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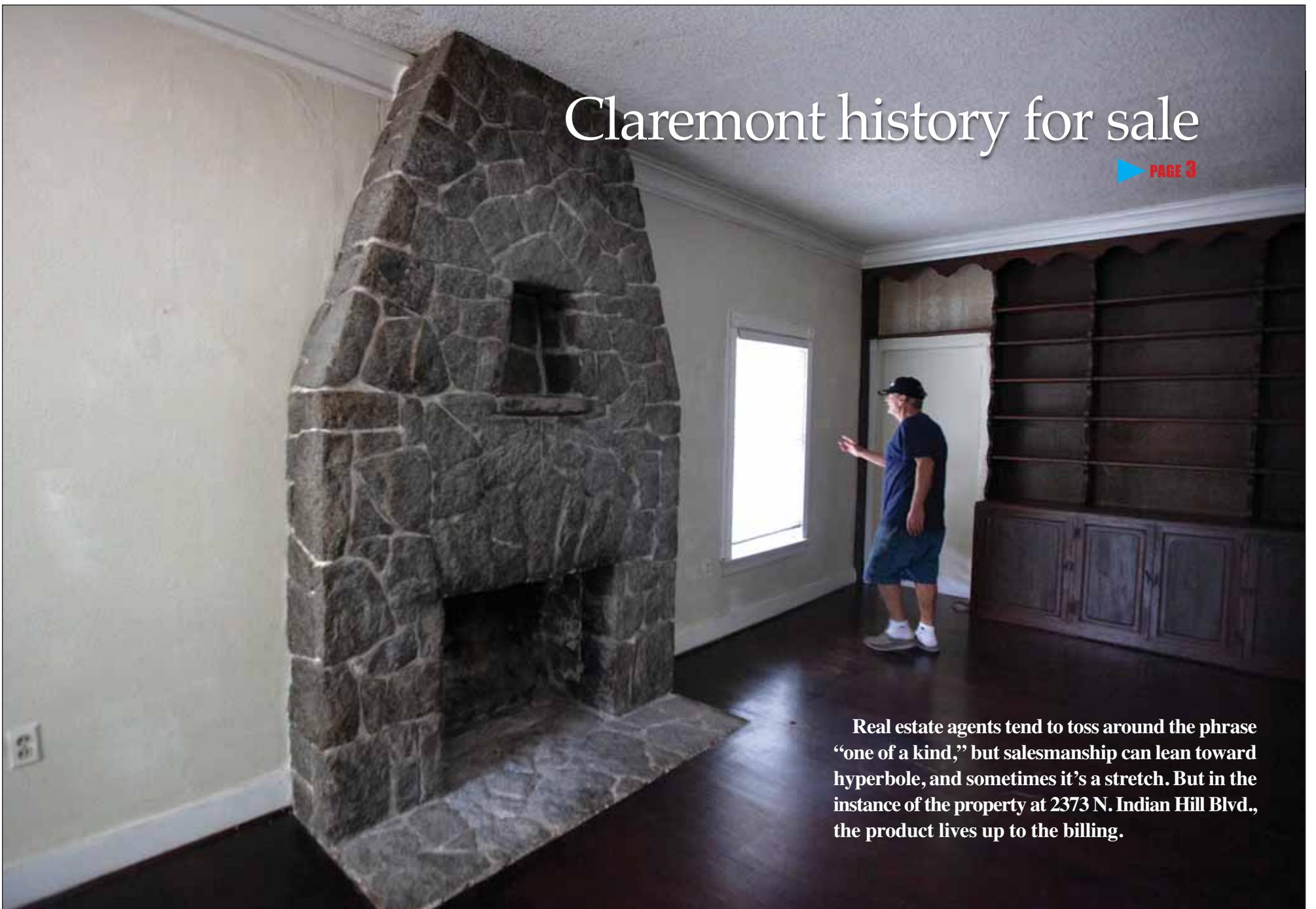
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This giant stone fireplace is a focal point of the Schwartz family home on north Indian Hill Boulevard. Throughout the more than 50 years the family lived in the home, building a fire was a common routine. COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff

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# Claremont Gold Line still in works, but funding remains elusive

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For many residents the idea of light rail service coming to Claremont faded when the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority announced a few years ago that it had funding to reach Pomona, but no further. Still, some people, including Councilmember Ed Reece, have never given up on completing the last few miles and are fighting to get the Gold Line to The City of Trees.

Funding remains the obstacle, and local elected officials had hoped to secure the money from Sacramento this fall. However, that did not happen during the most recent legislative session which closed last week.

“It is funded all the way through Pomona at this point,” Councilmember Reece said. “We have almost the entire San Gabriel Valley state delegation, both in the assembly and senate, supporting the Gold Line, as well as more specifically, Assembly Member Chris Holden is actually championing the cause and moving it forward.”

Councilmember Reece is a local transportation advocate and serves as the chair of the Gold Line’s construction committee. He is also vice chairman for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments transportation committee and serves on the Southern California Association of Governments transportation committee.

The 12.3-mile Gold Line extension, now called the L Line, was originally scheduled to connect the line’s current terminus in Azusa through Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona and Claremont, ending at Montclair Transcenter. Built along the former Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe right-of-way, planning began in 2003 and the final environmental impact report was certified in March 2013, with a groundbreaking in December 2017.

“In late 2018, as part of a multi-step competitive process to hire the Alignment Design-Build contractor to complete the main contract for the project, the Construction Authority received bids that were hundreds of millions of dollars above the amount of funding secured,” according to a news release from Foothill Gold Line.

As a result, the decision was made to build the light

rail extension in phases with Pomona North being the new end of the line. In August 2019, the construction authority awarded the “design-build” contract to Kiewit-Parsons, including \$805.6 million for the first nine miles of the project, with a two-year contract option to complete the full 12.3-mile project to Montclair, for a total contract award of \$1.18 billion.

However, that contract extension was predicated on the construction authority securing the additional money by October 2021, which did not happen when

Both the Pomona North and La Verne stations are currently under construction, as well as rail crossings at major streets in the area. Along the entire corridor the project has reached “substantial completion,” meaning it’s about one-third built overall. The rail line is projected to be complete through Pomona by 2027, at which point it will be turned over to Metro which will run tests and open the line later that year.

During a recent afternoon, D Street which runs through La Verne’s downtown business district, was closed to through traffic and a construction fence lined the south boundary of the University of La Verne where the future Gold Line station will be built. Foothill Gold Line authorities have placed “businesses open during construction” signs in the area to mitigate the disruption caused by construction.

Councilmember Reece said he is hopeful that the funding to complete the line to Montclair will finally come through in the next legislative session and that the Gold Line could be in service here in 2028 or 2029.

“If we got it to Montclair we would see 8,000 more boardings per day. That means fewer cars on the freeway, fewer cars on the street and doing some good for the environment as well,” he said. Eventually, one may be able to take the Gold Line all the way from Claremont to Long Beach.

The plan for Claremont includes an overpass at Indian Hill, which drew a lot of both positive and negative community input during public meetings over the past

few years. However, the overpass was a requirement of the California Public Utilities Commission which oversees railways in the state. The plan also includes a station at the current Metrolink Parking lot and the construction of a parking garage.

“Getting the Gold Line into Claremont and on to Montclair will really provide a number of opportunities for our community and a number of alternative ways to go to and from work, and to and from exploring Southern California — a different way to move about that is not always car-centric,” Councilmember Reece said. “I am excited, when it comes, it will be great. And I think we will see more people coming to visit Claremont as well, to enjoy our restaurants and our shops here in Claremont, which is great for our small businesses.”



Officials with the Foothill Gold Line set up these “business open during construction” signs in downtown La Verne during the time the Gold Line station is being built off D Street. Local elected officials are working on securing the funding to bring the Gold Line to Montclair and Claremont, but for the time being the end of the line will be Pomona. COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff

the legislature recessed without authorizing the funding

During Tuesday’s Claremont City Council meeting, Councilmember Reece announced the unfortunate news from the state, but expressed confidence that a deal would still be reached.

“We have to reevaluate what the new costs are going to be moving forward, and so Gold Line staff are evaluating what those future costs are going to be, they will be higher than the \$545 million,” Councilmember Reece said. “There is significant support in continuing the Gold Line through to Montclair. Our partners in Montclair are in full support of it. This project is shovel-ready, design-ready. If you were at the state level and wanted a project to fund that you could turn on tomorrow, this is that project.”

## CUSD virus numbers continue to fluctuate

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COVID-19 cases rose again this week at Claremont High School, with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health deeming the newest of its 43 infections an outbreak.

The new cases, up from 37 last week, resulted in 82 CHS students quarantined, all of them unvaccinated. There were 266 students who were also potentially exposed, but those kids were vaccinated and showed no symptoms, so they were allowed to remain in school.

In other quarantines across Claremont Unified School District, Mountain View Elementary added no new cases, holding at five for the year, but had 27 students quarantined. Vista de Valle added two cases, for six on the year, and has 44 students quarantined.

All other CUSD school sites were at zero quarantined students as of 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Districtwide, new case numbers, again as of 5 p.m. Wednesday, were as follows: Condit reported one new case this week, resulting in a total of 18 on the

year; Oakmont held steady at four; Sumner Danbury also had no new cases, remaining at nine; Chaparral held at two cases; El Roble Intermediate added one case, for six on the year; And Sycamore Elementary and San Antonio High remained COVID free.

New cases can increase and quarantine numbers can fluctuate up and down throughout the week. The district’s COVID dashboard, at <https://claremont-ca.schoolloop.com/covid>, is updated as new information comes in. Please check there for the latest figures.

The county health department was due to inspect CHS’s campus and protocols on Wednesday and was expected to make recommendations and/or take further actions, said CUSD Assistant Superintendent, Human Services, Kevin Ward.

Just as when it determined Condit had an outbreak three weeks ago, LACDPH will likely recommend CHS be sure certain protocols, such as outdoor masking when six-foot distancing isn’t possible, ample signage on campus, increased cleaning, and making sure its contact tracing is up to speed and detailed, are all in place during the “outbreak period,” which Ward

said will likely be 10 days.

If CHS can get through the outbreak period without any additional positive cases connected to an in-school exposure, the county would then likely lift the outbreak order. If cases to increase during this period, the outbreak order could be extended.

“We’ll work with their team and do what they need us to do and then continue to monitor any additional cases we get through the outbreak period,” Ward said. “Hopefully we won’t have to extend it.”

