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Walk on Wilshire Saved for Now

Save Walk on Wilshire group packed City Hall on October 15 to tell Fullerton City Council that we want WoW to stay!

At the meeting, the group submitted a 175-page Packet of Support from Business Owners, Residents, and Community Members. After more than two hours of discussion and passionate public comment, the Council decided to postpone their official vote on the space another 90 days to January 2025.

"Make no mistake: This outcome was only possible because of the people's enthusiasm, petition signatures, and visible support," said the group in an email. "However, we're not out of the woods yet. This three-month postponement was a deliberate delay tactic by the opposing Councilmembers because they were spooked so many of us showed up. It's important we continue to apply pressure and advocate for WoW to remain permanent, fully-pedestrian, and year-round."

At the City Council meeting advocates of Walk on Wilshire made two key recommendations to the Council:

- 1) Commit to make Walk on Wilshire permanent, fully pedestrian, and year-round, and
- 2) Resolve concerns or criticisms regarding the Walk on Wilshire without harming the large number of businesses that currently benefit from it.

Continued on page 9 and related stories on page 4 and 6.

FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE SCOTT MARKOWITZ HAS DROPPED OUT OF THE RACE

by Saskia Kennedy

Candidate Scott Markowitz for District 4 was investigated and charged by Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer's office with felony perjury on October 15, 2024, for falsifying nomination paperwork. The OCDA investigators said Markowitz did not personally witness all the signatures on his nomination paperwork, although he attested that he had personally witnessed the signatures necessary to qualify him for the November 5, 2024, Fullerton City Council election. As a result, Markowitz has dropped out of the race.

Attorney Ryan Rodriguez, Esq. in a letter to the Observer on October 22, 2024, wrote, "My client, Scott Markowitz, candidate for Fullerton City Council in the November 2024 election, pleaded guilty in court on 10/21/24 to a violation of the California Election Code. He has dropped out of the race and requests that those who have not yet cast their vote please not vote for him."

Markowitz will receive one day in jail, one year of probation, and 160 hours of community service.

Ballots have already been printed with Markowitz's name as a City Council District 4 candidate. Due to his ineligibility to serve on the City Council, if Markowitz is elected, the City of Fullerton would be forced to hold a special election to elect a candidate eligible to be seated.

Candidates Vivian "Kitty" Jaramillo, Linda Whitaker, and Jamie Valencia for District 4 are still eligible.

The investigation into Markowitz was spurred by a letter from Tony Bushala to the OCDA's office. In the letter, Bushala expressed conspiracies unrelated to the nomination papers. He also demanded an inquiry by the Orange County Grand Jury into this and other accusations.

NEARLY \$4,000 IN CITY COSTS FOR CAMPAIGN SIGN REMOVAL

According to city records, \$3,959.50 has been spent between August 1 and October 10, covering 65 employee hours and equipment costs for the removal of campaign signs. These signs, belonging to Fred Jung, Nicholas Dunlap, and Jamie Valencia, along with Proposition and Bond Measure signs, were erected illegally in the public right of way. Some were removed from the same location repeatedly as they were put back up, directly impacting the taxpayers.

Candidates running for city council are provided with regulations regarding the placement of political signs, as outlined in the Fullerton Municipal Code Chapter 15-49. Some campaigns have violated these regulations to varying extents placing signs high above sidewalks and on public fencing, including park, city, and county areas.

Despite repeated notifications and even after the Public Works Department removed the signs, the same violations persisted. This pattern of disregard for the law is evident in the swift reappearance of signs in the same location.

Places considered public property are the median, the area between opposing lanes of traffic, while the parkway is the portion of a public street right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk. When the Public Works Department identifies these violations, they promptly remove the signs.

The department has the authority to remove signs that do not meet City and/or State criteria or pose a safety hazard, as well as signs placed in the public right-of-way, such as over sidewalks.

This irresponsible behavior has wasted the department's time, funded by taxpayers through the city budget. Nonetheless, these candidates must be held accountable for blatantly disregarding the rules. Their inability to follow the rules demonstrates their lack of responsibility to the people of Fullerton.

If you see signs on public land, report them to: Code Enforcement 714-773-5704 Public Works Dept. 714-738-6897

Thank you

Thank you for your great newspaper! M. Scotland Fullerton

Thank you! Great, great job. Mr. and Mrs Ferris Fullerton

Keep up the good work!

Kathy Fullerton

Thank you for providing our city with a quality and insightful publica-

Suzanne Feighery Fullerton

We really appreciate that you are the only source keeping Fullerton citizens aware of what is going on in our city. **Larry and Roseanne Little** Fullerton

I love seeing people I know in the paper. It makes me feel like part of the community even though I can not get around town anymore due to a car accident. Thank you!

Darren P Fullerton

Fullerton Observer.

Thanks for all the info about what's happening in Fullerton.

Liv and I have been reading the Observer since we moved to Fullerton in 1998.

Liv is active in the Fullerton Garden Club and the Orange County Orchid Society.

I've been active in the Democrats of North Orange County.

We're both active in the Solbakken Lodge of Sons of Norway – Solbakken is Norwegian for Sunny Hills. Liv is short for Anne Liv (born and raised in I'm four-quarters Norway). Norwegian.

We met doing Scottish Country dancing about forty years ago here in Orange County.

Pete Anderson Fullerton

Fullerton Observer is the best community newspaper. This edition was especially news worthy with the upcoming election of the city council, the school bonds, Save Walk on Wilshire, and 100 years ago. Always look forward to reading the newspaper. Enclosed is my check for a one year subscription to the Fullerton Observer.

B. Reinke Fullerton

Dear Fullerton Observer Team.

Thank you for your continued work and efforts to keep us informed, entertained, and involved. We would like to renew our subscription for another year and look forward to the upcoming news and future articles.

M.L. Caples Fullerton

CSUF has Changed

Fullerton now has a cutting-edge visual arts modernization (VAMOD) project; 4,000 creative arts students will have classrooms and galleries to enhance their art careers in animation, digital art, 3D printers, and more. VAMOD galleries in building G at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF), starting with the Nicholas and Lee Begovich Gallery, welcomed the community to view cutting-edge artwork with changing exhibit installa-

CSUF has come a long way from the orange groves in the early '60s to a campus of over 40,000 students with over 4,000 in the College of the Arts today. Fullerton residents need not go to LA for cultural inspiration. CSUF has arts, theater, the arboretum, and more. Located at Nutwood and State College, there is plenty of parking on the weekends.

I attended art classes [at CSUF] in the early '60s, graduated in 1977 with a BA in drawing and painting, and was an art alliance member since the beginning. I worked for Bower Mobile Museum at the Muckenthaler, as a city employee for ten years.

Marjorie Kerr Fullerton

"Victorian Artifacts of Death and Mourning"

I thought this was an exceptionally nice article by Emerson Little. Does he have an accompanying video to go along with it?

I am in Tennessee and can't get over to the Muzeo Museum.

Will Emerson Little's article on Victorian artifacts be on his You Tube page soon?

I'm looking at YouTube. @emersonlittle1910. I am looking forward to seeing it soon.

Bob Rhein Tennessee

Thank you

Please consider the enclosed contribution to the paper. I do not want it delivered to my home, but I do want to support the Observer! Thank you for the work you do.

Barbara Sheldon Fullerton

I enjoy reading the Fullerton Observer. Thank you for the local news.

Helen Atkinson Fullerton

I really enjoy your paper, especially your young reporters, who bring a different slant on the news. They are very talented. Thank you.

connie Pilling Fullerton

Keep up the good work.

Jon Lee Fullerton

Thank you for keeping us informed. Dave and Charlotte Lynch Fullerton

Street Sweeping

I live on Lawrence Avenue near Wilshire, across from the Fullerton College parking lot. Street sweeping occurs every Wednesday, after trash pickup on Tuesdays.

The streets are often crowded with parked cars, especially from students during the week. There are "No Parking" signs on Wednesdays from 8 AM to Noon on one side and from Noon to 4 PM on the other. A parking enforcement officer follows the street sweeper to cite any cars left parked. This helps keep the streets clean.

A few weeks ago, I noticed that parking enforcement is no longer issuing citations during street sweeping. Today, several cars blocked the street sweeper around 10 AM, preventing it from cleaning the street. It seems that students and residents feel there are no consequences for parking during this time.

I called the Fullerton Police Traffic Enforcement and learned that the City Council had ended parking enforcement during street sweeping. They suggested I express my concerns, as they've received many similar calls.

I've lived across from Fullerton College for 35 years, and with nearby schools, street parking is always tight. Previously, weekly street sweepings helped manage the excess trash, but that seems to be changing now.

Without parking enforcement on street sweeper days, the sweepers bypass illegally parked cars, leading to an accumulation of trash, leaves, and debris. As a former PharmD at the Orange County Healthcare Agency, I recognize the public health risks this poses for Fullerton.

I urge the city to reinstate parking enforcement for street sweeping until the new process is in place, particularly in the congested downtown area.

Dr. Steve Chapin Fullerton

"Journalism is what maintains democracy. It's the force for progressive social change."

-Andrew Vachss

Fullerton Observer

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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The Fullerton Observer's Guest Editor Urooj Naveed Needs Help for Her Family Through This Difficult Time

It is with great sorrow that we report that Urooj Naveed, the guest editor for the last four issues, experienced a family tragedy on October 8th, 2024. One of the Catalina plane crash victims was Haris Ali, the 33-year-old brother of Urooj Naveed. Her family is devastated by the loss, their world turned upside down by this sudden and tragic event. No one expects to lose a brother or son so young and so suddenly.

Haris was the primary breadwinner for the family, and his money is tied up in his business. In addition to the funeral costs, they are facing a significant financial burden as it may take months for the lawyers to handle the business and sudden and tragic death. Your contribution, no matter how small, can make a significant difference in their lives.

Those of you who have suffered through a painful loss know how hard the first weeks of shock and grief can be. Please help Urooj's family by making a donation. Your emotional support and understanding during this difficult time will also be greatly appreciated. Urooj's former professor and current colleague at the Fullerton College Transfer Center, Jodi Balma, has helped set up a GoFundMe for Urooj's family at:

https://gofund.me/d3a32f0b

A message to the loyal community of A Fullerton Barbershop

My friends, family, and neighbors,

Many of you know that the last three years were, without exaggeration, the hardest of my life after losing my son. I remain grateful to all of you for staying with us and for the incredible support we received through that difficult transition. We genuinely could not have made it this far without you.

When I first bought the shop in 1997, I was 46 years young with enough stamina to rival the best of them! But today, my wife and I are 72, and we have come to realize that the rest of our lives must be spent with each other.

I will officially be departing A Fullerton Barbershop, effective November 1, 2024. These 26 years have been some of my life's most rewarding, beautiful, and challenging. I apologize, as I realize this comes as

short notice to you all, but it has been a very long three years for me and my family.

My departing wishes are for you to continue supporting A Fullerton Barbershop in my absence, as I have hand-picked a terrific crew to take over in my stead.

Thank you for blessing me with 26 years of business and for supporting me and my family through the most difficult part of our lives. Your patronage made my life possible.

Sincerely, *Roberto Martinez*

A Fullerton Barber Shop is located at 319 N Euclid St, Fullerton.
It is open 5 days a week (closed Monday and Sunday).
Call 714.525.5439 for appointments.



The Donahoe family from Orange participated in the Fullerton Fire Department's Climbathon at Hillcrest Park on October 20.

The Donahoes are seen here standing alongside new cadets Jared, Jason, and Tommy.



Above: This year's Halloween witch theme is on display in the 3500 block of West Oak in Fullerton in photo sent in by a reader.



