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Fullerton School DistrictTrustee Area 2, James Cho



Fullerton School District Trustee Area 5, Vanesa Estrella or Leonel Talavera with 67,753 votes left to count in OC

Preliminary Election Results for Candidates and Propositions

Unofficial Election Results as of November 16, 2024. Results will be certified on December 3, 2024. OCVote.gov See Preliminary Election Results page 5



Fullerton Police Department officers, Chief Radus, Fullerton Mayor Nicholas Dunlap, and Congressman Lou Correa hold a check for \$2.5 million.

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Congressmember Correa Announces Nearly \$3.5 Million for Fullerton Police Station and Clean Water Well Construction

Representative Lou Correa (CA-46) presented nearly \$3,500,000 million in federal tax dollars returning to the City of Fullerton for rehabilitation of the City's police station, and for well construction to ensure access to clean water in the face of droughts for Fullerton residents. See Nearly \$3.5 Million for Fullerton page 5

Massive new upzoning doesn't solve the affordability crisis and could nearly double the population by Saskia Kennedy

Friends for a Livable Fullerton (FFLF) met with residents on November 7th at the Fox Fullerton Theater to discuss the Housing Element Update (HEU) and the Housing Incentive Overlay Zone (HIOZ), which the City will vote on November 19th.

The program proposes nearly 30,000 new housing units to meet a state requirement of 13,209 units over five years, with almost 3,000 units already in development. While the state mandate aims to increase affordable housing, only fewer than 7,500 units are required to be affordable, with 5,751 designated for luxury housing.

Several parcels were removed from the proposal to retain businesses that generated the most revenue for the City. As the new figures are somewhat lower than the levels recommended by the Planning Commission during their meetings on September 25th and the special meeting on November 6th, the program has been renamed "Modified Alternative 2." If adopted, the new program is expected to add over 85,000 people to the City (current population of 143,617) while losing 4,179 net jobs.

The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider:

- To certify HIOZ Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2023090133) as per Alternative 2 (Reduced Sites Alternative)
- To approve a General Plan (GP) Revision to adopt the Housing Element and related revisions to the Fullerton Plan in Chapter 2.
- To approve a Zoning Ordinance

Amendment to the Municipal Code to establish HIOZ standards and identify related parcels on the Zoning Map.

Even if you don't speak, please attend and/or reach out to your City Council members.

The Housing Element and Housing Incentive Overlay Zone (HIOZ) are managed by the state of California's Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). HCD aims to increase affordable housing, a goal supported by the Fullerton Future Land Use Framework (FFLF).

HCD and SCAG evaluate housing

See Massive Upzoning Slated for Final Vote November 19 page 4

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Thank you

I always look first for column, "Out of my mind" by Jon Dobrer.

Simone Fullerton

Please consider the enclosed contribution to the paper. I do not want it delivered.

Barbara Sheldon Fullerton

Thank you so much for your valuable community service. I cannot put a price tag on the information that you provide for us. Thank you! Thank you!

Sara Caswel Fullerton

Thanks, Saskia and crew for carrying on the Kennedy legacy and growing it. You not only inform us but you make us proud to live in this city.

Sally Zivitz Fullerton

Always so much info from my next door city! Great publication

Ann Robinson Placentia

I enjoy the paper. Keep up the good work. In the past there would be coverage of high school sports. I miss that but maybe there is no staff available. Thank you. **Lisa Beetstra** Fullerton

Response:

Thank you. We have had trouble finding a volunteer who is consistant and can meet deadlines.

Fullerton Observer crew

Even though I live in Northern California now, it is wonderful finding out about happenings in Fullerton. The additional articles are of interest also.

Marian Schain Los Gatos

Every year your reporting gets better. Thanks for all your good articles and the effort you have taken to get this paper out.

Jean Oglevie Fullerton

The enclosed check is a contribution. I very much appreciate the time and efforts of all of the volunteers involved. I believe the information included in this is of value to me and the community. I for one would not receive it any other way.

Charlotte Ross Fullerton

Campaign Signs

Mayor Dunlap and Mayor Protem Jung choose to ignore City regulations regarding placement of campaign signs. The arrogance.

Knowing that they can direct the city manager and staff to ignore the violations should outrage all of us. City of Fullerton 714738 6300

Karen Lloreda Fullerton

Thank you for bringing us the local news and events.

Ron Johnson Fullerton

Fullerton local for 54 years

I was just jaw dropping on the history article of Amerige park in 1924 7000 kkk rally where I played pony baseball??? Really interesting story I had no clue of...my parents went to this back in 50's. They told me there was only two black students in the whole school.

Can you picture them walking down the alley to school with nothing but thousands of KKK around them I'd be crapping my pants.

A story of the oil fields and Mexican immigrants plucking cactus. I hiked through rough terrain in coyote hills and I found the foundation and cable that they used to haul bundles of cactus down to the trucks or train.

Johnny Petrich Fullerton

Importance of Newspapers

Today we learned Marial Garza, Editor of the *LA Times* resigned as the papers owner Patrick Soon-Shiong refused to allow the Editorial Board to endorse VP Kamala Harris for President.

As a former Republican of almost four decades this decision was not in the best interest of the American public

It is most important to have honest investigative reporters who can report on facts and truths which can be difficult. With that in mind I support the *Fullerton Observer* as a very important part of the OC community.

The public as a whole does not get enough local news and politics as to what is going on in City Governments.

How about a *Fullerton Observer* "Special Edition" the Fullerton Tri-City Edition to include Brea and Placentia.

Aspiring journalists would be assigned to interview the Mayors of Brea and Placentia to learn the issues the mayors and elected officials are dealing with. Other interviews as investigations dictate.

I see this as a win-win situation. The *Fullerton Observer* expands, Young journalists get experience, and neighbors get political information. With AI looming, disinformation will have a major impact on the public.

Have you ever wondered how Hitler came to power in a Christian democratic company?

Can it happen again? Rule of law must prevail. Lux et veritas.

T.J. Comer Fullerton

Thank you for all you do publishing the *Observer*. **B Maio** Fullerton

Re: Senior Drivers

I disagree with the article written by Edith Harvath, Buena Park. We senior drivers have been driving for a very long time. The DMV shares that you the senior driver has information on your driving record you have to take the written test. Guess Ms Harvath didn't read that part.

I say that every senior driver should take behind the wheel test to see if they are safe to drive a vehicle.

Thank you for your time

Leatha Fields 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

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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Kim Halstead: A Life-Saving Lesson in Preparedness by Alicia Hsieh, contributing writer for Troy Preparedness Club

On an average Sunday afternoon, 14-year-old Kim (McColley) Halstead went bowling with her siblings and their mother. Upon returning home, her mother felt unwell, collapsed, and stopped breathing. Kim immediately began performing CPR and instructed her brother to call 911 while asking her five-year-old sister to seek help from a

A nearby firefighter responded quickly and took over CPR until paramedics arrived. Kim's mother was rushed to the hospital, where she spent a week in a coma due to a heart attack. In an interview, Kim shared, "The doctors told us that my quick thinking and knowledge of CPR saved my mother's life." She had just learned CPR in her freshman health class and acted decisively when it mattered most.

This experience profoundly impacted Kim, who is now a teacher. She emphasizes the importance of emergency preparedness and encourages her students to take health and safety lessons seriously. Kim believes being prepared goes beyond medical emergencies, encompassing responses to various situations, including natural disasters.

"Being prepared for emergencies, both big and small, is crucial for a teacher," Kim stated to students on October 3rd, 2024.

Kim's advocacy serves as a reminder of the value of health education and the potential for learned skills to save lives. In a world where emergencies can happen unexpectedly, preparedness should always be a priority.

Do you have an experience where disaster preparedness came or could have come into use? Tell us your story!

Use this OR code to answer a few questions.





Kim Halstead PHOTO BY J. BARR (2024)



Roar Festival at Fullerton Plaza PHOTO BY DAVID SPARGUR

The Roar Festival took place on November 7 through 10 from 12pm to 8pm at the lively Fullerton Downtown Plaza, 125 East Wilshire Ave, Fullerton. Admission was absolutely free!

The Roar Festival showcased a cornucopia of Korean culture, art, food, and entertainment. Attendees were enthralled by the rhythmic beats of themselves in the creative process. There was a vari-

folk Korean music and the mesmerizing traditional

There was an Art Craft area, which served as a haven for art enthusiasts, featuring an array of art crafts on exhibit. Visitors got a glimpse of the artists at work during the live demonstrations and immersed

ety of Korean specialty products and mouth-watering Korean food. Many people enjoyed the live demonstrations and seized the opportunity to taste the culinary delights.

The kids had fun in a dedicated space where they could enjoy fun activities in the park. From the opening ceremony to the closing show, each day of the Roar Festival promised a unique and enriching experience and an unforgettable cultural adventure!

"Live simply, so others may simply live."

-Mahatma Gandhi

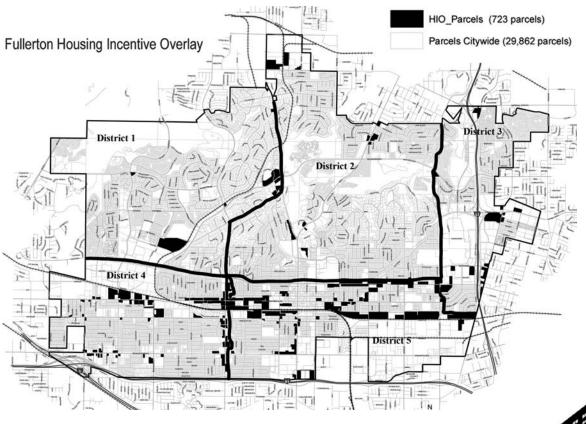




Henna Jewelry **Art Prints**

Home Decor Crafts Handmade Items Candles & Soap **Holiday Gifts**

tinyurl.com/art-walk-on-wilshire



Historic Self Realization Fellowship Church near City Pointe

Massive Upzoning Slated for Final Vote Tuesday, November 19th continued from front page

needs for each city and set specific allocations based on factors like past performance, current population, and existing affordable housing stock.