The LACDPH recommendations for Condit’s outbreak were helpful, Ward said, but didn’t amount to anything more than the district was already doing there and at its nine other school sites.

“Our protocols are really tight. We have a really exceptional health services staff, excellent administration, and the staff and the students are all doing their part. So, we’re not finding any big gaps in the implementation of our protocols.”

County health’s website says three or more connected cases—where a student is infected on campus—in any school setting constitutes an outbreak. But in implementation, it is working with five or

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# Claremont history on display with property for sale

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Real estate agents tend to toss around the phrase “one of a kind,” but salesmanship can lean toward hyperbole, and sometimes it’s a stretch.

But in the instance of the property at 2373 N. Indian Hill Blvd., the product lives up to the billing.

The six-bedroom, five-bath, 2,797-square-foot home, built in 1912, is on the market—at \$1.4 million—for the first time since 1969, and though it’s unique, and some might argue historic, it’s not clear what may become of the 109-year-old grove house.

It’s a beautiful relic, to be sure, but one with ancient electrical and heating systems, no central air, limited closet space, original windows and limited insulation. And the .82-acre lot is large enough to build a few modern condos or even perhaps two single family homes. So it is possible this piece of Claremont history could very well be nearing the end of its natural life.

But it’s not just a house, said its 91-year-old owner, John Schwartz. It’s where he and his wife Margretha raised their three sons, who roamed the surrounding lemon groves on foot and horseback. The family kept horses, chickens, goats and a multitude of dogs. The Schwartz boys experienced a throwback, rural childhood on land now chockablock with tract homes, and it’s where the family hosted scores of relatives from their homeland of Sweden.

The rambling grove house is imbued with 50-plus years of memories, as well as being one of the last standing vestiges of a pastoral north Claremont that was for the better part of a century dominated by citrus groves.

The plan was to stay in the home forever. But life has a way of altering our plans.

Schwartz was 26 when he left Sweden for America.

“I had been here as a crewman on ships,” he said. “I had come to America’s west coast and visited relatives of my dad’s that lived in Hollywood. And every time we came to San Pedro with my ship I took a few days off and went to see those people. I rode the Red Car up to Hollywood and I had the greatest time. In 1950, California was the promised land. The only bad thing was the smog. I loved it here.”

He returned to Sweden, where he was conscripted into the country’s navy. He then met Margretha Osterberg, they were married and had two children.

Still, he dreamed of returning to California. But Margretha, who spoke little English and hadn’t yet

traveled outside of Europe, didn’t share his zeal. The tipping point came after her sister returned from America, where she had been working as an au pair.

“She came back to Sweden with a Sears and Roebuck catalog,” Schwartz said. “And my wife started looking through a Sears and Roebuck catalog and said, ‘Yeah, maybe it’s time that we go there.’ She was not a socialist, and I wasn’t either. We liked free enterprise systems. And finally she relented and said, ‘Okay, let’s go.’”

In 1956, he arrived in America, alone. On the recommendation of a family friend, George Denes, who founded the Claremont Symphony Orchestra, he came to the Claremont area, where Denes said jobs were abundant. The family was soon reunited in the

country via his door-to-door education, Margretha and a friend opened The Art Cellar in the Griswold’s shopping center. Later, she went to work for B. Wasserman Company, selling furniture in Los Angeles.

“So I was left alone there with the Art Cellar, and I set up a frame shop and made picture frames,” Schwarz explained. “And that’s what brought the money in, because selling art, it was slow; it would pay the rent, but that was about it.”

By the mid-1960s the Schwartz family was well established in America. Margretha was attending night school at Woodbury College in L.A., where she would eventually earn an interior design degree. As the decade rolled on they decided they needed more space. In 1969 they found the house at 2373 N. Indian Hill Blvd., though Schwartz said the price tag \$38,000 — was high for the era.

The original one-bedroom all redwood house, built in 1912 on 120 acres of lemon groves, was first sold by the Naftel family ranch. The parcel eventually became five acres, and by the time the Schwartz family moved in, one acre. The original structure was enlarged several times prior to the Schwartz purchase.

It was not actually in Claremont when they bought it, Schwartz said, but part of unincorporated Los Angeles County, just as some areas of Live Oak Canyon remain today.

In 1969 it was the northernmost house on Indian Hill Blvd., Schwartz said.

It had good bones, but it was run down and needed work. It was on a cesspool system that backed up frequently. The kitchen had a sulphur refrigerator with a compressor in the

basement. But it also had charming original features like hardwood floors and a phone booth in the hallway.

The “gravity” heating system, likely installed in the 1920s, was state-of-the-art at the time. Some of its fine control components were imported from pre-World War II-era Germany, and bear the then unsullied mark of the swastika.

From the start, the home required copious maintenance and updating.

“But my wife, that was her whole life, that house, to fix it up so it was up to date and everything,” Schwartz said.

La Puerta Middle School, which was demolished in 2018 after sitting dormant for decades, had just opened. Chaparral Elementary, where Schwarz and his wife installed the large entrance sign designed by Rufus Turner that remains there today, was also new.

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**The Schwartz family lived in this eclectic 1912 grove home for more than 50 years. Following the death of the matriarch, Margretha, they elected to sell the compound which includes the main home, a pool, volleyball court and even an old reservoir.**  
COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff

U.S., and after a few years purchased a small home in Pomona.

It was about this time they met the Delmans, who would become lifetime friends and benefactors, and whose son, Craig Delman, is the listing agent for the Schwartz’s 2373 N. Indian Hill Blvd. house.

Schwartz, a stranger with a Swedish accent, had always hustled for work. The Delmans got him a job with a friend who was a manager with the then ubiquitous Fuller Brush Company, and he ended up spending six years as “a Fuller Brush man.”

“It was a great experience,” Schwartz said. “I learned how to conduct myself and speak good English. And I learned about America and what American people were all about.”

Their third son, Eric, arrived around this time, joining his Swedish-born older siblings, Mike and Chris.

While Schwartz was learning the ways of his new

jump on any connected cases and make sure that you stop that, and break that connection cycle. And that’s exactly what the designation ‘outbreak’ hopes to achieve, is to break that cycle so you don’t have those numbers spread. This is a very contagious disease. You don’t want those number spreading.”

Meanwhile, the 2021-22 school year rolls on. It’s weird. It’s unprecedented. But it’s happening, and things are beginning to seem somewhat, dare we say, normal?

“It’s interesting,” Ward said. “It’s become part of kind of the daily operations. It’s not that it’s easy. It’s getting to be more part of our regular routine. It’s an interesting addition to the workflow. It’s a lot of work, and a lot of staff to monitor. We’re just trying to keep

up with it and keep our students and our staff safe.”

Again, for the latest CUSD COVID case numbers and information, go to <https://claremont-ca.school-loop.com/covid>.

The district continues to offer multiple free testing clinics on Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m. at El Roble, and 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. at Sycamore; Tuesdays from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. at Vista del Valle; Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. at Condit; and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Claremont High.

As always, anyone over the age of 12 can make an appointment to receive a free dose of the readily available, FDA and CDC approved COVID vaccine at <https://myturn.ca.gov>.

## CUSD COVID update

more, Ward said.

“They haven’t really stated why, likely staffing shortages or other issues that they’re facing. But we had more than five connected cases at CHS last week.”

It’s not pleasant to read about Claremont kids contracting a potentially deadly disease or being quarantined. But in perspective, Ward says the news isn’t all bad.

“Even with the number of positive cases at CHS, you have to remember that’s out of over 2,000 students,” he said. “And you add another 200 to 250 staff on top of that. So, the numbers are super low. And I think that five connected cases threshold is very conservative, and appropriately so. We need to really

## CHS girls volleyball ends season on a 'frustrating' note

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Claremont High School girls volleyball has reached the tail end of a very competitive Palomares League season which came to a head on Wednesday when the Pack hosted Glendora for the final regular season game of 2021.

Claremont needed the win to advance to the post season, while the Tartans needed the win to bump Bonita out of first place. As it turns out, the Tartans won, 3-0, over the Pack, while Bonita lost to Alta Loma, 3-1, effectively ending Claremont's season.

Glendora become league champion followed by Bonita and Alta Loma with Claremont coming in fourth with a 6-4 record.

"We have had our ups and downs all season," Coach Daniel Reighter said on Monday. "We have the talent, we have the depth, we have the strength, but we struggle with our court awareness and the girls working with each other on the court."

Claremont has been battling it out with Glendora and Bonita all season. However, any hope of a league title faded when the Pack lost to Alta Loma, 3-1, last Friday. The Pack played well, leading early in every set, but had execution problems in critical clutch moments which the Braves capitalized on.

Coach Reighter described Friday's game as "Frustrating."

"We just weren't clicking well. It's an issue we have had all season, where if we just don't click on the court and trusting each other we just tend to fall," he said. "We execute higher than anyone else in our league. But we have times when individuals falter and then if one point isn't hitting its cylinder, all six cylinders fault."

Claremont's big gun is outside hitter, Kinnidi Willmore, who has been hitting 600 for the last few weeks. Outsides typically hit 350 to 400, which is like a batting average that calculates kills, attempts and errors, according to Coach Reighter. The senior has committed to compete at Montana Tech next year.

"She is the big heavy arm and has been hitting at a very high rate the last few weeks," Coach Reighter said.

Senior Makayla Chiechi who transferred from Bonita two years ago, has been a solid rock for Claremont's defense, playing the key libero role.

At middle is Brenna Kusleika who, at six feet, is a standout junior for the team and will likely be scouted by Division 1 teams next season.

The frustration continued on Wednesday when Chiechi had to quarantine due to a possible COVID-19 exposure, forcing her to miss the Glendora match. Another player had to miss the Alta Loma match for the same reason.

Girls volleyball was one of the few teams that had no season last year, a lot of other programs played some games but it wasn't an official league season. The girls also had an extended club season with many competing from October through July.

"So when the girls are on all cylinders, we dominate, there is no bigger talent. It's just a young team that hasn't played together [very long], plus the COVID year kind of messed with the dynamics," Coach Reighter said.

CHS has seven seniors, meaning next year they will be counting on a lot of talent coming up from the JV team.

Coach Reighter is in his fourth year at Claremont and has coached volleyball for 13 years including at Don Lugo in Chino.