Local Leaders Creatively Make a Difference as they Dance to Raise \$87,000 for Pathways of Hope

Look Who's Dancing 2024 was a huge success, raising over \$87,000 to support Pathways of Hope's mission to provide access to food, shelter, and housing to those experiencing hunger and homelessness in North Orange County. Pictured above not in order are: Rudy and Maria Hernandez of RMH Dance, Carlos Ayon, Karin Boeck, Dr. Shana Charles, Dr. Amy Choi-Won, Sara Garske, Dr. Bob Pletka, and Sarah Tees

This vibrant event was a celebration of community spirit, showcasing exciting dance performances that captivated attendees and heartfelt stories that highlighted the profound impact of our collective efforts. The night was also highlighted with special performances by musician and emcee Jake Cassman and dance routines by the Fullerton Flashers. For more information and photos visit https://www.pohoc.org/look-whos-dancing-2024-raisesover-87000/.



Radiant Futures representatives honored at City Council.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence affects millions of people each year, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, or education. It poses a significant public health crisis both in the United States and around the world. In the United States, nearly one in three

women and one in four men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner, with many facing severe physical violence, emotional abuse, and controlling behavior that often escalates over time.

The effects of domestic violence

extend far beyond the individuals directly involved; they impact families, children, and communities, leading to long-term psychological, emotional, and physical trauma for children exposed to such violence. These children are at greater risk for lifelong challenges, including difficulties in school, substance abuse, and emotional and behavioral problems. Additionally, domestic violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness for women and families, particularly affecting marginalized communities, including undocumented individuals, transgender people, and those living with disabilities, who face heightened risks.

The challenges in seeking help for domestic violence survivors are compounded by these circumstances. Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for individuals and communities to unite in raising awareness, supporting survivors, promoting safety, and working to end the cycle of violence.

Dr. Nefta Pereda, the Chief Program Officer at Radiant Futures, stated, "Thank you so much for recognizing us and proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Radiant Futures, formerly known as WTLC, has been in Fullerton since 1976. As the third oldest domestic violence shelter in the nation and the oldest in Orange County, we have been providing hope and healing for survivors of domestic violence for 48 years. We offer counseling services, legal assistance, housing, and community education. Because we are also based in Fullerton, we partner with local businesses, such as the Night Owl Cafe and Wilshire Church. We are of the Collaborative, and on behalf of Radiant Futures, we want to thank the City Council and the city of Fullerton for allowing us to continue our important work."

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 click on meetings and agenda. City Hall is located at 303 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton Contact Council at (714) 738-6311 or council@cityoffullerton.com

Tuesday, October 15 Meeting

APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Zahra appointed Derek Smith to the Fiscal Responsibility committee and Giullanna Nuncci to the Youth Advisory committee.

PULLED FROM CONSENT: ITEM 9 CONTRACT WITH AGUILAR & CALDERON CORP. FOR SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

- 1. Approve Sidewalk Reconstruction Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Project plans and specifications.
- 2. Approve \$22,000 budget transfer and Drainage Capital Outlay Funds (Fund 36) appropriation from Project 44794 Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk FY 2023-24 to Project 44795 Sidewalk Reconstruction FY 2023-24 within Capital Projects (Fund 74).
- 3. Award \$223,568 construction contract for Sidewalk Reconstruction FY 2023-24 Project to Aguilar & Calderon Corp. and authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute and administer the contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney.
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services within the approved project budget.

Public Comment

Zee: There's an issue with parents walking their children to Orange Grove Elementary School due to the lack of sidewalks on that section of the street. This area may be county land, and I recall Supervisor Chafee raising \$1 million for two public service counselors in the Police Department.

I believe we could ask him for help in securing funding for sidewalks on Page Avenue. If he can support police liaisons, I'm confident he would consider funding safer routes for children walking to school. I'm looking for sup-4. Authorize City Manager, or port from the council to address this designee, to approve future change issue, and I'm happy to help in any way

Consent item passed.

WALK ON WILSHIRE PARKLET PROGRAM

The future of the Walk on Wilshire (WoW) was discussed at the Fullerton City Council meeting on Oct. 15.

Four council members were present for the meeting, but Mayor Nicholas Dunlap, who is the representative for District 2, recused himself. This was due to potential conflicts of interest as his father is part owner of the Villa del Sol property located on the Walk on Wilshire Street. Mayor Pro Term Fred Jung led the meeting instead.

Volunteers from the Save Walk on Wilshire team, local business owners, and residents were among the 43 who spoke to keep WoW closed to traffic. Nathan Bass from Senator Josh Newman's office read a statement: "Since its launch and the pandemic, the Walk on Wilshire program has created a lively community space in downtown Fullerton. I'm among many who believe that with further enhancements, it has the potential to become an even greater asset to the area." The statement also suggested there were funding opportunities to beautify and advertise the area.

James Kim, a volunteer with Save Walk on Wilshire, presented a 175page document of support from business owners and residents. The document included statements of support from over 65 local businesses, nearly 2000 signatures, and 250 personal testimonials from community members. Dr. Karen Stocker, a Fullerton resident, Professor of Anthropology at Cal State Fullerton, and published author of a book about walkable cities and placemaking pedestrians, said, "When cities prioritize walkability over car-centric driving culture, there are multiple and interconnected benefits to community economy, health, the arts, environmental stewardship, and civic engage-

Eight people spoke to open WoW to through traffic. Tony Bushala, a business owner and founder of Fullerton Heritage, said he did not understand why people thought closing down the street made it more walkable when there have always been sidewalks. He was amenable to closing it off for events.

Councilmember Charles "Going back to what council member Jung said about that \$30,000, we're recouping. We have a \$289 million budget. So if we're talking about spending \$80,000 for this thing that so many people love, I think that's a worthwhile investment."

Councilmember Zahra said, "We're not calculating the benefits to the businesses and the economic activity that will bring revenue to the city. There is an intangible benefit for the public as well. This is why we build parks. The parks don't generate revenue. This is why we have a Public Library. There's an intangible benefit."

A motion by Charles and a substitute motion by Jung failed.

Jung said, "Madam Councilwoman, what I would support is the full closure of the entire street, not just a half measure or quarter measure. So what I want to see is the full closure of the street. In a manner that makes perfect sense for longevity and for the community to have a really nice thing."

Charles said, "A friendly amendment that we will then have that plan of just the full closure of the entire street and the motion includes the resolution with the findings."

PASSED 3 TO 1, Councilmember Bruce Whitaker no.



Community Survey

- Example of questions:
 - How often do you visit Independence Park?
 - What elements would you like to keep?
 - · What would you rate your overall satisfaction with Independence Park?
 - · What programs or activities would you like to see at Independence Park?
 - · What type of amenities would you like to have at Independence Park?



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 303 W. COMMONWEALTH

- November 04 at 4pm: Transportation & Circulation
- November 05 at 5:30pm: City Council MEETING CANCELED
- November 11 at 6:30pm: Parks and Recreation
- November 12 at 11am: Senior Advisory
- November 13 at 6:30pm: Planning Commission
- November 18 at 4pm: Infrastructure and Resources
- November 19 at 5:30pm: City Council
- November 20 at 5:30pm: **Active Transportation**

UPPER GOLDEN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD **ZONE CHANGE REQUEST**

Fullerton Community and Economic Development staff member Andrew Kush, gave a brief presentation to rezone selected properties in the neighborhood referred to as the Upper Golden Hills neighborhood, generally described as properties bounded by West Valley View Dr., Woods Ave., and Richman Ave., including properties at Grandview Ave., Fern Dr., and Lois Lane.

In May, the City received a request to reclassify the Upper Golden Hill neighborhood to a residential preservation zone. Pursuant to the Municipal Code, the city held an informational meeting in June. A sign-in sheet identified 37 properties that were represented at the informational meeting.

In June, Fullerton Heritage arranged for a survey of property owners and the submittal of the petition to the planning department.

In August, the Planning Commission reviewed the request and recommended approval. Based on the responses received, 85% of the residents surveyed indicated they were in support of the zoning change.

The neighborhood includes the first of a series of tracks for expensive homes developed in the hillside areas north of the original townsite. Elegant metal lamp posts and majestic palms were crucial design ele-

The majority of homes in the subject neighborhood were built in the 1920s through early 1950s. The neighborhood includes several designated local landmarks and significant properties. The neighborhood consists of homes that are primarily ranch-style dwellings.

The neighborhood is outstanding not only for the design of the residences but also for the coordination of architecture and the environ-

The proposed conservation zone area conveys the original development pattern as a single-family residential neighborhood, retaining a high level of vision associated with its past.

Fullerton Heritage provided a preliminary historical narration for each of the affected properties. The proposal meets several goals and policies of the Fullerton plan.

Staff recommended the adoption of an ordinance. This is Ordinance number 3333, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fullerton, CA, approving a zone classification change from R17.2 to R17.2P on properties.

Located in the upper Golden Hill neighborhood. Generally described as properties bounded by West Valley View Dr., Woods Ave., and Richman Ave., including properties at Grandview Ave., Fern Dr., and Lois Lane.

Passed unanimously.

AGENDA FORECAST (TENTATIVE)

<u>Tuesday, November 19 City Council Meeting</u>

- ZONING for TATTOO **PARLOUR**
- SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT LARGE
- MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE
- MONTHLY COMMITTEE ACTIVITY AND ATTENDANCE **REPORT**
- VALENCIA PARK **IMPROVEMENTS**
- EMERY PARK **IMPROVEMENTS**
- HOUSING ELEMENT

- OCTOBER 2024 CHECK REGISTER
- CONFLICT OF INTEREST **UPDATE**
- PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE
- FISCAL YEAR 24/25 STREET
- REHABILITATION PROJECTS CHAPMAN PARKING LEASE
- TREASURER'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED **SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS PERTAINING TO TATTOO PARLORS

A public hearing will be heard at the November 19 City Council Meeting

How to contact your **District Representative**

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• District 1: Fred Jung Mayor - Protem/Vice Chair (714) 738-6311

fred.jung@cityoffullerton.com

• District 3: Dr. Shana Charles (714) 738-6311 shana.charles@cityoffullerton.com

• District 4: Bruce Whitaker

(714) 981-8474 bwwhitaker@live.com

• District 5: Dr. Ahmad Zahra

(714) 738-6311 ahmadz@cityoffullerton.com

Is Orange County POWER AUTHORITY DOING ITS JOB?

After recovering from a series of early poor decisions outlined by state and county audits and an OC Grand Jury investigation, Orange County's only Community Choice Energy program appears to be headed in the right direction.

A not-for-profit agency dedicated to providing renewable energy for residents of Orange County was established through the efforts of community advocates, including UCI Ecology Professor Dr. Kathleen Treseder, who leads a research program on climate change, along with Linda Kraemer and the Climate Reality Project of Orange County (www.climaterealityoc.org). The City of Irvine provided initial funding and founded the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) in 2021. A partnership was formed among the cities of Irvine, Fullerton, Buena Park, and Huntington Beach, with each city appointing council members to oversee the new agency. The residential service was launched in October 2022. (Huntington Beach has since withdrawn from the partnership, and the County of Orange opted not to join.)

OCPA is one of 25 not-for-profit Community Choice Aggregation agencies in California, working to provide cleaner energy and combat climate change. Under the leadership of new CEO Joe Mosca, who officially took over in early 2024, increased local city participation is anticipated. Fountain Valley is currently in the process of joining, and other cities are also exploring membership options.

Mosca was appointed as Interim CEO in June 2023 after the board voted 3-1 to terminate former CEO Brian Probolsky, with Fullerton's representative Jung abstaining from the vote. State audits and the Orange County Grand Jury had criticized Probolsky's performance and recommended his removal, suggesting the hiring of a qualified CEO with relevant experience. Additionally, in early 2023, the OCPA board appointed Nicholas Norvell from BBK, the legal firm contracted by OCPA, as the organization's General Counsel.

Mosca oversaw the implementation of all recommendations highlighted in the various audits and the Grand Jury Report. These included increasing transparency in budgets, billings, and energy-mix purchases; hiring experienced and qualified staff; conducting public video-taped board meetings; and ensuring that backup documents are publicly accessible.

