programs from Axon. Like all training, it takes time to practice and learn. However, everyone should know some basic de-escalation techniques:

Respect Personal Space: Maintain a safe distance and avoid touching the person.

Listen: Give your full attention, nod, ask questions, and avoid changing the subject or interrupting.

Empathize: Present genuine concern and a willingness to understand without judging.

Tone: Speak calmly to demonstrate empathy.

READER QUESTION

Does City's contracted Tree-Trimming Company have a conflict of interest?

According to the City of Fullerton website, the city contracts with West Coast Arborists (WCA), trims city-owned trees.

City-owned trees grow in the parkway - the strip of land between the sidewalk and the street. As per the contract, WCA follows a pre-determined, high-production schedule to keep tree trimming as cost-effective as possible. WCA is unable to trim trees strictly for aesthetic purposes. However, they will cut a tree if it presents a hazard, and they can usually respond to dangerous situations within one hour.

According to WCA's website (www.westcoastarborists.com) twenty-five years ago, the company embarked on an initiative in collaboration with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This initiative, known as Street Tree Revival, is an urban wood recycling program. WCA, a tree maintenance and management provider for cities, counties, and school

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Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise awareness for Special Olympics Southern California on May 31st

The Fullerton Police Department (FPD) proudly supports Special Olympics Southern California and will participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) on May 31st to raise awareness for Special Olympics Southern California.

The run will start at 9am in the area of S. Harbor Blvd and the 91 Freeway. Participants will run just over 3 miles and pass the torch to the Cal State Fullerton Police Department. The Guardians of the Flame will then carry on to the Placentia Police Department.

The LETR is a relay run by law enforcement officers and other department employees, with the "Flame of Hope" symbolizing courage and celebrating diversity that unites communities around the world.

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Location: Anaheim

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The question is, does the WCA take advantage of its position when recommending tree removal as it also profits from the recovered wood?

The Observer will be looking into this, and we encourage you, the community, to stay tuned and reach out to contact@fullertonobserver.com if you have a story to contribute.

Master Gardeners Provide Fullerton Community with Free Gardening Expertise

The Fullerton Public Library will be hosting the UCCE Master Gardeners of Orange County in a series of gardening events beginning June 15, 2024, at 11:30 am in the Conference Center Room at 353 W. Commonwealth Avenue to help residents and neighboring communities learn how to grow food, landscape with native plants, care for roses and grow tomatoes.

All programs are free to the public and require no reservation.

University California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners are volunteers trained to help residents of Orange County become better gardeners. Using a variety of activities such as workshops, lectures, and a garden hotline, these volunteers answer questions about home horticulture, sustainable landscaping, and integrated pest management using University of California research-based information.

For more information, contact Fullerton Public Library at 714-738-6396.

Mark your calendars and join the Fullerton Public Library and OC Master Gardeners for these upcoming events:

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Alice Mildred Dyer, PhD. 1927-2024

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earned her PhD in Psychology. She worked in the Brea School system in the early 1970s after which, she was a Clinical Psychologist in private Family Practices for over 20 years. Dr. Dyer was greatly involved in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fullerton, Friends of Fullerton Arboretum, Green Scene, OC Cactus and Succulent Society, Multiple Sclerosis Society, as well as many other organizations.

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Joyce Toy 1927-2024

Joyce Toy passed away on May 4, 2024 after a long and active life. She was born in Pasadena, California, and grew up in that area through the Great Depression and World War II. After her fiancé, Ernest W. Toy, Jr., returned from his service with the Navy in the Pacific during the war, they were married and attended UCLA, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in art.



her the "Best Teacher of the Year." Among the high points of her teaching career, she spent six months in Italy on sabbatical around 1985, honing her printmaking skills in Florence and visiting museums, cathedrals, and other sites of important art works in Italy and France, gathering information and materials for her classes. Her marriage to Ernest, Jr., ended in 1971.

In 1960, Joyce and Ernest with their 5 children moved to Fullerton. Joyce started classes at CSUF to earn her Master's Degree in Art, and then her teaching credential. As a woman seeking a full-time position teaching at the Community College level in the 1970s, she faced many hurdles but, she ultimately became a tenured professor. She thoroughly enjoyed working with her students, and they frequently voted

Her longest and final relationship was with Robert Anspach, a widower who shared her love of gardening, travel and ballroom dancing. They both volunteered at the Fullerton Arboretum for many years after Joyce retired. She is survived by four of her children, her much-loved grandson, Alex, her nieces and nephews, and her former husband and his wife. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

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Fullerton Resident, Adam Kraus,
Currently Ranked #1 Karate Athlete in the
Country Hopes to Represent the U.S. at the
Pan American Karate Champion

“He’s like Iron Man, built from scraps in a cave.”

That’s how a karate friend and fellow competitor describes 2023 National Karate Champion Adam Kraus. The 25-year-old Fullerton native is currently the first seed nationally in the -67 kg kumite (sparring) and is preparing to represent the United States at the upcoming Pan-American Championships in Punta Del Este, Uruguay. One of only two Californians on the team, Kraus will compete against elite athletes from the Western Hemisphere at the Pan American Karate Champion.

“Your biggest opponent is yourself,” said Kraus about the sport.

WKF sport karate is divided into two events: kata and kumite. Kata is a choreographed set of movements representing a self-defense situation judged by its technical and physical difficulty. Kumite, on the other hand, is a simulated fight between two athletes. Points are rewarded based on the technique and target hit, respectively. One point is awarded for any punch to a legal scoring area, two points are awarded for a kick to the body, and three points are awarded for a kick to the head or any strike to a downed opponent.

Karate hasn’t been easy for the 5’11” -67kg fighter. Kraus has practiced karate since age 8, studying with Chad Eagan at Martial Movement Academy. After winning three junior national titles and two bronze medals in the Junior Pan American Championships, the pandemic hit, and the Martial Movement Academy joined thousands of other small businesses in closing its doors.

Kraus said, “I suddenly had nobody to train with to having nowhere to train

either.” He was faced with training alone, with three mats in his room and a well-worn fight dummy affectionately named “Jake.” The long months of solo training only steeled Kraus’ resolve. In 2022, he held his own against Venezuela’s Olympian, Andres Madeira, at the US Karate Open.

“Even though I didn’t have any major accomplishments yet, I showed I could compete with the best,” said Kraus.

At the 2023 US Open the following year, Kraus faced Brazilian two-time World Medalist and current World Games Champion Vinicius Figueira, winning silver against the world-class fighter in a highly contested match. Later, in 2023, Adam became National Champion, beating fellow Southern Californian and childhood hero Brian Hilliard 8-0. Then this February at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Kraus became the number one seed for the -67 spot on the US Team.

While training and competing, Kraus earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology from CSUF. He currently works as a personal trainer at the Fullerton YMCA and teaches karate seven days a week at three different OC locations, including the Fullerton YMCA. Travel to competitions and training is costly; however, athletes receive very limited funding from Karate USA. Unlike elite athletes in many other sports, karate competitors represent their country at their own expense.

A GoFundMe has been set up to help Adam represent Team USA in the Pan American Championships. Please visit: <https://gofund.me/78e542db>

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