



Simon Brown, CEO of Claremont Craft Ales, stands tall inside the empty space of the temporarily closed tasting room of his brewery on Wednesday afternoon. Due to a recent winter surge of COVID-19 infections, he and his staff made the decision to suspend on-site operations and instead focus strictly on curbside delivery until the surge ceases. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

Claremont businesses stay flexible adjusting to Omicron

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Kicking off 2022, Claremont received troubling news. As of Wednesday, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health recorded 628 new COVID-19 infections in the city over the previous two weeks. The winter surge is likely driven by holiday travel, winter weather and the less dangerous but still deadly Omicron variant.

“Given what we’ve seen over the last few weeks with Omicron, I’m not surprised that number’s that high,” City Manager Adam Pirrie said about the surge. “I think there was a period of time prior to the holidays where people let their guard down a little bit. I think this is an opportunity for people to be reminded of the importance of those protocols that [Los Angeles] County and the health authorities have recommended. Things like social distancing

[and] masking, particularly indoors.”

The rise in cases has prompted many questions for Claremont business owners. How will the surge affect business traffic? Will these new infections prompt closures? Are we in for another year-long rollercoaster ride like 2020 and 2021? Unfortunately, only time will tell.

It is still too early to accurately ascertain the impact this wave will have on local businesses, but Pirrie told the COURIER on Wednesday that fortunately no closures were on the table — yet. He said as usual, the city will continue following guidelines outlined by county health officials. To view L.A. County health guidelines, visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/index.htm>.

“We’re subject to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health mandates as they relate to business re-

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Omicron surge rips across region swelling area hospitals

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In our year-end edition, the COURIER expressed hope that high vaccination rates in Los Angeles County would somehow blunt the rapid spread of the Omicron variant and that the region would avoid the explosion of new cases seen in other areas. But, as usual, the virus had other plans.

On December 24, the final coronavirus update of 2021, we reported a rapid increase in daily COVID-19 cases doubling in one day to roughly 6,500. Still, this case count was far below the numbers reported last winter. Now the numbers far exceed last year’s surge as public health identified 211,589 cases over the last two weeks alone, recording more than 20,000 cases per day, every day, over the last week for a cumulative total of 1,806,828 cases across all areas of L.A. County.

The county’s positivity rate, which is a good gauge of the local outbreak, jumped from 4.5% in late December to 22.4% on Wednesday. This means one in five people who get tested receive a positive result and the county says that each infected person spreads the virus to 1.9 other people, which is a very high transmission rate.

“L.A. County continues to urge residents to curtail higher-risk activities as large numbers of residents are testing positive for COVID-19. Indoor activities where individuals are unmasked for long periods of time, as well as crowded outdoor events, increase the risk that infected individuals will transmit both Omicron and Delta variants to others,” the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health said in

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I don't remember the ride being this busy

I've been traveling up to the Mt. Baldy area since I was five years old, creating numerous memories of skiing at the top of the Notch, hiking up Mt. Baldy — even helping build a snow igloo to spend a quiet, cold night at the peak. In 1969, my father and I covered floods that literally swept Baldy Village right off the map. My wife even said yes to a marriage proposal at Ice House Canyon over 35 years ago. Spending an evening between the tunnels along Mt. Baldy Road when our car broke down was a big deal back in 1965. All good times.

Even today, it doesn't seem like a lot has changed, except for one thing. When it snows, it's almost impossible to get up the mountain. Over the past several years I have documented many summer and winter scenes with my drones, many of which have appeared in the COURIER and on YouTube. But with global warming, I've also noticed less snow in the San Gabriel mountains, especially at lower elevations. And on higher elevations, there just seems to be less.

The storms that blew through here this holiday season are perfect examples. Baldy Village was barely touched by snow — even with weather services predicting a foot or more. And while on a trip to the Notch at 7,800 feet this week, I noticed that while there were still open runs for skiing, significant melting had already occurred. It's a whole lot harder to find those magic moments when Mother Nature doesn't cooperate. Needless to say, predicting weather remains difficult even in 2022.

So what happens after a first snow? A mass of humanity heads up a two-lane mountain road that's steep and slick, anxious to throw snowballs and play



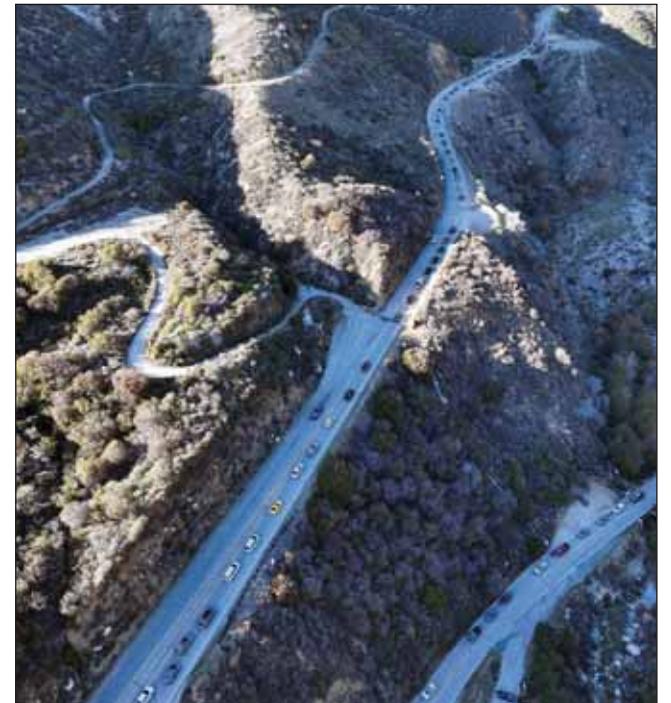
MY SIDE of the Line

by **PETER WEINBERGER**

in a winter wonderland. Traffic jams on first snow days are legendary. And it's all the same wherever you go — Mt. Baldy, Big Bear Lake, Wrightwood — near gridlock traffic for miles.

What's different now however, is that there are far fewer skiers and snowboarders trying to drive from point A to B, and many more families and friends ready for a day of recreation ... sometimes anywhere. Parking on the side of the road literally has become the new way to tailgate. But it makes traffic worse, especially given the number of inexperienced drivers. I tip my hat to skiers with enough patience to make it all the way to the Mt. Baldy ski lifts.

My best advice is to have a working set of chains to use, even with a 4-wheel drive. Those who wait to start later in the morning will be destined to spend hours in the car. If you can, waiting several days after the first snow will help alleviate traffic, especially if it's on a weekday. It also makes a huge difference in the condition of the roads. Of course, the downside is that there's less fresh snow, especially at elevations



Mt. Baldy Road has a miles-long line of cars leading up to the ski lifts. What's amazing is this photo was taken at 4 pm., an hour before sunset when businesses close down. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger

under 6,000 feet.

The good news is we still have an incredible winter wonderland just minutes from Claremont. It's just critical to be aware of the obstacles when making a trip. Once getting to your snowy destination, you will not be disappointed.

Police and fire department memorabilia show returns

In 2021, state mandates surrounding the spread of COVID-19 forced The Porky Show, a police and fire memorabilia show which raises money for the Claremont Police Explorer Post, to be postponed.

Following the hiatus, the Claremont Police Department will host the 40th annual event next Saturday, January 15, at Taylor Hall in Claremont

The Porky Show had its inception in the early 1980s in the backyard of a home in Van Nuys, moved to a nearby church reception hall, then relocated to the Sierra Madre Recreation Center.

The Porky Show serves mainly as a fundraiser for the Claremont Police Explorer Post. Proceeds fund educational training opportunities for young men and women ages 14.5 to 21 and provide opportunities for underprivileged teens to attend various explorer functions, offering a positive benefit to the local community. Porky Show hosts are unpaid volunteers who work to produce a fun experience for police and fire department memorabilia collectors.

This year's show takes place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Taylor Hall, 1775 N. Indian Hill Blvd. The exhibit

showcases police and fire department badges, patches, toy cars, buckles, photos, historical documents, hats, helmets, handcuffs, antique batons, mini badges, t-shirts and pins. There will be over 50 vendors and over 100 tables displaying collectibles.

Admission is \$5 per person, while those who reserve a vendor's table [for \$55] will have their admission covered. For more information on the hall's layout or to reserve a vendor's spot, visit www.theporkyshow.com/Table.htm or email your questions to nick@theporkyshow.com.

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Suspects arrested in Upland may be involved in Claremont robbery

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Four men arrested by the Upland Police Department last week following an attempted smash-and-grab robbery may be the same individuals who committed a similar crime at a jewelry store in Claremont.

Eerily familiar to the Claremont crime, on December 30, four suspects entered a jewelry store in the 300 block of S. Mountain Avenue in Upland and immediately deployed bear spray toward everyone in the business. However, the owner thwarted the attack by brandishing a legally possessed firearm, according to Upland police.

“Upland PD initiated an investigation to identify and apprehend the suspects. While doing so, they were contacted by Detectives from the San Bernardi-

no County Sheriff’s Department, Chino Hills Station, who provided invaluable suspect information. Through SBSO’s investigation, they had reason to believe these suspects were also responsible for other recent violent robberies in Claremont and Chino Hills,” Upland police officials reported.

Working in conjunction with the sheriff’s department, a suspect vehicle was located in Upland and several suspects were located in Ontario, including three who may have been involved in the attempted robbery in Upland. A search warrant executed by Upland police at an apartment the city resulted in another suspect being taken into custody.

The suspects were identified as Jonathan Williamson, 36, of Upland, Dalon La Flora, 29, of Los Angeles, Gerald Kay, 30, of Fontana, and Jahaad Crawford, 30, of Pasadena. Crawford was on federal probation and was wanted for an outstanding federal probation warrant, Kay and La Flora were on parole.