While Fullerton successfully meets its luxury housing goals, it struggles to provide sufficient lower-income housing. Luxury units often require no subsidies, allowing cities to meet high-end property requirements but falling short on affordable options. To comply with state regulations, the city must meet overall housing requirements as well as specific targets for each affordability level.

In California, there are three categories for low-income housing affordability, which are based on different percentages of the Area Median Income (AMI). The AMI for Orange County, California, in 2024 is \$90,400, an increase from \$85,700 in 2023. The categories are as follows:

- Extremely low-income: Below 30% of the AMI
- Very low-income: 30–50% of the AMI
- Low-income: 50–80% of the AMI

Most for-profit builders cannot create 100% affordable housing. Fullerton city staff suggests requiring 10% of units as affordable to qualify for the Housing Incentives and Opportunities Zone (HIOZ), which is generally acceptable to developers. However, FFLF spokesperson Jane Reifer reports that some local developers are willing to provide 15% affordable housing. The FFLF advocates for this higher percentage, as it would reduce overall housing needs by 30% while minimizing the impact on the city and preserving quality of life.

Reifer said, "We want to see affordable housing. We are saddened to see how much housing prices in Fullerton have gone up and up to the point where many people cannot afford to live here anymore."

The group is concerned that HIOZ

will lead to increased land values and speculation, resulting in gentrification that raises rental prices and makes homeownership less attainable. Once approved, zoning changes cannot be reversed due to state "no net loss" rules unless voters repeal those laws.

The City of Fullerton, like all cities, has a general plan that includes a Housing Element, which must be updated every eight years. Fullerton is currently behind on this update, a common issue among California cities due to strict new requirements.

Failure to comply risks losing control over development and could lead to significant monthly fines. Recently, the California Association of Realtors filed a lawsuit against Fullerton through its nonprofit arm, Californians for Home Ownership, in partnership with the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) to ensure the city prepares its Housing Element as mandated.

Starting in February, if the City does not adopt the general plan, it will face monthly fines ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and it will be barred from controlling building permits. Meanwhile, developers are already beginning projects in Fullerton by using a concept called "Builders Remedy," which allows them to bypass city zoning regulations.

Originally, there were concerns that the City Council would need to pass this plan during their late November meeting to avoid severe consequences. However, the current agenda now lists new options that include adopting only the Housing Inventory Overlay Zones (HIOZ) parcels, which comprise 235 parcels, while postponing additional parcels for consideration at a later date.

If the HIOZ is approved, future housing projects will be streamlined and allowed "by-right "with a simple over-the-counter process unless the project somehow exceeds the very generous size, height, and setback requirements.

The HUB
6 stories
Anaheim
HIOZ
4 stories

Building Height Comparison

"You will no longer have a say if an eight-story apartment building is built next to your home. Only buildings larger than what the City has determined to be larger or more impactful than what the City is saying are the current standards will go through a public process," said Reifer.

FFLF is concerned that many projects might be approved without proper public oversight, as no Historic Resources report was included in the program's Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Although the HIOZ parcels were screened for historic buildings, most historic resources in Fullerton have not been designated, raising the risk of these being overlooked. Adjacent historical resources and preservation overlay zones were also not analyzed.

The analysis of Traffic Level of Service impacts will now occur as projects are presented, rather than through a comprehensive study reviewed by the Planning Commission. FFLF is worried about potential impacts on creeks, scenic corridors, and parks, as new public parks are proposed within the common open spaces of HIOZ projects, accessible from 8 AM to 8 PM.

Additionally, an Appendix D to the EIR noted that fire and police response times would increase significantly without additional funding to support the larger service population.

FFLF's mission is to influence development decisions in a way that promotes Fullerton's uniqueness and livability. They believe in and often support affordable housing projects but feel that this program will neither provide the necessary affordable units nor help retain what is unique about

Fullerton's built and natural environments and does not address numerous impacts on Fullerton's public services, infrastructure, and quality of life. FFLF's HEU/HIOZ platform is:

- Avoid over-compliance; once parcels are identified, project approvals for those lots will no longer have public oversight.
- Remove the historic Chapman and Commonwealth corridors from consideration.
- Protect existing multifamily housing, historic neighborhoods, and scenic corridors.
- Shift the emphasis on high-rise developments to the Harbor Blvd and Orangethorpe Ave area.
- Increase affordability requirements from 10% to 15%, as many other cities like Brea and Irvine have done.
- Impose reasonable setbacks, stepbacks, and height limits on new developments.
- Conduct studies on the significant impacts to Fire, Parks, Traffic, Historic Resources, and the City's Scenic Corridor before project approvals.

Attend the City Council meeting at 5:30pm Tuesday, November 19th 303 West Commonwealth Ave For Zoom Go To: www.zoom.us/join Enter Meeting ID: 978 4219 1797

For more FFLF Information:
www.SaveFullerton.com/Housing
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UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 303 W. COMMONWEALTH

- November 19 at 5:30pm: City Council
- November 20 at 5:30pm: Active Transportation
- November 21 at 6pm: Library Board
- November 27 at 6:30pm: Planning Commission

Preliminary Election Results as of 11/16/2024

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The County has until December 5 to report to the state. The State has until Dec 13 to finish counting and certify results.

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Ballots Left to Count Orange County • 11/16/24 - 67,753/ OC
(Some district races span counties below:
35,600/Riverside, 61,600/San Bernardino, 79,400/LA ballots left to count)
For Orange County updates visit: www.ocvote.gov

STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

Prop. 2:

Bonds Public Schools & College YES 58.4% (No 41.6%)

Prop. 3:

Constitutional Right to. Marriage YES 62.7% (No 37.3%)

Prop. 4:

Bonds Water, Wildfire, Climate Risks YES 59.5% (No 40.5%)

> Prop. 5: Bonds Affordable Housing & Infrastructure NO 55.3% (Yes 44.7%)

Prop. 6: Eliminate Forced Work for Inmates NO 53.3% (Yes 46.7%)

CITY OF FULLERTON

FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL

Council District 1: Fred Jung 71.97% (Matt Truxaw 28.03%)

Council District 2: Nick Dunlap 63.56% (Jan Flory 36.44%)

Council District 4:
Jamie Valencia 35.76% and
Kitty Jaramillo 35.63% are swapping places with each new count.
(Linda Whitaker 18.07%)
(Scott Markowitz 10.55%)

FULLERTON SCHOOL DIST

Area 2: James Cho 61.94% (Hilda Sugarman 38.06%)

Area 5: Vanesa Estrella 51.29% (Leonel Talavera 48.71%)

FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL BOND

District Measure L YES 57.90% (No 42.10%)

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND

Measure N YES 60.58% (No 39.42%)

PRESIDENTIAL RACE

ORANGE COUNTY

Harris/Walz 49.76% (Trump/Vance 47.06%)

CALIFORNIA

Harris/Walz 58.8% (Trump/Vance 38.0%)

US NATIONWIDE

Trump/Vance 50.1% (Harris/Walz 48.3%)

Prop. 32: Raise Minimum Wage NO 50.9% (Yes 49.1%)

Prop. 33: Local Rent Control NO 60.3% (Yes 39.7%)

Prop. 34: Restrict Spending of Prescription Revenues YES 50.7% (No 49.3%)

Prop. 35: Permanent Funding For Medi-Cal YES 67.8% (No 32.2%)

Prop. 36: Increased Sentences for Certain Drug & Theft Crimes YES 68.6% (No 31.4%)

COUNTY

DISTRICT RACES

(districts span one or more counties info here is from sos.ca.gov)

US SENATE FULL TERM

Adam Schiff 59.1% (Steve Garvey 40.9%)

US SENATE PARTIAL TERM

Adam Schiff 59.0% (Steve Garvey 41.0%)

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 37

Steve Choi 50.8% (Josh Newman 49.2%)

STATE ASSEMBLY

59 District: Phillip Chen 60.7% (Dave Obrand 39.3%)

67 District: Sharon Quirk-Silva 56.7% (Beth Culver 43.3%)

US REPRESENTATIVE

38 District: Linda Sánchez 59.9% (Eric Ching 40.1%)

40 District: Young Kim 55.3% (Joe Kerr 44.7%)

45 District: Derek Tran 50.0% (Michelle Steele 50.0%)

46 District: Lou Correa 63.4% (David Pan 36.6%)

47 District: Dave Min 51.4% (Scott Baugh 48.6%)

49 District: Mike Levin 52.3% (Matt Gunderson 47.7%)



Congressman Lou Correa, Mayor Nicholas Dunlap, Fullerton Public Works Director Stephen Bise, and Fullerton City Engineer David Grantham hold check for \$959,752

Nearly \$3.5 Million for Fullerton

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\$2,500,000 million will be allocated to Fullerton Police Station, and \$959,752 will be allocated for the construction of Well 7A.

The \$2,500,000 for Fullerton Police Station will be used for the remediation of hazardous materials and the restoration of the historic structure, which contains high levels of asbestos and lead paint throughout the entire building.

The \$959,752 for construction of Well 7A will help mitigate drought effects and provide clean, safe, and affordable drinking water to all who call Fullerton home. The funding would be used to equip the newly drilled well with high-capacity pumps,

motors, discharge piping, disinfection facilities, and electrical equipment. Without the equipment, Well 7A cannot begin to produce drinking water for the community.

This nearly \$3,500,000 in federal funding for both projects is part of the nearly \$15 million that Rep. Correa secured for community projects throughout California's 46th congressional district in the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) omnibus appropriations bill, which President Joe Biden signed into law earlier this year. Rep. Correa worked in lockstep with community leaders to identify priorities for CA-46 constituents, and fought for them during the annual funding process.





6th Annual Kindness Award Honorees from Fullerton

Orange County Fourth District Supervisor Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee, announced the 6th Annual Fourth District Kindness Awards honorees during a ceremony held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

Left: Mike Oates is a devoted member of the Fullerton community, recognized for his service to local organizations. He has supported youth as a former Boys and Girls Club volunteer and Golden Hill Little League coach. As president of the Fullerton Rotary Club and the Sister City Association, he has continued his commitment to service.

