



Time to celebrate

Claremont Colleges graduates ready to meet life's challenges

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Magna cum laude graduate Samantha Cain Bloomfield excitedly shows her diploma to the Scripps College cameraman after her name was called during the 92nd annual Scripps College commencement. The Encino, California native graduated with honors with a B.A. in philosophy. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo



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Community remains divided over proposed homeless housing

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Last week, Claremont residents got a second chance to hear directly from the company that wants to build affordable housing for formerly homeless people in Claremont.

The second meeting with Jamboree Housing Corporation was subdued compared with the first. At the March 31 gathering, a large, energized and sometimes disorderly crowd peppered company officials with pointed questions about its plan to house formerly homeless people with special needs in a proposed 33-unit four-story building at 731 Harrison Avenue.

The project, called Larkin Place, would be limited to extremely low-income people, those who earn at or below 30% of the area median and who also have some type of disability. It would offer housing, as well as onsite resident services such as counseling, health resources, and adult enrichment and education classes.

Last Thursday a smaller and less disruptive crowd heard a short presentation from Jamboree's Chief Development Officer Michael Massie and Director of Supportive Services Danielle Latteri, followed by a nearly three-hour question and answer session. Though the tone was more relaxed, emotions were clearly still elevated, and residents' concerns remained consistent: that the development's location next to an athletic field at Larkin Park and near El Roble Middle School was unacceptable.

A strong contingent of supporters, including advocates for affordable housing, lauded the project, calling it an important and bold move by the city to address the growing homeless population in Claremont and the region.

At the core of the project's controversy lies the very real possibility that Claremont officials, including the city council, have little or no power to prevent Larkin Place from being built. California code identifies housing as a critical issue for the state's future, and requires that "a local government not reject or make infeasible housing development projects, including emergency shelters, that contribute to meeting the need."

If a community wants to fight the construction of affordable housing, it must show a preponderance of evidence that one of five distinct conditions have been met: the city has met or exceeded its Regional Housing Needs Assessment; the project would have a specific, adverse impact on public health or safety; a specific state or federal law supersedes; the proposed project is on land zoned for agriculture or resource



Jamboree Housing Corporation Chief Development Officer Michael Massie led a question and answer session last Thursday about the company's proposed new project in Claremont called Larkin Place. This was the second time Jamboree officials have come to Claremont to discuss the project which would be affordable housing for formerly homeless people. Jamboree has scheduled four more meetings at the Hughes Center. COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff

preservation; or the housing development is inconsistent with both the jurisdiction's zoning ordinance and general plan. None of these apply to Claremont, according to the city's planning staff.

Such projects are referred to as "by-right," meaning the approval process is largely ministerial, including a density bonus that boosted the unit count at Larkin Place by 80%.

Massie said there is a lack of consensus about what by-right actually means and that it really doesn't apply to Larkin Place because Jamboree would rather work with local jurisdictions to see a project through.

"There is some confusion as to what by-right actually means because it's not settled law. Regardless, it's not at the top of my concern list as to whether it is by-right because it's very important to me that we have buy-in from the community, and that includes the city council," Massie said.

He also said the company had no intention of pursuing the accelerated and streamlined approval process for affordable housing under California's Senate Bill 35.

As part of that buy-in process, the company has scheduled four additional meetings, the first of which took place this Thursday after press time. The next meeting, on Monday, will cover property management and tenant selection, followed by another on May 31, during which supportive services will be discussed. The final meeting is scheduled for June 8 and does not yet have a topic.

During last Thursday's meeting, Massie and Latteri fielded questions on a wide range of issues, including the financial structure of the company, the vetting process for future tenants and the population that will be housed at Larkin Place. Safety issues included the concern that future tenants will attract drug dealing to Larkin Park, that substance abuse will not be checked at the building, and that residents will have severe mental illness — all of which pose risks to vulnerable populations including children and seniors.

"What we have seen from our permanent supportive housing units, the safety concerns that you are worried about just don't happen. These are people.

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Pomona-Pitzer water polo wins all the way

On Sunday, May 8, Pomona-Pitzer's women's water polo team garnered national attention when the team defeated Whittier College, 8-6, at Haldeman Pool to be crowned as the USA Water Polo Division III champions. This was the first time the dual athletic program earned the Division III collegiate national championship.

Led mostly by the efforts of Pitzer senior and attacker Namlhun Jachung, who was the tournament's MVP, the Sagehens never trailed in the championship game to the Poets. Jachung scored twice and assisted four goals in the championship victory.