All suspects were booked at West Valley Detention Center on various felony charges.

The smash-and-grab robbery in Claremont happened on December 14 during the busy Christmas shopping season.

Just before noon on that Tuesday, three suspects entered 4C’s Finecraft Jewelry on Yale Avenue and immediately sprayed employees with a chemical which incapacitated them. The men then used tools to smash display cases and stole numerous pieces of jewelry before fleeing the scene and running north to a waiting getaway vehicle, according to a news release from Claremont police.

Following the Claremont smash-and-grab, members of the city council expressed frustration at the apparent rise in crime across the region and Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Reece asked city staff to organize a meeting with county officials to craft solutions to protect local business and residents from similar crimes.

Claremont business stay flexible

strictions. We haven’t heard any closures are on the horizon but I wouldn’t rule them out at this point,” Pirrie said.

“We’ll continue to work with L.A. County and implement any protocols that they recommend for keeping people safe. I’m not sure if it will come to this but if it means imposing restrictions on businesses ... we’ll follow L.A. County protocols and enforce them.

“We have a mask ordinance that’s in effect that also gives us the ability to enforce any directives from the county of L.A. So if we find that people are not complying with L.A. County health orders, we do have the ability to enforce compliance,” he added.

A recently updated statewide mandate requires people to wear masks inside public spaces and businesses until February 15 with narrow exceptions. To read the mandate and view a list of those who are exempt from wearing a mask, visit www.covid19.ca.gov.

Pirrie mentioned that while Omicron is not as dangerous as previous strains of COVID-19, the public should still be wary of the latest variant when shopping locally.

“Although it appears the Omicron strain is a little less dangerous in terms of risk of hospitalization and death, I think there are still vulnerable members of our community who are more susceptible to more adverse effects,” Pirrie said. “I still think we need to be vigilant with safety protocols with encouraging vaccinations, with masking, with disinfecting protocols and social distancing, I think those kinds of things are things that L.A. County still requires in order to make sure those vulnerable members of our population can remain safe.

“Our business community has responded really well over the last year and a half to the pandemic in making sure their employees and customers are safe. My hope is they’ll continue to do so and that the city will support them as much as we can in making sure they do that,” Pirrie said.

The city council recently approved a small business grant program, which likely will be available beginning early February, and will be administered through L.A. County, to provide assistance to Claremont businesses, Pirrie said.

While Claremont businesses have not been forced to close so far this year, only asked to enforce masking protocols, some have taken independent measures to help slow the spread of the virus.

After consulting with staff last Wednesday, Claremont Craft Ales decided to close its tasting room and



On Wednesday evening, only two participants, Nickki Sanchez and Stephanie Swisher, pictured above, were seen doing the revolved half moon pose during Fit Rituals Studio aerial yoga course inside the 3,000 square-foot gym. The class’s maximum capacity is eight. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

patio due to the recent surge, however they are still offering curbside pickup.

“We did not have to close our tasting room, we chose to close our tasting room,” Simon Brown, CEO of Claremont Craft Ales, said.

Brown said he knew that the New Year’s Eve holiday would likely draw numerous people to the brewery and potentially result in a super spreader event.

“Everyone knew a bunch of people that had [COVID-19], which is a new phase of the pandemic where suddenly everybody knows plenty of people that are currently infected and that just started to freak them out. Essentially ... our employees wanted to take a step back and we wanted to support them and agreed with that,” Brown said.

The main problem that remains for the brewery, along with other mom and pop shops, is that they don’t know when this winter surge will cease.

COVID-19 has also affected Claremont gyms including Fit Rituals, a 3,000-square-foot indoor studio. The virus has pushed co-owners, Tasha Bell, and Bernadette Legranp into voluntarily reducing class sizes by 50% while also ensuring the small studio has proper air circulation.

Bell speculates that due to the Omicron variant, “people are still holding back from those health-based new year’s resolutions and getting back into the

gym,” adding, “[Omicron] is definitely lengthening that time” before people get back to the gym.

Ever since Fit Rituals opened in November 2019, the duo said it has been hard to get the community through their doors due to the pandemic. Now, thanks to the recent surge, it is even harder, Bell explained.

On Wednesday evening, the studio held an aerial yoga course led by instructor Devyn Craine. While the class’s maximum capacity is currently eight, only two participants, Nickki Sanchez and Stephanie Swisher, signed up.

“We normally see a lot of people back in the gym, a lot of bookings for January and right now our bookings are not where we would normally expect them,” Bell said.

The recent surge has not dramatically impacted the retail industry, though it has prompted more employee testing, according to The Diamond Center owner Ray Lantz.

“Omicron specifically has affected us in that we really ramped up testing of staff,” Lantz said. “It’s been our goal from the beginning [of the pandemic] to have 100% safety for our staff and customers and zero spread at work.”

Recently, Lantz notified his employees via email that no one can work while sick regardless of vaccine status. Lantz also explained that the recent surge has strengthened his resolve to take safety seriously.

“Something we’ve wanted to avoid from the start is, [having] to pick up the phone and say, ‘Hey you were exposed in my business,’ to a list of customers on a given day,” Lantz said. “We’ve been really vigilant about [customer safety] from the start and will continue to be because I never want to make those phone calls.”

Shortly after our interview, Lantz sent the COURIER a Facebook message in which he shared, “I’m grateful and aware that it’s feasible in my specific business to be proactive about safety while we continue doing what we do. Certainly, some businesses have a much tougher set of circumstances and I see so many of my small business neighbors in the Village make the best of things and keep moving forward.”

It seems that the public is aware of the protocols and willing to step up to the plate, and customers rarely make much of a fuss about wearing masks indoors, according to Lantz.

While still significant, overall the recent increased caseload has not been a gamechanger for Claremont’s businesses. However, only time will tell.

Omicron is here: 174 CUSD students test positive

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On December 21, the last time the COURIER checked in with Claremont Unified School District on its COVID numbers, the Omicron variant was still an unknown.

My how this exasperating virus can change things in a hurry.

Los Angeles County reported an astonishing 141,742* new COVID cases on Tuesday, January 4, most driven by the new variant. A month earlier, that number was 2,290*, according to the New York Times.

The week prior to New Year's Eve saw testing sites and hospitals overrun, a grim reminder of the deadly surge that occurred last winter, which peaked with 300,777** new cases reported nationwide on January 8, 2021. That number was obliterated on Monday, January 3, 2022, when a grotesque 1,018,935** cases were reported.

Against this backdrop, Claremont Unified School District held a massive testing event Sunday, January 2, and a smaller one Monday, January 3, both at El Roble Intermediate School. All told, there were more than 1,600 tests administered to students and their families. Of those, more than 250 came back positive, about a 13% positivity rate. Of those positives, 174 were CUSD students.

District staff spent Wednesday contacting those who tested positive and beginning contact tracing.

Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second largest, announced this week it will begin requiring all its students to provide a negative test and



Monica Zamora tests Sycamore Elementary School student Chloe Brady for COVID-19 infection on Sunday at El Roble Middle School. Claremont Unified School District held a special testing clinic in advance of the first day back at school following the winter break. Over the past week, new coronavirus cases have jumped dramatically due in part to the highly contagious Omicron variant. COURIER/photo Steven Felschundneff

agree to weekly testing before coming back for its spring semester, which begins Tuesday, January 11. Claremont Unified School District Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Kevin Ward said it's too soon to predict whether CUSD might go down that

road.

"I think we're still really looking at what this surge is doing in terms of our attendance to see if mandatory testing is a good next step," Ward said. "But since

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Omicron rips through region

a statement.

On January 3 there were 1,018,935 new cases reported nationwide, vastly eclipsing the previous record of 300,777 cases on January 8, 2021. The seven-day national average of new cases is 584,000, according to the Washington Post.

Claremont is not immune to the current surge, with the county reporting 628 new infections in the city over the past two weeks, or 16% of our cumulative total of 3,860 cases. Sadly, one more city resident has died bringing the total to 71.

In response to the rise in new cases, the City of Claremont elected to return to virtual public meetings. The Claremont City Council held its first and only hybrid meeting with residents participating both in person and via the internet on Tuesday December 12, but now will return to Zoom-only access.

"Due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County, and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, the City will return to virtual public meetings until further notice," the city said in a statement.

COURIER reporter and columnist Mick Rhodes had a journalist's-eye view of the recent Omicron surge. Rhodes started feeling symptoms on December 26, and attempted to get tested at Kaiser's Fontana location, but the lines at the emergency room snaked out the door and into the parking lot.

"It was kind of apocalyptic," Rhodes said. "We gave up and just went home and into quarantine."

Rhodes, who is fully vaccinated and boosted, tested positive with a breakthrough case on December 28 at the same location, waiting more than four hours in a drive-through line of hundreds of cars.

The first five days were awful, he said.

"It was like the worst flu or cold you've ever had, but not to the point of needing to go to the hospital, thank goodness."

After day five, the hacking cough, sore throat,

aches, and periodic fevers subsided. On day nine he reported almost all symptoms had abated, save the persistent cough and minor sore throat.

"I'm just so grateful to have been vaccinated and boosted. I'm 58, and I've had unvaccinated friends my age die from this," he said.

Hospitalizations are on the rise, which raises the concern that medical facilities and staff may soon be overwhelmed, but so far the case load is manageable. However, Southern California has the worst per capita, COVID-19 hospitalization rate of any area in the state, with 21 people per 100,000 residents currently hospitalized.

On Wednesday public health reported 2,240 people with COVID-19 are currently hospitalized, up from 1,994 on Sunday. However, in contrast to last winter's surge when nearly every patient was battling the coronavirus, a growing number are admitted for other ailments and learn they are positive after being examined.

At Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center about 20% of newly admitted patients have received an incidental diagnosis of COVID-19, meaning they were admitted for a condition not related to the virus, according to a statement from the hospital.

