

CORONA DEL MAR

Dogs are out at Sherman Library & Gardens



Abby Quintana, center, of Irvine snaps a selfie with Honey, a mosaic dog sculpture by mixed-media artist Elizabeth Laul Healey, part of an outdoor art installation at the Sherman Library & Gardens in Newport Beach on Saturday. Honey, which was given its name principally for its color of organic honey, can be seen through Sept. 7. PHOTOS BY PAUL RODRIGUEZ

Large sculptures by mixed-media artist are on display through Sept. 7

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Sherman Library & Gardens has gone to the dogs — shiny, large sculpture dogs from mixed-media artist Elizabeth Laul Healey, that is.

Six sculptures from the Orange County-based artist adorn the garden’s lawns, ready to meet visitors now through Sept. 7. Dubbed the “Dog Days of Sherman,” the pups are part of the Sherman Library & Gardens’ annual Summer Art Installation and represent some of the most popular works from Healey’s collection, which boasts more than 250 of these sculptures.

The open-air exhibit is free with regular garden admission: \$5 a ticket. Children who are 3 and younger are admitted free.

The gardens, located at 2647 East Coast Hwy. in Corona Del Mar, are open daily, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., but will be closed on the Fourth of July.

For more information, including about other events and helpful tools to plan your visit, visit Sherman Library & Gardens’ website at thesherman.org.



Deirdre Simmons, Adeaze Simmons and Caroline Vu, from left, all from Santa Ana, enjoy some time with Fifi, a mosaic dog sculpture by Elizabeth Laul Healey on view at Sherman Library & Gardens in Newport Beach on Saturday. Fifi, which is part of the “Dog Days of Sherman” exhibit through Sept. 7, is made with a rare rose-colored water glass and features over 30 different types of rocks, gemstones and fossils.



Ava Robertson, 6, of Laguna Beach stands in front of Bowie, a mosaic dog sculpture by mixed-media artist Elizabeth Laul Healey at Sherman Library & Gardens in Newport Beach, on Saturday. Bowie was named in honor of singer David Bowie.

ORANGE

Affordable housing community opens for low-income residents over 55

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An abandoned rehab campus in Orange has been turned into an affordable apartment complex with 166 units for low-income residents over the age of 55.

City leaders and community members on Wednesday celebrated The Orion’s grand opening.

Located at 188 E. La Veta Ave. near the interchange of

the 55 and 22 freeways, The Orion is a “great project in a perfect location,” Mayor Dan Slater said in a statement. “Orange is a clean, safe city for seniors, and the fact that these units are affordable makes it that much better.”

Offerings include one- to two-bedroom apartments — some with private balconies — and a community clubroom, fitness center and computer workstations.

Residents will also have

access to a community garden, courtyard, dog park, shaded patio, 170 parking spaces (including electric vehicle charging stations) and a range of social services, from budgeting and financial planning to health-related information through social services provider Life-STEPS.

The apartment community is available to residents

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The Orion is a new affordable apartment complex with 166 dedicated units for low-income residents over the age of 55. City leaders and community members celebrated its grand opening on Wednesday in Orange. PHOTO BY PAUL RODRIGUEZ

FULLERTON

District to go big on tiny homes

\$525,000 grant lets schools’ academy expand student-built housing program into 2029

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The Fullerton School District is expanding its student-built tiny home program through June 2029 after securing a \$525,000 innovation grant from the Orange County Department of Education.

The three-year award, funded through the department’s Innovation Funding Initiative, makes Fullerton one of six districts selected for this cycle. The money will allow eighth graders enrolled in the Construction Academy at Nicolas Junior High School to build code-compliant, 192-square-foot temporary homes, complete with kitchens, bathrooms and living areas, for district families experiencing homelessness.

Woodshop teacher Mucio Vidales guides students through hands-on lessons in framing, electrical work, plumbing, flooring, painting and solar energy systems. Officials said the coursework ties together literacy, mathematics and college and career readiness, with students applying classroom concepts to finished construction projects.

Jeremy Davis, assistant superintendent of innovation and instructional support, whose team leads the program, said middle school classrooms seldom offer chances to produce this kind of tangible community impact.