Mike has also dedicated numerous hours to Crittenton Services as a board member and through fundraising efforts, leaving a lasting impact on those he has helped.

Right: Dylan Wang is a senior at Troy High School who merges his passion for technology with community service. He volunteers at Happy Adult Daycare, where he learns about the challenges seniors face.

Inspired by this experience, Dylan created an iPad app that uses augmented reality (AR) to help seniors translate English into their native languages and designed a nighttime medical monitoring device that keeps family members informed about their loved ones' health.

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

-Andrew Vachss



Left: Mulberry Street Ristorante celebrates 40 years!.

Right: Alison's Goods celebrates 5 years!.



1 year at the downtown location, Allison's Goods had a party and so many came, they ran out of tamales early, oh no. Lots of goodies, a free raffle, other treats, and great deals on just about everything as the shopping season kicks off early. Shop Fullerton First Folks, and congratulations to both businesses.

Happy Anniversaries

Mulberry Street is 40?! Looking back on that great restaurant's early days, it seems like forever ago, but many decades-long regulars were there, listening to live music and tasting the many freebies. Also celebrating 5 years in business and







Left: Family and friends join Arboretum staff members at the planting ceremony. Middle: Paul and his wife Kim. Right: You can see joy in the faces of Anna Baier and Arboretum Director Greg Dyment when we made the delivery.

Joshua Tree puts down roots in Fullerton

For years, master furniture builder, plant lover, Joshua Tree resident, and parttime Fullerton resident Paul Smith raised a few Joshua Trees from seed. It is illegal to harvest those trees; however, growing one from a seed is perfectly acceptable. It took ten years, but one of those prized trees finally ended up in the Mojave Desert area of our own Fullerton Arboretum.

Finally, the Arboretum has its own specimen. Also pictured here is the planting,

which took place on November 15th. Some of Paul's family and friends were on hand. Sadly, Paul passed away recently, but he was able to make his gift when he could still take great satisfaction in that, knowing it would get a good home, and maybe he even considered that it would be part of his legacy at the Arboretum he visited many times.

Note: The Arboretum does not seek plant or tree donations, but this was different, so please keep that in mind before contacting them.



New In Town

Located in the former De Vine space on Commonwealth Ave, a new Italian Restaurant has hit town. They just had their soft opening, and wow, with an expansive menu with vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options plus weekday Happy Hours. Next issue, more info after we give it a try.

All The Arts for All the Kids Foundation Studio Opens in Downtown Fullerton

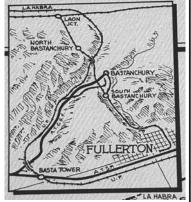
That's right kids, head to 114 N Harbor and get involved, as there is now a great place downtown to get involved in Pop Ups, family photos, mini camps, Ukulele Nights, art classes and so much else, we need to fill you in more on this in our next issue.

Photo Quiz

Send answer to Mike at AllMedia@sbcglobal.net

This time:
What
popular
trail is now
located
where the
tracks just
south of
Laon
Junction

were?





Last time:
Observant readers easily identified the Anaheim Drive-in and Orangefair Mall (now Marketplace), good call. Bob S. was first with the answers.



Off The Rails

Remnants of our distant past dot the City landscape. There are miles of abandoned rails still here, and some of you know this. Rail fans are unhappy when lines are shut down, but others may not feel any nostalgia regarding them or desire for rail traffic to return since the right of way is very close to homes near the Juanita Cooke Greenbelt & Trail. That trail is located on the land left when the Fullerton Branch of the Pacific Electric track was abandoned.

One obvious place to notice the tracks is off Laguna Road, where they are in such good condition that it would not seem impossible for a train to roll by. But, if you were to inspect the tracks from the northern stretches of Fullerton all the way to where they

expire off Euclid and Bastanchury, where we were told freight trains ran towards the end of their use, a very different picture emerges. BTW, a local homeowner told us the missing rails you see in the photo were only taken out 10 or so years ago. If you want to take a video journey on these rails, go to YouTube and type in LOST Tracks U.P. in "Fullerton."

Downtown is another story, with very active passenger and freight rails, and just in the past few years, two vacant lots preserved for decades by the college where the Red Car Line headed north to Santa Fe now have vintage, renovated homes on them, moved from just a few blocks away. Indeed, from 1918 through the 1950s, the line actually ran through the middle of Fullerton College. Imagine, The Pacific Electric was the largest electric railway in the world in 1925. Oops.

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"AHA!" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 15)

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- 5. Ore-___ (frozen food brand)
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- 13. Mother of Hera
- 14. Silent assent
- 15. Tulsa Drillers, for one
- 16. Prepare, as potatoes
- 17. Zilch
- 18. Showy
- 19. CLUE
- 22. Night before
- 23. Home heating sources
- 25. "Law & Order" network
- 28. Army vacay
- 30. ___ culpa
- 31. "___ dieu!"

1. Pitcher's asset

5. Sly suggestion

2. "Jaws" actor Robert

3. Meeting, informally

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- 33. ___ on the side of caution
- 35. Rock's Leppard
- 37. Neat
- 39. CLUE

- 43. Contribute to the mix
- 44. Cristal pen maker
- 45. Instagram video
- 46. Luau souvenir
- 47. Presidential nickname
- 50. Beatty of "Deliverance"
- 52. Like some humor
- 53. Response producers
- 56. Berkeley sch.
- 58. CLUE
- 62. Danes of "My So-Called Life"
- 64. Ending with hero or alp
- 65. Feathery scarves
- beef
- 68. Swell place?
- 69. " Murders in the Building": Hulu series
- 70. Surfer wannabe
- 71. Western omelet ingredient
- 72. College in Portland

Down

- 42. Cold comfort
- 48. Cleared, in a diner
- 49. Overhead trains
- 51. Pops
- 54. "Three Sisters" sister
- 55. "If only!"
- 57. Day
- 59. Draft designation
- 60. Skye of "Say Anything"
- 61. Chip's cartoon chum
- 62. Pounder of "The Shield"
- 63. John, to Ringo
- 66. Barrett of Pink Floyd
- as Best Picture winner 9. " to Kill" (1989 John Grisham

7. Wing it

6. Ruin

- novel) 10. Resolute
- 11. Red Sox legend, to fans
- 12. Sedaris of "BoJack Horseman"

8. 2016 film mistakenly announced

- 15. Longhorn rival
- 20. Binge-watcher's device 21. Barnyard male
- 24. World Cup sport
- 25. Tibet neighbor
- 26. Proverbial blushers
- 27. What's in your wallet, perhaps
- 29. One who cries foul?
- 32. Hockey Hall of Famer Cam
- 34. Poli
- 36. Black History mo.
- 38. " the land of the free ..."
- 40. Smitten
- 41. Longtime Dodgers announcer Scully





Corner of Spadra (now Harbor) and Commonwealth, 1888. Photo courtesy of the Fullerton Public Library Local History Room.

The Boom of the 1880s in Southern California

by Jesse La Tour

The following is from a work-in-progress about the history of Fullerton. Visit www.fullertonhistory.com to read more.

The City of Fullerton was founded in the year 1887. This was a crucial year in the history of Southern California, as it was the peak of a massive land and population boom.

In the span of just two years (1887 to 1889), over sixty new towns were established in Southern California and an estimated 2,000,000 new people arrived in the region.

In his book The Boom of the Eighties in Southern California, Dr. Glenn Dumke explains there were at least three main causes of the boom-agricultural expansion, a rate war between rail companies, and extensive advertising and publicity by those seeking to profit from the boom.

In the mid-1880s, the Southern Pacific (SP) railroad was an extremely powerful economic and political force in California. The owners of the SP were known as the "Big Four" or "The Associates": Leland Stanford, Collis P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins Jr., and Charles Crocker.

However, in 1885, the competing Santa Fe Railroad completed a route to Los Angeles, bought up some local rail lines, and aimed to take the Southern Pacific head on.

As the two lines competed, passenger rates from Missouri Valley points to Southern California dropped from \$125 to as low as \$1.

"The result of this war," wrote a local historian, "was to precipitate such a flow of migration, such an avalanche rushing madly to Southern California as I believe has no parallel."

the extensive advertising and publicity about southern California to all parts of the world. This advertising took many forms ranging from railroad propaganda to newspaper stories and ads to letters from residents writing to their friends and families extolling the Golden State.

While the boom of the 1880s spread throughout Southern California, its epicenter was Los Angeles.

Author Carey McWilliams describes a scene at the peak of the boom: "More than two thousand real estate agents paced the streets of Los Angeles, seizing lapels and filling the balmy air with windy verbiage. Business blocks sprang up like toadstools, and residences sprawled far beyond earlier city limits. Railroads, formerly sluggish, suddenly traced for themselves with lizard-like speed a complex network of trackage."

Some of the land promotion took on a carnivalesque aspect.

"Men stood excitedly in line for days at a time in order to get first choice of lots in a new subdivision. Flag-draped trains hauled flatcars jammed with enthusiastic prospects to undeveloped tracts far from centers of settlement. Exuberant auction sales, accompanied by brass bands and free lunches, helped sell \$100,000,000 of Southern California real estate during the boom's peak year," McWilliams writes.

"Unscrupulous promoters with empty pockets and frayed trousers bought on margin and found themselves quickly rolling in wealth, while old landowners who scoffed at the excitement were eventually sucked into the maelstrom and reduced to poverty. Empty fields and riverbeds and tracts of worthless desert land were platted solemnly into twenty-five foot lots-and sold."

Some Los Angeles county towns that were created during the boom include Hollywood, Inglewood, Santa Monica, San Pedro, Catalina Island/Avalon, Alhambra, Pasadena, Glendale, Burbank, San Fernando, Pomona, and

Orange County, which would break away from Los Angeles County in 1889, saw much subdivision and townfounding during the boom.

"The largest community [in Orange County] laid out during boom yearswas Fullerton," Dumke writes.