### Volleyball holds "Pink Out Game"

During the Alta Loma match the Pack held a Pink Out Game in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The team had special tee shirts made that read "Go



Claremont High School senior Makayla Chiechi reaches for the save last Friday as the Pack hosted Alta Loma for varsity volleyball action. Despite some good play from the Pack, the Braves came out on top 3-1. COURIER photos/Steven Felschundneff



Members of the Claremont High School volleyball team participate in a "Pink Out Game" in observance of national Breast Cancer Awareness Month last Friday at CHS. The event was part of a month-long fundraiser by the team to benefit research and treatment of breast cancer. Once the competition got under way, the varsity team lost a heartbreaker to visiting Alta Loma, 3-1.

Pink or go Home." They held a brief program between the second and third sets with an introduction from Pink Out chair and parent, Ali Kruze, followed by a moment when the girls each held aloft a pink card with the name of someone they know, or knew, whose life had been affected by breast cancer.

The Pink Out Game was part of the month-long campaign by the team to benefit the Susan G. Komen foundation.

Kruze, whose mother died of breast cancer when she was a high school freshman, will participate in the Komen San Diego 3-Day walk November 19 through 21. Participants walk 60 miles during the three-day event, which carries the tag line "Not as hard as breast cancer." Each walker must raise at least \$2,300 and Kruze said with the \$908 they collected at the Pink Out Game, along with her personal fundraising, she reached the magic number on Thursday afternoon.

Susan G. Komen is the largest and best-funded breast cancer organization in the United States, according to Wikipedia. Komen provides resources for breast cancer patients to help navigate the American medical system and has funded research into the causes and treatment of breast cancer. The organization's treatment assistance program offers small grants to patients with financial hardships.

Founded in 1982, Komen has invested more than \$1 billion in breast cancer research, united 30 million people in the fight to end the disease and has provided financial assistance to 220 million patients.

Although the CHS season is over, the team will continue to raise money for Komen through the end of the month. If anyone wishes to contribute to Kruze's effort please visit [www.the3day.org](http://www.the3day.org) click "donate" and enter Ali Kruze.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

By Mick Rhodes

**Wednesday, October 6**

Claremont Police Department officers found what they believed to be a stolen 2001 Honda CRV traveling north on Towne Ave. near Bonita Ave. at 11:55 p.m. They attempted to pull it over, but the driver, Pomona resident Daniel Banuelos, 33, had other ideas. The ensuing pursuit snaked through residential areas in Claremont, La Verne and Pomona, ultimately ending in the latter city after Banuelos made a turn onto a dead end street, abruptly stopped the car and he and his girlfriend passenger, Ashley Corral, 28, from Pomona, took off running in different directions. Corral didn't get far. She was arrested almost immediately and charged with misdemeanor resisting arrest. Banuelos ran through nearby Willie White Park at 3065 Battram St., Pomona, then into the backyard of a nearby home, where he jumped a fence. By this time Ontario PD was helping keep track of him from above with one of its helicopter units, and La Verne and Pomona police were also on hand. The contingent of cops established a perimeter, and Banuelos then climbed onto the roof of a nearby home on Verdugo Ave. Ten minutes later, apparently realizing his escape was going

nowhere, he surrendered and was taken into custody without further incident. The stunt did earn him two felonies: evading a police officer and reckless driving; and, after a field sobriety test indicated he was drunk, high or both, a misdemeanor DUI charge. Both suspects were then booked at the Claremont Police Department headquarters on Bonita Ave. Corral was released with a citation to appear in Pomona Superior Court, and Banuelos was held in jail before appearing for arraignment at the same court Friday, October 8.

**Saturday, October 9**

A Pomona man apparently out for an early morning bicycle ride was pulled over by Claremont police for not having reflectors on his bike at 5:51 a.m. near 694 N. Towne Ave. A search then turned up some stolen mail, cops say, and Anthony Olivas, 45, was arrested for receiving stolen property, a misdemeanor. He was booked and released with a citation to appear in Pomona court. The mail was returned to its addressees in Rosemead and Pomona.

A convicted arsonist, Francisco Banuelos, 36, from Claremont, was arrested again for allegedly setting a fire at the Metrolink station at 200 W. First St. Police got a call around noon from a witness reporting Banuelos had been

seen setting some papers aflame near the station. Arriving police located him, and a records check revealed he was a felony arson registrant and is required to notify law enforcement of any change in residence, and that he was on parole for a previous felony arson conviction. He was arrested again on a felony arson charge, booked, and held in the Claremont jail before appearing for a judge in Pomona court October 13. It's unclear whether this Banuelos is related to the alleged reckless driver Banuelos CPD arrested October 6.

**Sunday, October 10**

Claremont police received a 12:19 a.m. call from a witness reporting a possible drunk driver in a 1995 Toyota Camry near Indian Hill and Claremont boulevards. They caught up with the Camry a short time later at Foothill and Claremont boulevards and pulled it over. The driver, Raul Chavez, 32, from Ontario, submitted to a field sobriety test, which police say he failed, and he was arrested for misdemeanor DUI and an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of L.A. County. His passenger, 52-year-old Ontario resident Jose Cerda, was also arrested on one count of being drunk in public after officers allege he was too intoxicated to take care of himself. Chavez sobered up before being released in the morning with a citation

to appear in court. Cerda detoxed as well, but was released without charges.

Police responded to a grisly scene at Motel 6, 840 S. Indian Hill Blvd., after receiving a 11:37 a.m. call regarding an unresponsive woman in one of the rooms. Arriving officers met there with L.A. County Fire Department paramedics, who pronounced the 40-year-old dead at the scene. Police say evidence on the room led them to believe the cause was a drug overdose, though a coroner's toxicology report is pending.

A witness called CPD at 2:43 p.m. to report seeing a hit and run collision in the Packing House parking lot at 532 W. First St. The witness gave police the license plate number of the Honda Accord that had allegedly struck the Toyota Prius and drove away. Cops found the man's address through the DMV, and went to the Claremont home of Gregory Merrick, 59. They say Merrick admitted to have been driving the Honda, but did not remember a collision. He then underwent a field sobriety test, which police say indicated he had been drinking. He was arrested for DUI and hit and run, both misdemeanors, and spent some time in the Claremont jail sobering up before being released that evening with a citation to appear in Pomona court.

**Two new COVID-19 deaths reported in Claremont**

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After weeks of no new deaths, sadly public health is reporting that two people in Claremont have succumbed to COVID-19. One of the deaths occurred at Claremont Place Memory Care which is experiencing a small outbreak, with three staff and six residents testing positive. Pilgrim Place Independent Living center also has an outbreak with six confirmed cases.

Public health recorded 30 new infections in Claremont over the past three weeks, bringing the cumulative total 2,894. As of October 7, the city has finally crested the 70% mark of eligible residents receiving at least one dose of the vaccination, driven by the impressive 90.9% rate among our youth ages 12 to 17 and 95.7% for people 65 and older.

This week the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is reporting that a key metric, the positivity rate has dipped below 1%, indicating the recent surge fueled by the Delta variant is on the decline.

On Monday, public health officials recorded a daily positivity rate, based on the seven-day average of 0.8% compared with 3.8% in mid-August. The number of daily new cases has, however, plateaued at about 1,000, which may simply be a factor of increased screening as mandatory testing orders go into effect.

On Wednesday, public health reported 17 deaths and 1,005 new cases of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County, bringing the cumulative total to 26,353 deaths and 1,473,410 cases. Among the new deaths, four were people over the age of 80, seven were between 65 and 79, two were 50 to 64 and four were 30 to 49.

**Elf on the Shelf at Pomona Fairplex**

With the holidays just around the corner, The Elf on the Shelf's Magical Holiday Journey will soon be returning to the Pomona Fairplex with help from Constellation Immersive.

Described as an outdoor immersive holiday experience, the grand attraction returns on November 5 and will be "bigger and more elftacular" than last year's holiday experience, a press release read.

The Elf on the Shelf's Magical Journey will take viewers on just that: a magical journey. Audience members will "shrink down to elf size and embark on a quest with Scout Elf Tiny Tinkerman to raise Christmas spirit and get the sleigh back on track."

Tickets are currently available for purchase at <https://elfontheshelfjourney.com/los-angeles> and are based on the time slots available depending on date. Prices start at just \$19.95 for children and \$24.95 for adults.

The attraction will run between Friday, November 5 and Sunday, January 2. Attendees are also invited to donate to their toy drive, sponsored by Toys for Tots. For more information, visit the link above or follow The Elf on the Shelf Experience on social media at @magicalelfjourney.

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**A right to choose****Dear editor:**

If the COVID-19 vaccines work, why are the vaccinated worried about the unvaccinated? If the Biden administration and/or the Newsome administration insist that everyone be vaccinated, why doesn't Congress or the California legislature pass a law requiring that every citizen get vaccinated? Why is the government threatening huge fines to private sector employers of over 100 employees to require vaccinations in order to retain their jobs? Why are border patrol agents required to get vaccinated in order to keep their jobs, but the illegal aliens which they are letting loose in our country are not required to be vaccinated?

I believe the answer to the above is because elected politicians are afraid of a backlash for re-election so they would rather have the private sector employers take the "hit" and the certain lawsuits that will follow. The same crowd that screams for a woman's right to choose to terminate the life of the baby they're carrying wants to mandate to others what they must do with their bodies.

Although I chose to receive the Covid-19 vaccine, I believe it must remain a personal choice for others. Now that the vac-

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cine has been made available to all American citizens over 12 years old, I believe the wearing of masks should be at the option of the individual whether or not they have been vaccinated. If you're afraid of getting Covid-19 even after being vaccinated and wearing an N95 mask; stay home, but don't infringe on my rights or the rights of others to live, get sick, or even die from Covid-19. Although I choose not to wear a mask, it does not mean that I don't care about others as yard signs around town may imply. It simply means that "I'm following the science."

**Kris M. Meyer  
Claremont**

**Women's rights and the men who obstruct****Dear editor:**

I couldn't agree more with Dan Kennon's letter (Women's Rights March, October 8 issue). Is it just me, or are the guys who try to butt into everything in-

volving women's rights (reproductive and otherwise) largely a bunch of white men, often older at that? How would these same men like it if powerful women in state houses across America decided to ban the sale of Viagra and force many of these same men to fly to Canada to get their pills? (Think of current Texas reproductive rights restrictions but in a comic turn-about.) Perhaps these right-wing ideologues have been inspired by Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale" and long for the good old days when women walked a few steps behind their men and prepared three squares a day in a spotless 1950's kitchen. And as I noted in a previous letter, for them government overreach is only a label attached to things they don't like, whereas their draconian agenda is, well, not a problem, no matter how many restrictive laws they have to pass. As we slowly head into a more authoritarian, male-dominated, far-right world, with the deck being stacked toward permanent minority rule, I hope the well-educated and, especially, a majority of women (half the population, after all) get actively involved in order to help usher these types of men out of office!