“This program blends career technical education, core academics and real-world community

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TUSTIN

Ex-boyfriend arrested in fatal shooting of woman

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The ex-boyfriend of a 42-year-old Anaheim woman found shot to death on a Tustin street — apparently walking to her car after work — has been arrested in connection with the killing, Tustin police announced on Sunday.

The woman was identified by police as Sandra Fernandez, but by co-workers and family in TV news reports as Sandra Rodriguez. She was found lying on Yorba Street after officers responded to shots-fired calls after 6:10 p.m. on Thursday. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Witnesses told authorities that a male suspect in all-black clothing fled the scene in a dark-colored, older model sedan.

Police now say that a former boyfriend, 47-year-old Juan Marquez of Hawthorne, lay in wait near her workplace, described on air as Families Together of Orange County.

Detectives “were able to identify and confirm Marquez’s involvement in the shooting,” a Tustin police news release said. It did not elaborate on that.

Marquez fled into Mexico from San Ysidro, police said. U.S. Customs and Protection, acting on an arrest warrant obtained Saturday, detained him

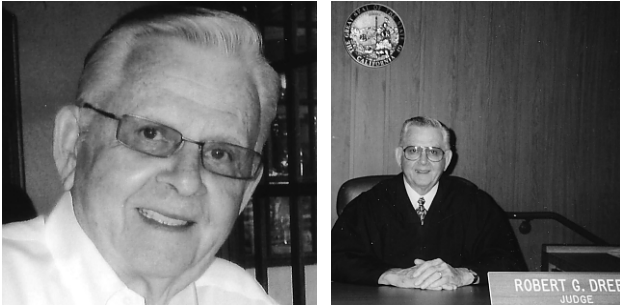
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Robert G. Drees
January 11, 1927 - March 25, 2026
Yorba Linda, CA
Retired Downey Court Judge

Robert Gaither Drees was born on January 11, 1927, at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles - the only son of Herbert and Gertrude (Reavis) Drees.

He grew up in South Los Angeles, attending Budlong Avenue Grammar School, Horace Mann Jr. High and Washington High School. He graduated early in 1944 to enlist in the United States Navy during WWII. Bob attended Navy Air Crew Boot Camp, Radio School in Memphis, Tennessee. Later, he went to Aerial Gunnery School in Jacksonville, Florida, followed by Operations at Beaufort, South Carolina Naval Air Station. World War II ended prior to his being assigned to a squadron. Bob was transferred to Los Alamitos Naval Air Station before his honorable discharge at Terminal Island Naval Base. He was a member of the American Legion Police Post 381 for 73 years.

Following his military service, Bob enrolled at Woodbury College and earned a BA in Business Management. On September 16, 1949, he entered the Los Angeles Police Academy as a cadet and graduated December 16, 1949. Bob married Jackie McCoy on the "Bride and Groom" Radio Show on April 3, 1950. They honeymooned on Catalina Island, and resided in South Los Angeles, before buying their first home in Downey, where they lived for 43 years. In 1953, they welcomed daughter, Debbie Lynn; and in 1956, son, Barry McCoy.

During his tenure at LAPD, Bob worked in Parking/Intersection/Control, Lincoln Heights Jail, 77th Division, Narcotics, Surveillance Investigation Section, 77th Narcotics, and Intelligence Division Organized Crime Section. During the last five years on the department, he attended Southwestern Law School at night, graduating in 1969. He passed the Bar and retired from the police department in 1970 with 20 years' service. He went on to join the Orange County District Attorney's office as a Deputy District Attorney.

In 1972, Bob entered private law practice in Fullerton for two years prior to moving his practice to Downey for 11 years. In 1985, he was appointed to the Bench by Governor Deukmejian, serving as judge in the Downey Municipal Court for 21 years. He officially retired from the Bench as a Superior Court Judge in 1997 and continued to sit on assignment as a judge throughout California until 2007. During his career, Bob was President of the 400 member Southeast District Bar Association in 1985; Attorney of the year in 1984; Judge of the Year in 1990; and three-time Presiding Judge.

Bob and his wife, Jackie, traveled to many countries throughout the World. Bob was on six continents and Jackie was on all seven. Bob enjoyed meetings and lunches with retired cops as well as attorneys and judges. He truly enjoyed his retirement. In 1995, the couple purchased a home beside a lake in Yorba Linda, California, where they resided for over 27 years.