Fullerton was laid down by George Another basic cause of the boom was and Edward Amerige, grain merchants from Boston, who subdivided 430 campaign which carried information acres of land in conjunction with the Santa Fe Railroad and the Wilshire brothers.

> However, the Amerige brothers later explained that they didn't get much benefit from the boom, as the railroad didn't arrive until 1888, when the boom was dying down.

> "Despite hopeful prognostications and repeated assurances by both buyers and sellers that the boom had come to stay, the spring of 1888 witnessed a rapid decline in land values and in buying enthusiasm," Dumke writes.

> Not all towns laid out during the boom survived; about half failedshort-lived towns with names like Waterloo, Rosecrans, Ramona, Rockdale, Ivanhoe, and Dundee.

The history of California is a history of booms-the Gold Rush, the Boom of the 1880s, the 1920s, and the Post World War II boom.



Q&A: **FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT** PROCESS AT FSD

What is this process all about?

As part of our commitment to maintaining the quality of education in neighborhood schools, Fullerton School District has conducted a full assessment of all of our local school facilities needs—including TK-8 classroom structures, equipment, educational technology, and related school facilities at every school site in the school district. This assessment is part of a larger process to ensure our schools are structured and equipped to provide the best education possible to the students, families, and community we serve.

How much would the proposed bond cost?

No decisions have been made yet. A \$262 million bond translates to about \$0.03 per year for every \$100 of assessed valuation. The assessed valuation refers to taxable value, not the market value of your home. The taxable value of your home or business will depend on when you purchased it. If the bond is approved, the typical homeowner in our school district would pay about \$140 a year, or \$12 a month. You can visit octreasurer.com to look up your property's assessed

Will this bond help replace the expiring portables still currently in use at our schools?

Yes. Many of the portables that are currently in use at over 20 school sites are either past or nearing the end of their lifespan. Portables are only designed to last a certain amount of time to help bridge the gap between current need and the construction of permanent, long-term classrooms and other school facilities. Replacing portables now is not only necessary, but ensures our students are learning in quality classrooms and offers the potential for long-term savings via a reduction in the cost required to keep the classrooms maintained.

Won't we be paying for two bonds for Fullerton SD at the same time?

No. If approved, any new bond will not come into effect until any previous FSD bonds are completely paid off. The result is that work will be able to begin immediately from this new bond, residents and taxpayers WILL NOT be paying for two FSD bonds simultaneously.

Year-round offerings

Youth and Adult Swim Lessons

UPDATE: School Facilities Improvement Plan



We recently asked for your input regarding school facilities needs.

Here's what we heard...

SURVEY RESULTS

Here are the top 6 critical facilities needs rankings:



REPAIRING older classrooms and school facilities including deteriorating roofs, plumbing, sewer, heating, ventilation, and electrical systems. Removing hazardous materials from older school sites, where encountered.



UPGRADING older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, provide proper access for students with disabilities, and meet the same academic and safety standards as newer schools.



IMPROVING student safety and campus security including fencing, intruder protection systems, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinkler systems.



PROVIDING modern labs, technical facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for college, in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, robotics, and technology fields.



ENSURING that children's playground equipment and play areas meet current health and safety standards.



CONFIRMING that all students have equal access to outdoor learning, athletics, and physical education facilities.

How can we be assured that the bond money would be spent properly?

Taxpayer protections REQUIRED. Every penny from this measure would go to benefit FSD schools, be controlled locally, and would not be allowed to be taken away by the state.

This measure requires independent citizens' oversight and reports to the community to ensure the funds are spent as promised.

None of the money from this measure can be used to increase salaries. benefits, or pensions for administrators, teachers, or any other school employees.

How will this effort improve instruction?

Safe, modern school facilities are essential to maintaining the quality of education in our local schools. ALL children deserve to learn in quality classrooms and school facilities.

There's a direct relationship between quality school facilities and student achievement. Studies show that children and teachers perform best in safe, modern classrooms and schools with up-to-date technology.

What about the High School? Why do we need two bonds?

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District and Fullerton School District are two distinct districts that have no overlap in terms of funding.

At Fullerton School District (FSD), our 15 elementary schools, two TK-8 campuses, and three junior high schools have a pressing need to improve school safety and security, and upgrade classrooms, science labs, and school facilities that support student achievement in science, math, reading, technology, and the arts.

Unfortunately, state funding is limited in general, and new funds provided by the State are designated for instructional programs, NOT capital improvements.

Moreover, in order to access state funding, school districts MUST generate local matching funds by passing a local school bond measure.

Passing a local bond is the ONLY way to qualify for additional state funding if and when it becomes avail-

There are no other sources of funding for major facility upgrades. It's been 22 years since FSD has passed a school facilities bond.

Our Goals:

To maintain the quality of education in Fullerton public schools and ensure that all students have access to safe, modern school facilities.

- MAINTAIN the outstanding quality of education in Fullerton (quality school facilities contribute to academic achievement).
- ▶ **REPAIR**, rehabilitate, and modernize aging TK-8 neighborhood schools.
- ▶ **UPGRADE** Fullerton schools to keep pace with 21st century teaching and learning.
- ▶ IMPROVE student safety and
- REPLACE end of life/expiring portable classrooms that are expensive to repair and maintain with modern classrooms that meet today's academic standards.

Have there been other FSD school bonds? If so, when was the last bond?

FSD makes every effort to use taxpayer dollars in a prudent, responsible manner. Our last bond measure, Measure CC, was passed by local voters in 2002, more than 20 years ago. Measure CC was the first step in a multi-year effort to upgrade aging, deteriorated Fullerton schools, but additional funding is long overdue. Twenty-two years removed from Measure CC, Fullerton has MORE THAN \$750 MILLION in unmet facility needs.

Are Fullerton SD schools really that old?

Most of our schools were built more than 60 years ago and need to be repaired and upgraded. It's time to make essential repairs and improvements so our schools can serve our community well for the decades to

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.fullertonsd.org or email Assistant Superintendent Coghlan, Ph.D.:robert_coghlan@myfsd.org or by phone: (714) 447-7412.

Red Cross Lifeguarding Classes Water Aerobics, and indoor family fun swimming for more info and updates visit fullertonaquatics.org Sign up here! or follow us on Instagram @fullertonswimshere

Resources For Families Facing Deportation or Immigration Challenges

- DACA Renewal by Korean Resource Center
- Immigration Services by Korean Resource Center
 - Legal Advocacy by Radiant Futures
- Immigration Legal Services by Hermandad Mexicana Nacional
- Legal Services by Council On American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
 - Immigration Resources by LGBTQ Center Orange County Ask for referrals if they are unable to help.

https://www.findhelp.org/legal/citizenship-%26-immigration--fullerton-ca

Healthy Habits by Taliha, 10th grade

An Easy Thanksgiving Dessert to Try This Year!

I am not sure about you all, but for me,

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday ever! I love how I am able to spend time with family, wear cute fall outfits and last but not least eat (which is my favorite part). My grandma is known for her pumpkin cheesecake, which she brings every year, and each year I just can't get enough of it.

From the flaky cheesecake crust, to the sweet, but still warm pumpkin filling everyone at my house on Thanksgiving goes crazy whenever she brings it out. Every year, it is gone in less than 5 minutes.

First, preheat your oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Next, make sure to gather all the ingredients! You will need:

- 2 package cream cheese
- 3/4 cup white or brown sugar
- 1 can of pumpkin purée
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg, and
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice For the crust, you need:
- 11 graham cracker sheets,
- 1/4 cup of sugar,
- 6 Tablespoons of butter, and
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

My grandma always says that the pumpkin pie spice is what adds the 'spiced" flavor, and to add in the crust as well. She says that is what makes the difference!

My grandma starts off with the crust

first because it needs time to harden, so I would suggest doing the same. Start off with making sure the graham crackers are all crushed into a fine powder, and then combine them with butter, pumpkin pie spice and sugar.

Then, my grandma takes her special pie plate, and pours the paste into the middle of the pan, and spreads it evenly across the entire pie plate, adding a thicker layer to the sides. She emphasizes adding more of the crust on the sides to give it the "pie" look to it. After you finish adding all the crust to the pie plate, put the plate into the fridge for about 2-4 hours to let the crust harden.

Moving on to the filling, first start by combining cream cheese and sugar, and beating it, ensuring that they are mixed together fully. Then, start to add sour cream, vanilla extract, pumpkin purée, cinnamon, nutmeg and pumpkin

Stir all together until fully combined. Now, you can start to add the eggs, one at a time, but make sure that each one is fully incorporated before you add in the next. You can taste it as well at this point, and make any changes that you deem necessary to make it taste better!

Now, it's time to take the crust out of the fridge! Once you see that it has fully hardened, add the cheesecake batter directly on the crust, and fill in all the gaps as best as you can. When you finish that, transfer the finished cheesecake into the oven which you preheated, for about 30-35 minutes, until the cheesecake is almost set. Finally, transfer it back into the fridge to cool, and then once it has set (should take around 6 hours) it is ready to be served.

My grandma always serves her pumpkin cheesecake sliced, with whipped cream, but you can have it any way you like. If I had the option, I would eat the entire cheesecake by myself, but Thanksgiving is all about family, and sharing memories over food. I hope this recipe can be something you can enjoy this Thanksgiving!

National Observance by Mateo, 11th grade

Road Safety Week NOVEMBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 23

The lack of road safety consistently finds itself among the largest concerns to the United States' well-being. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), unintentional accidents, many of which involve road-related incidents, are the third most frequent cause of death in the U.S. In 2022, the most recent year for which accurate data is available, motor vehicle crashes alone claimed the lives of over 40,000 people, with the most deaths occurring here in the state of California. Road Safety Week works to lessen the number of road accidents and mitigate their effects by spreading awareness to people on the long-term impacts car crashes have on victims and their families.

The Road Safety Week campaign was started in 1997 by the charity organization Brake. Based in the United Kingdom, Brake is dedicated to preventing as many deaths and injuries caused by road accidents as possible by educating the public and offering support to those affected by accidents. During Road Safety Week, the people at Brake actively work to inspire change in road safety within the community by pushing for government funding of care for victims of a road accident and their families.