**Don Linde  
La Verne**

**RE: Impact of our housing plan, Bob Gerecke, October 8 COURIER****Dear editor:**

I agree, 100%. I have expressed similar sentiments and concerns in previous comments sent to the editor.

**Jack Sultze  
Claremont**

**ADVENTURES  
IN HAIKU**

*Yellow leaf, green lawn –  
we see Autumn here at last,  
one more year passing.*

– John Pixley

Haiku submissions should reflect upon life or events in Claremont. Please email entries to editor@claremont-courier.com.

**Response to TCC vs. CST****Dear editor:**

I read TCC vs. CST (COURIER, October 8) and previous related letters/articles with interecine sadness but also with incredulousness about their apparently poorly written real estate contract. I say "poorly" since it appears the contract has fuzzy and/or unmentioned key transactional details in addition to apparently not addressing future equity issues between the parties. As someone who negotiated hundreds of million dollar plus software deals, this TCC vs. CST story is word to the wise regarding large dollar contract terms and conditions: 1) Write your contract for rainy days (when the parties might be at odds) and sweat the details; and 2) ensure the contract meets the equity test where the parties will be treated fairly now and in the future. A detailed, durable contract is a thing of beauty.

**David Ochroch  
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Persons interested in being considered for appointment to the Tri City Governing Board as a Community Member are encouraged to file an application with the City Clerk by Monday, November 21, 2021.

Applications and information are available in the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 207 Harvard Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on the City's website - [www.ci.claremont.ca.us](http://www.ci.claremont.ca.us). Please contact the City Clerk's office for assistance - (909) 399-5461 or (909) 399-5463.



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# Uniting Claremont as one congenial community

Can you imagine a world where people could work together to tackle important issues of pressing concern for all of humanity regardless of their political, religious, or other ideological differences? Seems like a far-fetched dream in today's contentious and divisive milieu, doesn't it? Pure fantasy! However, mere decades ago, during many of our lifetimes, religious and political leaders across the spectrum were joining forces to advocate for greater attention toward what was referred to as "Creation Care." Although it was known by various names such as sustainability, environmentalism, or stewardship of the planet, many shared a widespread understanding that we had a common human responsibility to do our best to care for the earth. For the religious, this duty was even bestowed upon us by the Divine. During this time of unity, people as ideologically divergent as Al Sharpton and Pat Roberts joined forces to record a public service announcement encouraging people to do more for the environment. That duo is hard to

## Interfaithfully SPEAKING

fathom, but it truly happened!

However, environmentalism and distrust of the scientific community soon became a litmus test for the liberal-conservative divide. Caring for the planet was a "liberal" issue, while promoting free enterprise was a "conservative" issue. Lost in this side-taking was the reality that innovation which is good for our planet is equally as good for business! All interests can be served by investing in Creation Care.

We cannot afford to continue this ideological charade that somehow there are two polarizing positions on environmentalism. It's crucial to return to a time when we can identify issues that can unify all of us. We want to commend those who are part of our con-

gregation, other faith communities, or no faith community at all, who are passionately invested in the work of the Citizens' Climate Lobby, an organization striving to find bipartisan and nonpartisan solutions to climate change. We invite you to spend a moment researching the work of this organization and supporting its advocacy of effective and meaningful policy change.

We also invite you to think about other issues that can unite everyone in our community regardless of our backgrounds or political parties: affordable housing, racial and gender equality, access to mental health care, and much more. We pray that you join us in putting aside any of our potential differences to care for our community and our planet.

**Rev. Dr. Jennifer Strickland**

**Rev. Dr. Jacob Buchholz**

**Senior Co-Pastors, Claremont United Church of Christ**

## Viewpoint: Remembering the Grand Prix Fire

When you gaze east at night, there is not supposed to be a glow on the horizon, looking like the sun is rising at 10 p.m. At least the damn arsonist started in San Bernardino County in some god-forsaken canyon they'd never heard of. Meth head or malcontent. Chemical imbalance or circumstances. Sick or sinister. They did not yet know these types of people would become news regulars, wreaking havoc would become de rigueur, and thus each atrocity would become less memorable.

You couldn't smell it yet, so that meant the winds were in their favor. Unconcerned, bravado more from ignorance than wisdom, her husband finished packing for tomorrow's road trip up the coast, put his valise by the door, and fell into an untroubled sleep, not noticing that the Canary Palms that lined Mountain Avenue were nervous, whispering, gossiping among themselves, not yet shouting in desperation to anyone who'd listen.

Her bags were by the door as well, but she was oblivious, this would be the last time she would pack with-

out fearing she was leaving a home she could never come back to, paralyzed with the meagerness of what she could take with her, overwhelmed with what she might be leaving behind. The bears chose to forgo their pre-hibernation foraging, instead retreating north into the San Gabriels towards a winter habitat. Neither the foxes nor the bobcats decided to mix with the muggles on this particu-

lar night. Safe from all but the most devastating developments, even the rattlesnakes burrowed deeper.

In today's terms it wasn't a big fire, just under 70,000 acres, contained in less than two weeks, however the Grand Prix fire was their fire. They had been evacuated before, but in 2003 it was close and real and the authorities awakened them at 2 a.m. and gave them five minutes to leave. Only the luck of the draft saved their house, while 66 other Claremont families were far less fortunate. It was the oddest thing. She had no idea she could get PTSD when nothing had really happened to her. Yet, merely escaping disaster became a trigger, and every year, in late October, her nighttime ritual included scanning the horizons before succumbing to slumber, never again trusting the Santa Ana winds.

**Janice Hoffmann**

**Author's Note:** This is the time of year I remember the Grand Prix fire of 18 years ago, the night that our house came close to burning down, but didn't. However, as a result of being evacuated in the middle of the night, my attitude towards packing before leaving home was forever changed. I've chosen to approach the experience using a calm, omniscient narrator who tells my story in third person.

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- 1. Former Claremont mayor, Ellen: her house is on the market
- 7. Business watchdog for customers (abbr.)
- 10. Have the lead
- 14. Made haste
- 15. It might be on draft
- 16. "Catch a Falling Star" crooner Perry
- 17. Gave the ball to someone else
- 18. French copper
- 20. Cyclades island
- 21. Somers of "Three's Company"
- 22. Islamic spirit
- 25. Numbers, abbr.
- 27. Spiritual, e.g.
- 28. Equips with weapons
- 32. "Gloria in excelsis \_\_\_\_"
- 33. Yielded
- 35. They live next door
- 38. Meat ball companion
- 40. Everyday
- 43. R.E.M. singer Michael
- 47. Genderless pronoun
- 48. Coming out girls
- 49. Guns 'N' Roses "Garden"
- 50. Chair's title, at times
- 53. Former Russian rulers
- 54. Leaves something behind
- 58. "...\_\_ quit!"

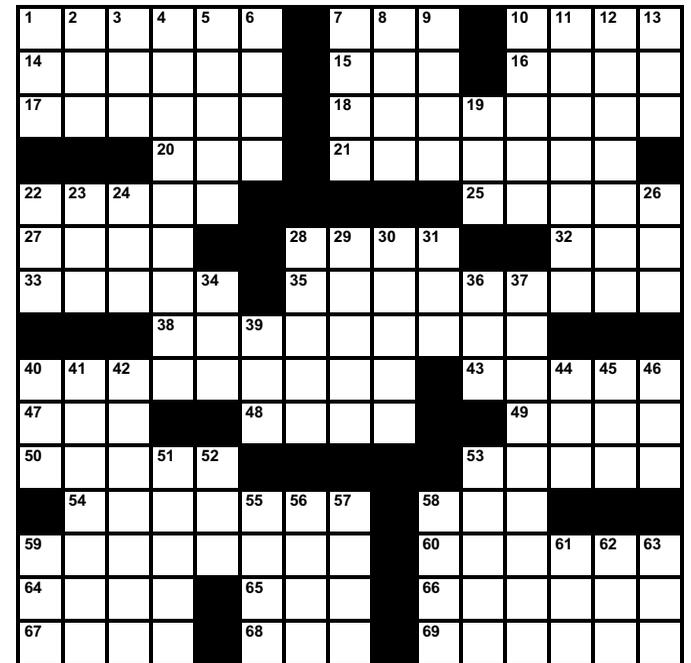
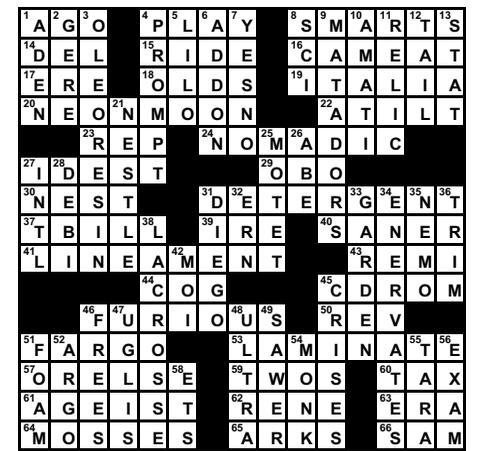
- 59. Another name for the meadowsweet shrub
- 60. Stubble removers
- 64. Antarctic flier
- 65. Verb for Latin lovers
- 66. Gas pump option
- 67. Dry-run
- 68. \_\_\_\_ alert
- 69. Working, as a police officer

**Down**

- 1. Recipe measurement, abbr.
- 2. Words with "distance" or "discount"
- 3. Age abbreviation
- 4. Least successful in sports
- 5. Small theater in ancient Greece
- 6. Roulette bets
- 7. Hunts successfully
- 8. Cordon \_\_\_\_
- 9. Pioneer automaker
- 10. Opposite of ample
- 11. Transport to Oz
- 12. Instrument for measuring amperes
- 13. Caviar source
- 19. They prosecute perps, abbr.
- 22. U.S. Army medal
- 23. Diner cuppa
- 24. Polit. designation, abbr.
- 26. Message in a storm

- 28. 1973 Rolling Stones ballad
- 29. Program for kicking a habit
- 30. Aspects
- 31. The Beatles' \_\_\_\_ Pepper
- 34. Pixel density, abbr.
- 36. Citrus \_\_\_\_, Calif.
- 37. Pomona's county fair description
- 39. Make sense, with "up"
- 40. Iranian city
- 41. Dissimilar
- 42. King of classical tragedy
- 44. Gilbert and Sullivan's "Princess \_\_\_\_"
- 45. Word with second, minute or hour
- 46. Navy officer: Abbr.
- 51. Corroded
- 52. Range units: Abbr.
- 53. Prepare
- 55. Flight data, briefly
- 56. Part of a scale
- 57. City haze
- 58. \$1 bill word (Latin)
- 59. Time in Claremont, abbr.
- 61. The Buckeyes: Abbr.
- 62. Like Gen. Colin Powell
- 63. Arch

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# City manager weekly news update

## Pooch Park to be closed for turf maintenance

The Pooch Park will be temporarily closed from Monday, November 1, 2021 to Wednesday, December 1, 2021 for biannual turf maintenance and resting period. The city's landscape contractor will aerate the turf, flush dog urine, remove invasive weeds, and allow the turf to rest. These routine maintenance activities allow for the turf to remain healthy and vibrant during the warmer months. During the closure, residents may visit other pet-friendly Claremont parks, which include the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park, Thompson Creek Trail, and Rancho San Jose Park. Residents may also visit pooch parks in adjacent cities, such as San Dimas, Upland, Ontario, and Rancho Cucamonga. For more information, contact Community Services at (909) 399-5431.