"A majority of these cases were pregnant patients admitted to our labor and delivery unit who then tested positive for COVID-19," the statement read.

Like many other area hospitals, Pomona Valley has experienced a surge in COVID-19 hospitalizations in the weeks following the holidays, however the staff continues to effectively manage bed capacity, including in the intensive care unit.

"PVHMC has a surge plan in place to provide safe, high-quality care to all patients requiring treatment in our intensive care units, as well as those in need of emergent and specialty care, including trauma, chron-

ic medical conditions, maternal and neonatal care and inpatient needs," a hospital official said. "The hospital remains a safe place to seek care. Do not delay emergency care due to fear of contracting COVID-19 in a healthcare setting. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, including emergency warning signs for COVID-19, such as trouble breathing or chest pain, seek immediate emergency medical care."

It's becoming increasingly clear that Omicron is less deadly than previous waves, perhaps because of widespread vaccination and the natural immunity that develops in people who have been sick and recover.

The New York Times reports that Omicron is so contagious that it will infect a meaningful share of the population, increasing the amount of COVID immunity and helping defang the virus.

For the time being the death rate in L.A. County remains steady at about 20 per day, however, mortality is a trailing indicator because it can take weeks to die from COVID-19.

During the last 100 years, pandemics have either been effectively eliminated with vaccines, such as polio, or have become endemic, like the Spanish flu. With the current high number of vaccine holdouts in the country, and COVID's frequent mutations, it's unlikely that we will reach herd immunity anytime soon. So the likely scenario, according to multiple sources, is that a less deadly COVID will become part of everyday life.

The demand for testing has been on the rise and many people are reporting difficulty finding home COVID-19 tests kits. On Tuesday, Hendricks Pharmacy in the Village had the home tests in stock but they were selling quickly.

If you have COVID-related symptoms or have had close contact with someone who tested positive it's crucial that you get tested. The closest L.A. County testing site is at Gate 17 at the Pomona Fairplex but appointments are required. To make an appointment visit the county's testing portal.

Students at The Webb Schools returned to campus on January 3 and 4 amid intensified health and safety protocols implemented to minimize the impact of a regional rise in COVID-19 cases.

The high school campus, which provides a residential program to 250 students and day school instruction to 150, has followed strict guidelines since returning to in-person instruction in fall 2021, including use of masks indoors, limits on gatherings, outdoor seating for meals, mandatory vaccinations and regular testing of stu-

dents, staff and faculty.

Those guidelines, developed in consultation with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and Webb's Medical Advisory Board, helped keep cases to just a handful in fall 2021.

Concerns about the highly contagious Omicron variant prompted an intensification of health and safety protocols, with all students, staff and faculty tested before being allowed to return to campus, universal use of surgical masks, vaccination boosters for all who are eligi-

ble and tightened limits for gatherings and athletic events.

"Webb is taking every possible precaution to reduce the inevitable number of cases, as well as to ensure we continue to deliver the rigorous, unbounded academic program that is the hallmark of a Webb education," Head of Schools Taylor B. Stockdale said. "We are ready to handle whatever Omicron may throw our way, thanks to the vigilance of our response team and the sophisticated instruction program developed by our academic team."

CUSD students test positive

coming back from break and seeing these last couple of days we haven't had that discussion yet. We don't currently have any plans in place or planning to take a point in time and test all our students."

The L.A. County health department recommends PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) tests for those who are symptomatic. But people can continue to test positive with the PCR test, even when they're no longer feeling sick or are contagious. This can happen five to 10 days after the onset of symptoms. The district received about 6,800 rapid at-home COVID tests from the county this week. These tests are good at indicating when contagious levels of virus drop off to the point of allowing kids to return to school, Ward said, as the more thorough PCR tests can continue to detect levels of virus, and therefore produce a positive result, long after folks are no longer contagious.

"So that's going to be our plan is that we're going to encourage families to utilize our afterschool [PCR] testing, which we have four days a week, which is working very, very well and is very easy for families to get into," Ward said. "That needs to be their first round of testing. Then, if their student is positive and quarantined, we're able to use the [rapid test] antigen home kit to do modified quarantine so the students can return to school as soon as possible."

Once a CUSD family has a student that has been exposed or has tested positive, they can request a rapid home test from their school office.

The district has many scenarios for what happens next, depending on whether or not a student has been fully vaccinated, or is willing to be tested, etc. When a student tests positive or is exposed to someone who has, families receive an immediate email from the district's health services office with all the specifics on that student's quarantine protocols, if appropriate, and timelines for testing and return to school. Each letter is different, depending on a number of factors, Ward said. Some vaccinated students who were exposed but show no symptoms can remain in school.

"Those protocols are implemented case by case, as determined by our nurses and based on a number of factors," Ward told the COURIER. "Quarantine decisions can change from guidance issued from the

LACDPH doctors/nurses that we are in constant contact with."

Unfortunately, Omicron's sudden virulence over the holiday break apparently took even county health officials by surprise.

"Honestly, it's my opinion that the county was caught — not by anything they did wrong — but was caught [off guard] by the severity of the uptick in cases as we approached New Year's Eve," said CUSD Superintendent Jeff Wilson. "Their messaging did not get intensified until the end of the week. So even they, as they got to the end of the week, weren't ready for this."

Wilson was pleased with the turnout at Sunday and Monday's testing events, but some parents have questioned its timing, just one day prior to schools reopening after the two-week winter break.

"Essentially the timing happened because of the lateness of that surge and the fact that the county was scrambling to get us individual [rapid home] tests, and we wanted to offer one more opportunity for folks to have their kids tested," Wilson said.

Some have wondered if the Omicron surge could cause CUSD to consider closing its campuses to in-person instruction again.

"We can't do that," Wilson said. "We don't have a mechanism, unless somebody declares a state of emergency I believe, to just say 'We're closed.' There's a lot of moving pieces to that. We're doing everything we can to provide the safest environment possible while also operating under the strictness of the law, and contracts and things like that that we have in place."

According to Ward, the district's primary "goal and passion" has been to keep students in classrooms.

"You're going to see us do everything humanly and superhumanly possible to make that happen," Ward said. "In my head that is the very last resort. And we still have a long way to go before considering that. We're fighting very hard to keep everybody in school and not have to go back to a remote setting."

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer told Wilson on Monday's

call, "while this is the worst surge we've ever seen, it is their intention to keep schools open. So, right now, as of [Monday] morning at 8:30, while we're in the middle of this surge, there's no intention at this point to close schools," Wilson said.

The Omicron surge has resulted in two new protocol changes coming down from Los Angeles County, which it has two weeks to implement:

One, that staff and teachers must now wear the common blue paper surgical, or the more robust N95 or KN95 masks, with the more porous cloth masks no longer an option. The county recommends students do the same.

The second is that students and staff wear their masks correctly — with a tight fit, and always covering the nose and mouth — both indoors and in crowded outdoor settings.

The district had 76 staff members — out of about 800 — call in sick on Monday, January 3. It was unclear what portion of that number, which on a typical Monday would be about 60, was due to possible COVID infection or exposure, Wilson said. That number swelled to about 84 on Wednesday.

At press time CUSD's COVID dashboard listed 461 total year-to-date COVID cases for its students spread among nine of the district's 10 campuses (San Antonio High is the only site with no cases thus far). As always, check the district's COVID dashboard at <https://claremont-ca.schoolloop.com/covid> for the latest figures.

Asked what the vibe was like at the district office, Wilson said "It's all hands on deck. We're paying very close attention. We're trying to provide timely information to the public. And we're keeping in very close contact with the public agencies at the county level.

"Everybody's working very, very hard. All of the pressures trickle down and trickle up as well, and we have to be mutually supportive of one another. So there is an impact, but we're holding up pretty well I'd say."

*Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/california-covid-cases.html>

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See's thank you letter
Dear editor:

The Kiwanis Club of Claremont wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to the many residents of our community who once again have contributed to the great success of our annual holiday fundraising event, the Pop-Up See's Candies Store.

This loyal support has now provided the vital funds for our annual High School Scholarships, continuing sponsorships of the Key Clubs youth leadership programs, Shoes That Fit, Meals on Wheels, Hope Partners, books for our pre-school "READ Me" program, Concerts in the Park, and many more community projects.

This valuable partnership between the Claremont Kiwanis and our community maintains a vital bond for meeting a wide range of community needs in the coming year and beyond.

Please accept our deepest thanks.

Linda C. Clinton
President

Response to Village South Specific Plan

Dear editor:

The VSSP will change Claremont for the better. Yes, it will "alter the look" but not the livability of Claremont. It will provide jobs, housing, and new spirit in Clare-

READERS COMMENTS

mont. Let's not forget that "everything changes all the time" and our city is not a walk in the country but a vibrant part of Southern California.

Rita Gonzales Levine
Claremont

Not only Christmas Tree farm in L.A. County

Dear editor:

I owe Brock Christmas Tree Farm an apology!

I've been telling my customers at my Christmas Tree farm that I was the last choose and cut Christmas tree farm in L.A. County. Turns out there are still two farms—both in Claremont!

In Mick Rhodes' "profile" I appreciate the term "deep roots" being used as a metaphor of long standing traditions that we love in our society. It is delightful to see so many families at our farm come out with their small children to cut a live tree. Many told stories of their childhood when "my dad would take us out and cut

our tree down for Christmas," and we wanted to do the same for our kids. As a baby boomer my memories were always about hiking, catching or collecting things or just cutting down a tree without being told where I couldn't go or what I couldn't do. Our farm gave me the opportunity to teach both my boys how to drive a "stick shift" old truck around the property way before they were 16. They also learned the essence of a small business and to responsibly help their parents make the farm happen.