Winning the national title sealed the triple crown for the Sagehens, who also won the SCIAC Tournament Championship and the SCIAC regular season championship.

For more information and game details, visit pitzer.edu/communications/2022/05/09/womens-water-polo-sagehens-crowned-usa-water-polo-division-iii-national-champions.

Back in December 2021, the men's team also made athletic history when it completed its own treble. The men's water polo team earned their first USA Water Polo Division III National Championship when it sunk their Sixth Street rival Claremont Mudd-Scripps in a thrilling 13-12 overtime win over on December 5 at Haldeman Pool. For a game recap, visit sagehens.com/sports/mwaterpolo/2021-22/releases/20211205tx1zb0.



Pomona-Pitzer women's water polo team held up their USA Water Polo Division III National Championship trophy after sinking Whittier College to the prize with 8-6 win at Haldeman Pool in Claremont. Photo provided by Pomona-Pitzer Athletics.

Does Claremont Village really have a parking problem?

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On the weekdays, there seem to be few issues with parking across much of the Claremont Village. But come Friday afternoon, and into the busy weekend of commerce for downtown, it seems almost impossible to find a place to park in a timely fashion — especially on the eastern side of the Village.

Back lots become crowded, filled with vehicles belonging to business owners, employees and consumers, as do the roadways and spots in front of businesses. Unless they're early risers, consumers and Village workers often find themselves circling the congested blocks again and again looking for a spot become available in the afternoon.

Jeff Hatfield, the manager of Rocky's Dry Cleaners and a Village employee since 1989, said, "parking's always been an issue."

While a number of factors are in play when it comes to Village congestion, over the course of a week, the COURIER spoke with business owners to ask whether the Village had a parking problem. Here's what we found.

For starters, weekends are the main days of concern and congestion. At a few retailers and service-based businesses, weekend foot traffic has decreased because of parking limitations.

The congestion has gotten so bad that Rocky's recently came to the point where Hatfield added curbside accommodations for one-stop-shop customers.

"If someone drives around and they're like 'I drove around four times, I couldn't get a parking spot,' I tell them to call me. Then I will run out to their car and either give them their clothes and say 'here, just pay me later,' or I'll take their clothes and go 'okay, I know what you need,'" Hatfield said.

Some customers also call Hatfield later to reschedule their pickups. Others have stopped going to Rocky's for good in favor of more plentiful parking elsewhere.

To combat the routinely horrendous traffic, Hatfield began telling customers to pick up their clothes on



Jeff Hatfield from Rocky's Dry Cleaners has seen Village parking change dramatically over the years. On the weekdays, there seem to be few issues with parking. But come Friday afternoon, and into the busy weekend of commerce for downtown, it seems almost impossible to find a place to park in a timely fashion — especially on the eastern side of the Village. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

Mondays, since Village parking is more abundant then.

For guaranteed parking, he said "Fridays and Saturdays are the worst; Mondays are the best."

Arman Ariane, owner of Xerxes for 28 years, shared his two cents, saying he notices two types of traffic in the Village. There are typical diners who do not mind spending extra time looking for a spot, since they usually stay a bit longer during a visit. Then there are the short stoppers, those who quickly stop by the Village to take care of simple shopping and tasks. Ariane thinks short stoppers are getting the

short end of the parking stick.

"You want to be able to not walk more than a block, pick up your shoes from the cobbler and then leave," he said. "That's different than when you're walking [around] for a restaurant."

A few blocks down Yale Avenue, Amelie boutique owner Brian Ofstedahl echoed Hatfield and Ariane. Although he's been in the Village for the last seven and a half years, Ofstedahl said Village parking limitations have been a cause for concern even before Amelie's opening.

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Homeless housing

These are people who have had hard times who have experienced trauma," Massie said. "They are going to be at the park, they are going to be at the store. Yes, that is our hope. So that they can continue to live their lives productively. And we have seen that happen again and again. We don't see things that are threatening to schoolchildren or to seniors or to the general community."

Several residents voiced exasperation with what they say is misinformation about the project, including the assertion that all formerly homeless people have addiction issues or are mentally ill and therefore are inherently dangerous.

Latteri said the target population in Claremont is people experiencing homelessness who are also disabled. Of that population, 50% have some type of chronic health issue that, in many cases, has been exacerbated by living on the streets. Approximately 28% exhibited some type of mental illness, while 17% had substance abuse issues.