OCPA customers have the choice of three energy plans for 2024:

Basic: \$0.13340/kWh is 3% cheaper than the current SoCal Edison equivalent generation rate (nuclear and unspecified power is part of the mix - 44% from renewables)

Smart Choice: \$0.14340/kWh (72% from renewables); and 100% Renewable: \$0.14840/kWh (100% from renewables)

For comparison: SCE's basic rate is \$0.13919/kWh (SCE's 100% Green Rate has not been available since 2022 – and has a waiting list.)

Solar: OCPA's Net Surplus Compensation rate for excess generation created from households with solar panels feeding back into the grid is 10% higher than SCE's prevailing rate. Through the Net Energy Metering Program, SCE is responsible for delivery service charges and credits - and OCPA is in charge of generation charges and credits, which appear on a different line on your regular SCE bill. For more information on the program, visit www.ocpower.org, call 1-866-262-7693, or email info@ocpower.com with questions.

OCPA has 175,000-plus connected customers, with more expected to sign on as their cities join. The amount of renewable energy purchased by OCPA is based on the plans customers choose. Over time, the increased demand for green clean energy is expected to help combat climate change by reducing emissions from coal, gas and oil.

SoCal Edison is still in charge of billing and delivering the electricity to customers through the existing system. The same SCE delivery and transmission charges appear on your electricity bill whether you choose to stay with SCE or go with OCPA.

2023 OCPA renewable power mix included:

100% Renewable Choice: 100% renewables from: (43.9%) solar; (26.2%) wind; (17.1%) geothermal; (8.8%) biomass; and (3.9%) eligible hydroelectric.

Smart Choice: 58.0% renewables from (27.1%) wind; (24%) large hydroelectric; (18%) nuclear; (17.4%) biomass; (9.2%) geothermal; and (4.3%) solar. (OCPA indicates that retail sales covered by retired unbundled RECs is 11% for an overall total of 69% renewable energy for Smart Choice.)

Basic Choice: 10.1% renewables from: 62.4% unspecified power; (27.5%) nuclear; (9.5%) wind, and (0.6%) solar. (OCPA indicates that retail sales covered by retired unbundled RECs is 29% for an overall total of 39% renewable energy for Basic Choice)

For comparison: The 2024 average mix of resources supplying SCE Basic rate at 37.6% renewable includes 28.8% unspecified power, 20.0% natural gas, 19.8% solar, 11.7% wind, 5.2% geothermal, 4.5% large hydroelectric; 0.7% eligible hydroelectric; 0.1% nuclear; 0.1% biomass & waste; and 0.1% other

Source:

California Public Utilities Commission

Upcoming Years

According to information on the OCPA website for upcoming years, the agency will accept "Green House Gas-Free energy allocations from SCE's large hydroelectric and nuclear resources for the period from 2025-2027 and from PG&E's Diablo Canyon Power Plant nuclear resources for the period from 2025-2030." This was presented to the OCPA Board of Directors and accepted based on the carbon-free attributes allocated to the organization and already paid for by customers.

In addition, OCPA is investing in a solar battery project in San Bernardino that will secure that resource for 20 years. Other possibilities include re-powering the 90 wind turbines at Mojave Desert wind farms and looking into long-term geothermal

For more information about OCPA, visit www.ocpower.org

For more information about Community Choice Aggregation, visit https://calcca.org/cca-impact/

DEFINITIONS

RECs (Renewable Energy Credits) are certificates of proof associated with the generation of every megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity generated and delivered to the grid from eligible renewable energy producers in compliance with California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), which requires electricity providers to ensure that renewable energy constitutes a specific minimum portion of their electric

Example: Buying a REC from a wind farm guarantees less greenhouse gas-emitting coal or natural gas electricity gets fed into the grid. The REC creates direct 1:1 carbon reductions.

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Donuts To Dollars

We were there with our crew, and there she was, ready to be included in a local cable TV commercial because she was a long time swap meet vendor. A swap meet vendor? That's a big deal?

She had been doing this for maybe two decades, mostly selling colorful beach towels, and who knew, but we discovered that she had put four children through college working just three days a week, and that leads us to why we are spotlighting a fixture on Harbor Blvd for the second edition in a row.

Last time, we promised some photos of the B&B Donuts shop at 925 Harbor Blvd, but since discovering the history of the place and the success story on the day of their 40th anniversary, we felt you deserved to know more. This is also a family success story, with generations working there and making regular customers like Liz and Sal feel like family.

Taking over the former Burger Chef and keeping the vintage mid-century modern look was a great move, as was staying open 24 hours a day. The donut sign on top of the building was added in 2016 after the place got a paint job as fresh as the daily large assortment of donuts and other goodies.

It became a go to during Covid because of the drivethru window, and many people like to spend time inside visiting with friends and making new ones. Sure, we had free donuts and even pizza that day, but we came home filled with hope for a thriving business that shows how hard work can really pay off.

Congratulations to the owners.

EARLY NOVEMBER 2024 The DOWNTOWN Report by Mike Ritto © 2024



Above: The former Burger Chef on the left became B&B Donuts in 2014 and was repainted in 2016 when the donut sign was added.

Below: Owners Hey Kang Chan (fourth from left) and daughter Ching Chao (8th from left) with staff and long-time customers Liz (with donut) and husband Sal, who alerted us of this inspiring anniversary.







Walk on Wilshire

Supporters from 5 to 70-plus years of age came out armed with handmade signs to make their feelings known, and chants of "We want WOW-when do we want it-NOW" rang out across Commonwealth to Amerige Park and beyond. On the north side of City Hall, contingents from both sides of the issue gathered and since there was not enough room inside for all, many moved next door to view the proceedings from the overflow room in our Main Library. Others tuned in on line and watched, still others participated via Zoom, and a long line of interested Fullerton residents came up to the podium in person to make their pitch. No decision was made, but we do know plans are being made for many events on that segment of West Wilshire from now until January when the official word finally comes down. More info regarding this meeting and the status of Walk On Wilshire can be found on page 5 of this issue.

Say Hello to Hollywood

Part of Fullerton is inside the 30-mile zone from the center of LA, so our downtown is no stranger to film crews, and it was no shock to see the line of equipment and catering trucks lined up on West Santa Fe on Tuesday, October 22. We spoke with the location manager and Fullerton College alumnus Daniel Finn the day before and discovered the area was for staging. The actual shoot location was not revealed, but I'm sure some of you located it later in the day. The crew at the site was not allowed to give us a lot of info, but the notice of filming read: "Film LA, Universal Television LLC- Hacks S4,' so we surmise they are shooting



Season 4 of "Hacks." That TV Series is a comedy streaming on HBO Max.

We were also reporting on the set of the 2019 "The Politician" TV Series at Fullerton High School (Gwyneth Paltrow/Jessica Lang/Ben Platt), the 2017 movie "Suburbicon" (Matt Damon/Julianne Moore, directed by George Clooney), and Ace Hardware and Domino's Pizza commercials downtown. The movie "Vanilla Sky" was scheduled to be shot at the original Heroes location on Wilshire Ave, but issues with one of the stars nixed that one. Too bad, some guy who writes here was hired to be the location manager, and when word got out, he was asked to introduce Tom Cruz, Penelope Cruz, Cameron Diaz, and Kurt Russell to everyone on the block. Ha. Likely would not have gotten within talking distance to any of them. Say Goodbye To Hollywood.

Photo Quiz

Send answer to Mike at AllMedia@sbcglobal.net



This time:

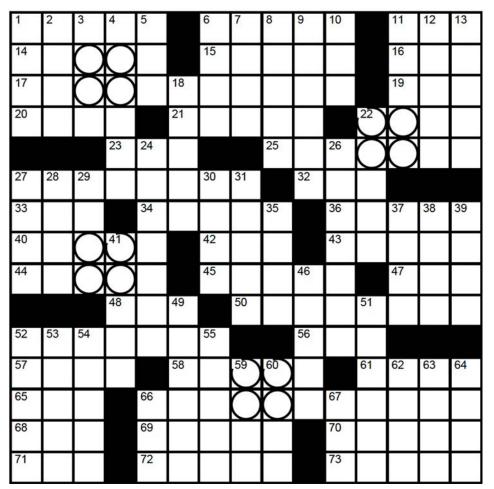
Someone will get this, name both of the prominent places in this vintage aerial photo.



Last time:

Yes, so easy, it was in the story, these bricks are right there in The Amerige Block. This one may be harder for you to ID.

"SWITCH SIDES" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 19)



ACROSS

- 1. Record of the year?
- 6. 1836 battle site
- queen!" ("Fabulous!")
- 14. Pilot's place?
- 15. Falcon's claw
- 16. Suffix with lemon or lime
- 17. Football term for a quick possession that forces a punt
- 19. Beer barrel
- 20. A apple
- 21. Title character who is never onstage
- reversal
- 23. Work ___ sweat
- 25. Novel by Judy Blume
- 27. Tots snacks
- 32. Collar
- 33. "2001" computer
- 34. As a whole
- 36. Verizon, for one
- 40. January, in Jalisco
- 1. Nick and Nora's dog
- 2. Advanced degrees?
- 3. Sushi seaweed
- 4. One of 17 in Monopoly
- 5. General in gray
- 6. Words before time or cost
- 7. "Charlie's Angels" actress Cheryl
- 8. Distant
- 9. Alternative to boeuf or poulet
- 10. Que. neighbor
- 11. Comedian Smirnoff
- 12. Singer known for numerically titled albums
- 13. "Night Moves" rocker Bob
- 18. From the top
- 22. Rise up
- 24. Preceding
- 26. Force feed
- 27. One who takes orders
- 28. 1980s tennis star Mandlikova
- 29. Atlas abbr.
- 30. Dinghy duo
- 31. Icy rain
- 35. In ___ of
- 37. "Ray Donovan" actor Schreiber
- 38. Hamster's home
- 39. Noted characteristic of the corpse flower

- 42. Backpacker's chain
- 43. Trojan War epic
- 44. Party handout
- 45. Handle
- 47. It may be easily bruised
- 48. Norm: Abbr.
- 50. Gridiron gaffe, and an apt title for this puzzle
- 52. Caught, cowboy-style
- 56. "___ was saying ..."
- 57. Play part that follows an overture
- 58. Raze
- 61. Superior, e.g.
- 65. Comedian Margaret
- 66. Ornaments
- 68. Many millennia
- 69. States, at the Sorbonne
- 70. First Soviet leader
- 71. ___ sauce
- 72. Ruckus
- 73. Minotaur's home

Down

- 41. "Arrested Development" actress Portia de
- 46. Musical syllables
- 49. Take out
- 51. More slick
- 52. Shoestrings
- 53. Cold response?
- 54. Kind of silence
- 55. Window sticker
- 59. What we're encouraged to do on November 5th
- 60. Gaelic tongue
- 62. Top-rated
- 63. Make mittens
- 64. Anglo-Saxon laborer
- 66. Harris, for one: Abbr.
- 67. Special attention, for short





Director Eli Reyna on the left with Theresa Bernal and two of the Bernal grandchildren, Alex and Joe Bernal.

Fullerton's Bernal Family Honored for Heroism by Rusty Kennedy

In the face of petitions from neighbors to exclude them from living in the "Whites Only" deed restricted Fullerton neighborhood in 1943, the Bernals pushed back. Their struggle is the subject of a new documentary, "Doss v Bernal".

Before schools were desegregated, before racial discrimination in housing was outlawed, when it was acceptable to ban Mexicans and all non-Whites from communities, this Mexican American family turned to the court to fight for the right to live in the house they owned.

Alex Bernal worked as a farm worker, produce packer, and finally started his own produce delivery business living the classic American dream. He married Esther, had children and after years of saving was able to buy a modest home in Fullerton. In court testimony re-enacted in this documentary written by Judges Fredrick Aguirre and Thomas Delaney his neighbors portrayed Mexicans as dirty, violent, dangerous people who would destroy their Whites Only neighborhood. Relying on the deed restriction common in the 1940's that held that no Mexicans, or

other non-White individuals could buy or live in the neighborhood, the White neighbors sued.