Thank you also Mr. Rhodes for acknowledging the dilemma of letting our kids become "screen obsessed" rather than "nature observant" in our over developed cities. Maybe if they were not always supervised and told what is "not safe" they might enjoy their own individual reality. I wonder what will Claremont look like 10 years from now when the new state mandates on building are evident and our remaining open spaces are urbanized? By the way, is there really 40 acres left of native chaparral in northeast Claremont that could be built on?

The December 17 edition of the COURIER also profiles Naomi Fraga, a conservation botanist working to stop the plant extinction crisis [your words]. Habitat destruction (urban sprawl) is, to me, an

ADVENTURES IN HAIKU

*all the Southland
wants to touch Mt. Baldy's snow
conga line*

— **Marcyn Del Clements**

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

enormous threat to our society, especially youth. Where will they go to enjoy nature? It's been years since we have seen roadrunners and horned lizards on our farm or in the open spaces around Claremont. Conversely, where will the bears, bobcats, and coyotes go except into town to have our pets for lunch?

Oh well, at least Lowe's will still bring cut down trees from Oregon then.

Eric Chamberlain
Chamberlain Choose and Cut Christmas Tree Farm

More information on home testing kits

With at-home testing kits nearly impossible to find at local pharmacies, on Monday the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health announced eligible county residents can sign up at covid19.lacounty.gov/hometest to have an at-home-testing kit sent to their home.

The kit is the standard nasal swab test and is provided by Picture by Fulgent Ge-

netics, a certified and accredited clinical diagnostic lab. L.A. County residents can also sign up to receive the test on Fulgent Genetics website at <https://picturegenetics.com/covid19?c=laathome>.

The genetic lab has a limit to how many residents can sign up to order a free home test per day. Fulgent Genetics also offers an at-home test that residents can pay for via <https://picturegenetics.com/covid19> starting at \$119. Test kits cannot be shipped to P.O. boxes.

The at-home test collection kit provided by the county's partnership with Fulgent Genetics is free to residents who either have symptoms of COVID-19 or think they were exposed to the virus. The kits can be used immediately or between three and five days of residents receiving them.

After placing their order, residents will receive their test kit within two days. Once the test is received, residents are encouraged to take it by following the outlined steps on the box and submit their tests back to Fulgent Genetics as soon as possible. Residents will receive their ready-to-view results via email approximately 48 hours after Fulgent Genetics gets the test.

Inside the kits, residents will receive a pre-paid overnight envelope to place their tests in. County residents can call FedEx at 1-(800)-463-3339 to schedule a one-time FedEx pickup, or drop off the packaged sample back to the Fulgent Ge-

netics lab via FedEx express drop box.

While the test is free of charge to eligible residents, residents are asked to enter health insurance information so the county can get reimbursed for the cost of the test. No insurance is necessary to get the test; however, residents must have an email account to sign up. Guardians and caregivers may order the test kits for those whom they provide care for, according to L.A. County's website.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health reminds residents who take the at-home test to stay at home, avoid contact with others, wear a mask and to wash your hands often.

For more info on this program, visit www.covid19.lacounty.gov/hometest. To schedule a COVID-19 vaccination or booster appointment, visit <https://myturn.ca.gov>. Many Claremonters also had success getting home testing kits at Hendrick's Pharmacy on Harvard Avenue in Claremont.

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Kiwanis Invites Grant Applications



The Kiwanis Club of Claremont Foundation is pleased to announce that we will be awarding \$25,000 in grants to non-profit organizations that provide services to Claremont youth and adults. We award grants that focus on services within Claremont.

We require that applicants submit their requests to the Grants Committee using the online application available, under "Grants" on the Claremont Kiwanis website at <https://www.claremontkiwanis.org/>

Instructions are included on the form. Applications must be submitted in their entirety.
Please note that grant applications will not be accepted after February 28, 2022.

Direct any questions to: Fulton Eaglin, Committee Chair, ClaremontKiwanisGrants@gmail.com.

Holocaust Remembrance educational event

January is Holocaust Remembrance month and the Claremont Forum Bookshop is using the opportunity to host an educational event for the community on Saturday, January 8. The free event is titled “Try to Remember — Never Forget: Memoirs of Holocaust Survivor Ruth Goldschmiedova Sax.”

Between 1 and 4 p.m. author Sandra Scheller will discuss her latest book “Try to Remember – Never Forget.” The book retells the story of what her mother, Ruth Goldschmiedova Sax, faced at Auschwitz during the Holocaust and how Sax eventually found a new life in America.

“Scheller shares the harrowing experiences her mother endured at a concentration camp. She brings the dress her grandmother wore the entire time she was in a concentration camp: a black dress that was repeatedly painted with an ‘X’ by the Nazis,” a news release describing the event said. “This powerful historical artifact brings the experience of Ruth and her family alive.”

The event will also offer the opportunity to meet and view the works of artist David Beck-Brown. Beck-Brown created faceless, “haunting portraits of victims of the Holocaust” with most having ‘lost faces.’

“This gallery of ‘lost faces’ is a powerful way to re-

member those who were both lost to the Holocaust and those who survived,” a news release read.

Although the event is free, attendees must register online in advance. To register, visit www.claremontforum.org/event/holocaust-remembrance-art-letters and click ‘reserve your seat.’ In lieu of admission, attendees are asked to consider a small donation to the nonprofit.

For more information, contact the Claremont Forum at (909) 626-3066 or email claremontforum@gmail.com. The Claremont Forum Bookshop is located at 586 W First Street, in the Claremont Packing House.

Democratic Club will host Dr. Dionne Benson-Smith

Next Friday, January 14, the Democratic Club of Claremont will host Dr. Dionne Benson-Smith during their monthly luncheon via a Zoom meeting set to begin at noon.

The visiting professor and policy fellow at Claremont McKenna College will speak on the following topic, “Children’s mental health justice: what it means and why it matters.” Dr. Benson-Smith is also a scholar, researcher, writer, mental health advocate, teacher and parent.

She is a former basketball player and high school All-American. She earned her B.A. in government and international studies from the University of Notre Dame where she played basketball for the legendary Muffet McGraw. She earned her M.A./Ph.D. from the

Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

Benson-Smith is the co-founder of Mothers on the Frontline and co-creator of the Children’s Mental Health Justice Framework. She conducts research on children’s and caregivers’ mental health justice, Black women’s health, United States healthcare and welfare policy and mental health policy. She also writes, consults, and advises on research methods/methodologies, ethics, and trauma-informed research.

Her work in children’s mental health justice is informed by her personal experiences as a Black woman and being a mother of boys with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

The program, part of the club’s Gar Byrum Distin-

guished Speaker Series, is open to the public and held via Zoom. To register for this talk, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89559832568>.

More info can be found through Mike Boos, the Democratic Club of Claremont’s corresponding secretary, at jazzdrmike@aol.com or by contacting the Democratic Club of Claremont’s Recording Secretary Carolee Monroe at jackncarolee@verizon.net.

Inquires about the Democratic Club of Claremont can be sent to their P.O. Box 1201, Claremont, California 91711. You can also reach the club by calling (909) 632-1516 or visit www.claremont-dems.org.

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- 4. Swamp
- 7. Gullet
- 10. The Beatles' ___ Pepper
- 13. Hill
- 14. Tic-tac-toe losing row
- 15. Cider-sweet girl
- 16. Stretch out
- 17. Expected time to be here, abbr.
- 18. Proofs, say
- 20. Spy novelist, Deighton
- 21. With unflagging resolve
- 24. Ticket resale
- 25. Start to make a pot
- 26. Steal
- 29. Overhaul
- 33. Laughter on the internet, abbreviation
- 36. Santa ___
- 38. Called balls and strikes
- 39. Resetting setting
- 40. ___ Hall of Music that presented the Volta Drun Dance Troupe's "Ag-bekor"
- 42. ___-de-France (brand of Brie)
- 43. Kids and their nannies
- 45. Switzerland's capital
- 46. People mover
- 47. Divan
- 48. In a proper manner

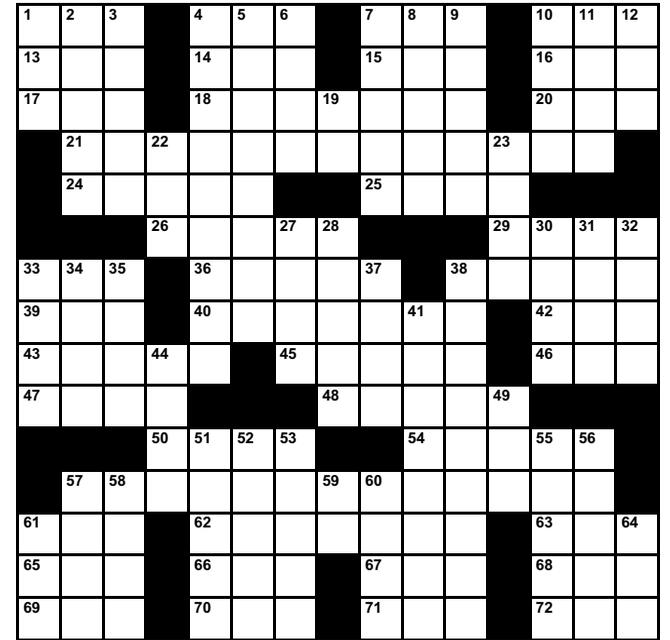
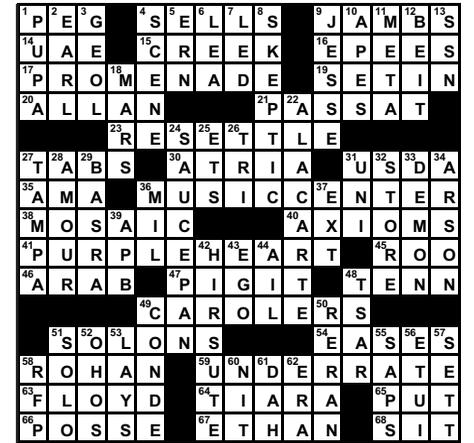
- 50. Nightclub of song
- 54. Cumbrous
- 57. Position at a College
- 61. Two-man operation
- 62. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps sports team
- 63. Common verb
- 65. Corp. bigwig
- 66. "Oh, my!"
- 67. Home extension
- 68. Trawl
- 69. Bug spray brand
- 70. Ending for west or east
- 71. Canny
- 72. U.S. Army medal