"And we are wrapping around support to help them become better citizens and engage in the community around them. And community connection and social support is a huge indicator of recovery and getting better in your mental illness if someone is experiencing that, but not all of them will be," Latteri said.

Future tenants of Larkin Place will be vetted by the company and by county officials to ensure that they are a good fit for housing. However, overnight visi-

tors will not be screened, which raised concerns that a multitude of unvetted guests will essentially be living there. Latteri clarified that visitors would be limited to 21 nights per year, far fewer than was reported at the previous meeting, and would have a maximum consecutive stay of seven days.

She said they were working on a program that would give preferential access to homeless people currently living in Claremont in the tenant selection process.

During his presentation, Massie cited Jamboree's first project in Claremont, Courier Place, as an example of one the company's more successful ventures, and asserted that concerns about safety surrounding that project did not materialize.

Critics say that Courier Place is a poor comparison because it is not permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless people. However, another project, Hillview Court in Milpitas, provides a window into what could happen in Claremont.

Hillview Court is a former Extended Stay America hotel comprising 134 studio units, which was converted into housing for homeless people by Jamboree in late 2020. The project was funded through Project Homekey, which was an effort to get people off the street during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A group calling itself Safe and Transparent Claremont reports that crime has increased around the Hillview Court site since Jamboree took over, including a murder last April.

"Safe and Transparent Claremont is a diverse collection of neighbors, residents and concerned citizens trying to promote rational conversations and provide facts which are not being disclosed by Jamboree, Pilgrim Place or the City regarding Larkin Place," according to the group's website.

According to the Milpitas Beat, the murder victim was not a vetted resident of Hillview Court, but was given access to the building by an employee of the company handling property management at the time, an account that Massie confirmed. Jamboree has since replaced that company, FPI Management.

Massie said the Hillview Court project is very different from Larkin Place, due to it being part of the Homekey Project, which literally took people off the street and got them into housing, making it more of a shelter than permanent housing.

"Because it's a shelter population there are incidents. There has been substantial police activity there, and there was also very tragically a murder that took place onsite. It involved none of the residents, it was actually folks related to our property management staff," Massie said.

Jamboree has been slowly converting Hillview Court into permanent supportive housing, a process that should be complete by July.

Charmaine Angelo, public information officer for the City of Milpitas, agreed to schedule an interview with the city's police chief to discuss Hillview Court, but could not meet the COURIER's deadline for this week. Watch for further details in a future edition.

South Village begins to take shape with plans for final phase

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The first project proposed under the city's ambitious Village South Specific Plan is coming into clearer focus with the official unveiling of the final phase of the development called South Village.

The third phase consists of three structures with 124 for-sale housing units built over subterranean parking. It occupies 3.58 acres in the southern third of the Village South Specific Plan area, including portions of the former Richard Hibbard Chevrolet dealership and a flag lot that belongs to the City of Claremont.

The most publicly visible addition to the plan will be "Block F1," a 130,000-square-foot residential building, which will be located at the southwest corner of Indian Hill Boulevard and the proposed extension of Green Street. It will include 87 units comprised of 24 one-bedroom, flat-style condominiums, in addition to 51 two-bedroom flats and 12 two-bedroom townhomes. The building's floor plan includes two central and several smaller courtyards which will be for residents only.

"The building varies from two to four stories in height with roughly 70% of the Indian Hill frontage limited to two stories. The four-story portion is generally limited to the building's western half, away from Indian Hill Boulevard," according to a staff report.

Behind and south of that building will be "Block F2," a 60,000-square-foot residential structure with 16 two-bedroom flats, 12 three-bedroom flats, and five two-bedroom townhomes. Similar to F1, this building will range from two to four stories with the more massive four story section situated at the north, adjacent to similarly sized structures proposed in an earlier phase. The two-story portion will be located toward the south next to "existing small-scale development."

Both buildings on block F will be constructed over a shared two-level subterranean parking structure providing 216 spaces.

The plan also includes a quarter-acre park near its center, immediately south of the extension of Watson Drive, and adjacent to all three proposed buildings. "This space is intended as a heavily landscaped green space with open turf area in the center for passive recreation," according to the staff report.

The third structure will be a 11,000-square-foot building at the southeast corner of Bucknell Avenue and Watson Drive which will include four, three-story townhomes, each with two-car garages and additional living quarters on the ground floor, which could be used as work spaces.