This reenactment/documentary of Doss v Bernal was produced and directed by Eli Reyna, Buendia Productions. This Fullerton historical documentary premiered at Chapman University to an enthusiastic crowd of 500 plus, including Theresa Bernal, daughter of Alex and Esther, now 84 years old and other family members. It was released on the 80th anniversary of the court decision supporting the Bernals. This Superior Court ruling laid some of the framework for future anti-discrimination court rulings.

This little-known decision in the OC Superior Court was a precursor of what was to come in the next two decades. The US Supreme Court in the Mulkey V Reitman case which affirmed the right to housing without regard to race, religion, etc.; and the Mendez V Westminster Board of Education and Brown V Topeka Board of Education decisions outlawing school segregation on the basis of race.

Watch the documentary on YouTube at https://youtu.be/giUNHQ8Im6M





SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES by Vivien Moreno

- Fullerton School District Board meets at 6pm at District Headquarters, 1401 W Valencia Dr, Fullerton For agenda go to: www.fsd.k12.ca.us or call 714-447-7400
 - Fullerton Joint Union High School Board: (714) 870-2800 or www.fjuhsd.org

Fullerton Joint Union High School District Board Meeting October 8

New Student Success Goals

Dr. Sylvia Kaufman, Assistant Superintendent of Education and Assessment Services, reported on the Fullerton Joint Union High School district's professional development at the October 8 FJUHSD board meeting.

Supporting, Equipping, and Teaching, also known as SET, was the professional development program discussed. This program provides common districtwide goals for all FJUHSD teachers, helps them expand their instruction abilities, and provides greater mental health student support. For the past three years, it has trained teachers in learning recovery, traumainformed training, and peer-to-peer review.

This year, Dr. Kaufman and her team used Carmine Gallo's book, Five Stars, which focuses on the importance of persuasive communication as intrinsically necessary for being successful in a world increasingly infiltrated by AI, to reset the FJUHSD Education Services' vision.

The new Education Services' vision calls "To Inspire and Accelerate Learning within Our Education Environments wherein All Staff and Students feel Safe & Engaged in a Collaborative Culture Built on Trust."

While leading with purpose and engaging both the hearts and minds of students and staff, they also reset student success goals. The FJUHSD's ele-

Trustee Area 5

emotional health.

vated or "moonshot" goal is for a 5% increase in student CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) test scores in English, mathematics, and science over the next three years. 80% of all students in the district will be considered college and career-ready as reflected in A-G requirements, a set of

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classes designated by California State University and the UC system showing competence for college-level learning and Career Technical Education pathway completion.

Education Services provided a lot of data on student population, graduation rates, mental wellness talks, and lowering suspension rates. The 2024 FJUHSD CAASPP results released on October 15 showed declines in both overall English and mathematics scores compared to

2023 but remained much higher than the state average. The achievement gap according to ethnicity showed little change between Hispanic English language and math scores between 2019 (pre-pandemic) and 2024. There was a small increase in Asian and white English language scores and a slight decrease in math scores.

To achieve the new goal, Dr. Kaufman said the district plans to implement five measures over three

years with an annual review. First, FJUHSD teachers are launching collaborative learning environments that mesh special education students with general education environments.

Director of Education Dr. Joshua Potter, reported that the second measure adds the NWEA comprehensive test to 9th and 10th graders' schedules. According to their website (www.nwea.org), this is a computer adaptive test, like the CAASPP test, which is only given to 11th graders. Each subject test takes between 45 and 60 minutes to complete, and NWEA does not recommend using the test to impact student grades or gauge individual academic understanding of subjects; it primarily helps teachers determine overall student academic understanding and creates familiarity with

computer adaptive assessments.

FJUHSD Third, increase career and college readiness by continuing to raise student completion rates of the a-g requirements and Career Technical Education pathways. The district will expand and enhance mental health wellness student assessment and services and, finally, increase English language learner family engagement.

Trustees Marilyn Buchi and Lauren Klatzker thanked Dr.

Kaufman for the presentation. Trustee Klatzker commented that the La Sierra High School Adult Transition Program was not mentioned and deserved recognition since the 4-year program teaches qualified special education students life skills and career readiness for greater independence.

The Education Services team presented new goals, a multitude of data, new protocols and vision statements, and a list of actions to achieve these

goals. Some of the goals are new, but some, like the A-G requirement success rate, are more than five years old. The measures to achieve the goals lacked details, and with no trustee questions, there was a lack of transparency regarding the usefulness of the last professional development process or the value of the new three-year plan. This raises some questions such as:

- What are the projected outcomes for the new collaborative experience between Special Education and general education?
- What will the student-to-teacher ratios be, and which subjects will be taught collaboratively?
- Would it be beneficial for the project teachers to share this information, along with input from student board members?
- How frequently will the new NWEA assessment be administered to 9th and 10th graders, and how much instructional time will it consume?
- •What value does the new test provide to students, beyond helping to improve CAASPP scores?
- Despite a decrease in district-wide suspensions, why are suspension rates for Hispanic students, English learners, and Students with Disabilities remaining high?

The answer to this question might indicate unintentional actions affecting specific populations.

• Does the SET training program address cultural diversity and unintentional bias?

Disproportionality issues have led students of color to be over-identified with learning disabilities and face harsher discipline. Data shows they have had the highest suspension rates and the lowest test scores over the past seven years. Without trustee inquiries, it's unclear if the Education Services department recognizes these biases or how the upcoming three-year plan will improve academic outcomes.



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CITY SHOULD REDUCE NEW UPZONING TO MEET, NOT EXCEED, 13,209 STATE-MANDATED HOUSING UNITS

by Jane Reifer

The proposed Housing Incentive Overlay Zone (HIOZ) would dramatically reshape our city, adding 32,000 units and 96,000 more residents, close to doubling our housing and population. This rapid growth would strain city infrastructure, erase our distinctive low-rise character, and clash with historic neighborhoods. We'll be indistinguishable from other cities, and the intensity of streamlining will attract speculative investors, causing the very thing this program claims to avoid skyrocketing housing prices. Worse still, this plan undermines the traditional public process, bypassing community input and oversight.

Friends for a Livable Fullerton (FFLF), a group dedicated to preserving Fullerton's uniqueness and livability, believes that Fullerton's noteworthy historic character can be preserved while addressing the affordable housing needs these increases aim to solve. The city's unique features include scenic corridors, trees, riparian areas, tribal resources, and quality of life issues like adequate infrastructure.

It's hard to overstate the magnitude of this program. The housing numbers wildly exceed the:

- Our mandated housing targets
- Our expected citywide and General Plan "focus area" buildout limits.
- HIOZ itself, as there are additional zoning code changes and more access to density bonuses
- HIOZ's "Statement of Overriding Considerations" adds a new impact (noise) that was previously deter-

mined not to be significant

• City ability to provide public services such as public parks, which will now be located within new housing developments

It's also hard to overstate the inadequacy of the analyses. Answers to many comments were non-responsive. Although the public consistently asked for historic resource reports, none was done. Critical analysis of historic resources, traffic, noise, toxins, health risks, infrastructure, city services, and biological impacts will be done behind closed doors when developers expect by-right project approvals.

Planning Commissioners felt pressured to approve the proposals without complete information and were even asked to allow City staff to add wording, sight unseen, before the council

FFLF proposes a reasonable alternative that addresses community concerns and ensures responsible growth

• Reduce the staggering number of

housing units Increase the affordable units needed for project approval from 10% to 15%

- Partner with nonprofits to build or preserve true affordable housing
- Use transparent, plain language with basic comparisons
- Conduct critical analyses in advance of HIOZ approval
- Retain reasonable public input
- Preserve de facto historic corridors
- Restore higher densities to areas already designated in the General
- Institute maximum heights and densities; preserve reasonable setbacks

HIOZ Add-On -Planning Commission Wednesday, Nov. 6th, 6:30pm HIOZ City Council Vote Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 5:30pm FFLF Community Forum at Fox Theatre Thursday, Nov. 7th, 6:30pm For more info: SaveFullerton.com/Housing or call / text 714-729-3019

WOW SAVED FOR NOW continued from front page

All but a small handful of folks in attendance spoke in strong support of keeping and enhancing Walk on Wilshire, including expanding it further throughout Downtown. It was inspiring and moving to hear testimony from residents, business owners, students, parents, and community members of all ages.

At least one of the five Councilmembers will be newly elected when the Council discusses WoW again in January. (Councilmember Bruce Whitaker, who voted against the Walk on Wilshire on Tuesday, is not running for re-election.) Recently, the Fullerton Observer reported on a League of Women Voters Forum where candidates shared their perspective on the Walk on Wilshire. (Note: Save Walk on Wilshire is non-partisan and has not endorsed any political candidates.)

You can watch the full meeting recording at: www.cityoffullerton.com under agenda and meetings, October 15 City Council (Walk on Wilshire begins at 1:41:13).

For more information, or to help the cause, email Savewalkonwilshire@gmail.com. Sign the petition at tinyurl.com/savewalkonwilshire.

To read more about the October 15 meeting see page 4 city council notes or a full transcript of the meeting can be found at www.fullertonobserver.com

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HITS & MISSES

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THE APPRENTICE: A HIT AND A MISS

In the 1970s, Donald Trump (Sebastian Stan) was a young man working with his father, Fred (Martin Donovan), on acquiring and managing the family's vast rental properties in Queens, New York.

One of the first scenes establishes Trump Senior's domineering personality as we see him at the dinner table lambasting Donald's older brother for having become an airline pilot, referring to him as "nothing but a bus driver with wings."

Donald and his father are in the midst

of a lawsuit brought by the Department of Justice for their widespread housing discrimination against minorities. Hoping to fight this lawsuit, Donald, still young and inexperienced, seeks out famous attorney Roy Cohn (Jeremy Strong), who is still bragging about having sent both Rosenbergs to the electric chair and having worked with the ruthless Senator McCarthy. Although not eager for a new client, Cohn takes the case and becomes a role model and mentor to Donald.

Cohn gradually becomes a paternal

figure in Donald's pursuit of acquiring rundown properties in Manhattan and turning them into luxury buildings, one being a hotel next to Metropolitan Station. Donald is especially impressed as he sees Cohn go before the New York City Council and convince them to waive taxes on the acquired land. A new father-son relationship is building and the three life lessons that Cohn imbeds in Donald's psyche are still present today.

Rule 1: Attack, attack, attack.

Rule 2: Admit nothing, deny every-

Rule 3: Always claim victory, never admit defeat.

These rules apply even in Donald's romantic pursuits. When he first meets Ivana (Maria Bakalova), she tells him that she cannot date him because she is engaged to marry someone else. But we all know that Donald prevails and marries Ivana, who gives birth to two sons and a daughter.

This film does not carry us into the twenty-first century or into Donald's subsequent marriages or his political career. But we do see the demise of his relationship with Cohn, who is unwell and, we later learn, is dying from AIDS.