## Sudden limb drop greater on warm days

Trees perform a process known as evapotranspiration, which is when trees draw up extreme amounts of water during the day, and then, through their leaves, release their moisture into the air. But on a hot day, a sudden change in temperature, or fluctuations in temperature, the tree does not get the opportunity to shed the extra moisture, and the increased weight will cause the limb to drop. In most cases, there are not any obvious signs the tree's limbs are in distress. A fallen limb will often look like

it has feathery cuts, healthy green and pliable with no signs of disease or pest infestations.

The recent fluctuations in weather may contribute to sudden limb drop. Not all limbs that fall are an emergency.

### What to do when a limb drops?

- Small limbs can easily be placed in the green waste container, which is helpful to the city and allows staff to focus on larger higher priority tasks.

- Medium limbs may not fit the green waste container but are not necessarily an emergency. Medium size limbs can easily be pulled to the side to allow for pedestrian and vehicle travel. Call Community Services at the phone number below and they will arrange to pick up the limb as time allows.

- Large limbs that are blocking the street, sidewalk, or on private property that cannot be easily moved, call Community Services immediately.

### Helpful information when reporting a limb down:

- Location — the more details or exact address the better.

- Contact information in case follow-up is necessary.
- Whether the tree is blocking the right-of-way (i.e., sidewalk, street).

- Is anyone injured or is there property damage?

- Size of the limb including length and diameter. If exact measurements are not available, use common objects to describe (e.g., about the length of a bus and diameter of a beach ball; about 12' in length and the diameter of my arm).

Providing as many details as possible is helpful in deploying the appropriate response. Not all downed limbs will be taken care of immediately. Community Services will prioritize response by the information that is given. Contact Community Services for further information or to report a limb down at (909) 399-5431.

## Shredding event a big success

On Thursday, September 23, the Claremont Senior Program hosted a free document shredding event at the Joslyn Center, where over 150 residents utilized the service to safely dispose of their sensitive documents. Visiting Angels, the event sponsor, collected almost \$2,000 in donations from event attendees in support of AgingNext's Care Partner Program, which supports seniors in the community who are homebound and at risk of social isolation. The city appreciates Visiting Angels for providing such a valuable service to the community, and for encouraging the community to give back to our older adults.

# National Senior Health & Fitness Day event

AgingNext will host National Senior Health & Fitness Day, the nation's largest older adult health promotion event, at the California Botanic Garden on Wednesday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Charles Schwab's Upland office, the goal of this annual event is to help improve the overall health of older adults and promote the importance of regular physical activity. No matter the age, it can be hard to start and keep up a healthy lifestyle. This event is a great opportunity to try different activities and determine what may be best for you.

"This event is designed to encourage and inspire physical activity, which helps older adults maintain their strength and mobility. Being active also tends to improve mood, which has positive effects on the body," says Floy Biggs, AgingNext CEO. "We are thrilled to partner with the California Botanic Garden for this event. It's the perfect spot to spend a day working on your wellness plan."

A variety of classes will be offered, from yoga, pi-

lates and meditation to bone builders and tai chi, all taught by certified instructors in their field. Inter Valley Health Plan will offer classes, plus docent-led walks through the garden, and community partners will be available to share important information about nutrition, health and fitness. "Wellness is essential to every aspect of our lives and taking care of ourselves will lead to happier, healthy years," said Biggs.

The event is free, but registration is required at the following website: <https://nationalseniorhealthandfitnessday.eventbrite.com>. Lunch from Wolfe's Market is also available for pre-order on Eventbrite. For more information, please call the AgingNext office at (909) 621-9900.

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# Sycamore yard signs liven up Claremont

by Andrew Alonzo  
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If you're not a Sycamore parent, you might not have heard of the 'Be-Leaf' in Sycamore campaign; however, if you're a resident or a frequent passerby, you've likely seen the yard signs popping up on residents' lawns over the last few weeks.

Last spring, times were bleak around Claremont due to COVID-19 — the pandemic closed down schools and even canceled play dates between Sycamore Elementary School friends. However, it was also during those dreary times that facilitator Sarah Rockne, ways and means chair Amy Carnes and their colleagues on the school's governance council brainstormed an effort to inject some joy back into their staff, students' and community's lives.

At one of the meetings last spring, Rockne explained an idea that answered one of the council's key questions at the time, "What could we do in the future that could help rebuild our community at Sycamore and also reach out to other community members?"

"We had distanced learning for such a long time in the last 18 months and it was vital for our kids, students and families to be able to feel connected again. Last spring or summer, we did not really know how the [current] fall was going to look. Could we do things in person? Was



Students from Sycamore Elementary School smile as they gather behind the school's custom yard signs, which were made for a special fundraiser called the 'Be-Leaf' in Sycamore campaign, in the cul-de-sac of Cerritos Court on Tuesday, October 12. If you're not a Sycamore parent, you might not have heard of the 'Be-Leaf' campaign; but if you're a resident or a frequent passerby, you've likely seen the yard signs popping up on residents' lawns over the last few weeks. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

everything going to be virtual? How do you reach out to people during this COVID situation?" Rockne explained on Monday. "We realized if we go and do this sign campaign, then we can do that very, very COVID safely. So we chose to do this."

After conducting online research, the

governing body reached out to Tex Visions last year and got the 'Be-Leaf' in Sycamore campaign rolling. A year later, the signs were created and the campaign has blossomed throughout the community.

Since September 11, Sycamore school parents and volunteers have worked throughout the evenings to put up the in-

spiring yard signs for unsuspecting residents who have been 'Be-Leafed' by other families. The sign campaign is based on concepts such as 'flocking' or 'boo-ing.' 'Boo-ing' happened last year during Halloween, when residents left goodie bags at the homes of unsuspecting neighbors who then had to do the same for

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[Left to right] Sycamore Elementary students Chloe Rockne, Lyna Chataignoux and Maleah Turner smile next to a yard sign which reads “Be-Leaf in equity.” COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo



[Left to right] Sycamore Elementary students Phillip Flores and Milo Carnes smile next to a yard sign which reads “Be-Leaf in kindness.” COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

another resident. Flocking is a bit older and involves pink flamingos appearing overnight on a resident’s lawn with a note explaining, ‘You’ve been flocked.’

Rockne said her family was flocked in the past — something they all enjoyed — and shared that the Sycamore campaign is meant to bring that same level of fun and positive energy to the community.

“I think that’s such a wonderful thing to give to students as they’re starting to go back to school right now. As simple as it is, putting a sign in someone’s yard, that overwhelming feeling and that surprise factor ... the kids just beam and it puts them in a good mood,” Rockne said.

The campaign’s four lawn signs share a similar style with a forest green background, circular shape and Sycamore logo at the center. Each sign sends a heartfelt message for viewers to ‘be-leaf’ [in] themselves, friendship, equity or kindness. And if you haven’t noticed, the campaign is a fun spin on ‘believe’ and the school’s iconic leaf logo.

Rockne said the campaign was created with four goals in mind: “to empower students with uplifting messages, spread messages of community beyond the school yard, involve the greater Claremont community in sharing these messages and to support Sycamore elementary.” But can a simple yard sign actually do all of that? Apparently, it can.

“This campaign was designed to rebuild community and really help children and



Custom yard signs made for Sycamore Elementary School’s special fundraiser called the ‘Be-Leaf’ in Sycamore campaign stand outside the school in September. Photo from Sarah Rockne.

students be able to connect back with the school after being gone for so long. And that the [signs] are helping them bring out those feelings of like ‘welcome’ as they return back to school,” Rockne said. “For them to be able to wake up in the morning and see that the school has put something out there in their yard with those words on it ... it gives those kids an extra positive boost in the morning.”

Since parents are volunteers, they typically take their children along when setting up signs, which means families not only get to spread joy, but children also get to see their longtime unseen friends. “A lot of the kids have had it happen to their yards so they know it’s going to be a good thing for these people. Just them being a part of it really helped the children feel included,” Rockne said.

Though the campaign was just introduced, in a single month, over 150 families have signed up to ‘Be-Leaf’ one of their friends, according to Rockne, and Carnes said that the campaign has raised over \$5,000 so far.

The money will go back to the school’s governance community and will be used to supply the school with necessary items, as well as funding for its various arts, sciences and musical programs, according to

Amy Stanger, Sycamore Elementary School’s principal.

“I think it’s one of many things we’ll do as a part of our school community to bring people together,” principal Stanger said explaining the importance of the campaign. “We’re always looking for activities and ways for families to connect.”

Due to its popularity, instead of putting the campaign on a short hiatus, Rockne said volunteers and the school would continue the campaign until the end of the month. Later in the fall, more signs will be available for residents to purchase after the break.

“You have to keep things fresh and change things up. We already have a couple of ideas on how to improve upon it in the future,” Rockne said. She did not indicate what would become of the ‘Be-Leaf’ in Sycamore campaign.