The buildings are rendered in a Spanish style with tile roofs, arched entryways, courtyards and balconies. The developer, Village Partners Ventures, selected architectural firm Moule & Polyzoides for this phase, and partner Stefanos Polyzoides gave a presentation last Wednesday when the plans were submitted for review by the Claremont Architectural Commission. Polyzoides is considered the godfather of new urbanism, a school of thought that focuses on revitalization of urban areas, including walkable neighborhoods found in transit oriented designs. For three

decades, Polyzoides has been the architect at Scripps College, which is known for its Spanish architecture.

Wednesday's meeting was just a preliminary review, so the plans were not up for a formal approval. In addition, two key commissioners were absent, so there was talk about having an additional look before sending the plans back to the developer. Principal Planner Chris Veirs suggested that the commission could still make suggestions regarding the designs, "So that as we move along with our review, we can take your comments and refine the plans accordingly."

Overall, the commission liked what they saw but expressed caution about the building elevations that

they worry that all the new residents and customers for the added retail business will clog adjacent streets and turn our city into just another urban center. There is also doubt that the developer is planning enough parking for all the new people.

This is the start of a very long process, including a subdivision map; the Village South Specific Plan master development permit; parking plan and parking reduction requests; review of public infrastructure and utilities; final design approval; and public art conditional use permit. All of these will have to go through the various commissions and ultimately face the city council.

In addition to ample commercial space, the first two phases of South Village include 610 rental units, the first large-scale, market-rate apartment buildings constructed in Claremont in decades. However, a condominium building currently under construction at Colby Circle has been converted from for-sale to rental units. The 103 "flats," or units on a single floor, included in phase three allow an owner to drive into a parking garage and take an elevator up to the unit without having to climb numerous stairs.

This type of housing has been on the wish list

of local real estate professionals, as well as the public, for years. The aim is to capture two types of homebuyers, those who are not in a position to buy a single-family detached residence, and "empty nesters" seeking to transition from a large home with a large yard into a more conveniently located condo they can "lock and leave" when vacationing.

"We feel that is something that is needed to diversify our housing stock here in Claremont," Veirs said.

With the release of the final phase, many residents were hoping to see a rendering of the entire South Village development. Veirs said that with much of the plan still in flux, that was not feasible at this time, and the city is several months away from completion of a 3D model that will put the entire development into scale.

Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra is back

On Sunday, May 22, the Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra and the Intermezzo Orchestra will return to the Bridges Hall of Music, located at 150 E. Fourth Street, for a special day of concerts.

At 2 p.m., Greg Samuel will conduct the first concert that will feature the Intermezzo Orchestra. The show will include Fiddle Faddle by Anderson, Dance of the Comedians by Smetana, Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 by Grieg and Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar.

Also included in the matinee program will be selections performed by the newly formed Overture String Orchestra, conducted by Wendy Waggener, a news release said.

Then at 7 p.m., the Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra, conducted by Jorge Luis Uzategui, will perform at Bridges Hall of Music. The program will include Overture to Forza del Destino by Verdi, Howard Hanson Symphony No. 2, and Capriccio Espagnol by Rimsky-Korsakov.

Admission to the concerts is free and tickets will be given out starting at 1:15 p.m. for the Intermezzo Orchestra concert, and at 6:15 p.m. prior to the CYMO concert.



The third and final phase of the South Village development had a preliminary review before the architectural commission last week. Pictured above is the view from the east of a proposed condominium building in the third phase.

were presented in monochrome tones, while previous plans were shown in full color.

"I do like the design overall, I think it looks like Claremont," commissioner Lisa Castillo said. However, she also commented that the structures don't appear to have enough variation and asked whether "everything is going to be white going down Indian Hill?"

Commissioner Frank Perri agreed "I generally like it, it's just hard to articulate what you are seeing being monochromatic."

There was concern about a lack of variation in the façades, a problem that several commissioners felt could be addressed by simply adding colors to set one segment of the building apart from its neighbor. However, the plans were described as being preliminary and focused more on showing the overall massing, while final architectural details, including adding a palette of colors, will be worked out later.

Earlier phases required retail storefronts on the ground level, specifically near the transition from the existing Village to the southern expansion. Because the third phase is the furthest away from the Village, no retail space will be required, but flexibility will be built into the design so that in the future, storefronts could be possible in those areas, particularly on Watson and Green and along the 200 feet of Indian Hill south of Green.