They also provide extensive aid for those affected both physically and mentally by a crash through their road a safer place for both current and National Road Victim Service and edu- future drivers. We are destined to lead cate the youth on how to lower the likelihood of an accident. Brake also highlights the people who risk their own lives to save someone else in the

event of a crash and celebrates their overlooked heroics by giving them the

credit they deserve.

Although Brake works mainly in the U.K., its Road Safety Week campaign has many applications here in America as well. For instance, a big part of the event is the education of children on road safety, as thousands of schools participate in helping the cause yearly. Here in\ the U.S., motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death among teenagers, accounting for nearly 10% of all yearly car accidents. Having improved education on road safety for children would help develop drivers who are more mature and responsible on the streets, thus keeping our community that much safer. In addition, we could offer extra support as a community to anybody who may have been involved in a life-altering road incident or who may have close connections to someone involved in an accident. Even something as simple as spending time with them could help ease the trauma resulting from the incident and make the recovery process more comfortable for the affected per-

Road safety is not a joke; a serious accident could change your life in the blink of a second. By supporting Road Safety Week, you can help make the fulfilling lives rather than reduce ourselves to a statistic on a death toll, and Road Safety Week is a much-needed reminder of this simple fact.

Featured Pet by Jules, 8th grade



Meet Mac

Mac, a 5-year-old Siberian Husky eagerly searching for his forever home, has been patiently waiting at the shelter since

February. Mac would make the perfect addition to your family just in time for the holidays.

Being a curious pup, Mac loves exploring the outdoors and hiking, making him a great fit for any nature-loving family. If you're interested in meeting or adopting Mac, please contact OC Animal Care.

(714) 935-6848 and state Animal ID: A1826502 or visit their website at ocpetinfo.org.

Disaster Preparedness

by Alicia, 7th grade

How to Handle Emergencies

Disaster preparedness, the state of being equipped to handle emergencies, is crucial for responding effectively to catastrophic events, yet it is often overlooked by the public.

The ability to recognize and respond to disasters is vital, relying on three key elements: disaster awareness, proactive planning and effective use of available resources.

Disaster awareness forms the foundation of preparedness. It helps individuals and communities recognize potential risks and understand the necessary actions to mitigate harm during crises. There are many types of disasters, including natural events, technological accidents, terrorism, pandemics and home fires.

While these events vary, they share common traits like unpredictability and overwhelming consequences. A community must understand local hazards to tailor emergency plans that maximize effectiveness. For instance, families in Oklahoma might prepare for tornadoes, while those in Florida focus on hurricane and flood readiness. Understanding the impacts of potential disasters is essential to safeguarding both individuals and Communities.

In addition to awareness, having well-established plans and mitigation strategies is vital for an effective response during crises. Preparedness requires active participation, highlighting the importance of collective efforts in disaster readiness. Individual preparedness includes establishing emergency plans for personal needs, communication methods and evacuation

Additionally, assembling disaster supply kits with essentials such as food, water, first-aid supplies, and hygiene products can ensure survival during emergencies. Home mitigation measures, like anchoring furniture or securing cabinets, further reduce the risk of injury or damage during disasters.

The third crucial component of disaster preparedness is the ability to utilize available resources effectively. This involves gaining knowledge beforehand and knowing how to respond during an emergency. Training programs like those offered by the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) help individuals learn crucial survival

For instance, learning to operate a fire extinguisher or improvise a tourniquet can make a significant difference disaster scenarios. Utilizing resources and tools effectively ensures individuals can respond swiftly and competently in Emergencies.

Overall, disaster preparedness is a multifaceted process involving awareness, proactive planning and the efficient use of resources. By understanding local hazards, creating comprehensive emergency plans and using training and tools effectively, individuals can significantly improve their ability to respond to disasters.

Through collective engagement, communities can build resilience and ensure a more effective response, ultimately saving lives and minimizing the impact of catastrophic events.

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL **ONLINE SURVEY**

We Want To Hear From You!

The City of Fullerton is committed to making our streets and roads safer for everyone. To help us develop an effective Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Plan, we need your input.



TAKE OUR SURVEY!

visit bit.ly/FullertonSS4A-EN to fill out the online survey.



HITS & MISSES

by Joyce Mason © 2024



CONCLAVE: Two Hits

enjoy this film, which centers on the drama and angst surrounding the dayslong process of selecting a Pope to succeed the Pontiff who has suddenly passed away. Director Edward Berger bases his film on the Robert Harris novel by the same name, but it is adapted for screen by writer Peter Straughan. Not only good writing but outstanding performances elevate this dramatic film.

The Cardinals in their crimson robes

Moviegoers need not be Catholic to have assembled to make their choice for the new Pope; the process is centuries old and tedious. Adding to the tension is the fact that all of the prospective candidates are now assembled in the Vatican, eating together and discussing qualities they hope to find in their chosen Pontiff. Ambition and self-interest motivate some of the Cardinals while deep soul-searching troubles other Cardinals.

> Leading the cast is one of today's finest screen actors, Ralph Fiennes as

Cardinal Lawrence, who had been put in a leadership role by the deceased Pope. He is now a designated "manager" and is responsible for this election process to move fairly and effectively. Although Lawrence is a natural-born leader whom several Cardinals approach separately, hoping he will agree to let them nominate him for Pope, he firmly turns them down.

These privately conducted conversations result in the same response. Lawrence insists that he is not fit to be Pope because he has known spiritual doubt. This concern leads to some thoughtful responses, one of which is that personal faith is even stronger when the candidate has known doubt and overcome it. One candidate who seems qualified to be Pope is Cardinal Bellini (Stanley Tucci), but he has outwardly expressed reluctance to take on the enormous responsibility entailed in that worldwide position.

John Lithgow, Lucian Msamati, and Sergio Castellitto all portray Cardinals eager for the position of Pope, but they are not selected by their peers. Also present in the Vatican are a few nuns, but they play shadowy roles and are mostly in the background, except for Sister Agnes, played by the remarkable Isabella Rossellini.

Watching this arcane and seemingly outmoded process, audiences may wonder what is happening in the real world outside this cloistered environment. Suddenly, a totally unexpected event implodes upon their cloistered lives. Its repercussions have a rippling effect on the Cardinals and their ultimate decision. Enhancing the drama throughout the movie is a powerful score by composer Volker Bertelman.

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

California State University, Fullerton

(657) 278-3371 | fullerton.edu/arts/ | 800 N State College Blvd, Fullerton The Box Office is located on the southwest corner of the Claves Performing Arts Center. Free 15-minute parking is available at the north/east corner of the Nutwood Parking Structure (1st floor).

THEATRE & DANCE

Fall Dance Theatre

Dec 5 - 14 at 2pm • Little Theatre • Tickets \$14 / \$12 Titan

Dance performance that will enthrall and mesmerize you. Minimum age is 4 years old and a ticket it required - no babes in arms.

REALLY, REALLY

Dec 6 - 14 at 8pm • Grand Central Theatre inside CSUF's Grand Central Arts Center at 125 N. Broadway, Santa Ana • Tickets \$14 / \$12 Titan

The play centers around whether a hook up at a college party was concentual or not and the aftermath among friends, conquests and acquaintances from varying degrees of wealth and privilege or not.

Please note, this play contains adult content, language and situations.

SCHOOL of MUSIC concerts

Jazz Singers

Wednesday, November 20, 8pm Meng Concert Hall • \$5 admission

Cello Choir

Friday, November 22, 6pm Recital Hall • \$5 admission

University Wind Symphony

Friday, November 22, 8pm Meng Concert Hall • \$10 admission

Fullerton Jazz Orchestra

Friday, December 6, 8pm Meng Concert Hall • \$10 admission

University Symphonic Winds with La Sierra University Wind Ensemble

Saturday, December 7 at 8pm Meng Concert Hall • \$5 admission

Titan Voices & Singing Titans

Monday, December 9, 8pm Meng Concert Hall • \$5 admission

Fullerton Jazz Chamber Ensemble & Fullerton Latin Ensemble

Tuesday, December 10 at 8pm Meng Concert Hall • \$10 admission

University Band

Wednesday, December 11, 8pm Meng Concert Hall • \$5 admission

Deck the Hall at Cal State Fullerton!

With the University Symphony Orchestra, University Singers, CSUF Concert Choir, Titan Voices and Singing Titans Kimo Furumoto Saturday, December 14: 3pm & 8pm • Sunday, December 15: 3pm Meng Concert Hall • \$35 admission

Weekly Movies

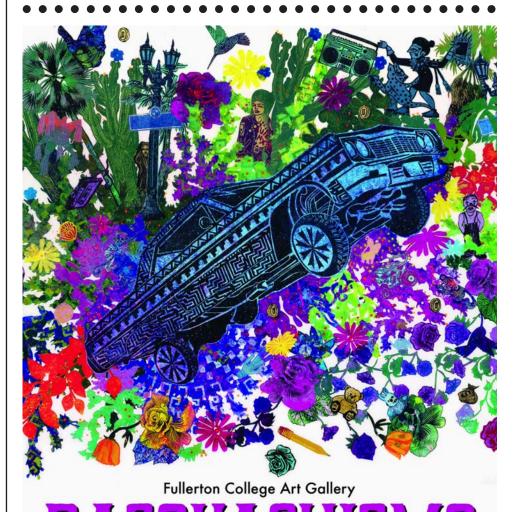
Every Wednesday at 4 pm at the Fullerton Public Library 353 W Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton

Fiddler on the Roof Nov 20

In pre-Revolutionary Russia, a Jewish peasant with traditional values contends with marrying off three of his daughters with modern romantic ideals while growing anti-semitic sentiment threatens his village.

A Quiet Place Nov 27

A family struggles for survival in a world invaded by alien creatures with ultra-sensitive hearing.



SHOW RUNS THROUGH DECEMBER 4

Fullerton College presents "Rasquachismo," a multimedia exhibition exploring the transformative power of lowriders.

Featuring painting, sculpture, photography, and installation, the show highlights how lowriders reclaim space and resist social norms within the Chicanx community.