Down

- 1. Parisian summer
- 2. Meditation position
- 3. Swiss coin
- 4. Arms, say
- 5. Paradigm
- 6. "Me neither"
- 7. Mazda model
- 8. Mix with, as seasonings
- 9. "Rome ___ built in a day"
- 10. Order to a broker
- 11. Musical notation
- 12. ___ Lords a leaping
- 19. And , in French

- 22. Brit. fliers
- 23. Start of an idea
- 27. Plagiarize
- 28. Part of HDTV, briefly
- 30. Heroic story
- 31. Boxing's Oscar ___ Hoya
- 32. Polish border river
- 33. Ren and Stimpy's toys
- 34. Ghost's sound
- 35. Take it easy
- 37. Cultural beginning?
- 38. In vain
- 41. Transport
- 44. ___ Bell
- 49. Cry of disgust
- 51. Old enough
- 52. One of a New Testament twelve
- 53. Pale
- 55. Delectable dish
- 56. Belgian city in W.W. I fighting
- 57. The magic dragon in the Peter, Paul and Mary song
- 58. Mouth part
- 59. Compass direction
- 60. Till compartment
- 61. Display ad technology, abbr.
- 64. Catchall abbr.

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What's happening Claremont?

BY ANDREW ALONZO

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TODAY 1/7

- Today at noon, Inland Valley Health Plan will host an online class titled **Habits: How they form and how to break them**. The course will cover tips for breaking unhealthy habits and how to live a better life. To register, visit portal.ivhp.com/forhealthandliving for more information.

- This Friday, VomFASS Claremont, located at 101 N. Indian Hill Blvd. C2-100, will host a **bourbon tasting event** for those 21 and older beginning at 7 p.m. Attendees will get to sip four different bourbons made in four differing regions. Proof of vaccination will be required to enter the event. Masks must be worn at all times except when actively engaging in eating or drinking. For more information, visit their Eventbrite page.

gining ceramic artists. The class will begin at 2 p.m. and run for about 90 minutes. The course cost begins at \$45 per person. Residents can either learn more or register on their Eventbrite page.

- Fitness enthusiasts or not, all are invited to attend Claremont Yoga's **informational session** on Saturday at 3 p.m. to learn about the studio's upcoming course, Cultivating Emotional Balance. The course will be led by fitness instructor Vanessa Kettering and will begin officially on February 20. The info session will take place at Claremont Yoga, located at 300 W. Foothill Blvd. For more information about the info session, contact the gym at (909) 563-0714 or claremontyoga1@gmail.com.



- Temple Beth Israel in Pomona, located at 3033 N. Towne Ave., in collaboration with the Folk Music Center and the Jewish Federation, will host an in-person concert on Saturday at 7 p.m. The concert will feature a performance by the band **Nefresh Mountain**. General admission begins at \$18 per ticket but preferred seating and sponsor level tickets are also available. For more information or to buy tickets, visit their Eventbrite page.

SATURDAY 1/8

- The second virtual stakeholder's **focus group meeting** of Claremont will be held on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. via Zoom. The link for the meeting can be found on the city's website.

- On Saturday, the American Museum of Ceramic Art (AMOCA), located at 301 N. Garey Ave. in Pomona, will offer an **introductory clay class** for be-

SUNDAY 1/9

- Every Sunday at 10 a.m., join parishioners at Claremont's newest church, **Ignite City Church**, for Christian services. The group meets in the gymnasium of Western Christian School, located at 3105 Padua Ave. For more information, visit their website <https://ignitecity.church> or call them at (909) 279-1972.

- Claremont Presbyterian Church invites the public to attend their spiritual **Epiphany Retreat**, beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday. There, all will learn the Epiphany Cycle, "a way of locating where we are at any spiritual moment," according to a news release. The church is located at 111 N. Mountain Ave. For more information, visit www.claremontpres.org/events/epiphany-retreat2022.

- On Sunday, **ZZaj** will perform live jazz at the College Center, located at 665 E. Foothill Blvd., beginning at 2 p.m. The concert will last approximately three hours and is free to the public. For more information, residents can visit www.jazzatcollegecenter.com or call (909) 946-6967.

MONDAY 1/10

- The Shakespeare Club of Pomona Valley invites the public to join them via Zoom on Monday, January 10 at 2 p.m. for a lecture by Dr. Julia R. Lupton, the co-director of the Shakespeare Center

located at the University of California, Irvine. The lecture will be on the topic: **Hamilton and Shakespeare: Renewing the History Play**. The Zoom link for the event is provided on the COURIER's website.

- On Monday, January 10, join fitness instructor Victoria Collett at Claremont Yoga as she leads the course **Yoga for Limited Mobility** beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are only \$15 and residents can choose to attend either the in-person class or via Zoom. To view Monday's in-person course information, visit their Eventbrite page. Once there, you can also scroll to the bottom and look for the Zoom course you prefer.

TUESDAY 1/11

- Tuesday's first Claremont Chamber of Commerce **business over breakfast** event of 2022 will be held virtually following a recent surge of COVID-19 cases across Los Angeles County and Claremont. The breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. and both non-members (\$15) and members (free) must register at the Claremont Chamber website prior to the event. For more information, use the link provided on our COURIER website.

- Tuesday, January 11, is the **Claremont City Council's first meeting** of the Jed Leano era and of 2022. Due to a recent surge in cases, the city council meeting will meet virtually, abandoning the hybrid format after one — go for the time — being. For more information on this upcoming council meeting, visit the city's website.

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WEDNESDAY 1/12

• A Cal Poly Pomona dietician will host an upcoming Inland Valley Health Plan online course, **Eat to Beat Diabetes**, on Tuesday, January 12 at 10 a.m. Residents are invited to “learn the tips and tricks to help you control your diabetes before it controls you,” according to the event’s description. To register for this event, visit <https://portal.ivhp.com/forhealthandliving>.



• Join in every second Wednesday of the month to AgingNext’s **decluttering support group** live via Zoom. The group meets at 1 p.m. and encourages all to share their ongoing decluttering journey. The session is free and residents can sign up at AgingNext’s Eventbrite page.

• The third and **final virtual stakeholder’s focus group meeting** of Claremont will be held on Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. The link for the meeting can be found on the city’s website.

THURSDAY 1/13

• The Community Heart **drive-thru food pantry**, located at 10871 Central Ave. in Ontario, takes place every Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and is there to “help all families and individuals in need,” according to an email flyer. For more information on the food pantry or Community Heart, visit <https://communityheartfeedtheneed.org>.

• The community is invited to enjoy Claremont School of Music’s **2022 winter benefit and annual mayor’s recital** on Thursday, January 13. The event is described as an “intimate evening of extraordinary musical performances at the beautiful Padua Hills Theater [4467 Padua Ave.] to benefit the Claremont Community School of Music student scholarship fund,” according to the music school’s website. Dinner service will begin at 5 p.m. and the performance will follow at 6 p.m. For more information, please contact mkeating@claremont-music.org, (909) 624-3012 ext. 102, or refer to the school of music’s website.

FRIDAY 1/14

• On Friday, local disc-jockey **Chem-trail** will perform at Pomona’s Old Stump

Brewing Co., located at 2896 Metropolitan Pl. However, seating is limited for the musical event. The performance will begin at 7 p.m. and last until 10 p.m. For more information, contact the brewery at (909) 860-9052.

SATURDAY 1/15

• Saturday, January 15 is the final day to take the **City of Claremont survey** to help identify community priorities over the coming three to five years. The link for the survey can be found on the city’s website.



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You get COVID, you get COVID

by Mick Rhodes

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Remember that Oprah episode where she gives out cars to her entire studio audience? “You get a car! You get a car! You get a car! Everybody gets a car!” etc.?

Well, this holiday season, my family had its own version, only it was, “You get COVID. You get COVID. You get COVID. You get COVID, and ... you get COVID. Everybody gets COVID.”

Yep, Omicron swept through the Rhodes camp over Christmas. The five of us spent the entirety of the break quarantining, as our aches turned to fevers, to nasty sore throats and hacking coughs, headaches, all-encompassing fatigue, and, for good measure, diarrhea.

The best news is we’re all recovering now, and nobody died. The second best news is the few folks we were exposed to while we were off-gassing virus somehow managed to avoid infection.

It was a Christmas miracle.

I write this on day 10 of isolation. Though we apparently won the COVID sweepstakes and picked up the new, improved extra-mild version in Omicron, it was still nasty, nasty stuff. This despite us all being vaccinated and myself and my ex being boosted.

Even with that protection the experience was not “like the flu.” It was like the gnarliest flu or cold I’ve ever had. The kids seemed to experience a kinder, gentler Omicron, thankfully. But for us parents and my 19-year-old, it was ugly.

I visited Kaiser Fontana’s emergency room on December 26 in a desperate late-night attempt to get myself and one of my kids tested: people were stacked up inside and a line of human misery snaked out the entrance into the parking lot. We didn’t attempt to join them, as it looked like a safer bet to wait and try again in the morning.

We eventually found testing appointments at Fairplex and at that same Kaiser facility. Finding rapid home tests wasn’t nearly as easy. We called drug stores all around Southern California on the 26th and 27th. Nothing. It wasn’t until the 28th that we found some right under our noses, at local Village treasure Hendricks Pharmacy.