Director Ali Abbasi, an Iranian-Danish filmmaker, handles the actors, all playing real-life characters, with close attention to details that make them believable. Screenwriter Gabriel Sherman does a fine job of keeping audiences riveted during the first half of the two-plus hour movie, and he succeeds in avoiding any plot devices that point to the "political" Trump. However, the last half of the movie lags in the timing and intensity that keep audiences riveted during the first

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



Theater Review by Angela Hatcher

Much Ado About Nothing

by The Electric Company Theatre at The Muckenthaler 1201 E Malvern Ave, Fullerton **Runs Through November 13**

The Muckenthaler Cultural Center's Resident Theater Company, The Electric Company Theatre, rounds out its 2024 season with an incredibly entertaining production Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing, and from beginning to end – it is EVERYTHING! Much Ado may have been written in the 16th Century, but under the mindful eye of talented Director Brian Johnson, and with Callie Prindiville Johnson's riotous adaptation, the Bard's comedy has slid into the groovy '80s as easily as a soldier who has been given a 72-hour lib-

The setting has moved out of Messina, Italy, and has settled rather well into a fictitious 'happening' family eatery in Oceanside known as Leonato's Trattoria. Since it isn't far from the base, this is where most of the military gang hangs out, and on this evening, three strapping young men dressed in fatigues show up at Leonato's for a couple of shots or a brew, a few laughs, and a night of casu-

They are Don Pedro (Wesley Chavez), Benedick (Bobby Gonzalez), and Count Claudio (Jonathan Herrera), The spirited waitress, Beatrice (Callie Prindiville Johnson), and Benedick squabble with each other and carry on – seemingly, as one would suspect that this is not unlike what lovers usually

They all come to find out that Claudio is falling desperately and madly in love with Hero (Emma

Camile Ignacio). Hero just happens to be Leonato's lovely daughter. However, Don Pedro has an evil half-brother (of course, he does, Will Shakespeare), and the wicked Don John (Roberto Williams) decides to spread rumors that Hero is a two-timing cheater causing Claudio to back out of marrying the girl he loves.

Hero is, obviously, heartbroken, and none of it goes over very well with friends or family, either. The father of the scorned bride, Leonato (Aaron Hunt), is convinced to pretend that Hero is now deceased. Eventually, Claudio discovers that Hero was faithful all along. Claudio is told that Leonato's niece is a spitting image of Hero, and Claudio agrees to wed her. You've guessed it – there is no niece, and unbeknownst to him at first, Claudio marries Hero after all.

The sub-love story is between Benedick and Beatrice, and there is a happy ending there as well. Confused? Don't be. Sit back, sip some wine, and enjoy the ride because ECT's Much Ado About Nothing is a hoot, and there are gags and trickery that will have you roaring with laughter.

There is nothing finer than enjoying a lovely Fall evening of ECT's joy-filled live theater in the lovely Muckenthaler Cultural Center's picturesque courtvard, dressed in overhead strings of lights, two red checked tables of eight for dining, and chairs all around dubbed "the bar." It is magical. There is beer, wine, and bottled water for sale, and there is an option to order an Italian



dinner if one chooses to do so.

The strong ensemble is filled with musical, the entire production is choreographed so well that it is like a classiwith each other in the moonlight. (There are a couple of short little has seen it...) There is an accordionist Designer: who brings a bit of ambiance to the entire company is amazing, outstand- Coordinator: Callie ing performances include Callie Johnson; Running Prindiville as Beatrice, the charming Konecne/Jen Nelson. Aaron Hunt as Leonato, Emma Camille Ignacio as Hero, Jonathan Herrera as Claudio, Wesley Chavez as Don Pedro, Bobby Gonzalez as

Benedick, Roberto Williams as Don John, Michael Reehl as Conrade, Aura lively energy, and although this is not a Rico as Margaret, Emily Taylor as Ursula, Jose Orozco as Verges, Walt Gray IV as Dogberry, and Patrick cal symphony of characters dancing Peterson as the Friar. Production Staff includes:

Co-Artistic Directors: Brian dances; they bring thoughts of Elaine Johnson/Callie Prindiville Johnson; in a famous Seinfeld episode if anyone Director/Scenic Designer/Lighting Johnson; Brian Choreographer: Emily Taylor; Stage restaurant and provides background Manager: Kayla Beining; Costume music throughout the play. While the Designer: Tana Carmichael; Intimacy Prindiville

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SCHOOL of MUSIC concerts

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Michael Yoshimi, clarinet

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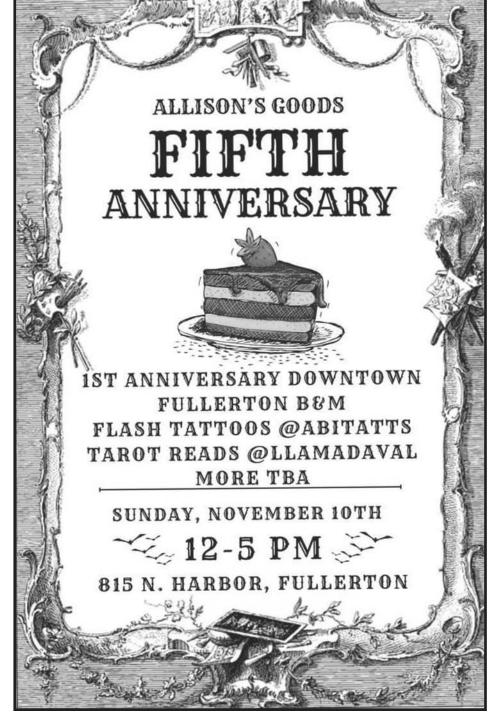
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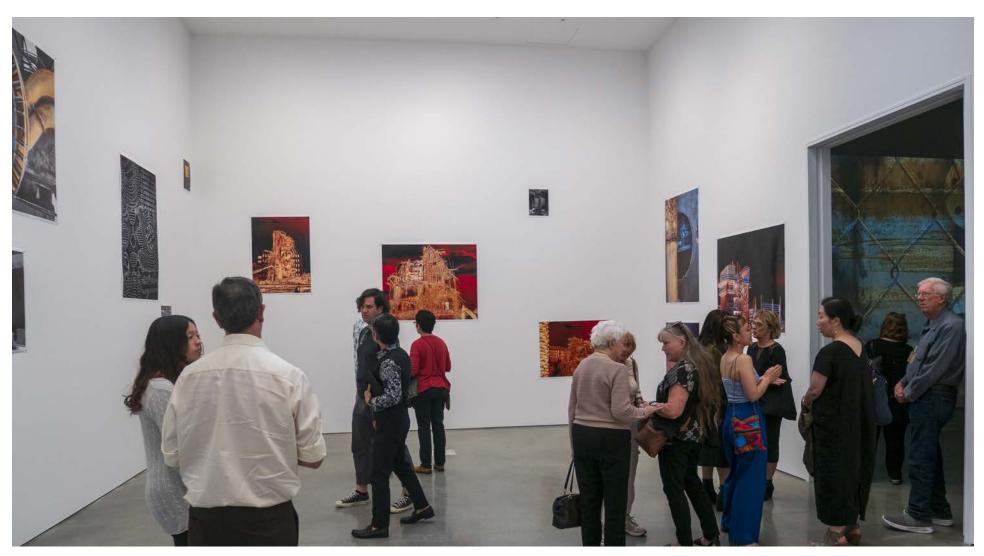
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Cal State University of Fullerton Art Department Gets an Upgrade by Melanie White

The final phase of Cal State Fullerton's (CSUF) Visual Arts Modernization Project will finally be complete this November 2024 with the opening of the Nichaols and Lee Begovich Gallery relocated to building G from building A.

The full project, involves the construction of two new buildings and the refurbishment of two old ones. The project has expanded to 87,000 square feet. In 2017, when the project was announced, the university received \$65 million from the state of California, however, COVID-19 temporarily halted the completion, so groundbreaking didn't begin until August 2022.

"We strive to maintain the traditional focus as well as evolve into the more digital, even AI, world that's going on. You have to continually evolve with your curriculum so that you're providing the tools to the students to be able to go out into the present themselves and earn a viable living," said Dominic Mumolo, Senior Director of Development for College of the Arts.

To keep up with these new expansions, scholarship funding will have to be increased, as the university has one of the largest art colleges in the CSU system. Scholarships have become the biggest need for students because of the programs growth.

Building E now houses the photography department. The first floor has faculty offices, drawing and painting rooms, a classroom for instructional printing, and a 2D foundations classroom. The second floor has two stu-

dios, a darkroom, a photo lab, a room for large-scale printing and a photo computer lab.

"I came here about ten years ago, and it was a great facility, but it needed some updates. I think the renovations turned out wonderfully, and the students seem to love it. I'm excited to see how the program grows and who will join in the future, as well as the new programs they will introduce," said Professor William Camargo, who is one of the faculty members at CSUF who teaches photography. He has a MFA in visual arts from Claremont Graduate University and in 2014 a BFA from from CSUF.

Building H houses the new computer labs and student labs which are available to students 24 hours, 7 days a week. Now students will have access to equipment needed for their animation and illustration projects and assignments. The labs feature digital fabrication technology, laser and 3D printers. Cintiq tablets were acquired so depth can be added to animation. Art projects are showcased on the clear white spaces inside the building decorate the walls. Building H will also house the new deans office on the first floor besided drawing rooms and classrooms on the first floor.

The second new building, G, is the new Nicholas and Lee Begovich Gallery, which is designed to showcase students work throughout the day, instead of certain times during the day with supervision from the gallery programs team to welcome art enthusiasts

Professor Linda Kroff, Emerson Little, and Professor Julie Orser stand inside CSUF Visual Arts Building G's Freedman and Duff Galleries, where Emerson's MFA thesis exhibition. Out of Place... Out of Time, is on display until November 9th.

and spur career growth.

The gallery is dedicated with the names of Nicholas Begovich and his wife Lee who were art enthusiasts and made generous donations to the CSUF College of the Arts. Lee's family were long-time art supporters and Nicholas was an engineer who felt visual arts and engineering both needed to be supported at CSUF.

The newly accommodated large windows will also serve well in letting the artwork be more easy to view for community members and fellow students alike, and to beckon them into the college of visual arts.





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As the Conflict Expands and More People Die, an Unequivocal Call for a Ceasefire in Gaza by Rev. Chrissy Siva and Rev. Sarah Averette-Phillips

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spring, even as the Congregational Church of Fullerton worked with two other churches to create a resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, members prayed that our work ultimately would be irrelevant. Please, we entreated; let those in power find a path to a just and lasting peace before we complete our process.

And yet, six months later, the killing goes on. Four months after our resolution was adopted during a June gathering representing 130+ congregations and over 11,000 members of the United Church of Christ, more than 40,000 Palestinians and humanitarian workers are dead, nearly 100,000 are wounded, and countless others are without food security, shelter, and medical care.

With the attacks escalating and more people dying each day in Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon, our congregations in the Southern California and Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ are compelled to renew our call for an immediate end to the devastating violence in Gaza and throughout the region.

As the solemn anniversary of October 7 heightens reflection, we

continue to lament the Hamas attacks against civilians as we also urgently call for Israeli forces to cease their attacks against the people of Gaza. We plea for the release of Israeli hostages as we do the release of the more than 3,000 Palestinians unjustly held in Israeli administrative detention.

We stand with all those affected by the violence in the Holy Land, including our Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Arab siblings. Living into our scriptural call to do

justice and seek peace, we call upon all people of faith to join us in recognizing the rights of both Israelis and Palestinians to dignity, safety, and selfdetermination.

In that spirit, on October 6 – World Communion Sunday - many of our local churches united to lament the loss of life in Gaza, pray for a permanent ceasefire, and recognize our own com-

plicity in this ongoing con-

We also know it's up to us to create the political will for actions we want our elected officials to take. So on Tuesday, October 8, scores of our Southern California and Nevada United Church of Christ members committed to phoning and sending postcards to the White House and our congressional representatives, imploring them to end our nation's unconditional support for Israel's war on Gaza.

We call for the resumption of funding and unlimited access for all humanitarian relief organizations, as well as for restoring the free flow of food, water, medical supplies, fuel, and other necessities of life to counter current levels of starvation and suffering. We call on our political leaders to cease funding for arms that cause death and injury and block aid.

In this moment of remembrance and recommitment, we summon the original motivation for our resolution – the obligation to issue public witness to the atrocities in Gaza that are contrary to Christian values and international law.