Lowriding symbolizes cultural resistance, with the car as a performance piece and the community as its audience. More than just objects, lowriders

serve as tools for protest and pride.

The exhibition addresses themes of space, spirituality, and identity, emphasizing how the "leftover" can transform into something powerful.

Featured Artists:

Stephanie Mercado - Alicia Villegas-Rolon - Aaron Estrada - Oscar Magallanes - Noah Humes - Roger Allan Cleaves - Jerry Peña - Juliana

GALLERY HOURS:

Monday through Thursday, 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm or by appointment Monday through Thursday.

321 East Chapman Ave, Room 1115



Fullerton Museum Center

June Wayne: The Art of Everything

exhibit runs through Jan 5, 2025 (714) 519-4461 • info@fullertonmuseum.com 301 N. Pomona Ave, Fullerton

The Art and Science of June Wayne exhibition showcases the influential work of artist June Wayne (1918-2011), known for her exploration of the connection between art and science.

RISTORANTE

DINNER: 7 days a week! 5pm to 10pm • Fri & Sat to 11pm LUNCH: Mon through Sat 11am to 3pm

HAPPY HOUR

Monday through Friday from 4pm to 6pm RESERVATIONS • 714.525.1056

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Celebrate the season with Clara, the Nutcracker, and the Sugar Plum Fairy as they journey to the Kingdom of Sweets. Reserved seating \$25-\$35. For more information (714) 526-3862 or nouveauchamberballet.com

Women's Club of Fullerton

Celebrating 20 Years:

This annual event recognizes the achievements of Women in and around the Fullerton Community. Check out our non-profit vendor tables, and you may even go home winning one of the lovely prizes.

2024 Honorees



Leadership in Education



Leadership in Veteran Advocacy



Lifetime Leadership





Leadership in Community Engagement

When:

December 4th from 5 to 8pm

Where:

Covote Hills Golf Course 1440 East Bastanchury Rd, Fullerton

The Women's Leadership Forum is a FREE community event, Hosted by former Fullerton City Councilmember Pam Keller, Woman's Club of Fullerton, and event founder, CA Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva



Left to right: Tereza Stanislav, Rafael Rishik, Robert Brophy, and Andrew Shulman

Fullerton Friends of Music Hosts New Hollywood String Quartet

photo and review by Tyler Huor

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New Hollywood String Quartet played involved with the Motion Picture in the homely atmosphere of the Methodist Church.

The live classic music dances with your heartbeat— it makes you feel Concertmaster of the Los Angeles

alive, and you can imagine a whimsical world of woe, hope, and joy. Watching the Quartet play with such skill, passion, and energy makes you want to learn music to have a deeper understanding of it and allow further enjoyment. To imagine a journey or story unraveled as the Quartet conducts in Quartet No. 2 in D by Alexander Borodin is an experience means absolute like none other.

An amalgamation of their efforts was unveiled to the audience. William Walton's

Allegro felt like concentrated chaos, where even one slip means absolute mayhem. There's a moment of silence as if the music's alive and observes the past, which then creates a new path of hope and their own bouts of playful

The program consisted of the Italian Serenade in G major by Hugo Wolf, Quartet No. 2 in D by Alexander Borodin, and Quartet No. 2 in A minor by William Walton.

string musicians: Andrew Shulman on cello, Rafael Rishik on violin, Robert Brophy on viola, and Tereza Stanislav on violin, as stated in the pamphlet.

Shulman is the conductor, chamber Orchestra. Rishik is a founding mem-setting evident in every word.

Experienced, hardworking, talented ber of the NHSQ and is actively Recording Industry in Los Angeles. Brophy performed in the Ensō Quartet. Stanislav is the Assistant

Chamber Orchestra. Each member is a powerhouse in their own right.

There were 115 people who attended the concert, as noted by Maxwell Roughan, an attendee who had a handheld people counter.

It's a complimentary concert, and the opportunity to experience classical music as people did in the 19th and 20th centuries is truly enchanting. The performance was spectacular, allowing music lovers to witness incredible string musicians playing timeless classics.

When I asked Brophy and Shulman for their thoughts after the performance, they gave these thoughts:

"It is really nice to play in Fullerton; the audience was super appreciative, and it is a beautiful church to play in,' said Brophy.

"We absolutely loved performing in this venue," Shulman added enthusias-

"The acoustics are fantastic; the This Quartet consists of veteran reverberation allows you to really hear the music come alive. Being elevated on a platform four feet higher gave the audience a great view of our performance. The Methodist Church has the potential to host many more concerts; musician, and current principal cello it is truly a lovely space," he concludwith the Los Angeles Chamber ed, his passion for the music and the

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Out of My Mind

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Finger Pointing without Reflection

My brokenhearted fellow Liberals are in a hurry to find someone to blame, some explanation to deny our own responsibility. We point everywhere but at ourselves.

Our belief that the American people couldn't possibly elect a convicted felon, a vulgar, vicious, villain proved to be wrong. While we worried about toxic masculinity, we should have worried about toxic magical thinking.

Now we must find targets that let us off the hook. Consider:

- 1. It was Biden. He was selfish and delusional, thinking "only he" could beat Trump. He didn't give the Democrats time for a process that would have chosen a stronger candidate or made Kamala a stronger candi-
- **2. It was Kamala.** She was a weak candidate and never went through a primary. She was unvetted and underprepared for the 110-day Blitzkrieg against Trump. She had no positive iconic moments. Trump had the iconic moment when after getting shot, he stood up, raised his fist and shouted, "Fight Fight." Kamala, the "candidate of change" who wanted "to turn the page," when asked what she would do differently from Biden, responded "Nothing I can think of." When given the chance to expand her response, she weakly amended her remark by promising a Republican in her cabinet. This

was the Johnny Cochran moment in the OJ Trial. "If the glove doesn't fit you must acquit." It didn't and the jury did acquit. Our national jury, the vot-

ers, found her guilty of lacking the courage to separate herself from Biden and to take specific or courageous positions. The jury condemned her sweet vagueness and went with Trump's politically incorrect, unwoke and hostile threats, mistaking big bold lies for courage and candor.

It was Progressives. They pushed her too far to the left and trapped her into renouncing past policy positions with un-constitutionally vague responses e.g. "My values got it so wrong. haven't changed." She was saddled with supporting gender-affirming care and surgery for inmates and

undocumented people. An iconic picture of a trans-women towering over birthright women dressed for basketball was the most powerful political ad of the season. Kamala never engaged

4. It was the Conservatives. She embraced Liz Cheney and accepted the endorsement of the much-vilified Dick Cheney. Progressives were incensed. Who was Kamala? What did she believe other than Trump was unfit?

5. It was the celebrities. Oprah, Beyonce, Taylor Swift and the Boss. What did they deliver? Entertaining, but with ticket prices unaffordable to the masses, they only cemented her status as an out-of-touch elite.

6. It was her gender. America, unlike Israel, Argentina, India and England is just not ready to elect a woman. I'm sure gender played a

major a part, but the public was clearly ready to reject Biden. Kamala got a lower percentage of women than Biden: White, Black, Hispanic and Asian.

- 7. It was her race—or races. Quite a glass ceiling to break—a half black, half Indian woman. Racism is clearly alive in America. She got a lower percentage of Black, White and Hispanic men than Biden.
- 8. It was her own damn fault. She picked "Coach" Walz. The Democratic pundits, with perfect hindsight, say that if only she had picked Josh Shapiro, he could have delivered Pennsylvania. Even, if true, she didn't

carry any of the "swing states." These same pundits are likely the same geniuses who said "You're a woman and half Black and to this already heavy lift you want to add a Jew!? Bist Meshuggah? (Yiddish for "You crazy?")

9. It's those voters! Blame the electorate. They're stupid, easily manipulated and don't vote in their own inter-

ests. The theory of democracy is wrong. It's magical thinking and posits that individuals may be ignorant and prejudiced but if you pile them up high enough, the pile transmutes into the gold of wisdom.

10. It's the economy stupid. Can't beat inflation and prices remaining high by telling people it's just transient. They pay more for gas, food and housing. That's a lived experience. Facts don't trump feelings, but Trump trumps facts. Working people couldn't afford to repair old cars, and we gave them new pronouns.

All these explanations, cum excuses, have elements of truth and, when combined, reveal the many reasons that so many of us got it so wrong. This was a massive misreading of the public. How could the voters reject a decent woman and choose an indecent man?

They picked him because, as the Quakers say, "He spoke to their condition."

He spoke to their fears both economic (inflation) and social (Immigration). While Democrats denied their pain and fear and were blind and deaf to their rage and despair, Trump channeled their grievances. The voters forgot Trump's promise that "Covid would magically disappear" but remembered Biden telling them that the economy was good, and the border was under control.

It's not time to find blame but for a full and frank inventory on our failure to see, hear and feel the pain across all our society. The voters sent their message. We would be wise not to blame the messenger but to open our ears and hearts to the anguish of all those who feel left behind.

AT HOME WITH THE HOMELESS

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Interim and stabilization housing -new ideas, new potentials

"Like most West Coast cities, San Francisco has shunned investing in 'shelter' because shelter doesn't work. Sure, it protects you from the elements, but it rarely leads to anything more constructive. Hunkering down on a cot in a congregant setting with strangers snoring next to you is hardly conducive to solving complex life challenges."

Ever read a sentence or a paragraph that literally seems to jump up off the page so forcefully that it takes you aback? In one salient paragraph, Elizabeth Funk summarized the biggest problem with shelters.

This quote is taken from Funk's recent editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle, "Yes, there's a solution to homelessness unsheltered California. It's called interim housing." Funk is no stranger to the homeless issue. After serving on the Board of Directors of LiveMoves, the leading homelessness services agency in Silicon Valley, she pivoted during the pandemic to building interim housing for homeless people across California of the CEO nonprofit DignityMoves.