By then we were all miserable, but didn’t know for certain if we had COVID. Those rapid tests confirmed it. It was a clean sweep: all five of us.



The first few days were terrible for the so-called adults, but the younger kids seemed to skate through it with relative ease. I’ve slept seven hours or less for decades. Soon my Omicron-slumber was going on for eight or nine hours, with the occasional nap during the day. The fatigue was heavy. So were the aches. The sore throat and cough intensified on day two, and my chest began to burn.

I drank gallons of cold water, which was the only thing that soothed my burning throat and chest. For the first time in ages, I didn’t have a jones for coffee. No alcohol either. It was a virus-induced purge.

Then, as suddenly as it had come on, about midway through day five, I started feeling better. Day six was even better, and so on. Now on day 10 everything has abated but an occasional cough which produces a bunch of horrid phlegm. All five of us are now feeling like we’re headed back to normal.

All this to say I’m grateful for the effective, free and easily accessible COVID vaccines. Had we not all been jabbed, who knows how it might have turned out? I’m slightly immunocompromised, with a history of infection and cancer; if I hadn’t availed myself to the highly effective, free and easily accessible vaccine and booster, I wonder how this might have turned out for me.

By now most of us know folks who have chosen not to vaccinate. Some have paid for this choice with their lives. I’ve thought a lot in the past few days about a friend of mine who died last month from COVID. He chose this route. I miss him, and yes, I’m angry he’s not here, likely but for that one ill-advised decision.

As I was in the throes of my own COVID journey, on day three, when I was wondering if the virus might keep progressing to the point where I might have to make a

trip to an already overflowing hospital, I thought only about survival. I thought about my friend Roman who’s been in the ICU battling COVID pneumonia for two weeks. He still there, fighting for his life. Politics? Nope. I thought about my kids, my fiancé and our plans, my friends, my family, and my “affairs,” which are definitely not in order.

Now that I’m recovered I’m back to my morning coffee, and yeah, I’ve had a celebratory cocktail. I’m also back to thinking on what it might take to separate the vaccines from the cynical profiteers of their politicization. We all know who wins in this life-and-death game folks are playing with this issue, and it isn’t regular working people.

We’ve been at this vaccine business more than a year now in the U.S., with 204 million of us fully protected, representing 62% of the country. It’s such a simple, easy thing to do, to get vaccinated; why anyone would choose to ignore good science to prove fealty to a political party or ideology, or to exercise their “freedom,” I will never understand. The myths about the perils of the COVID vaccine have all been debunked.

It’s not the vaccinated who are dying. A Texas Department of State Health Services study — yeah, that Texas — tracked lone star state COVID deaths from January 15, 2021 to Oct. 1, and found unvaccinated people there were 40 times more likely to die from COVID than fully vaccinated people. A similar study from the Washington State Department of Health found that 75% of its approximately 4,611 65-and-older residents who died from COVID over roughly that same period were unvaccinated.

I wonder about my friend. Did he regret his stance on vaccines as his health worsened over weeks in the ICU? He told me few times early on in the pandemic that COVID was “just the flu.” I’ve read several stories quoting ICU doctors and nurses reporting COVID patients denying the existence of the virus right up to the moment of their deaths. There are also reports of dying folks wishing they’d listened to the science.

My hope is my friend’s death will at the least serve to raise a red flag for the folks he knew that thought like he did. If just one of them decided, “To hell with ideology and politics,” and got vaccinated, maybe that person would survive if they got infected. And maybe that person will tell somebody else. Isn’t that the only way we’ll ever be rid of this virus?

The cost of digital notifications

By Janice Hoffman

I spent this morning enslaved to digital notifications. I meant to be pondering karmic lessons. Having spent all of this year, the days of 2022 still in single digits, consistently creating a new Google Doc journal for each day, and my right brain was feeling pretty smug and integrated with its less cooperative left half, when my iPhone 11 Pro Plus belched out a unique chime tone demanding my attention. It must have been important because it wasn’t familiar, so I stopped what I was doing in order to pay attention to this minor disruption.

I left the open doc on my large screen and looked at my phone, touched the app, and the interruption began to load. Are you kidding? An entire three seconds before I see the first screen? Doesn’t sHIpt (that’s a smiley-faced “Hi” in the middle of a slang verb past-tense) know I was in the middle of pondering karma? Perhaps they recently got the attention of retailers as an add-on to keep customers abreast of journeys from online point of purchase to customer doorstep, but seriously? Three seconds to load the first screen? Much more and I could have driven to a store.

Then, the TMI became turbo-charged: the small-change item (a hand-crocheted strap that goes over the crown of my head with a button on each end to keep my Omicron protection firmly in place while preventing my ears



from becoming more Obama-like), this humble Etsy offering from some Kentucky tornado gully, was now the star of my screen, and therefore my attention, complete with tracking number, I knew that its journey had begun in a post office in Berea, made its way to Cincinnati, then Oakland, and soon Ontario, just 15 miles from me. But wait! There’s more! I know arrival times and departure times, and I see the progress of three large cargo planes as they traverse two-thirds of the United States. Free shipping doesn’t get much better than this, never mind that is a large carbon footprint to support an impoverished Appalachian creative? Can I still feel smug about my purchase?

I return to pondering the highest and best use of my time left on earth, where my thoughts and dreams pass through deep satisfaction on their way from terrified to exhilarated. It is like zip lining. Unbelievably, you actually step off a platform into momentary freefall before flying through the air with only the promise of a harness and tether, you cross your ankles, lean back on a carpet of air, smile at the cumulus cotton balls, nod to the velvet green carpet, and float, momentarily, until you remember that you have to maintain the momentum, you must will yourself to the next platform — lose focus and you will never again make it to solid ground. Your arrival platform looms large as your propulsion ebbs, your attention is back to the eyes and hands of your handler, and you scramble to safety, once again secure in a sane, manageable world.

That’s the world I crave, not the one of managing alerts from AccuWeather and Apple, FaceTime and Facebook, Instagrams and carts, Netflix and news sources, podcasts, Prime, Spotify, Sonos, YouTube, Whatsapp, and Waze, just to name a few. So many alerts, and just as I unsubscribe to one, others spring to life from some unsuspecting action on my part, such as ordering a humble homemade item from Etsy to more comfortably wear a mask since it looks as if, for now at least, they will continue as an accessory.

Lee Cameron McDonald

Distinguished, award-winning Pomona College professor, U.S. Army veteran, great-grandfather

Lee Cameron McDonald, a resident of Claremont since the late 1940s, died December 29 of natural causes brought on by old age. His children and grandchildren were with him in his last days. He would have turned 97 in February.

Lee McDonald was a professor of government and political theory at Pomona College from 1952 to 1990. He was dean of Pomona College from 1970 to 1975 and taught graduate seminars at the Claremont Graduate School, now Claremont Graduate University, until 2000. He and his wife Claire, who just celebrated her 95th birthday on December 28, raised five children in Claremont. They celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in August, 2021.

Lee was born in Salem, Oregon on February 25, 1925. He was the only child of Lyman McDonald, a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, and Mabel Duncan McDonald, an elementary school teacher. He grew up during the Depression, but both his parents were hard-working and he had a stable upbringing. He took to music at a young age and learned to play the trombone, baritone horn and trumpet.

As a student in junior high he was asked to join the high school band because they needed a trumpet player. He said the schools were close together, so he would walk over to the high school from the junior high and ended up playing in the high school band for six years instead of the usual four. He also loved to sing and found every opportunity to sing throughout his life.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army during his freshman year at the University of Oregon as soon as he turned 18. The year was 1943. He left school mid-year and reported for duty to Ft. Lewis in Washington state. From there, he applied to the Army Air Corps and spent the rest of the war being trained as a fighter pilot. It was when he was stationed at the Santa Ana Air Base that he visited a Salem High School friend at Pomona College. There he met Claire Kingman. She was 17 and he was just 19. They struck up a friendship and wrote to each other for the duration of the war. They married in August of 1946. He joined Claire at Pomona and graduated from Pomona College in 1948.

From there, using the GI Bill, he earned a master's degree in political science from UCLA and then a Ph.D. from Harvard University. He wrote his dissertation on Reinhold Neibuhr, an American theologian who commented on public affairs and politics. Studying Neibuhr's ideas combined his interests in religion and politics. Upon graduation from Harvard in 1952, he was offered a position back at Pomona College to teach government. The couple were both thrilled to return to Claremont. They moved with their two young daughters and proceeded to make their life in Claremont, eventually raising five children in town.

Mr. McDonald won the Pomona College Wig Distinguished Professor Award twice, in 1968 and 1989. The Wig award is the highest honor bestowed on Pomona faculty and recognizes exceptional teaching, concern for students and service to the college and community.

After he retired, he and Mrs. McDonald both won the Pomona College Alumni Service Award (2009) recognizing their commitment and ongoing volunteer service

to the school.

"To say that Lee loved Pomona College and teaching is an understatement," his family shared. "He once wrote that he learned from his high school band teacher that being a good teacher meant being encouraging and positive with students. His band teacher was frequently angry at the students for not playing well. He said he vowed at that time to be a kind and supportive teacher. This he succeeded in doing."

His students have written to him for years: "He invited me to take his seminar and talked to me often about political theory," one wrote. "He was a major reason I went into the field. He was so thoughtful, listened so closely and was just so kind. I'll never forget it." Another student wrote, "Taking a class from Lee McDonald taught me to think." Other students have thanked him years later for helping them get an internship or other special opportunity or for writing a wonderful letter of recommendation.

He loved wrestling with complex ideas. He wrote a textbook, *Western Political Theory*, publishing the first part of it in 1962, later following with a complete text covering political philosophers from ancient to modern in 1968. His textbook was popular and used for many years in colleges. In his elder years, he had three small statuettes of Plato, Socrates and Aristotle. He often remarked that besides looking at the pictures of his wife, children and grandchildren that surrounded his desk, he enjoyed looking at and thinking about his "three Greek philosophers."