Bob was predeceased in death by his wife of 73 years. He is survived by his daughter, Debbie Gordon and son, Barry Drees (Dub); granddaughters Mindy Desby and Doree (Shawn Quinn); grandsons Tyler (Shaina) Drees and Kyle (Giana) Drees; and great grandchildren, Raegan & Brielle Desby; Shea & Taya Quinn; and Dani & Robby Drees. Final resting place will be Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA.

Richard E. Nash
February 18, 1954 - April 18, 2026
Fullerton, CA

"To the moon and back...."

Richard E. Nash of Fullerton, California, passed away on Saturday, April 18th, 2026, surrounded by family.

Richard Nash was born on February 18th, 1954, in San Diego, California, to Dorothy and Clifford Nash. Survived by wife Patricia Brehm-Nash, family, and friends. Dedicated his life to the pursuit of knowledge and sharing knowledge. Highlights included receiving his Eagle Scout pin from Neil Armstrong in 1971, notable service as Sergeant in the U.S. Army with a tour completed in the Republic of Korea, The bestowed journey of 32nd Degree Mason, His valued membership time in The Fullerton Elks Lodge, His educational and career path in civil engineering with focus in National Aerospace, along with many more achievements and Honorable accomplishments noted historically and can be researched in online sites et al <http://www.Ltachievers.com>

Celebration of Life services will be held on Sunday, May 31st, 2026, from 1-5 pm, Fullerton Elks Lodge, 1400 Elks View Ln, Fullerton, CA 2835 United States.

Please send correspondence and photo memories to: Richardnashphotos@gmail.com

Memorial Gifts for Love and Honor of Richard E. Nash can be sent to The Boy Scouts of America:

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Recinda Shafer, left, of Riverside Charitable Corp. introduces Carolyn Pagani, a resident of The Orion, during an event marking the grand opening of the new apartment community for people 55 and older in Orange on Wednesday.

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55 years and older with a household income of about \$40,600 to \$94,780, the median income for a two-person household in Orange County. Income is capped at \$128,000 for a five-person household.

Rents range from \$866 for a one-bedroom apartment to \$2,542 for a two-bedroom unit, which developers said is less than nearby market-rate

apartment communities.

About 10 apartments are still available for those who meet the age and income requirements, according to a news release. The \$63.6 million project, developed by USA Properties Fund and Riverside Charitable Corp., sits on a 3.85-acre complex that housed the former Rehabilitation Institute of Southern California. It is near healthcare providers, public transit and shopping centers.



The Orion is an apartment community for low-income residents 55 years and older. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in Orange on Wednesday. **PHOTOS BY PAUL RODRIGUEZ**

HOMES

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impact," Davis said. "We're incredibly grateful to the Orange County Department of Education for recognizing and investing in this work."

Now in its fourth year, the program will add precision equipment, including computer-aided design software and a CNC machine.

The grant will also cover appliances, furnishings, personal protective equipment and sustainable building materials, along with certification opportunities, field trips, industry mentorships and professional development.

Interim Superintendent Chad Hammitt said the project captures the district's goal of pairing vocational exploration with direct aid

to neighbors.

"Our students are not only gaining valuable hands-on skills as they explore future career pathways, but they are also using those skills to directly support families in need," said Hammitt. "We are proud to partner with OCDE to expand a program that is making a real and lasting impact in our community."

The program launched

in 2022 after Pablo Diaz, director of Innovation and Instructional Support, led an internal "Shark Tank"-style competition amid post-pandemic recovery efforts. The first unit opened in May 2024, followed by a second in May 2025. With a third home nearing completion, district officials said they will celebrate the milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday.

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FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

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Publish Date	Deadline Date
Saturday, May 23rd	Friday, May 22nd @ 9am
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as he returned to the United States, the release stated.

Marquez was booked into Orange County's jail system shortly before 1 a.m. on Sunday. He is being held without bail.

The victim was a single mother of three — ages 5 to 21 — and was killed as she walked to her car from a job she started a month ago, according to media reports.

"Even though it was just under a month, she already was making good relationships and having a great impact, so this is really a tragedy," Cassie Rossel, described as her co-worker, told KTLA TV.

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