Pricing for the signs will remain the same: for a single ‘Be-Leaf’ yard sign the suggested donation is \$40, \$75 for two, and \$150 for four. Up to 16 can be ordered at once and volunteers may need up to 24 hours to put up the signs after requesting.

There is also an option to donate what you can and then pay it forward. For more information on the campaign, visit [sycamore.cusd.claremont.edu](http://sycamore.cusd.claremont.edu).

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## Concert celebration for Hispanic Heritage month

On Monday, October 25, musicians from the Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band, along with the Petrocelli family will host a special concert titled, "Viva La Musica" which will pay tribute to Hispanic Heritage month.

The Monday night concert, beginning at 7:30 p.m., "features a variety of exciting Latin music, including folk songs, ballads, dancing, and instrumental selections," according to an email about the event.

Solo artists for the evening will include members of the Show Band such as concertmaster Chris McAleer, who will sing

Mexican folk songs and "Besame Mucho"; John Knapp, who will perform the trumpet solo on "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossoms White"; musician and vocalist Isaac Gonzalez, who will sing two ballads; special guest artist and vocalist Dr. George Matamala, who will be featured on "Volver Volver" and "Solamente Una Vez"; and percussionist and educator Homero Chavez.

The concert will also feature dancing by Show Band musician Kathy Soderlund. She will perform "Passion" alongside with husband Ken Soderlund on acoustic guitar, and "Tango de Amor," a piece writ-

ten for her by Dr. Gabe Petrocelli.

The evening will be narrated by Elvia Rivas, a member of the Ontario Montclair School District Board of Trustees, and Charlene Saenz, assistant superintendent of instruction at the Chaffey Joint Union High School District.

The concert will be held on the steps of the Gardiner W. Spring Auditorium and the venue will offer plenty of space to sit. Event organizers recommend that attendees bring a portable and comfortable lawn chair.

All monthly concerts offered by the OCCSB at Chaffey High School are free

and open to the public. Donations raised at the event will go toward the OCCSB and Chaffey Adult School. DVDs of previous OCCSB performances will be available for purchase and monetary donations can be placed inside the OCCSB's Hungry Tuba.

This concert will be broadcast on local Ontario cable, Channel 3 so check your local listings for the date and time.

For more information, visit [www.showband.net](http://www.showband.net) or contact Dr. Petrocelli at [gabe@showband.net](mailto:gabe@showband.net). Chaffey High School is located at 1250 North Euclid Avenue in Ontario.

## Soul Connections event to be held on Sunday

On Sunday, October 17, the local Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Pomona and the Unity Church of Pomona will host a presentation via Zoom regarding "the history of law enforcement and racial justice."

The Zoom will feature now-retired law enforcement officer Bob Henderson, who spent 26 years on the force. Henderson "candidly shares how and why our current criminal justice system creates dis-

parities for people of color and how the spiritual principle of the oneness of humanity can transform society to achieve racial justice," an email describing the event read. The presentation will also feature an artistic presentation from artist, author and musician Joycelyn Jolly.

The Zoom event is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m., coinciding with the church's Soul Connections group meeting. The group met in person every third Sunday prior to

the pandemic, and continued to do so via Zoom. "Soul Connections is a creative space with music and art for everyone to come together and create meaningful

change," the email from Pomona College's Nancy Scott continued.

To attend the meeting, call or text 909-377-8081 for access to the Zoom link.

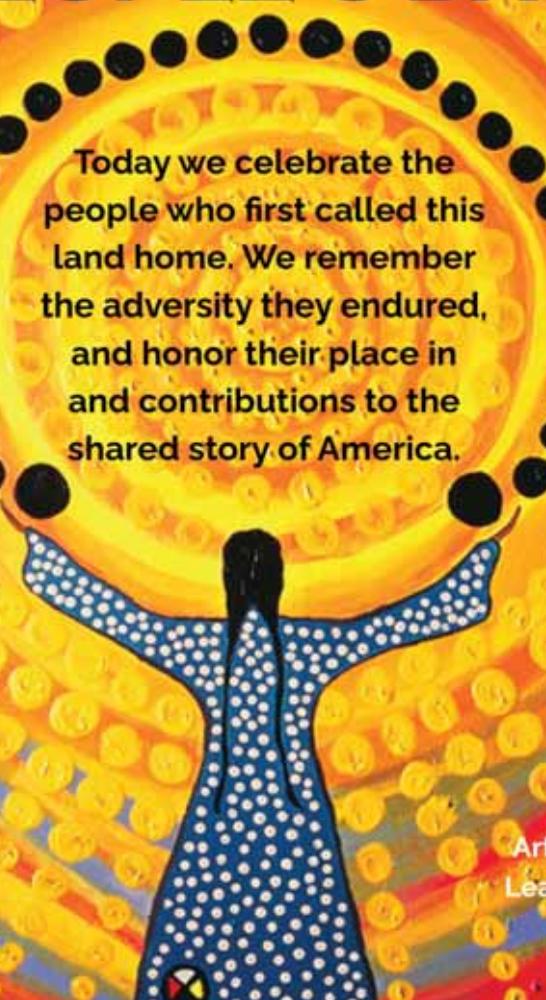
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The creative couple also built the Turner-designed “Welcome to Claremont” sign at Foothill and Mountain Ave.

The Schwarz boys attended both schools, sometimes riding their horses through the groves when they were running late. They also rode in Claremont’s Fourth of July parade in the early 1970s.

The family put in a swimming pool in the early 1970s. They kept horses, donkeys, goats, chickens and a succession of dogs.

Foxtails grew wild across the surrounding groves and open fields, undulating in the wind. The three young boys would ride horses throughout the groves and on the fire roads in the hills to the north.

Houses had been springing up to the south of the Schwartz’s property when the family moved in. By 1973, new tracts started rising to the north, which signaled the end of the Schwarz family keeping horses, as his new neighbors began complaining to the city about the flies that were drawn to the stables.

Chris and Mike eventually left the nest. Eric married in 1977 and moved out on his own as well.

But the nest wasn’t quite empty.

“We always had people come and visit and stay,” Schwartz said. “We had plenty of room you know.”

They didn’t travel much in later years, preferring the well-worn, familiar comforts of home.

The Wasserman furniture business, in which Margretha had risen to partner, closed down, and Schwartz took a job as a handyman for Powell’s Hardware in the Village. He also did occasional work for the Claremont Unified School District.

“I made friends with so many people in Claremont back then,” he said. “Most of them are dead now. Of course, I’m an old relic myself.”



With a stern demeanor, John Schwartz stares out of the living room window of his new San Antonio Avenue residence in Upland on Tuesday, October 12. For 52 years, Schwartz owned the 1912 home located at 2373 North Indian Hill Boulevard, but earlier this month he put the unique property on the market. Parting with the family’s home and the decades of memories associated with it has not been easy. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

It was a nice life. The couple’s sons were mostly close-by. Their beloved home continued to be a source of both comfort and toil, and they liked it that way.

They existed quite happily for five decades with a nearly century old “knob and tub” electrical system, and without most of the comforts that would arrive in the 1970s: big closets, double-pane windows or, most importantly in the era of extreme temperatures related

to climate change, central air conditioning.

“For us, it was just perfect the way it was,” Schwartz said.

Then, in the mid-2000s, Margretha began to get sick. She still maintained the house, taking care of the 40 or so trees on the property, raking pine needles, watering and trimming all manner of flora, and managing the pool.

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# Claremont history on display

About 10 years ago she began showing signs of dementia, which worsened over time. About a month before she died, she moved to a care home the family owned in Upland, where she was—somewhat begrudgingly—able to get the help she needed.

“Because she had said ‘I would never leave this house. Never,’” her husband said.

She died in August at age 89.

Schwartz’s health, at 91, isn’t what it once was. He has back issues. He recently fell and broke his hip, which put an end to his daily constitutional 10 laps around the perimeter of the Indian Hill house’s large pool.

“So, when she died, I knew we’d have to sell the house, because we couldn’t keep it up anymore,” he said. “I couldn’t do any work.”

Schwartz, his son Eric and grandson Eric Jr. moved into another, comparatively modern home the family owned in Upland. It offers easy mobility with no stairs, and modern conveniences like air conditioning. He’s grateful to have it, but it’s not home.

“It’s sad to leave, but ...” he said, his voice trailing off as he turned his head toward the large picture window at his new place in Upland.

The family has spent the last few weeks cleaning out the Indian Hill house in anticipation of putting it on the market.

**T**here is talk about the possibility—some say a strong possibility—the house will be demolished and on the relatively large .82 acre parcel will rise multiple single family homes or condominiums. The room goes melancholy when this subject is broached.

“But, that’s the way life is,” Schwartz said. “That’s how everything is. It’s not anything used to be what it was.”

The family’s hope is the person who buys the Indi-



According to Schwartz, the back part of the home seen at right was added on to the original sometime in the 1930s or 1940s. The front part of the house dates to the early 1910s. COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff

an Hill property will restore and update the tired but soulful 109-year-old house.

At the beginning of our 90-minute chat, Schwartz said he wasn’t feeling sentimental about passing it on to a new owner.

“I don’t know why I don’t,” he said. “Before we moved over here [to Upland] I felt like that. But now, when it’s in the past, I don’t know why I don’t any more. It’s just a thing.”

But after more than an hour spent recalling his family’s five decades there, and his beloved Margretha, he had softened.

“Yeah, it would be sad ... I would be sad if they tore it down. Yeah. It would be.”

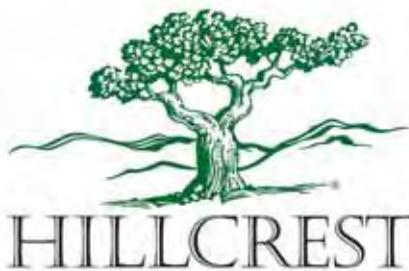
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# Mini donuts and coffee now available on Village outskirts

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When Keith Strenger opened up Pepo Melo, a small, empty space sat adjacent to his Harvard Avenue store, untouched and with little potential. That was until he acquired it two years ago, hoping to turn the unused space into his next ‘million-dollar’ idea.

Eighteen months after signing the neighboring building’s lease, Strenger’s brainstorming came to an end when he finally decided what to do with it — apart from making it temporary storage for Pepo Melo. His idea fulfilled customers longtime request that he add coffee to his acai bowl hut’s menu.