"All this ties back to a multiyear effort by staff to develop a specific plan to try and create an expansion of the Village," Veirs said.

Adopted in July 2021, the Village South Specific Plan created a special zoning overlay in the area west of Indian Hill, south of the railroad tracks, north of Arrow Highway and east of Bucknell. The plan focuses on building transit oriented developments, which include greater density and larger buildings than ever before built in Claremont.

The plan has its detractors, who find it too massive and feel it does not fit with the quaint Claremont Vil-

POLICE BLOTTER

By Mick Rhodes

Tuesday, May 10

It doesn't sound like much of a prize, but what its owner described as "a 16-foot dirty aluminum boat" and trailer were reported stolen from the driveway of a home in the 3700 block of Williams Ave. A neighbor told police a white or silver early 2000s lifted Dodge Ram pickup pulled up to the home on May 5 or 6, attached the trailer to a hitch, and pulled away. The boat's owner, who was out of town at the time, needed some time to gather identifying information, including the vessel's hull number, license number, etc., before calling police. Anyone who may have seen a "dirty aluminum boat" being towed around the time of the theft is urged to call the Claremont Police Department at (909) 391-5411.

A 52-year-old city employee called Claremont police at 8:24 p.m. to report a man masturbating while watching her through a window at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., where the woman was working with a cleaning crew. The woman took cellphone video and photos of the man, and when police arrived they recognized him straightaway, as it wasn't their first unsavory encounter with the 26-year-old unhoused man. The woman said she'd also been previously victimized by the man in late March, when she reported him doing the same thing while she was working at Wheeler Park, 626 Vista Dr. This time cops quickly located the man at city hall, 207 Harvard Ave. A search allegedly turned up a methamphetamine pipe, and a records check revealed an outstanding arrest warrant relating to a third indecent exposure charge, this one out of San Bernardino County. He was arrested for indecent exposure and possession of drug paraphernalia, both misdemeanors, and on the warrant, then booked and held in the Claremont jail in front of his Thursday, May 12 arraignment in Pomona Superior Court.

Wednesday, May 11

Pomona police contacted their Claremont brethren at 11:54 a.m. to let them know they had one Orlando Garcia-Ordaz in custody, which was of interest to CPD since the 27-year-old Pomona man was wanted on two felony warrants in the City

of Trees, one for grand theft auto and another for burglary. Claremont police then traveled to Pomona and took custody of Garcia-Ordaz, booked and jailed him until his May 12 arraignment in Pomona court.

Thursday, May 12

Though admirably forthcoming with police, a 52-year-old unhoused man was nonetheless arrested after reportedly telling officers, "I have a pipe and a little bit of meth on me," prompting a search that allegedly turned up a golf ball-sized quantity of the dangerous stimulant. It began at 1:11 p.m., when CPD officers saw the man walking south on College Ave. from Arrow Hwy. They then conducted a "consensual encounter," wherein the man agreed to talk to police, and after a brief conversation, allegedly told them about the drugs and pipe in his possession. He was then arrested on misdemeanor drug and drug paraphernalia possession charges, booked, and released with a citation to appear in court.

Claremont police, responding to recent public outcry regarding the abundance of crime taking place around "motel row," at Indian Hill Blvd. and the 10 Freeway, assigned eight officers to a 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. crime suppression detail in the area that resulted in 10 arrests.

One of them was a 28-year-old Chino Hills man, Marcus Fuller. Police became suspicious when they noticed a BMW without a front license plate and illegal "blackout" window tint, rear taillight tint, and expired registration in the parking lot of Motel 6, 840 S. Indian Hill Blvd. When Fuller pulled the BMW out of the lot, CPD made a traffic stop near Indian Hill Blvd. and Auto Center Dr. While questioning him, police say they smelled a strong odor of marijuana emanating from inside the car. They then asked to search it, but Fuller refused. Asked for his license, Fuller produced an ID card, and a records check then revealed his license was currently suspended four times over, stemming from two DUI convictions in 2016 and one each in 2018 and 2019. After placing him under arrest on a misdemeanor charge of driving on a suspended license, police were tasked with taking inventory of the BMW prior to having it towed to an impound lot. It was then of-

ficers say they found a black tactical backpack on the front passenger side floorboard. Inside was a loaded Glock 27 semi-automatic handgun with a nine-round magazine — which held eight 40-caliber rounds — and a waistband holster, police said. Further investigation revealed Fuller was subject of another ongoing firearms related investigation in LA County. Police then added the additional misdemeanor charge of possession of a loaded handgun, and he was booked on the at CPD headquarters, issued a ticket, and released.