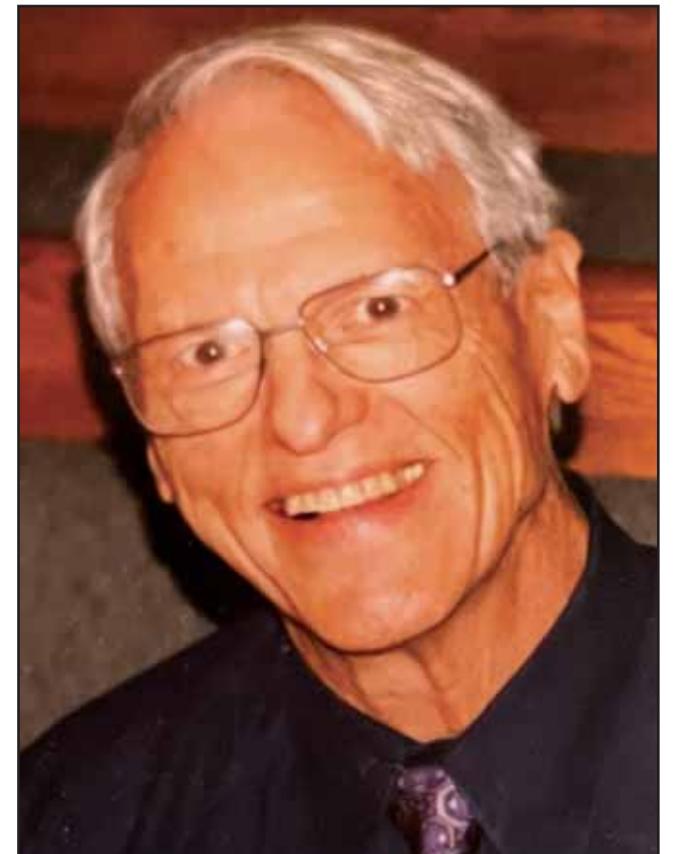
He also published many articles over the years in academic journals. His topics included myth, religion, politics, private ethics and civic virtue. He and Claire spent a year in Greece in the early 1980s on sabbatical where he deepened his understanding of those "three Greek philosophers."

During his years as dean of the college at Pomona, he enjoyed working closely with President David Alexander and other administrators. But he always said, that being an administrator meant "saying no," and he found it hard to say no. After five years, he returned to teaching, which he always loved.

After retiring from Pomona, the couple traveled quite a bit. They took their large extended family to Hawaii three times, where much fun was had by all. They also traveled with each of their children and their families to places like New Zealand, England, Italy and France.

The McDonalds were founding members of Claremont Presbyterian Church in the mid-1950s. He served on the church session several times and sang in the church choir for many years. In 2003, the couple moved to Mt. San Antonio Gardens senior care community. They enjoyed living there, spent time with new friends and old; and in these last few years received excellent care and support.

"Lee was a wonderful father and grandfather," his family wrote. "Perhaps because he was an only child he seemed to always love spending time with his kids. He told marvelous, imaginative stories to his children and grandchildren at bedtime for years. He played basketball and catch with his children. He pushed us to artic-



ulate our ideas at the dinner table."

He was a staunch member of the Democratic Party, working for civil rights in the 1960s and gay rights in the '90s. Although he was an army veteran and had reached the rank of second lieutenant, he was not in favor of any subsequent wars. He worked for peace. He cared deeply about the environment and the future of the planet, even though he knew he wouldn't live to see climate change totally take hold. He taught his children that what happened in the political realm really mattered. He also knew that having a sense of humor was essential in life and laughing is part of what makes life worth living.

"He suffered the loss of three children over the course of his long life," his family shared. "But, through it all, he never lost his ability to be kind, funny and exceedingly loving to those around him," his family said. "Until his last days, he remained devoted to his wife, Claire, and found his greatest joy in singing the standards from the 1940s and the '50s with her by his side."

He is survived by his wife Claire; daughter Mary and son-in-law Jack; daughter Alison and daughter-in-law Sandy; son Paul and daughter-in-law Susan; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

His daughter Devon died in 1957; daughter Julie died in 1996, and son Tom in 2010.

A memorial service, to be held at Claremont Presbyterian Church, will be announced at a later date, when it is safer for all to gather and all members of the family can attend.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to two organizations that were important to him: the Natural Resources Defense Council at www.nrdc.org or Pomona College at https://community.pomona.edu/give_today.

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Joseph Thomas Kutyla (“Joe”)

Great-grandfather, devout Catholic, proud Pole

Joseph Thomas Kutyla (“Joe”) died peacefully in his sleep on January 2 in Oceanside, California. Joe was born on July 5, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan, the youngest of three children born to Polish immigrants Josef and Mary Kutyla. From 1951 to 1952, he served in the United States Army Signal Corps during the Korean War.

He and his wife Agnes were married on July 5, 1954, and moved to California the same year. They settled in Claremont, where they raised their children Barbara, Joseph, Kurt, David (deceased 1961), Sandra and Mary Margaret. He and “Aggie” spent their retirement years in San Clemente. He lost his beloved wife of 55 years in 2009. He later moved to Oceanside.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a devout Catholic who was active in his church community for many years. Prayer was also important to him, as he sought to connect with God in his daily life. He loved to laugh and make others laugh, especially through practical jokes. Having Polish heritage filled him with immense pride, and he loved sharing his homemade Polish sausage with friends at Christmastime. On birthdays, family and friends always looked forward to receiving his Polish serenade of happy birthday. He

was gentle and loving and loved by all who knew him.

He had a long career as an engineer, retiring in 1990. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed bowling and tennis. He loved to work with his hands during his free time, especially on his 1956 XK 140 E-Type Jaguar convertible.

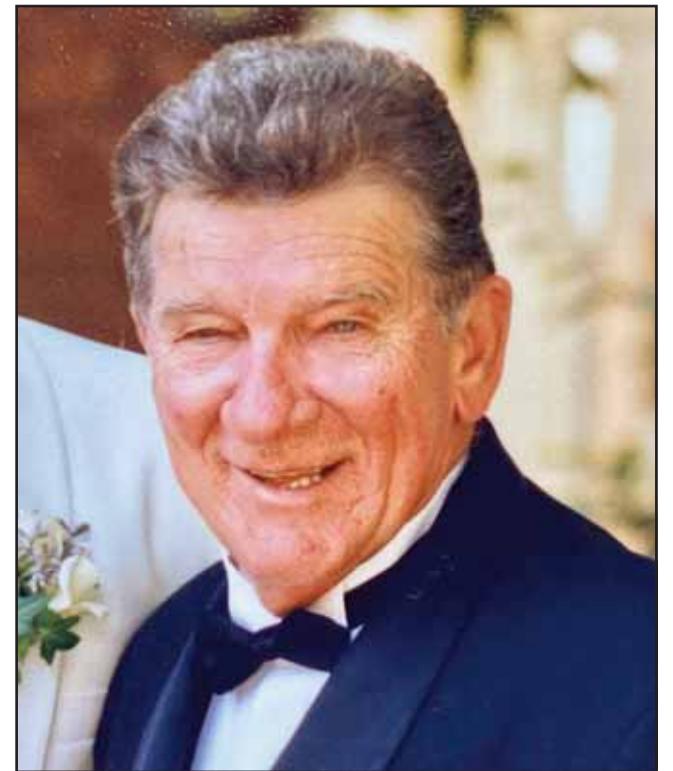
The couple were always by each other's side. In his retirement, they enjoyed going to their grandchildren's games and school performances, as well as spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his five children and their spouses, Barbara and Mark Doyer; Joseph and Debbie Kutyla; Kurt and Carolyn Kutyla; Sandra and Bob Hendren; and Mary and Roger Wells. Additionally, he leaves 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and his sister, Leona Lisoski.

“Joe's loving way, kindness, humor, generosity, and bright blue eyes will always be remembered,” his family shared.

A funeral service will be announced at a later date.

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The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **866-266-7512** or visit this Internet Web site www.elitepostandpub.com using the file number assigned to this case **21000979-1 CA**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **866-266-7512** or visit this Internet Web site www.elitepostandpub.com using the file number assigned to this case **21000979-1 CA** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

Dated: **01/03/2022** **ZBS Law, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450, Irvine, CA 92606 For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920 For Sale Information: 866-266-7512 or www.elitepostandpub.com**

Michael Busby, Trustee Sale Officer

This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of a bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 33813 Pub Dates 01/07, 01/14, 01/21/2022

T.S. No.: **2012-20644** A.P.N.: **2367-005-034** Property Address: **4251 LAUREL CANYON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 91604**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d). THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/18/2002. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Trustor: DEBRA PARKS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 11/27/2002 as Instrument No. 02 2889175 in book —, page— and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 02/10/2022 at 09:00 AM Place of Sale: Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650. Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 1,601,472.35 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 4251 LAUREL CANYON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 91604 A.P.N.: 2367-005-034** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: **\$ 1,601,472.35.** Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. **If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.** The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one

mortgage or deed of trust on this property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **(866)-960-8299** or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.altisource.com/Mortgage-Services/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case **2012-20644**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after **January 1, 2021**, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **(855)-976-3916**, or visit this internet website <http://tracker.auction.com/sb1079>, using the file number assigned to this case **2012-20644** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 28, 2021 **Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299** <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.asp>

Trustee Sale Assistant
WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
PUBLISH: January 7, 14, 21, 2022

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DAVID W. SHOFLE
CASE NO. 22STPB00004