We will be asked by the next generation that survives this genocide what we did to stop it. Following our own convictions, listening to the voices of Palestinians and interfaith allies, and discerning the movement of the Spirit, we reissue our call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Sarah Averette-Phillips and Chrissy Siva are co-senior pastors at Live Oak United Church of Christ, a Brea-based congregation with deep roots in the Congregational Church of Fullerton and Brea Congregational United Church of Christ.

CSUF Students March for Palestine on October 7 Anniversary by Bella Rollison

One year after Operation Al-Aqsa Flood and the Israeli response that sparked the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip, CSUF students held a demonstration in support of the Palestinian people on Monday, October 7.

The event was hosted by the CSUF chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP). Dozens gathered at 2:15pm to hear organizers' speeches in the University's central Quad. Attendees then participated in a signmaking session until 4pm, when SJP members led a march up Nutwood Avenue and past the University's Titan Student Union. Marchers chanted pro-Palestinian phrases, such as "From the sea to the river, Palestine will live forever."

In an Instagram post from October 3, CSUF SJP wrote that the demonstration's purpose was to "demand justice and full liberation" for the Palestinian people.

"We [want to] showcase what's been happening and bring awareness that it is still happening right now as we speak," explained an event organizer who wished to remain anonymous. "We have not forgotten that Gaza is still being bombed."

In the last year, CSUF SJP has held over a dozen demonstrations, many of which called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and an end to Israel's occupation of Palestine. According to the latest U.N. statements, 40,000 Palestinian lives have been lost in the Gaza Strip since October 7, 2023, the majority being women and children.

Additionally, Displacement Monitoring Centre, a non-governmental organization that tracks population information, has reported that 83% of the territory's population was displaced as of December 31, less than three months after the conflict began.

"It's frustrating. It's literally heartbreaking," said the organizer when speaking of the crisis. "As SJP, it's our duty to say, 'Listen, there are people who don't have a voice, but we are their voice on campus."

The event featured speeches from members of multiple student organizations, including CSUF's Lebanese Student Association (LSA) and Black Student Union (BSU). Among the speakers was Sabri, a Palestinian student from the Gaza Strip.

"I've had to deal with over 300 family members passing in the past year, and 50 this week alone from one of the more recent bombings in Gaza," he told attendees. "You have no idea how annoying and [angering] it is when I see uneducated and ignorant individuals supporting this genocide."

On college campuses across Orange County, pro-Palestinian demonstrations have faced challenges from university administrations and law enforcement. On April 29, a multiorganizational encampment demanding university divestment from companies financially supporting Israel launched on UC Irvine's campus. The encampment was held until May 15, when law enforcement officers from 22 police departments across the coun-



Faces of the CSUF Students have been pixelated to protect them.

Attorney's office has charged 49 people for failing to follow the officers' dispersal orders.

Despite these challenges, organizers of the October 7 demonstration emphasized the importance of continuing to fight for Palestinian liberation on college campuses. "We gather today to remind the world that it is us, the people, who will make a difference," said SJP member Abdul, in a speech at the event. "The voice of the youth has the

ty arrived in riot gear and ordered the ability to scream the loudest, and it is over 200 participants to disperse. To the voice that we will be using today, date, the Orange County District tomorrow, and perhaps even next October 7.

Responding to the *Observer*'s request for comment, CSUF Vice President of Student Affairs David Forgues affirmed that CSUF's Student Life and Leadership Office (SLL) approved the demonstration before it took place. Additionally, CSUF Police Department Captain Scot Wiley wrote that, to his knowledge, the demonstration was conducted in accordance with the University's protest policies.



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LISTOS (Emergency Readiness) by Saskia Kennedy

CSUF Center for Healthy Neighborhoods hosted the Fullerton Fire Department (FFD) in an emergency training class in Spanish called LISTOS (Emergency Readiness) on October 17th. For more information visit the website for LISTOS https://www.listoscalifornia.org/

FFD has three trained instructors. Two of these instructors are bilingual, speaking both English and Spanish, while one speaks only English.

To become a trainer, staff members must complete an eight-hour course followed by a three-day, 24-hour "Train the Trainer" program.

LISTOS enables the city to bring programming directly to the community. Its portability allows the FFD to meet residents where they are, providing training in community rooms, lobbies, parks, community centers, businesses, and more.

"My overarching goal is to build community resilience from the inside out," said Kristi Hofstetter Batiste, the Emergency Manager for the Fullerton

Fire Department.

"We have adopted the Prepared with Pedro curriculum, which will allow us to teach a two-year rotation for 1st and 2nd graders. Additionally, we offer LISTOS for adults, Senior Readiness, a Lunch and Learn program, and **CERT** (Community Emergency Response Team). All programs are focused on enhancing personal and community readiness.'

COMMUNITY FORUM: Fullerton Fire Dept and CSUF **Center for Healthy Neighborhoods**

by Saskia Kennedy (see Spanish translation on page 15)

Fullerton Fire Chief Loeser joined **CSUF** Center for Healthy Neighborhoods in Richman Park on October 7 to speak about the Fire Department's role in the community and how to become a firefighter.

"I have served the city of Fullerton for 23 years, including six as fire chief. I deeply appreciate everyone who contributes to our community," said

Two years ago, the Fire Department faced a 35% staff vacancy, with only three leaders and no additional support.

"It was challenging to keep the organization afloat; we often relied on our team to get through each day," Loeser added.

In October of 2022, the City Council announced its commitment to supporting the Department and helping rebuild its team.

Initially, addressing pay and benefits was essential, as a significant number of employees were leaving for nearby areas such as Anaheim, Brea, other Orange County cities, and Los Angeles

With the backing of the City Council and the Firefighters' Association, contracts were secured for the next four years, ensuring competitive wages that helped retain staff and prevented further departures to other organizations. After establishing this foundation, the focus shifted to the subsequent steps.

The next step involved promoting and hiring personnel, which required time and careful consideration.

Loeser said, "It's essential that anyone wearing the firefighter badge is trustworthy when they arrive at your home.

"I am committed to hiring individuals who meet the highest standards, ensuring that you can have confidence in me and our entire fire department," said Loeser.

The Fire Academy has 11 firefighters graduating in two weeks, leaving two vacancies in the Department. With all positions filled, firefighters will have more time for their families, thanks to a staffing model that ensures 24/7 cov-



Left to right: CSUF Center for Healthy Neighborhoods Director Dr. Iris Aguilar, Center Coordinators Antonio Grande and Egleth Nuncci, Fullerton Fire Department Chief Adam Loeser and Chief John Miller

gencies.

"We couldn't have reached this point without the dedication and patience of the firefighters who supported us. Their assistance allowed my staff and me to hire and train new personnel to fill the vacancies," said Loeser.

"I couldn't be prouder of our team. In the Fullerton Fire Department, the 'F' truly stands for family. This sense of family is what makes our department so special. We are now fully committed and excited to reconnect with our community."

importance of the training programs, including LISTOS (emergency readiness program), and the process to become a firefighter in Fullerton. As the division chief for training, he has conducted four academies over the past two years, training 5 to 11 recruits at a time.

Becoming a firefighter in Fullerton is competitive; the latest round saw over 500 applications for just 11 positions. Candidates must first complete college-level firefighting coursework and then undergo a 16-week training program at the Fire Academy before applying to the Department.

When asked if candidates needed a degree or classes, Chief Miller said, "Candidates typically need an associate's degree in fire science, which includes around eleven core classes before applying to the Fire Academy.

"After completing the Academy, they undergo a thorough selection process

erage for reliable responses to emer- that includes background checks, polygraph tests and reference checks.

"Only the best candidates move on to the six-week training program, which is both physically and mentally demanding. The current cadets are four weeks in and, though tired, remain focused on their goal of helping peo-

"In smaller organizations like ours, the requirement is a sixteen-week fire academy, while larger departments, like those in Los Angeles, may have different standards. Our training in Fullerton is rigorous because it is Chief John Miller discussed the vital—candidates must be capable and ready for any situation.

> "When someone calls 911, we need to respond effectively. We prioritize hiring individuals who can think on their feet and solve problems, ensuring you get the help you need in emergencies."

> Chief Loeser encouraged Chief Miller to discuss the promotion process.

> "As the Division Chief for Training and Promotions, I oversee staff advancement into roles like Engineer, Captain, and Battalion Chief. Those seeking promotions must complete additional training similar to that of new recruits," Miller explained.

> Loeser added, "In response to challenges like the pandemic and natural disasters, we aim to support the community by teaching essential skills like CPR and first aid to help you care for your loved ones in emergencies until help arrives."

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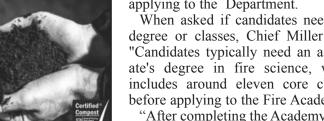
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FORO COMUNITARIO: Bomberos de Fullerton y el Centro de Vecindarios Saludables

por Saskia Kennedy y traducido por Egleth Nuncci durante la presentación

El jefe de bomberos de Fullerton, Loeser, se unió al Centro de Vecindarios Saludables de CSUF en Richman Park el 7 de octubre para hablar sobre el papel del departamento de bomberos en la comunidad y cómo convertirse en bombero.

"He servido a la ciudad de Fullerton durante 23 años, incluidos seis como jefe de bomberos. Aprecio profundamente a todos los que contribuyen a nuestra comunidad", dijo Loeser.

Hace dos años, el departamento de bomberos se enfrentó a una vacante de personal del 35%, con solo tres líderes y sin apoyo adicional.

"Fue un desafío mantener la organización a flote; a menudo dependíamos de nuestro equipo para superar cada día", agregó Loeser.

En octubre de 2022, el Ayuntamiento anunció su compromiso de apoyar al departamento de bomberos y ayudar a reconstruir su equipo.

Inicialmente, abordar el tema de los salarios y los beneficios era esencial, ya que una cantidad significativa de empleados se iban a áreas cercanas como Anaheim, Brea, otras ciudades del condado de Orange y el condado de Los Ángeles.

Con el respaldo del ayuntamiento y de la asociación de bomberos, se consiguieron contratos para los próximos cuatro años, lo que garantizó salarios competitivos que ayudaron a retener al personal y evitaron que se fueran a otras organizaciones. Después de establecer esta base, el enfoque se centró en los pasos siguientes.

El siguiente paso implicó la promoción y contratación de personal, lo que requirió tiempo y una cuidadosa consideración.

Loeser dijo: "Es esencial que cualquier persona que lleve la insignia de bombero sea confiable cuando llegue a su hogar.

"Me comprometo a contratar a personas que cumplan con los estándares más altos, lo que garantiza que pueda confiar en mí y en todo nuestro departamento de bomberos", dijo Loeser.

La academia de bomberos tiene 11 bomberos que se graduarán en dos

semanas, lo que deja dos vacantes en el departamento. Con todos los puestos cubiertos, los bomberos tendrán más tiempo para sus familias, gracias a un modelo de dotación de personal que garantiza una cobertura las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana para respuestas confiables a las emergencias

"No podríamos haber llegado a este punto sin la dedicación y la paciencia de los bomberos que nos apoyaron. Su ayuda nos permitió a mi personal y a mí contratar y capacitar a nuevo personal para cubrir las vacantes", dijo Loeser

"No podría estar más orgulloso de nuestro equipo. En el Departamento de Bomberos de Fullerton, la 'F' realmente significa familia. Este sentido de familia es lo que hace que nuestro departamento sea tan especial. Ahora estamos completamente comprometidos y emocionados de volver a conectarnos con nuestra comunidad".

El jefe John Miller habló sobre la importancia de los programas de capacitación, incluido LISTOS (programa de preparación para emergencias), y el proceso para convertirse en bombero en Fullerton. Como jefe de división de capacitación, ha dirigido cuatro academias en los últimos dos años, capacitando de 5 a 11 reclutas a la vez.

Convertirse en bombero es competitivo; la última ronda tuvo más de 500 solicitudes para solo 11 puestos. Los candidatos primero deben completar el curso de extinción de incendios de nivel universitario y luego someterse a un programa de capacitación de 16 semanas en la academia de bomberos antes de postularse al Departamento de Bomberos de Fullerton.

