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## Zombies visit Downtown Alhambra

Who doesn't love to lurch and shuf e while searching for braaiiiiiins? Downtown Alhambra brought back the popular and frightful Zombie Walk to Main Street Oct. 25. The San Gabriel Valley was warned to be aware of their surroundings as post-apocalyptic zombies oozed their way through participating restaurants and businesses.

Zombies of all ages were welcome and joined in the evil undoing of Main Street. Members of the zombie uprising were encouraged to arrive early to be recruited into the mob and apply blood curdling zombie effects.

"What separates Alhambra's Zombie Walk from others is that it aims to be family friendly," said Alhambra resident and co-organizer, Ian Dale. "Parents, kids, and teens come and really enjoy getting into character. The Zombie Walk atmosphere as a whole was very lighthearted and tongue-in-cheek."

With 50 participants, the zombies were split into two competing teams with points being tallied throughout the night. In each store there were hidden body parts for the zombies to find and earn points for their team. The zombies arrived thirsty for blood and hungry for brains, but they were encouraged not to eat the body parts before they could be tallied for the game.

"In the middle of the walk we also had some competitions for Best Costume, Zombie Trivia, and a Zombie Dance-Off,

set to *Thriller*, of course," said Mr. Dale.

This year's Zombie Walk included a canned food drive. Zombies were invited to bring canned items in exchange for a glow bracelet, and the donations were passed along to the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank for distribution to "human survivors."

"We hope that the event can be one more opportunity for the Alhambra community to connect and get to know others in the city," said Mr. Dale. "My wife and I met a new friend at the 2012 Zombie Walk, and now one year later, we are all co-organizing the event together. The lead zombies and five co-organizers were me, Mandy Dale, Eddie and Juli Almanza, and Hillary Hon, all Alhambra residents. It's great to see people come back each year and continue to build new relationships."

The Zombie Walk is free and open for anyone to participate each year. Zombies looking to join the walk next year can stay tuned to the Downtown Alhambra Facebook page. Just RSVP and then come dressed as a zombie, and invite friends.

Local businesses on Main Street can also be a part of the event by permitting zombies to lurch and shuf e through their establishment for a few minutes. The zombies are given strict instructions to be respectful of people and property. Businesses are also welcome to donate small gift cards or prizes for the games.



California State University L.A.'s Formula Eagle vehicle won the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers event at the California Challenge. Team Captain Vincent Calderon is behind the wheel of the car.

## Cal State L.A.'s 'Formula Eagle' wins first place

*CSULA team takes the checkered flag during the inaugural California Challenge*

Cal State L.A.'s Formula Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) team recently won first place in the first-ever California Challenge, which is part of the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2013 and XPO.

The competition, which took place at the Orange County Great Park in Irvine, challenged high school and university students to race on an autocross course in either the Formula, electric, or fuel-efficient class — with the last car running as the winner.

"CSULA's Formula Eagle vehicle won the Formula SAE event at the California Challenge because of the students' passion to learn, their dedication to the team, and their love for CSULA," said faculty adviser Trinh Pham, associate professor of mechanical engineering and associate director of the Honors College at CSULA.

CSULA's FSAE team members included Vincent Calderon, team captain; Parker Chambers, co-captain; Dea Flores, auditor; Isai Soltero, brake system; Antwan

Phillips and Roberto Rosales, drivetrain system; Mabel Luu and Sengcory "Cory" Tran, electrical system; Steven Ngo and Alex Garcia, engine system; Rodrigo Torrez and Sergio Gamiz, suspension and steering system; Jimmy Shaw and Levi Christopher, media; Jimmy Aguirre, cost report lead; and Luis Aguilar, finance officer. The team's technical adviser is Chris Reid, and the team's mentors are Bill Paukert and Michael Lardy.

The race is representative of the course the CSULA students will run when they compete at the Formula SAE event in June against approximately 80 other teams.

"This competition was a good test run for the team to see where we excelled and to see where we need to improve for future competitions, especially for our main competition in Lincoln, Nebraska," said Mr. Calderon. "It was a great learning experience for us all, and we had a lot of fun doing it. Winning first place was just the icing on the cake."

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