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of NAME OF DECEDENT: **DAVID W. SHOFLE**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **SARAH A. SHOFLE** in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **SARAH A. SHOFLE** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 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: FEBRUARY 8, 2022 Time: 8:30 A.M. in Dept.: 79 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:
BRIAN D. LAUTER Street Address: 515 FLOWER STREET, SUITE 1823, LOS ANGELES, CA 90071 Ph# (213) 235-3900
Publish: January 7, 14 and 21, 2022
CLAREMONT COURIER

APN: 8382-023-060 TS No: CA07001372-19-1 TO No: 8760763 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 23, 2014. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EX-

PLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 3, 2022 at 10:00 AM, behind the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on September 30, 2014 as Instrument No. 20141029795, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by CARLA LEE GEE, TRUSTEE OF THE CARLA LEE GEE REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 24, 2009, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 559 PISTOL CREEK COURT, SAN DIMAS, CA 91773 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$317,191.51 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA07001372-19-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 702-659-7766, or visit this internet website www.insourcelogic.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA07001372-19-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 29, 2021 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA07001372-19-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660 4288 Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Order Number 79304, Pub Dates: 1/7/2022, 1/14/2022, 1/21/2022, CLAREMONT COURIER



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Claremont will conduct a public hearing per Elections Code Section 21607.1 on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chamber located at 225 West Second Street, Claremont, and via Zoom, at which the City Council will:

Conduct a Public Hearing to Receive Public Input on the Redistricting Process

All interested persons are invited to attend said public hearing either in-person at the address listed above or remotely via Zoom Video Communications to provide public comments. Public comments may also be submitted via email to sdesautels@ci.claremont.ca.us or jcostanza@ci.claremont.ca.us.

Further information about the redistricting process can be found on the City's website www.ci.claremont.ca.us or by contacting the City Clerk's office at (909)399-5461.

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in a City meeting should contact the City Clerk at 909-399-5463 at least three working days prior to the meeting, if possible.

City Clerk
City of Claremont

PUBLISH: Friday, December 17, 2021 & Friday, January 7, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 2021257345**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **3B COLLECTIVE**, 420 W. Ave. 33, Suite 14, Los Angeles, CA 90031. Registrant(s): Oscar Magallanes, 616 Burdick Dr., Pomona, CA 91768. AARON Douglas Estrada, 420 West Avenue 33, Los Angeles, CA 90031. This business is conducted by an General Partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 04/2021. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

/s/ Oscar Magallanes: General Partner
This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/24/21. 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: December 17, 24, 31, 2021 and January 7, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 2021257804**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **IEODC INVESTIGATIONS**, 4966 Via Alista, La Verne, CA 91750. Registrant(s): Gary David Morgan, 4166 Via Alista, La Verne, CA 91750. 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.

/s/ Gary David Morgan: Owner
This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/24/21. 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.

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PUBLISH: December 17, 24, 31, 2021 and January 7, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 2021267608**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **SIX P'S HAULING**, 903 E. 4th St., Pomona, CA 91766. Registrant(s): Caleb Josue Diaz, 903 E. 4th St., Pomona, CA 91766. 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.

/s/ Caleb Josue Diaz: Owner
This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/09/21. 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: December 17, 24, 31, 2021 and January 7, 2022

APN: 8318-011-012 TS No: CA08000152-21-1 TO NO: 210227328-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 24, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On February 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM, behind the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on August 31, 2007 as Instrument No. 20072040692, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by PAUL ANTHONY ORNELAS A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B., A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 844 JAMES PL, POMONA, CA 91767. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$200,834.27 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of

this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website www.insourcelogic.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08000152-21-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 702-659-7766, or visit this internet website www.insourcelogic.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08000152-21-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 27, 2021 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08000152-21-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Order Number 79258, Pub Dates, 1/7/2022, 1/14/2022, 1/21/2022 CLAREMONT COURIER

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 2021270479**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **AGENCY EIGHT, 2.) AGENCY 8 REAL ESTATE GROUP, 3.) CALIFORNIA LIVING ESCROW, A NON-INDEPENDENT BROKER ESCROW, 4.) TEAM PRATTELLA, 5.) TEAM PRATTELLA AT AGENCY 8, 6.) TEAM PRATTELLA REAL ESTATE**, 940 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711 Registrant(s): AGENCY 8 REAL ESTATE, INC., 2146 Capuchin Way, Claremont, CA 91711. This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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.

/s/ Mary Rebeca Gallegos: Vice President
This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/14/21. 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: December 24, 31, 2021 and January 7 and 14, 2022

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21PSCP00555**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioners: **NORA DELGADO**

Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name:
NORA LUZ DELGADO

To Proposed name:
NORA ESTHER DELGADO

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: February 7, 2022 Time: 8:30 Dept.: R 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/ Thomas C. Falls, Dated: December 10, 2021
Judge of the Superior Court Petitioners: Nora Delgado, 317 Golden Carriage Lane, Pomona, CA 91767, Ph.#

(909) 596-1738, In Pro Per
PUBLISH: December 24, 31, 2021 and January 7 and 14, 2022

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21PSCP00567**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioners: **MBULU MAHKI THOMAS**

Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name:
MBULU MAHKI THOMAS

To Proposed name:
MBULU MAHKI JOHNSON

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: February 23, 2022 Time: 8:30 Dept.: R Room: 611, 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: December 28, 2021
Judge of the Superior Court Petitioners: Mbulu Mahki Thomas, 1269 Harvard Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711, Ph.# (279) 209-7382, In Pro Per
PUBLISH: January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2022

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21PSCP00541**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioners: **ROBERT JOSEPH THOMAS**

Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name:
SOPHIA ANNE THOMAS

To Proposed name:
ARIS LARSON THOMAS

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: February 4, 2022 Time: 8:30 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: December 8, 2021
Judge of the Superior Court Petitioners: Robert Joseph Thomas, 1777 North Mountain Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711, Ph.# (909) 945-7959, In Pro Per
PUBLISH: January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 2021275565**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **HANDCRAFTED BY BRISA**, 406 Springfield St., Claremont, CA 91711. Registrant(s): Brisa Sifuentes, 406 Springfield St., Claremont, CA 91711. This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 01/2021. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

/s/ Brisa Sifuentes: Owner
This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/21/21. 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: January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 2022000401**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **THE IMAGE SHOP 1.) PAPER ESSENTIALS**, 108 Olive St., Claremont, CA 91711. Registrant(s):

ULTIMATE PRINT SOURCE, INC., 2070 S. Hellman Avenue, Ontario, CA 91761. This business is conducted by an Corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 12/2021. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

/s/ Jeffrey J. Ferrazzano: President.
This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/03/22. 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.

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PUBLISH: January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 2021274503**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **LA DIRECCION**, 4314 Saint Mark Ave., La Verne, CA 91750. Registrant(s): Melissa Perez, 4314 Saint Mark Ave., La Verne, CA 91750. 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.

/s/ Melissa Perez: Owner
This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/20/21. 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.

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PUBLISH: January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2022

NOTICE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at 1960 S. San Dimas Canyon Rd., La Verne, CA, 91750 on 01/26/2022 at 11:00 a.m. Burt Cole: Items include clothing and boxes. April Enriquez: Items include boxes, small household furniture, and personal affects. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
CN983209 01-26-2022 Jan 7,14, 2022

NOTICE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: Extra Space Storage at 919 W. Gladstone St., San Dimas, CA, 91773, on January 25, 2022 at 12:00 PM. Joseph Tenorio: boxes, dollhouse, misc items. Gene Yarnell: Couches, Mattresses, Household Items. Tracy Rosales: Antiques, boxes, housewares, collectibles, misc. Shelley Sanders: Household Goods, Personal Property. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
CN983213 01-25-2022 Jan 7,14, 2022

NOTICE

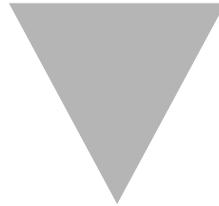
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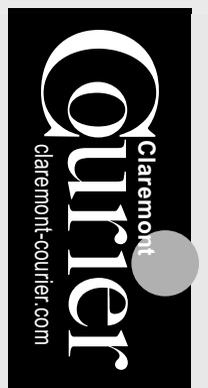
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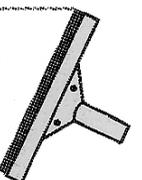
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2021 Year in Review	2021	2020	Change from Previous Year
Total Number of Homes Sold	420	362	16%
Number Sold > \$800,000	219	118	86%
Number Sold < \$800,000	201	244	-17.6%
Number of Short Sales/REO	0	0	-
Highest Sale Price	\$3,000,000	\$2,988,000	0%
Lowest Sale Price	\$335,000	\$325,000	3%
Avg. List Price of Homes Sold	\$886,790	\$784,525	13.0%
Avg. Sold Price	\$906,156	\$779,662	16.2%
Median Sold Price	\$815,000	\$725,000	12%
Avg. Days On Market of Homes Sold	23	32	-28%
Median Days On Market of Homes Sold	9	12	-25%
Approx. Number of Homes Currently For Sale 13			

Is this real life? It sometimes feels like I need to pinch myself when I see what's happening to real estate prices, and I'm in the business! I can only imagine how the typical homeowner must feel, when they look at the value of their own home. To some, it could literally feel like the equivalent of winning the lottery. The prices of homes rose 12-16% (depending on which metric you want to use) compared with just one year ago! Applied to the median home price in Claremont, that's over \$100,000 gain! Prices of homes were rising so quickly that they were outpacing the listing prices real estate agents listed homes for significantly. On average, homes were selling 2% above their list prices, but that number is skewed by some of the very high priced homes pulling it down. In many cases, homes sold for 5%+ over their list prices! So the lottery analogy worked well for those homeowners.

Some interesting things to note from the data... The number of homes that sold for \$800,000 or more was actually higher than the number of homes that sold for less than that amount. This is the first time that has ever happened. And the number of homes that sold over \$800K compared with the previous year was up 86%!

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