Cuando se le preguntó si los candidatos necesitaban un título o clases, el jefe Miller dijo: "Los candidatos generalmente necesitan un título de asociado en ciencias del fuego, que incluye alrededor de once clases básicas antes de postularse a la academia de bomberos.

"Después de completar la academia, se someten a un proceso de selección exhaustivo que incluye verificaciones de antecedentes, pruebas de polígrafo y verificación de referencias.

"Solo los mejores candidatos pasan al programa de capacitación de seis semanas, que es exigente tanto física como mentalmente. Los cadetes actuales llevan cuatro semanas y, aunque están cansados, siguen concentrados en su objetivo de ayudar a las personas.

"En organizaciones más pequeñas como la nuestra, el requisito es una academia de bomberos de dieciséis semanas, mientras que los departamentos más grandes, como los de Los Ángeles, pueden tener estándares diferentes. Nuestra capacitación en Fullerton es rigurosa porque es vital: los candidatos deben ser capaces y estar listos para cualquier situación.

"Cuando alguien llama al 911, debemos responder de manera efectiva.

Priorizamos la contratación de personas que puedan pensar con rapidez y resolver problemas, lo que garantiza que obtenga la ayuda que necesita en caso de emergencia".

El jefe Loeser animó al jefe Miller a hablar sobre el proceso de ascenso.

"Como jefe de división de capacitación y ascensos, superviso el avance del personal a puestos como ingeniero, capitán y jefe de batallón. Aquellos que buscan ascensos deben completar una capacitación adicional similar a la de los nuevos reclutas", explicó Miller.

Loeser agregó: "En respuesta a desafíos como la pandemia y los desastres naturales, nuestro objetivo es apoyar a la comunidad enseñando habilidades esenciales como reanimación cardiopulmonar y primeros auxilios para ayudarlo a cuidar a sus seres queridos en situaciones de emergencia hasta que llegue la ayuda".



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Out of My Mind

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Power to the People not the Pols and Plutocrats

with a bang but a whimper. Our major media companies are letting our First Amendment die without a whimper.

A motto is above the door at The Observer: Small enough to tell the truth." Maybe some companies are too big to tell the truth, too dependent on the largess of the government and too cowed by the threats from Trump to fight for our country and not their jobs or bottom lines.

The Los Angeles Times editorial for 30 years, moved to the Times. She

This is the way Democracy ends, not board decided to endorse Kamala Harris for President. Their billionaire owner spiked the endorsement. They have been taking Trump apart for two years but with the realistic prospect of him being elected, they backed off and tried to protect Patrick Soon-Shihong's lucrative contracts with the government. I'm sure they're far more valuable than Democracy.

Mariel Garza, my second editor at the Daily News, where I wrote Opinion became Chief of Editorials. When she was informed that Soon-Shiong had killed the endorsement, she said, "I am resigning because I want to make it clear that I am not okay with us being silent. In dangerous times, honest people need to stand up. This is how I'm standing up." Since her resignation two more editors have resigned.

It's the same at Jeff Bezos' Washington Post. He also prevented an endorsement. And there too an editor, Robert Kagan, resigned and called it "An easy decision."

Does anyone wonder if Bezos' extremely valuable contracts with the government played a part in not wanting to provoke the wrath of Trump? His company, Amazon, has a \$10 billion contract with NASA for Cloud services, plus a \$3.4 billion contract to build a lunar lander. Bezos might believe Trump's threats to raise Amazon's postal costs or fear being subjected to further regulation.

Profits are more important than freedom. Job security for politicians too often is more important than the good of the nation. Our great leaders of industry and politics offer craven leadership, little character and scant courage.

If you're looking for Profiles in Courage don't search our boardrooms or the halls of Congress. Look to the working people, to young women like Cassidy Hutchinson and young men like Brian Butler who told the truth, lost their jobs, maybe their careers, but not their principles or dignity.

Without risk we will lose our First Amendment which is the keystone of our liberty. Fighting does not guarantee victory, but silence ensures defeat.

OPINION: SCHOOLS NEED PROACTIVE AND HONEST LEADERSHIP by Jody Agius Vallejo

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Fullerton is known as Education City." Families are drawn here for its thriving public schools, supported by talented and dedicated teachers and staff. My own experience is a testament to this. I once lived happily by the beach in Dana Point, but when my daughter was born, I realized I wanted more for her than ocean air.

I wanted her to grow up in a city with vibrant civic and arts institutions, a bustling downtown filled with local businesses, and a community that values public education. My husband and I did not return to our hometown of Placentia—we chose Fullerton, and we've thrived here and so has our daughter. I recently glowed with pride when, for the second year in a row, Fullerton School District was recognized as the best in North Orange County.

Despite the accolades, Fullerton faces serious challenges, including racial and class segregation across our school sites. This is not the fault of school or district staff, who work tirelessly on behalf of our children.

Our city was shaped and continues to reel from laws (like racial covenants in housing deeds) and social practices that segregated Latinos and other people of color to South Fullerton, especially FSD school board trustee Area 5, which comprises Elementary Schools Maple, Commonwealth, Richman, and Woodcrest, and Nicholas Junior High.

My husband's family grew up in Area 5, where three generations of family members lived on Truslow. The oldest generation worked in the citrus packing house along the railroad tracks, while the youngest generation attended segregated Maple Elementary.

Contemporary economic challenges, such as high housing costs, have deepened inequalities within and between Fullerton's schools, reinforcing economic segregation in South Fullerton. Middle-class families moving to South Fullerton—an area with lower, though still high, housing costs compared to the North-often take advantage of Fullerton's open-enrollment policy, enrolling their children in higher-performing schools in the North.

In contrast, working-class and lowincome parents face constraints that limit their ability to make the same choices. This middle-class flight from South Fullerton schools, even as the neighborhoods become more economically diverse, can result in fewer resources and declining enrollment, further entrenching income segregation within our school district.

These broader societal factors beyond the control of parents or schools—help explain why the schools where children struggle the most, based on test scores and academic achievement, are in Area 5. In Area 5 schools, 9/10 students are Latino and low-income, and 4/10 are English language learners.

This trend of racial and economic segregation in schools, even as neighborhoods diversify, is not unique to Fullerton, but it is alarming because research shows that such segregation in schools is strongly associated with widening achievement gaps.

Leaders must learn from the past, understand the current moment, and push for change to make our communities better. However, Leonel Talavera,

the current school board trustee representing Area 5, has remained silent on all of these issues.

I've attended numerous school board meetings and watched others online, and not once has Talavera ever addressed disparities that disproportionately affect the area he represents, not even when presented with data about educational inequities or when FSD was flagged by the state of California for over-identifying Latino children for special education.

The only initiative Leonel is an elite sports academy that privatizes public education for affluent families. Located at Parks Junior High, a school outside of Talavera's trustee area, families are required to pay a \$1,000 monthly fee to a private sports entity to participate.

The program essentially rents out Parks' fields and gyms during school hours to the private sports entity for less than \$10,000 a year or allows students to trade out school electives and PE for other, off-campus, for-profit private sports programs. Some teachers, the teacher's union, and concerned parents urged the school board not to approve the program, raising concerns about access, school privatization, and loosely vetted coaches who are not credentialed teachers.

The sports academy raises serious questions about who benefits, especially since one of the approved sports programs that kids can attend in lieu of PE is ZT Baseball, a Texas-based baseball academy and club team run by a hedge fund with strong connections to Trustee Talavera that he never publicly disclosed. Talavera coached for ZT Baseball and served on their board, and they contributed \$2,500 to his re-election campaign after becoming an approved vendor in our school district (search campaign contributions here).

ZT Sports also just won a bid, to the exclusion and dismay of the City of Fullerton, to take over maintenance of the baseball fields at Ralph B. Clark sports complex. My concerns about the elite sports academy go beyond the privatization of our public goods-it also perpetuates economic inequality across our school sites.

It is also troubling, that Talavera's ballot statement includes numerous

> false claims, such as crediting himself for balancing the district's budget and not raising taxes when in reality, school board members only approve budgets after they have been balanced by district staff, and school board members do not levy or raise taxes.

> Among other exaggerated claims, Talavera takes credit for launching a therapy dog program, writing that the program "improved student well-being and reduced stress." While dogs were brought into various schools a handful of times, no for-

Talavera has introduced and publicly mal program exists, and no studies championed as a school board trustee were conducted to assess its impact on student well-being.

Research, including my own extensive studies on how Latinos advance into the middle and upper classes, highlights the critical importance of elementary education in shaping a person's mobility trajectory. Area 5 deserves a trustee who understands the value of public education and who is committed to listening to the community and representing all families. That person is Vanesa Estrella, a PTA mom, business owner, and long-time South Fullerton resident.

Estrella's journey exemplifies the power of public education. She came to the US at eight years old as an English learner and was raised in a low-income family. She excelled in school and went on to become the president of the honor society at Fullerton College before transferring to Cal State Fullerton (CSUF). She graduated with honors from CSUF with a double major in business and criminal justice, and she now runs her family's iconic South Fullerton business, El Pachuco

Elected by parents across the district as the President of FSD's English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC), Estrella attends and speaks at all school board meetings, advocating for parents in her communitysomething Talavera has failed to do. When the district was flagged for overidentifying Latino students for special education, it was Estrella, not Talavera, who was called to collaborate with district staff on solutions because of her deep community ties.

Estrella's grassroots support is evident. More than seventy-five individuals have contributed to her campaign, with donations ranging from \$5 to \$100. In contrast, Talavera has received only six small donations of \$100; almost two-thirds of his campaign funds come from two sources:

ZT Baseball and

• a construction company

Additionally, while Talavera lacks any endorsements from elected officials, Vanesa has garnered support from local leaders at all levels of government – a member of Congress, the state assembly, city council members, county supervisors, and members of other educational boards - who recognize her commitment to collaborate to get things done for our students. She also secured the Democratic Party's endorsement over Talavera.

Area 5 needs a proactive and honest leader—someone who is trusted by families and committed to representing the community. Vanesa Estrella is that leader. She will focus on addressing the racial and economic educational disparities that Talavera has ignored, support parent choice, avoid conflicts of interest, and work with families, teachers, and district leaders to help every child reach their full potential via the power of public education, just as she has.

Jody Agius Vallejo is a volunteer on Vanesa Estrella's campaign and a Professor of Sociology at USC, where she also serves as Associate Director of USC Equity Research Institute. She specializes in immigrant integration and mobility, the minoritized middle and upper classes, and racial/ethnic inequality in the United

Her first book, "Barrios to Burbs: The Making of the Mexican American Middle Class," was published by Stanford University Press.

*Leonel Talevera did not respond before this went to print.

BALANCE & CHANGE

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Being Self-Aware

I love the fall. I am sitting in my office right now while it is chilly and cloudy outside. I really need a cup of hot chocolate and a fire going to complete this, but it is still good. What is your favorite season?

Take a minute to hold your favorite scene of that season in your mind's eye. Breathe in slowly as you picture it. Notice your reaction.

Do your muscles relax? Does your breathing slow down?

Does a smile come to your lips? It is important that we know what makes us happy or peaceful. There are moments, days, even weeks where

My husband and I had been married

for over 57 years when he died six

years ago. How was I going to go on

without him? I retired from teaching

and gave up my clinical practice to

take care of him during his fight

against cancer, so now, what was I

going to do now? Two years later, the

answer came when one of the owners

of the Fullerton Observer approached

me to write for the newspaper because

of my psychological background in

teaching and clinical practice. Little

did she know that I was the editor of

Healthy Awareness
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Having a purpose in life

things happen that make us unhappy. We need to have images, memories and sensations stored to help counteract the negative things that we are presently experiencing.

As you walk through your day, mindfully notice your world. Notice the child laughing, the art painted on the wall, the clouds passing.

Savor those moments and store them away. Then, when you are having a bad day, bring them out to help you cope with what is going on presently and to remind you that things will change to the good again.