Another crime suppression arrest took place at 11:12 p.m. after Claremont police pulled over 21-year-old Ontario resident Steven Molina near Indian Hill Blvd. and the 10 Freeway for an allegedly inoperable third brake light and no front license plate. Molina came to a stop in a nearby parking lot, and as officers approached the car they allegedly saw him trying to hide something and could smell strong odor of marijuana. Asked what he'd been hiding, Molina reportedly told police, "I was trying to hide a blunt." He was then asked to step out of the car. Officers then allegedly found what amounted to a virtual illegal drug store inside the car, including a small clear plastic baggie with four small blue oxycodone pills, another baggie with 20 small white bar-shaped Xanax pills, a small container of marijuana, a scale, multiple empty plastic baggies, and later, seven more oxycodone pills in a cupholder and several small plastic baggies on the floor containing "wax," a concentrated, incredibly potent form of marijuana. Police say Molina voluntarily gave officers written permission to search his phone, including his passcode, where they found text messages with multiple customers regarding meeting locations and listing prices for various drugs. During a statement to officers, Molina reportedly said, "I make more at my day job than doing this. This just helps me get by." He was arrested on a felony charge of possession of narcotics for sale, booked, and released with citation.

Another arrest during the crime suppression detail took place once again at Claremont Lodge, 736 S. Indian Hill Blvd. just minutes later, at 11:18 p.m. Officers became suspicious when they saw the driver of white 2003 Honda Civic pull into the motel parking lot, get out of the

car, and walk away with the window open and the engine running. Police then made contact with the man, Christian Estrada, 29, from Pomona, whom they say immediately became angry and argumentative, yelling, "I'm not doing anything wrong." Police say they saw an open Modelo beer can in the car, smelled a strong odor of alcohol coming from Estrada and the Honda, and noticed a marijuana water pipe or "bong" on the front passenger seat. Estrada then tried to walk away, police said. After they ordered him to stop, he then allegedly grabbed his waistband with both hands. This alarmed officers, who took it to indicate he may have had a gun on him. They then managed to detain him without further incident, thankfully, because as they looked through the open window into the Honda, they allegedly saw a black semi-automatic "ghost gun," a polymer 80 plastic frame with a Glock slide attached. It turned out to be loaded with a magazine with 11 nine mm bullets, police said, and a black canvas bag on the seat next to the gun contained more ammunition, including .38 caliber, more nine mm, and .223 rifle rounds. Estrada was arrested on two misdemeanor charges of possession of a loaded firearm and possession of an undetectable firearm.

Friday, May 13

The owner of EZ Cash, 412 Auto Center Dr., called police at 2:41 p.m. to report a fraud in progress. This was after Robert Musich, 53, from Valinda, presented him with a fake check. The EZ Cash owner then called the business listed on the phony check, and that owner immediately told him the check was fraudulent. The EZ Cash owner then called CPD, and delayed Musich long enough for officers to arrive, at which time he made his way to the bathroom, apparently trying to avoid police. But the cops got to him first, and arrested him for felony possession of a fictitious check. Molina is said to have admitted he got the company's information from a legitimate check it had issued to him previously for the purchase of some property. He allegedly said he had taken that legitimate check to a third party, who then made him three additional fake checks. Claremont police are familiar with Musich, as it was the fifth time they have arrested him for felony check fraud over the past five years.

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Human trafficking:**Dear editor:**

I attended a recent human trafficking awareness presentation that I thought would express different views highlighting the problem and would offer some solutions. But as I was listening to the speakers, I was disappointed in a few things. The meeting began with 45 minutes explaining that all street level sex workers in our area are victims, even the adults. Then, the speakers from the Pomona and Claremont police departments explained it takes many arrests of any particular sex worker for the police to get a chance to build trust and offer services and a path away from sex work. After all that explanation about the victimhood of the sex workers, each police representative complained that the Los Angeles D.A. policy wouldn't prosecute people picked up for loitering for prostitution. It sounded like, "Gosh we're sad we can't jail victims." The disconnect was jarring.

The message I got from this presentation was 1) prostitution equals trafficking; 2) there is no effective way to decrease demand (sex purchasers), so the police have to try to reduce supply (sex workers); and 3) that the police and other service providers have very little success convincing sex workers to stop sex working. The end result was that this is an unsolvable issue.