“From day one when I opened up Pepo Melo, everybody said, ‘you should have coffee, you should have coffee.’ But I didn’t want to implement it into the concept,” Strenger said. “Then when I had the opportunity to take on this space, I signed the lease before figuring out what I wanted to do with it ... I’ve tried a couple of things in here but ultimately it was just kind of a holding place till coming up with ‘coffee.’

“I think people who are really particular about coffee, who might not or rarely go to Starbucks, are looking for a better made cup of coffee where it’s not only the quality that you’re getting from the bean, but also the quality from the barista [serving you],” he continued. “People will come here because they know they can get a good cup of coffee.”

Nosy Neighbors Coffee and Donuts, which officially soft-opened on Thursday after six months of preparation. The shop gives patrons the caffeine boost they asked for while also providing them with mini donuts and the latest buzz around Claremont.

Explaining the six-month journey toward opening,



Kaitlyn Clark, left, and Annika Sanchez, right, two of Nosy Neighbors cashiers and donut handlers, oversee the store’s mini donut assembly line and place donuts into bags of a dozen. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

Strenger said it’s been tough, especially since COVID-19 has caused many delays in the shipping of vital utilities for the store.

“We’re going to be opening up without a POS [point of sale] system because we’re still waiting for the hard-

ware. Luckily, I have Pepo Melo so we can piggyback off an existing system ... but all the equipment, it took weeks longer than it should normally take [getting here],” he said.

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During the business's infancy, Strenger convinced his brother, who designs business logos, to create one for Nosy Neighbors. What turned out to be googly-eyed characters like a coffee bean, cup and a donut surrounding the shop's name actually ended up emphasizing what Strenger wanted his store to become over time, a local hub where all can go and be nosy.

"We did a whole roll of cork board here," Strenger said, pointing at the wall at the store's entrance last week. "And why we did that is, we thought it would be a fun way for a small town like Claremont to have everyone who's anyone come by and put up their business card [or flyer]. I'd like it to be known to be the place where if you're walking around and not sure what's going on that day or month, you can just pop your head in and come take a look."

But how exactly did donuts make its way into Strenger's business equation? He said, "I thought, what better goes with coffee than donuts?" The longer answer, comes from an idea planted in Strenger's head over a decade ago as he was living in San Francisco.

He recalled a mom-and-pop shop on Fisherman's Wharf called Trish's Mini Donuts which always drew a crowd of people. Patrons enjoyed either eating the shop's various powdered donuts, or watching the store's machine churn out uniform, bite-sized treats.

Now, Nosy Neighbors is equipped with its own mini donut mechanism, the SS1200 from Lil' Orbits — which can produce over 1,200 mini donuts per hour — and Strenger hopes to replicate that same nostalgic donut shop atmosphere for locals 409 miles down south.

"You can put various sweeteners on them like sugar and cinnamon," Strenger said. "[But] we're going to have more unique things. We'll have some very unique powders like amaretto, cotton candy, marshmallow ... powders that you can put on the donuts to add a different flair to it."

In addition, Strenger said the shop will offer signature coffee drinks including lattes and cold brew coffees that most caffeine lovers will enjoy. Nosy Neighbors uses Klatch coffee beans for their drinks.

Aside from the giant orange sign draped behind the barista counter, one of the first things patrons will notice is its lack of seating. Customers will wait in line, order, and then receive their goodies, but that's it. There will be no place to sit, just 24 spaces for people to park their bikes. While this is due mainly to the limited size of the store, Strenger said it's also a unique business model.

"Claremonters old and young, I think they enjoy walking around the Village and treating themselves to certain things that would be easy enough to eat while walking around," he shared. Similar to Pepo Melo, "if you grab a bowl of fruit, walk around and enjoy the town, you can do the same thing with a bag of donuts and a cup of coffee."

Nosy Neighbors is currently soft-opening, meaning their hours will be limited from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. until they fully open. During this time, all available drinks will cost just \$2.00. Next Friday, October 22 — once the Nosy Neighbor crew is accustomed to the store's traffic and



Outside of Nosy Neighbors coffee and donuts sits the business's promotional sign reading what their soft-opening promotion information is on Wednesday, October 13, a day before their soft-opening. One of the first things patrons will notice about the store will be its lack of seating. Customers will wait in line, order, and then receive their goodies, but there will be no place to sit on their premises, just 24 spaces for people to park their bikes. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

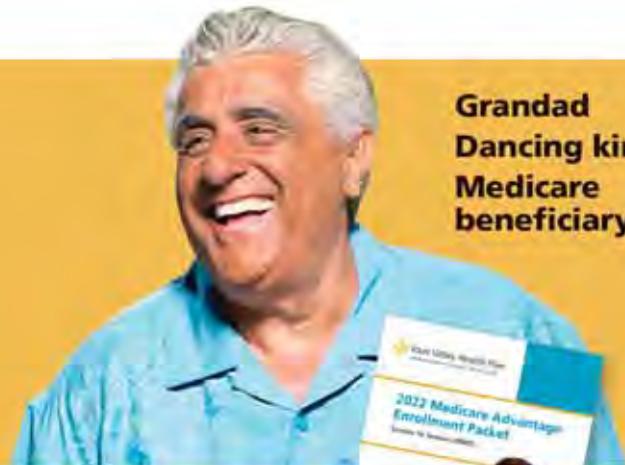
duties — Strenger hopes to fully open his doors.

Plenty is in store for the new business including vegan donuts later in the year. Ask the owner or the baristas about the shop's special membership program, which gives patrons access to unlimited amounts of coffee for \$59.99 per month — spots are limited, however. For more information about store hours and updates, visit their website, <https://nosyneighborscoffee.com>.

"There's plenty of other bakeries here, but I think this is just a great thing to kind of hit the spot," Strenger said.



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# Leslie W. Jensen

Grandfather, former member of South Dakota Board of Regents, bookstore owner

Leslie W. Jensen, 90, former Claremont resident, died August 28 in his home in Ashland, Oregon, of chronic lung disease.

Leslie Ward Jensen was born February 12, 1931 in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and grew up in Hot Springs, SD. After attending the University of Chicago, he earned his law degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1954 and became a legal editor in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he married Mary Margaret Cook in 1957.

In 1962, he returned to Hot Springs to help manage a family-owned independent telephone company. In 1971, he was appointed to the South Dakota Board of Regents. After the Jensen family sold the telephone company in

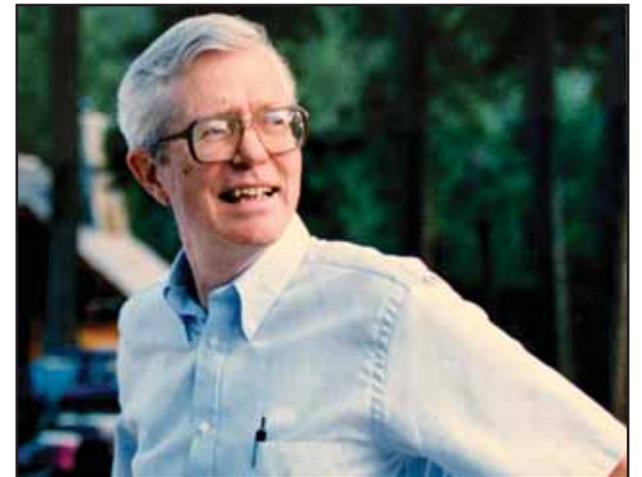
1978, Jensen moved with his family to Claremont and enrolled in Claremont Graduate School, now Claremont Graduate University.

In 1988, he moved to Ashland, Oregon, where he operated a used bookstore, Shakespeare & Co. Books, from 1990 to 1999.

He is survived by his children, Chris Jensen, of Ithaca, New York, David Jensen, of Boise, Idaho, Erica Jensen, of Ashland, Oregon, and Sharon Jensen, of Mount Rainier, Maryland; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret.

His Burial on September 10 took place at Evergreen Cemetery in Hot Springs, South Dakota, conducted by Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home.



# Roberto "Pepe" Andrade

Beloved patriarch, entrepreneur, wellspring of sage advice

Roberto "Pepe" Andrade died at his Claremont home on August 31. Born November 7, 1941, he proudly hailed from Moroleón, Guanajuato, Mexico, but he came to the United States—like so many others—in search of a better life. Although he was only 18 at the time, the scope of dreams carried him through a life that marked all those who knew him for the better.

While Roberto worked in a factory, he also attended night school to learn English and study computer programming. He proved he had an unteachable knack for entrepreneurship that led him through many business ventures, including starting a chain of real estate offices throughout Southern California, and Pacific Coast Mortgage, which he ran with his children for 15 years.

Both before and after he retired, he applied his tenacious curiosity to myriad hobbies including learning how to breed canaries in colors that his nine grandchildren would enjoy, curating bonsai trees and racing homing pigeons at the American Racing Pigeon Union.

He was a keen observer of the natural world and, after moving to Claremont in 2002, he took great pleasure in hiking throughout the Claremont Hills Wilderness

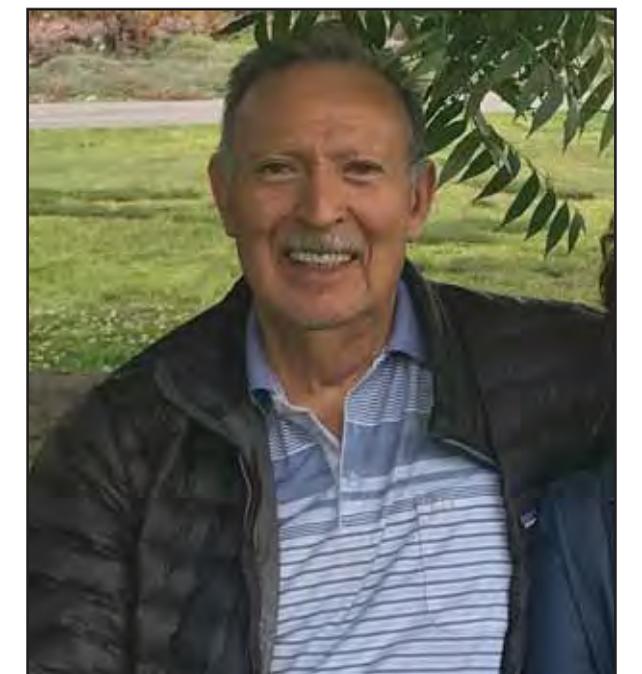
Park, where he would go to watch the native birds flying overhead, pausing to greet every passerby.