There are two new kids on the block: interim housing and stabilization housing. There is some overlap, but interim housing mainly focuses on the unhoused without accompanying mental health issues, whereas stabilization housing focuses more on homeless people with addictions and mental disorders. Both take the homeless directly from the street to temporary housing: not shelters, but actual rooms with closet space, kitchenettes and-most importantly-a door that locks. The idea was born out of the nas-

"housing first" cent movement. Summed up in a phrase, it reads: housing first, figure out everything else-rent, health crisis resources-

There is logic and method to this seeming madness. As I've pointed out before, if you give someone a roof over their heads, even before they address their mental, financial and physical health issues, you give them a chance to build a foundation in line with Maslow's hierarchy of needs from which to do all of that. Instead of worrying where they're going to sleep, whether they're going to be able to sleep, or will they be assaulted by other home-

less people or are they going to be hassled and arrested by the cops, the focus can be on dealing with addictions, getting a job, getting support services and permanent housing. And getting some

actual sleep.

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Does it still sound too good to work? That may be the case; this is terra incognita and the data aren't in yet. But the idea is gaining traction in San Francisco and Chicago; the latter is busy restoring the Diplomat Hotel in Lincoln Square to focus on stabilization housing. Although there has been some community opposition in Chicago's Ward 40, based on the Diplomat's previous history as a crash pad for addicts, those who know and

work with the homeless see it as a hopeful alternative.

'We have people in our here, who grew up here, through no fault of their expecting different results. own, now have problems that their families, myself included, cannot solve. I'm 81 years old, and I love these people. But I cannot help them. This sort of program, if it is feasible and if it works, is something we need." -Maureen Carroll, 40th Ward resident, said Rev. Lindsey Joyce, co-president of ONE Northside, a social justice coalition of over 100 community organizations and residents from seven North Side neighborhoods.

"I wish we could provide stabilization housing for anyone who needed it, forever. But I know that's not politically possible to do. We know what to do. It's a matter of having the courage and

will to do it...People who experience homelessness are the housing experts. And they've told us, time and time again, that what they need is housing and wraparound support."

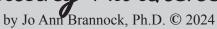
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The beauty of interim and stabilization housing is that it can work anywhere that public land and property is available. A cluster of tiny houses can support a community of hundreds on a few acres. So you don't need a city the size of San Francisco or Los Angeles to give it a try. All you need is some vacant land, or vacant property. And, ward already, who live of course, the will to try something new instead of implementing the same were born here, who, old non-working "solutions" and

> As always, the question of cost arises. The Chicago project, called the Haven, has raised \$20 million dollarshalf from the federal government, half from the city. In San Francisco, Senator Josh Becker has introduced Senate Bill 1395, which would fasttrack funding for interim housing and cut through red tape to get it built quickly without compromising safety. The rule should be that if a program costs less than hospitalization and incarceration, and it does not offend human dignity, enact it. Putting the unhoused in jail, even for a few days, costs thousands of dollars a day. It is cruel and unusual punishment. Being incarcerated strictly for being homeless should never be an option.

> I'll give the last words to Elizabeth Funk: "The trauma of surviving on the streets, even for a few weeks, changes most people — forever. They need a better waiting room."

Healthy Awareness



Young Lives Redeemed

I wrote about purpose in the last edition of the Fullerton Observer. According to an article in American Psychologist (2023), purpose is a central, self-organizing life aim that can be evaluated on the dimensions of:

- Strength (the influence it has on behavior).
- Scope (the range of domains affected).
- Awareness (the degree to which there is conscious clarity and articulation about ones purpose).

William Damon, a Professor of Education at Stanford University, defined purpose in his book The Path to Purpose: How Young People Find Their Calling in Life as "an active commitment to accomplish aims that are both meaningful to the self and of consequence to the world beyond the self."

I heard Robert K. Brown, Jr, Founder and Executive Director of Young Lives Redeemed (YLR), speak at a Chapter Y Philanthropic Educational Organization meeting at which Brown exemplified this definition of purpose.

kids who are severed from any financial or emotional support after they reach 18 years of age. Many foster kids are in and out of several foster homes, have not formed attachments with any family, and have no one to help them navigate through life and be there for them. They are on their own. Only 55% graduate from high school, and only 3% attend college. When Brown started YLR ten years ago, these kids had few resources.

I asked about his life to understand Robert and his

tion. He responded that helping others was how he was raised. He worked summers at day camps for disabled people in La Habra and Fullerton during high school and college.

Brown came from a family where "paying it forward" and giving back were expected. With access to a van working for the City of Fullerton, he and the other counselors created "normal" life experiences for this adult population by taking them camping in Yosemite, to the beach, to the mall, and many other places they had never experienced.

Brown has volunteered at Orangewood Children's Home, working with adolescents and doing novel things such as taking them to the movies and making ice cream sundaes. He aimed to give them a "normal" experience they had not received in childhood.

Visualizing the need for foster kids after they are terminated from support in the foster care system at the age of eighteen, Brown developed YLR in July 2014 as a non-profit 501(c3)) for these transitional-age youth from 18 to 25 years of age. He found that these kids needed housing, mental drug health, addiction and treatment, so he developed a comprehensive program to help them

find the resources they need, with a view toward a leg up and not simply a handout. They represent a disproportionate share of the homeless population and need mental health services (1 in 3 persons) and substance abuse treatment (1 in 2 persons).

Robert has rescued young adults from such places homeless encampments where they survive on a day-to-day basis by supporting their drug habit through the collection of recyclables and obtaining food from trash dumpsters. At this phase, they have no plans or goals in life – they barely exist.

The program is comprehensive, intensive, and long-term, usually lasting one year. The goals are stability and self-sufficiency.

The first step for many is treatment, which involves rehabilitation of drug addiction and the beginning steps towards healthy living.

The second step is to create a relationship with these adults and discuss what they want to do with their lives. Do they want to go to college, trade school, or get a Robert's purpose was to create job? YLR is there to help them sucan organization to be there for foster ceed in making these dreams come true

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The third step to help them to live independently. During this transition to independent living, the organization will help initially with rent, furnishings, and life skills training, as coordinated by the youth's YLR case manager. He has also developed contacts and resources for these young adults where few existed ten years ago.

After the program is completed, these young adults might need food, housing,

motivation for creating this organiza- and help in general. Brown's idea of a successful program involves continued care and assistance when needed, even after the young adults have completed the program. He provides his personal cell phone number so graduates can still get help when they need it.

I believe this model is successful because they are not terminated from the program and always feel that someone is there to help them. Sometimes, one or two have needed to return to the program. Robert's primary purpose is to create a sense of family for these

At YLR, there are two case managers on staff and volunteer personnel, one of whom is in the process of establishing a data bank to tabulate the organization's statistics.

Volunteers also serve as mentors. Youth are often referred thr ough county agencies and other nonprofits that don't provide the specific services needed. To recognize the seriousness of this problem, some program participants are survivors of sex trafficking.

Since 2014, hundreds of youth have been served, and in 2025, they have budgeted to take on 80 youth. As with many non-profits, YLR could use your financial help.

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BALANCE & CHANGE

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Getting Through the Tough Times

Some days are hard. Some are easier. Some are so hard that you wonder if you can even get through one more minute, much less a whole day! And yet we do. One moment at a time. One minute at a time. One day at a time.

There are times, though, that we may consider a different choice. A more permanent choice. The choice of sui-

We all have different reasons for continuing on. Perhaps we have children. Perhaps we know how much we are loved. Perhaps we just trust that "This too shall pass." These are all good reasons, as are a thousand more. Each of us has our unique reason why suicide cannot be our choice.

For those of you reading this who are not sure if you have a good enough reason to choose to continue on over suicide, it is time to find one. In fact, I will go back to what I said before, "This too shall pass." Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. This is one of the most important things to remember. That intense emotion you are feeling right now, that you think will never end, will end. Please remember. Please choose to continue

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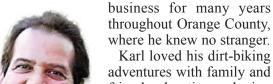
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Karl J. Ruhle 1958-2024

Karl J. Ruhle, age 66, died on November 7, 2024, from end stage renal disease and complications in Orange County, CA.

He was born August 1958, Philadelphia, PA. to James and Carolyn Ruhle. Soon after, his family moved to Fullerton, California

He was a 1976 graduate of Troy High School in Fullerton, CA. Karl worked very hard and proudly owned and operated his mobile mechanic



Karl loved his dirt-biking adventures with family and friends, hunting, playing darts, watching movies and playing the harmonica in the church band.

He is survived by his wife Karen, his daughters Kim and Katie, his brothers

Roger and James, his two grandchildren and many good friends.

He has been reunited with his son Karlson in heaven. He will be deeply

Dorothy Mary Morgenstern 1942-2024

Mary as she was died known, peacefully in Fullerton after a prolonged illon Thursday, ness November 7, 2024. She was , 82. Mary was born to William V. Morgenstern and O'Brien Dorothy Morgenstern in Chicago, IL, on March 25, 1942,

and resided there until her career brought her to California in the 1970s.

She graduated from the University of Chicago High School in 1959 and went on to the University receiving Chicago, her S.B. Degree in Biological Sciences in 1964. Over the decades, enjoyed reunions and alumni events tremendously.

Mary had a long and fulfilling career as a microbiologist and marketing specialist at Beckman Instruments in Fullerton from 1977 to 1998, where she was involved in the manufacturing and marketing of analytical devices for biomedical testing.

She enjoyed accompanying sales ily representatives on their calls and Heaven responding to inquiries from new users on the "Paragon Electrophoresis" hotline. In 1975, she co-authored an academic study published in the Journal of Bacteriology.

Her early career involved laborato-



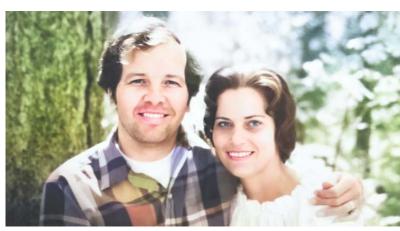
ry work before Beckman Instruments.