I was appalled by a few tone deaf things the presenters said. The police identified "minimal clothing" in public as the first problem caused by the sex workers. Are you policing women's clothing now? The police also said it gives our communities a bad reputation and the sex workers and clients leave litter (condoms). So basically, the problem is that it is unsightly. We spent 90 minutes kvetching about a problem of unsightliness.

The program was presented by the Committee for Safe and Healthy Housing, which does not appear on the list of

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committees on the Claremont city website that I could check (<https://www.ci.claremont.ca.us/government/departments-divisions/city-clerk-s-office-commission-committee-board-appointments>). Who are they? Was our City money spent on any part of this program, which seemed to be (not that) subtly aimed at bashing the DA? Was this really about the upcoming elections?

**Ms. Mele Wood
Claremont****Response to "City unveils plan to spend federal stimulus funds," (May 13 COURIER)****Dear editor:**

The city (staff) plan for spending the federal stimulus dollars needs a serious review as it does not seem compliant with in the "spirit and intent" of the federal guidelines. Specifically with respect to the almost half million dollars (\$413,000) for the one-time stipend payments for both full-time and part-time employees who "got to work" at least 1,000 hours during the pandemic. Full-time public safety employees would receive \$4,000, (for doing their job) while other full-time employees would get \$3,000. Part-time employees would receive \$1,000 if they "got" to work 500 hours.

The COURIER article further advised "The intention behind the federal program, passed in March of 2021, was to repay cities for lost revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to stimulate the economy. As such it came with some restrictions, including prohibitions on using the money for pensions, building up cash reserves, paying down

outstanding debts or paying off judgments."

As noted, the intent of the program is to stimulate the economy and prohibits using the money for pensions. Question: Does a payment to the city staff comply with the program intent? Granted, the proposed payment does not apply directly to "pensions" but indirectly makes a payment for the job the city staff should always be doing (addressing public safety), and it seems this would be a self-serving way of saying, "it stimulates the economy."

Overall, Claremont residents should be and are immensely proud to live in Claremont and appreciate the city staff however, an across-the-board stipend should be reviewed. They "got to work and were properly paid" whereas many residents "lost their jobs/income." Further, most likely some employees worked much harder, and others did not have the same workload—perhaps less.

A further review of the \$413,000 should be considered as truly stimulating the economy such as perhaps addressing issues with the current water mandates; a Claremont Police Department appreciation day; A Claremont business appreciation day; or other acts that will truly benefit the city economy and continue to show the country why Claremont is just a great community.

**Rich Laughton
Claremont****Pomona Valley Hospital waiting room****Dear editor:**

Pomona Valley Hospital is a public institution. I have always received good care there. Last week I went for an ultrasound. The staff and technicians were all polite and excellent. However, I and the other patients and family members in the waiting room were subjected to the extremist rhetoric of Fox News blaring from the TV in the waiting room. This is totally inappropriate

**ADVENTURES
IN HAIKU**

*Brave moon of Ukraine
Eclipsed by red lunatic
Shines forth gold again*
— Jean Collinsworth

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and deeply offensive. If TV is required (and I do not see why it is needed), then they should have something inoffensive, such as cooking, animal shows, home repair, or medical advice. Regardless of your politics, I'm sure everyone can agree that a place for healing and wellness needs to be as peaceful and non-traumatic as possible. Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center must immediately cease broadcasting all forms of divisive TV wherever patients and family members might be.
Carol Sorgenfrei

Children's Foundation of America annual fundraiser happening Saturday

The Children's Foundation of America will host its annual ChariTea fundraiser on Saturday, May 21, at the Women's Club of Claremont garden, 343 W. 12th St., beginning at noon. The event will be held in recognition of National Foster Care month.

"Over 400,000 children are in foster care each year due circumstances beyond their control. These children have faced the trauma of abuse, neglect, or abandonment and continue to endure challenges participating with their peers in everyday activities and accessing educational resources," the events description read. "Make a difference in their lives by supporting the Children's

Foundation of America."

The group hopes all will join in to support a great cause as proceeds from the annual fundraiser benefit scholarships, mental health programs, transitional housing, quality foster care services, and grants for children in need.

Guests will get to have their photo taken by Jacqueline Legazcue, enjoy a silent auction and take home a gift bag featuring name-brand beauty products. Guests will also enjoy a musical performance by Katie Ferrara.