Although he always had a project or business he was working on, his life was defined by the love of his blended family, which included Robert Andrade, Susana Andrade-Rhoades and Maria Escarcega, the children he had with his first wife, Maria Garcia.

"Roberto lit up a room, gleefully telling and retelling stories about his childhood in Mexico, his misadventures boxing as a young man, or how he met the love of his life, Rosana Andrade, backstage while she was on a world tour dancing folklorico, where he became smitten with her immediately," his family shared.

After a two-month courtship, the pair were married. Over the course of their 38-year marriage, they had two daughters, Rosana Carter and Gabriela Andrade, and often opened their home to their vast network of family and friends, all of whom counted themselves lucky to witness the love between Rosana and Roberto.

Aside from his gift for dramatic storytelling and well-timed jokes, he also relished being sought out for wise counsel, whether it was his children's friends, who affectionately called him "papa Andrade," or those who



sought his business acumen. The advice he always gave was thoughtful, grounded and rooted in the belief that having a good idea and a strong sense of self could lead to great things, as it had in his own life.

His force of will was such that, even in the depths of his dementia, he held on to life long enough to see his youngest daughter, Gabriela, get married in July, and meet his youngest grandson, Henry Carter, who was born that same month.

He leaves behind his wife Rosana; five children and nine grandchildren, Jessica Andrade, David Andrade, Amanda Rhoades, Matthew Rhoades, Alysia Escarcega, Isabella Escarcega, Cameron Carter, Nora Carter and Henry Carter, all of whom inherited his intensely independent spirit.

"Roberto loved being the center of attention on his birthday so, as he would've wanted, his life will be celebrated on November 8, 2021, at San Antonio Winery," his family shared.

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## Rev. Barbara Stout

A memorial service for longtime Claremont resident Rev. Barbara Stout will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 20 at Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave. Due to health concerns, Barbara's family requests those attending the service be vaccinated, and masks must be worn in all indoor spaces at the church. If you wish to make a donation in her memory, the family suggests Claremont After-School Programs ("CLASP") at <https://clasp4kids.org/donate/>; or AgingNext Claremont at <https://agingnext.org/get-involved/donate-now/>. For more information, including livestream instructions, email [glacierpaddler@yahoo.com](mailto:glacierpaddler@yahoo.com).





**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LAWRENCE PAUL JOHN YEPEZ CASE NO. 21STPB08911**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PAUL JOHN YEPEZ: A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ERICA NICOLE ESPINOZA in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ERICA NICOLE ESPINOZA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING ON THE PETITION WILL BE HELD IN THIS COURT AS FOLLOWS: Date: November 8, 2021 Time: 8:30 A.M. in Dept.: 11, Room: located at: Superior Court Of California, County Of Los Angeles, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012-3117, Stanley Mosk Courthouse IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a CONTINGENT CREDITOR OF THE DECEDENT, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE THE FILE KEPT BY THE COURT. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Neil R. Hedtke, Hedtke Law APC, Street Address: 820 North Mountain Ave., Suite 109, Upland, CA 91786 Ph# (909) 579-2233 Publish: October 15, 22 and 29, 2021 CLAREMONT COURIER

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 21PSCP0374**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: **MARIA DE LOS ANGELES DURAN, IN PRO PER** Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **MARIA DE LOS ANGELES DURAN** To Proposed name: **MARIA ANGELES DURAN** THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: 11/05, 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: O Room: 543 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, CA 91766, A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: CLAREMONT COURIER, 114 Olive Street, Claremont, CA 91711 /s/ Peter A. Hernandez Dated: 09/20, 2021 Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner: MARIA DE LOS ANGELES DURAN, 1940 MOUNTAIN AVE., POMONA, CA, 91767 PUBLISH: October 1-8-15-22, 2021

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 21PSCP0369**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: **MAX JR. DURAN, IN PRO PER** Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **MAX JR. DURAN** To Proposed name: **MAX DURAN**

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING Date: 11/17, 2021 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: R Room: Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, CA 91766, A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: CLAREMONT COURIER, 114 Olive Street, Claremont, CA 91711 /s/ Thomas C. Falls Dated: 09/20, 2021 Petitioner applies for a decree to change the name of the following person: Self Present name: **MAX JR. DURAN** To Proposed name: **MAX DURAN** Born on: 07/27/1989 and presently over 18 years of age Born at: Duarte, California Sex: Male Relationship of the petitioner to the person whose name will be changed: Self Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner: MAX JR. DURAN, 1940 MOUNTAIN AVE., POMONA, CA, 91767 PUBLISH: October 1-8-15-22, 2021

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 202101718** The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **PROPANE TANK STORE** 4546 Romick Circle, La Verne, CA 91570. Registrant(s): MGF ENTERPRISES, Inc., 4546 Romick Circle, La Verne, CA 91570. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 08/2021. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. /s/ Matthew Flores, Title: President This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/09/21. NOTICE- In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five (5) years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit Of Identity Form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). PUBLISH: September 24 and October 1, 8 and 15, 2021

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 202108102** The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **FIXD CONSTRUCTION** 175 N Indian Hill Blvd., Ste. 203, Claremont, CA 91711. Registrant(s): NHS WESTERN DIVISION, INC., 175 N Indian Hill Blvd., Ste. 203, Claremont, CA 91711. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 08/2012. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. /s/ Damien Melle, Title: President This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/17/21. NOTICE- In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five (5) years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit Of Identity Form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). PUBLISH: September 24 and October 1, 8 and 15, 2021

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2021215327** The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **PRETTY IN COLORS** 817 1/2 E. Foothill Blvd., Monrovia, CA 91016. Registrant(s): Jose Herbert Flores, 817 1/2 E. Foothill Blvd., Monrovia, CA 91016. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. /s/ Jose Herbert Flores, Title: Owner This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/30/21. NOTICE- In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five (5) years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit Of Identity Form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). PUBLISH: October 15, 22 and 29, and November 5, 2021

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2021193680** The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **SOCIAL SENSE** 3684 Wrightwood Dr., Studio City, CA 91604. Registrant(s): Alexandria Hickernell, 3684 Wrightwood Dr., Studio City, CA 91604. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. /s/ Alexandria Hickernell, Title: Owner This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/30/21. NOTICE- In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five (5) years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit Of Identity Form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). PUBLISH: September 24 and October 1, 8 and 15, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Secs. 6104, 6105 U.C.C.) Escrow No. 37803-RB** Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) is/are: JatinKumar Patel & Bijalben Patel Jalpa Patel & Hitendra Patel 3560 W. Temple Ave., #1 Pomona, CA 91768-4312 Doing business as: DBA: Ideal Threading & Beauty Salon All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller(s) is: SAME AS ABOVE The names and business addresses of the buyer(s) is/are: Mira K. Pokharel Nabin K. Pokharel 4932 S. Grapevine Trl. Ontario, CA 91762 The assets to be sold are generally described as: Lease, fixtures, equipment, furniture, goodwill, trademark, covenant not to compete and are located at: 3560 W. Temple Ave., #1, Pomona, CA 91768-4312 The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: Palomares Escrow, Inc., 1425 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite 230, Upland, CA 91786 and the anticipated date is 11/2/21. This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Palomares Escrow, Inc. 1425 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite 230 Upland, CA 91786 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be 11/1/21 which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above. Dated: 10-11-2021 S/ Mira L. Pokharel S/ Nabin K. Pokharel CNS-3520863# CLAREMONT COURIER

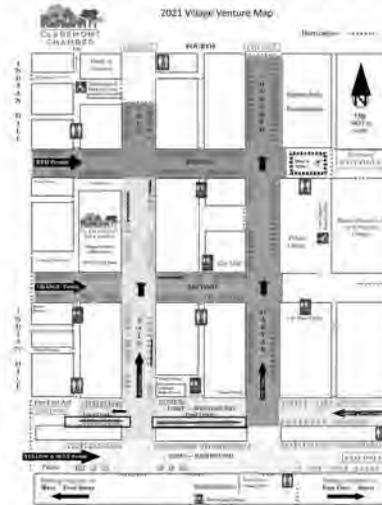
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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT ANNUAL VILLAGE VENTURE OCTOBER 23, 2021**

**Annual Village Venture Arts & Crafts Fair (#21-SEP03) Time and Date: Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The Claremont Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Annual Village Venture Street Fair on Saturday, October 23, 2021, with street closures commencing at 5 a.m., and reopening by 7 p.m. The event will require the temporary closure of streets within the Claremont Village area as indicated on the associated map.



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The Community Development Director has determined that this permit is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15304(e) of the CEQA Guidelines in that it involves a minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment, as the proposed special event is of short duration (approximately 14 hours of street closure) and will not create long-term impacts to the City of Claremont. Therefore, no further environmental review is necessary.

For further information, please contact Melissa Vollaro, Director of Human Services by calling (909) 399-5493, or via email at [mvollaro@ci.claremont.ca.us](mailto:mvollaro@ci.claremont.ca.us).

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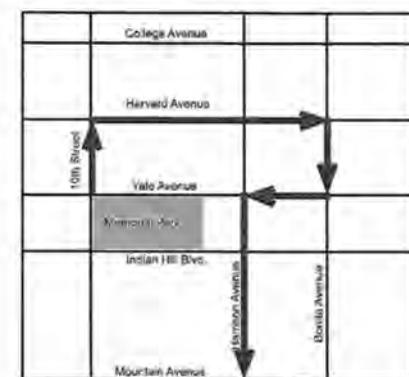
**NOTICE OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT ANNUAL CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE OCTOBER 29, 2021**

**Annual Claremont High School Homecoming Parade (File # 21-SEP05) Time & Date: Friday, October 29, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Claremont High School, in association with the City of Claremont, will be hosting the annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 29, 2021. The event will be held between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. with street closures commencing as early as 1:00 p.m. and concluding by 4:00 p.m. The event will require the temporary closure of streets within the Claremont Village area during the event as indicated on the associated map. The parade will begin at Memorial Park at 3:30 p.m. and end at the Joslyn Senior Center parking lot at approximately 4:00 p.m.; the parade route is shown in the map below.

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## Real Estate

### Looking to buy

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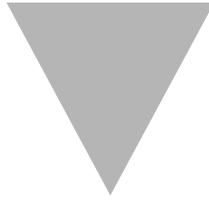
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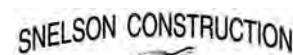
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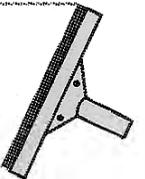
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