And, as always, enjoy the journey!



A Short History of Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels of Fullerton began delivering meals to homebound individuals on February 25, 1974, and celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Empty Bowls Fundraiser on February 25, 2024.

The program was initiated in 1973 by a group of volunteers who approached Carolann Thrasher, Director of the Volunteer Bureau of North Orange County. The first office was located on Youth Way, with meals prepared at Fullerton Community Hospital. Initial support came from organizations like the Red Cross and the National Charity League.

Richard Light served as the first volunteer coordinator, starting with 13 clients and 128 volunteers. In 1986, Meals on Wheels partnered with the Feedback Foundation, which increased the number of delivery routes to seven.

By 1991, Meals on Wheels Orange County became an independent nonprofit. Since 1995, the organization has been housed in the Philanthropy Building of the Assistance League of Fullerton, which provides rent and util-

Our mission is to deliver meals and supportive services to at-risk residents, primarily frail and elderly individuals. We currently serve 77 clients on seven routes, with 85% being elderly and many receiving assistance with meal

We deliver two meals daily, Monday to Friday, through partnerships with Providence St. Jude Medical Center and Meals on Wheels Orange County. Our financial support comes from client fees, grants, and fundraising activities, including an annual fashion

In the fiscal year 2023-24, 200 volunteers contributed 4,090 hours, delivering 34,116 meals. Since 1974, a total of 1,847,024 meals have been provided. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and generous community support, Meals on Wheels of Fullerton continues to serve the homebound residents of the area.

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the Patterson Park High School newspaper editorial page. But she gave me a purpose, a gift to write this column.

For this, I am eternally thankful.

The American Psychologist summarized it well in scientific studies, which I will source here (September 2024).

Why is having a purpose

in life so important?

In a study of 8,500 adults, the correlations or relationships of purpose were highly related to self-acceptance (.87), environmental mastery (.76), and personal growth (.83). It was also found that purpose is a person's ultimate concern beyond coping strategies, personality traits, goals, and life narratives.

In theory, purpose "serves as a basic dimension of healthy psychological functioning and an important protective factor from psychopathology." Purpose motivates us to dedicate time, energy, attention, money, or social capital toward certain goals.

The purpose is often referred to as beyond the self and to be world-related to driving the values and meaning of life. For example, a teacher's purpose might be to teach students to use only factual information to come to a conclusion and not just accept what someone says or conspiracy theories. Behavioral progress is shown when the student applies facts to critically evaluated situations.

An intervention to increase illnessrelated coping abilities led to a greater purpose in life among cancer survivors. Having a purpose and goals leads to more positive emotions and fewer negative emotions in this study.

Some people I spoke to about purpose in life felt it was not important. Researchers have found that having a purpose in some people's lives is obstructed by mental illness, physical illness, or poverty.

Participants in another study became better at organizing and pursuing personally meaningful goals after a single 30-minute counseling session of strategizing on how to cope with difficulties and a 60-minute group session reflecting on the ultimate motivation behind goals.

In a study of adolescents with less awareness of and commitment to a purpose, it was found that they were more apt to be guided by external factors such as peer pressure and adult interests. In addition, they experience less happiness.

Using neuroimaging, it has been shown that the ventral striatum of the brain is related to reward sensitivity. When subjects found a stronger purpose than on other days, they reduced their consumption of alcohol. This shows a resilience to not excessively consume alcohol in the presence of a purpose. Just think about how this could help our addicted population by helping them find a purpose in life.

Purpose in life is important, and it can be big or small.

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• If you begin to notice an unpleasant odor or taste in your mouth.

• If a lot of food gets stuck in one spot every time you eat.

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ALISO VIEJO Saeid REZAEIKIVI died on July 21 **ANAHEIM**

Julio HERNANDEZ died on May 7 Shirley GOMEZ died on May 9 Cesar LOYA LEON died on May 17 Adnan HASANOVIC died on May 18 Charles GRANADOS died on May 28 Robert MIKLICH JR. died on May 29 Brian LEMASTERS died on May 30 Sundae DURAN died on June 1 Sang HAN died on June 27 Scott NELSON died on July 1 Sandra FRYE died on July 14 Marc PELOQUIN died on July 28 Ruben GUTIERREZGARCIA - Aug 3 Christopher LLOYD died on Aug 19 Jacob POEMOCEAH died on Aug 25 Juan DIAZ ESCOBEDO died Sept 3 Tina GREATHOUSE died on Sept 25 Richard GARCIA DOMINGUEZ-Sept 14

BUENA PARK

Larry BECKEY died on May 8 Rogelio VIRAMONTES died Aug 8 Richard SALTER died on Aug 21 **COSTA MESA**

Ida WOLFF died on May 9 Christopher KLAMCZYNSKI -June 4 Christian SHEA died on June 14 Margaret DUNCAN died on July 6 Addison ERTLER died Sept 11

CYPRESS

Ronda SEIPERT died on June 8 **FOUNTAIN VALLEY**

Daniel SHEAHAN died on May 24 Tina ABBOTT died on May 27 Vu NGUYEN died on June 28 Emily GAITHER died on June 29 Infant Female RADFORD - July 29 Kevin LUTZ died on Aug 28

FULLERTON

Sonny PEREZ died on May 29 Vittorio VALDEZ died on June 28 Gary CASTELLO died on Aug 18 Rachel CHAVEZ died on Aug 19 Manuel RAMOS-MEJIA died Sept 16

GARDEN GROVE

Anthony ALACIO died on May 11 Joshua WILLIAMS died on May 30 Ramazan GUNEY died on June 3 Andrew MACHONIS died on June 9 Jonny MONICA HERNANDEZ-June 10 Victor TORRES died on June 26 Ian HUGO died on June 29 Eduardo CERROS BARAJAS June 30 Leonel ABARCA died on Aug 21 Sirguy KAOPIO died on Aug 26 Ryan MORTAZAVI died on Aug 29 Jessica PIOVESAN died on Sept 16

HUNTINGTON BEACH

Bryce DAILEY died on May 1 Damien LAMERAY died on May 6 Andrew CAVALIERE died on May 23 Justin LANZ died on July 6 Trieu NGUYEN died on July 28 Justin LANZ died on July 6 Kenneth PERSONS died on Sept 5 Wayne GRAFFIA died on Sept 8 Louise FOSTER died on Sept 8 James YOUNG died on Aug 22

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Leeanna BROWN wdied on Aug 24

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Steven KELLY died on June 19

MISSION VIEJO

Gary ANNIS died on Aug 6 James ANDERSON died on Aug 15

NEWPORT BEACH

Randy WOLLING died on July 18 Terry COOK wdied on Aug 11 Jessica GUTIERREZ died on Sept 11

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PLACENTIA

Silvia PINA DIAZ died on Aug 14

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Ray Sly's Search for Missing Local Landmark Plaques

Over the summer, I received a phone Arts Colony, a multi-gallery arts call from Fullerton Heritage Board Member Ray Sly.

I met Ray back in May on one of the Fullerton Heritage walking tours.

He had a suggestion about a story regarding local landmarks, so I followed up with him in late July. After learning about a pedestal with a missing plaque in Chapman Park at a Fullerton Heritage Board meeting, Ray volunteered to research the remaining plaques. His search led him to a local business that restores and modifies cars, which currently operates out of a historic building that was once a laundry.

"One of our Board members had been receiving requests to know where the local landmarks are located, and she took it upon herself to say, 'well, where are they?' So she started her own quest, and the first place she went to was Chapman Park. She goes to Chapman Park, and there's the pedestal, but the plaque's missing," explained Ray.

"When she shared this with the rest of the Board, I said, 'I will research the remaining plaques because she's still working and I'm retired.' So I went out and I researched about 75 local landmarks. Fortunately, that's the only missing plaque that we know of that was possibly stolen."

In the late morning of July 22, I met Ray in front of what is now Roseleno Restoration, located at 225 W. Santa Fe Avenue. The structure that now houses a collision repair and car restoration business was originally used as a commercial laundry. According to Fullerton Heritage's website, this brick commercial building was built for Arthur W. Cleaver, who also owned a Spanish Colonial Revival house on West Fern Drive (in what is now the Golden Hill neighborhood).

The Sanitary Laundry opened in the early 1920s and was one of the largest employers in North Orange County until it was sold by Cleaver in December of 1938. Seismic improvements to the building were made in 1993, and from 2010 to 2018, the building at 221 - 225 W. Santa Fe Avenue was the home of the Magnoski

"This brick building was purchased by the Cleavers, and they turned it from Fullerton Laundry into the Sanitary Laundry," said Ray.

"This building doesn't have a plaque. However, in my conversation with the proprietor, he said that the owner of the building does have a plaque. He's seen it. Now, I'm trying to backtrack. I don't know if we kept records on who applies for the local landmark and when we physi-

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cally gave the landmark local plaque, so there's Unfortunately, some more research to be

"But through it all, I discovered some interesting views and placements of the plaques. Some businesses had concerns about the plaques being stolen, so they would just place

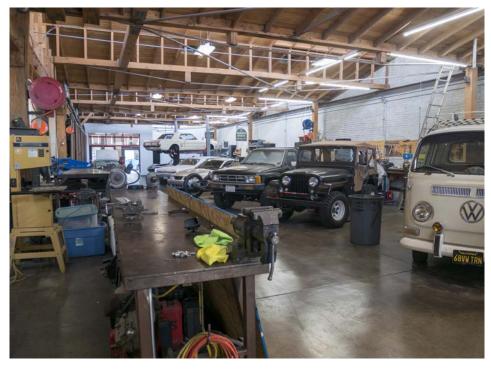
the plaques up at eight feet."

Unfortunately, most people won't notice a local landmark plaque at eight feet and will walk right by it. Ray explained that he and other Fullerton Heritage Board members knew people who had a home that's both a local landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places, and they went as far as to put an epoxy on the back of the plaque and then mount it.

Ray said, "There's all these different means to secure the plaque, and I'm going around just noticing that these plaques are in terrible shape. They've either been vandalized, or the weather has just beaten them down to where they just look like a square, rectangular metal plate on a wall. And when you walk up, you can see that this is a plaque, it just needs restoration. So, long story short, after reviewing all the locations and the plagues, I discovered fourteen that are missing. I've got to circle back to see if the owners have the plaques or if they were stolen."



At left: Ray Sly meets with Joe of Roseleno Restoration team to discuss their building's local landmark plaque Above: Ray Sly stands by 225 W. Santa Fe Ave., one of the locations in his search for missing local landmark plaques Below: Inside Roseleno Restoration



What brought him to 225 W. Santa Fe Ave was that Bob Linnell, Fullerton Heritage's keeper of local landmarks, had a list that showed the Sanitary Laundry as 'potential.' Ray is trying to polish up Linnell's list so that he can better understand if the location is potential or if it has moved into local landmark status. He asks questions such as, "Did the owner do the paperwork or submit paperwork to request local landmark status?" and, "If so, did Fullerton Heritage provide them with a plaque?"

He also looks for any indications that a plaque was hung at a location. Ray pointed to four spots of chipped paint where a plaque may have once hung on the exterior wall of the historic brick commercial building we were standing in front of. He looks for clues to see if something was mounted there at one time, and if it has been torn off, talking with business owners, like Joe at Roseleno Inc., to see if they have concerns or if they ever received their plaque.

"Now, there are places like the Lakeman Chassis business on East Santa Fe Ave. that have the plaque. They showed it to me, but they told me that they were concerned about the unsavory traffic that wanders through their street, and they chose not to mount the plaque," said Ray.

"I'm going to find a solution to the problem to convince them, 'let's mount the plaque...we'll use this method of some kind of mechanical fastening that's tamper proof.'

"If that works, then maybe we can get more of the plaques up, and people like you and I can walk around and notice landmarks and maybe ask more questions, like, 'that one's a landmark, how come this one isn't?"