After retiring, she traveled to many countries, often with her mother and sister. Her involvement with the Sierra Club and a local hiking group called the Canyon Explorers brought her great joy, as she loved hiking, camping, and building lifelong friend-

She regularly enrolled in adult education classes and participated in programs offered by OLLI at CSUF. Music, art, theatre and dance were very important to her and she spent years supporting the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa as a season ticket holder. Throughout her life, she adored animals, especially her cats Velvet, Nicky, Pumpkin, and many others.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Shiela Morgenstern. A memorial celebration of life/reception will be held on November 20, 2024, 1 pm, McAulay and Wallace Mortuary, Fullerton. She will be laid to rest with her fam-Queen at the Cemetery, Hillside, IL, on Tuesday, December 3. Please arrive at 10:30 am for services in the Chapel in Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Fullerton Friends of Music, 118 N. Stanford Ave., Fullerton 92831.

Robert Lentz 1939-2024 and Annette Lentz 1941-2024



It is with heavy, yet grateful hearts that we announce the passing of our parents Robert Lentz on September 11 (age 85) and his wife Annette Lentz on October 13 (age 83). Both passed away peacefully in their home surrounded by family.

Both Bob and Annette were born in Los Angeles before moving to Fullerton in 1968, where they raised their four children: Kimberly, Ken, Kirk, and Kevin.

Annette worked as a teacher before dedicating her life as a full-time homemaker, then later working at So. Cal Gas Company.

Bob worked as a manager at the So Cal Gas Company before ultimately starting his own HVAC business,

They both were very active in the community including the PTA, Girl Scouts, The Fullerton Boys and Girls Club, and the Rotary. They were happily married for 62 years and are survived by their four children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held on November 23, 2024 at 11am at McAulay and Wallace, Fullerton.

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Jane H. Yarbrough 1928-2024

Jane H. Yarbrough died peacefully on Nov. 10th, in Fullerton.

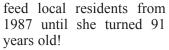
Jane and her husband Douglas raised their children in Fullerton, while she continued her teaching career at Hermosa Drive Elementary.

She decided to go back to college, and attained a Master's Degree from

USC. Upon completion of her Ian and Connor: and 3 great-granddegree, she was appointed director of Media Specialist's for the entire district. Later in her career, she taught at

In retirement, Jane loved her quiet time. She remained active reviewing books for local libraries, and also read favorite books to the local students.

She was a 70 year active member of Saint Andrews church in Fullerton, and was a devoted member of the "soup kitchen", helping



Jane's legacy is her family. She loved her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren very much.

Jane is survived by her children; Mark (Robyn), Claude (West), Jane Y. Shreve (Michael); 4 grandchildren: Natalie, Michael,

children: Cameron, Nanami and

A Memorial is planned at a future date at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fullerton.

For those who wish to honor Jane with a charitable contribution, please consider a donation to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 1231 E. Chapman Ave. Fullerton 92831 or "All the Arts for All the Kids," Fullerton School District. 1401 W. Valencia Drive. Fullerton, Calif. 92833.

Loraine Hafford Walkington 1932-2023



Loraine Hafford Walkington, 91, of Fullerton, California, passed away in her sleep on December 16th, 2023. She was born on November 14th, 1932, in Phoenix, Arizona, to William and Loraine (Epps) Hafford.

During grade school, Loraine moved to Prescott to attend St. Joseph's Academy and graduated from Prescott High School in 1951. attended Arizona University, where she majored in early childhood education. At ASU, she met her future husband. David L.

Walkington PhD, whom she married in 1955.

In 1960, they moved to Fullerton, California where her husband was a professor and administrator at CSUF. They spent 38 wonderful years together before he died in 1993.

Loraine loved being a homemaker raising her daughter and caring for her husband. She enjoyed time with her family, giving back to her community, spending time tending to her yard, and her love of all nature.

She is survived by her only child, daughter, Lori Walkington Clay, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by both parents, brother William E. Hafford husband Dr. David L. Walkington.

Funeral and burial services were held at Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton, CA, on January 4th, 2024, attended by family and friends who will miss her dearly.

Philip Francis Friedrich 1941-2024

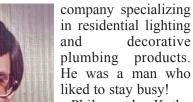
Phil, an ardent lover of NASCAR and boating, passed away at home on Oct. 15, 2024.

Phil was born in Fullerton to Richard and Frances Friedrich in 1941. He was raised in Buena Park and graduated from Buena Park High.

He then went on to Cal State Fullerton, where he met his wife Kathy and earned his MBA. Phil and Kathy married in 1966 and moved to Yorba Linda, where they had their first daughter, and Phil worked for the Autolite division of Ford Motor Company. In 1969, they moved to the San Fernando Valley, had a second daughter, who sadly passed away 17 months later, and shortly thereafter had their son.

Phil worked in various positions at Norris Industries, starting as Director of Marketing for Price Pfister, then moving up to president of Artistic Brass and later Thermador/Waste King.

After leaving Thermador, he followed his entrepreneurial spirit, starting and running an aftermarket wheel distributor. He later founded Friedrich & Associates, a product development and global sourcing



Phil and Kathy moved back Fullerton in 1979, buying from her parents the house that Kathy had lived in as

a teenager. This remained his home until his death.

Phil has always loved boats and cars, and he shares his passions with his brother and best friend, Paul. They spent many years showing cars around Southern California and boating throughout Mexico and Catalina until shortly before his death.

In 2006, Phil and Kathy purchased what they consider their favorite boat in Florida. Phil and his brother eagerly took on the adventure of bringing it back to Long Beach through the Panama Canal. They enjoyed their summer months boating in Cherry Cove.

Phil is survived by his wife Kathy, brother Paul and sister Diane, daughter Heidi and son Mike, and grandsons Holden and Sidney.

His fiery and generous spirit will be missed.

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PUZZLE MASTER Valerie Brickey was born in Fullerton and returned to raise her family here. She has contributed puzzles since 2014.



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School on Wheels Program Helps Children Experiencing Homelessness

September, Lara Akl, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator for School on Wheels, connected with community college students and Fullerton residents to recruit volunteers and share information about the charitable organization she works for. School on Wheels is a non-profit that has been providing free tutoring services to students experiencing homelessness in Fullerton, North Orange County, and throughout Southern California for the past 30 years. I hadn't heard about this group before, so I decided to interview Lara about how she became involved with School on Wheels and how her organization helps to serve Fullerton and its surrounding communities.

"Growing up in Lebanon, a war-torn country, I experienced an unstable childhood, moving often to escape danger," said Lara. "I attended seven different schools, so I relate deeply to the challenges our students face. My mother struggled with helping us with homework while trying to make ends meet, similar to the stress School on Wheels families experience. Our students lack stability, which often leads to educational gaps."

To help fill in these educational gaps for children, School on Wheels "offers personalized, one-on-one tutoring by matching students with volunteer tutors, who are professionals, college students, retired teachers, and community members," Lara explained.

I learned that these volunteer tutors help with subjects such as reading,

At an event at Fullerton College in eptember, Lara Akl, Volunteer ngagement Coordinator for School wheels, connected with community ollege students and Fullerton resignation about the charitable organtation she works for. School on Wheels is a non-profit that has been math, and science and support high school students with college applications, FAFSA forms, financial literacy, job search skills, and exploring post-graduation options. In addition to tutoring, the non-profit organization provides scholarships, field trips, and career workshops, among other opportunities, to help students.

According to the School on Wheels website, children experiencing homelessness are nine times more likely to repeat a grade, three times more likely to be placed in special education, and four times more likely to drop out of school entirely. Approximately 2.5 million children are homeless annually in the United States, as determined by the non-profit American Institutes for Research - National Center on Family Homelessness. In the counties across Southern California where School on Wheels provides tutoring and mentoring services, 163,400 students have been identified as living in homeless situations by their school districts. According to the California Department of Education website, 29,323 students in Orange County fall under this category.

The non-profit School on Wheels currently partners with 18 sites in Orange County, including emergency shelters, motels, group homes, and domestic violence shelters. Their tutors meet students in shelters' community rooms, outdoor areas, or public libraries. They also collaborate with various organizations and school districts



School on Wheels tutors supporting a students in person at a local shelter.

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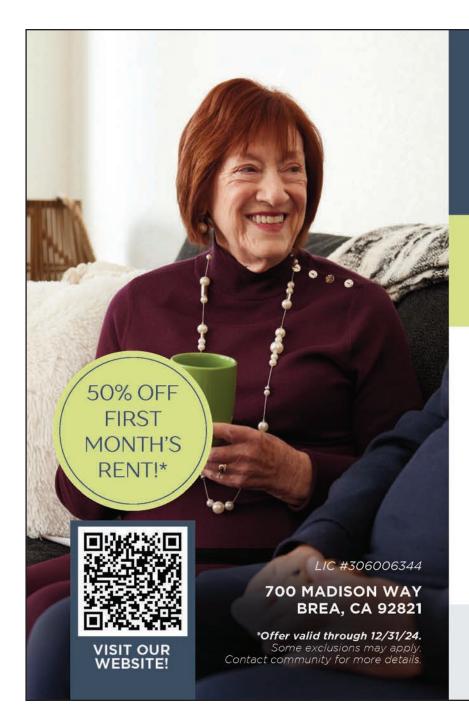
Founded in 1993, School on Wheels was started in Los Angeles by a retired schoolteacher named Agnes Stevens. According to their website, they were and still are the only organization in Southern California dedicated exclusively "to the educational needs of this fragile population" and have served more than 50,000 students over the past 30 years. In 1999, they began expanding to other counties beyond Los Angeles.

Lara said, "We have approximately 100 volunteer tutors in North Orange County. We are always seeking additional volunteers, and applications are accepted year-round."

When asked if School on Wheels offers both online and in-person tutoring, Lara said that since the COVID-19

pandemic, they've adapted to provide flexible tutoring options. She stressed that high school students are served exclusively online, while middle and elementary students have in-person, online, or hybrid options. "To ensure all students have access to online learning, we provide devices and hotspots to overcome technological barriers," she

"Our goal is to help provide them with the consistency and support we know they need," said Lara. "My mother would have been eternally grateful had she had the kind of support our volunteer tutors offer our students. Our tutors are passionate mentors dedicated to empowering students, building academic confidence, and fostering hope for their futures."



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