Cher Ofstedahl, CEO of Children's Foundation of America and Trinity Youth Services, will be recognized as Claremont's 2022 Woman of Distinction by the Office of California Assemblymember Chris Holden.

The event is open to all and general admission begins at \$50. Tickets can be purchased online at eventbrite.com/e/charitea-fundraiser-national-foster-care-month-tickets-294019880377.

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City of Claremont Commissions**

Residents interested in taking a more active role in the City's decision-making process are encouraged to apply for appointment to a City commission. Applications are currently being accepted to fill potential end-of-term and unexpected vacancies on various City of Claremont commissions. Interested persons are encouraged to file an application with the City Clerk.

Claremont has five commissions (Architectural, Community and Human Services, Planning, Police, Traffic and Transportation) whose purpose is to advise and assist the City Council in addressing issues related to the commission's area of concern. They do this by gathering pertinent information, hearing arguments, weighing values, and making recommendations to the Council. The specific powers and duties of each commission are attached to the application.

Each commission is comprised of citizens appointed by the City Council. Qualifications for commission service include: Claremont residency (with certain exceptions), a strong interest in the community and the work of the commission, and the ability to give generously of one's time while serving.

A personal interview with a two-member City Council sub-committee will be scheduled for all applicants. It is the Council's goal to appoint individuals who reflect the diversity of the community.

Applications and additional information are available in the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 207 Harvard Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on the City's website - www.ci.claremont.ca.us. Please contact the City Clerk's office for assistance - (909) 399-5461 or (909) 399-5463. Please submit your applications on or before June 6, 2022.

Expressing our condolences

by Thom Johnson, retired Lutheran pastor

We, the current and active members of the Inland Valley Working Group for Mideast Peace, express our deepest condolences to the family of Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh upon her recent sudden and tragic demise during an Israeli military action in the Jenin refugee camp. We also express our condolences to her co-workers at Al-Jazeera, and to the worldwide Palestinian community for whom her brave career was a profound example of professionalism under the most challenging of circumstances. Shireen was a Christian who hailed from Bethlehem. She is one of many Palestinian journalists who have lost their lives during Israeli military or police operations affecting the Palestinian community. We also pray for a complete healing of the wounds suffered by Ali Al-Samudi, her producer.

Our group members hold differing world views and perspectives, though we all seek a just and lasting peace for Israel and Palestine. For many, Israeli mili-

Interfaithfully SPEAKING

tary operations and a generally heavy-handed approach against a restive Palestinian population does not hold any political or social legitimacy. For others, the challenges facing Israeli residents in an environment often hostile to the state's national existence is an ever-present context informing their point of view. Still others hold neither of those views. The tragic murder of this innocent journalist once again sadly highlights the continuing intractable nature of the overall Israeli/Palestinian conflict and disheartens us as a group of Muslim, Jewish, Christian, and other faith group members who are part of our coalition.

We call out this atrocity and condemn Shireen's murder as well as the brutal attempt to suppress her funeral procession; it fills us all with moral outrage.

Just as the Jewish members of our group stand in solidarity with our Muslim members in condemning these actions, our Muslim members stand by our Jewish members in ensuring their safety and security, especially in the wake of rising worldwide anti-semitism.

All who are residents in Palestine and in Israel are entitled to inhabit a safe and secure homeland. Moving that vision forward is our binding mission. As an interfaith coalition, we are committed to doing our part to close whatever divisions prevent acknowledging the pain experienced by American Muslims witnessing a disproportionate response from Israel to Palestinian grievances, and to understand the need for achieving a lasting sense of security for the worldwide Jewish community.

But today, we stand as one to condemn the death of Shireen Abu Akleh and demand that a full and independent investigation of the circumstances be undertaken immediately, that those responsible be identified, and that justice be served.

Residential Reminders

Scavenging of trash

On May 12, the city of Claremont wrote online that "It is prohibited for anyone to move, remove, or scavenge any contents of a residential trash receptacle, including recyclables."

The ordinance ensures public safety on city streets, prevents the creation of trash accumulation outside containers, and deters potential criminal activity such as identity theft, the city added.

If you see anyone scavenging trash or recyclables from containers, report it to the Claremont Police Department at (909) 399-5411. In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

Memorial Day ceremony

On Monday, May 30, the City of Claremont will hold the 2022 Memorial Day Ceremony at Oak Park Cemetery beginning at 11 a.m. Join the city, the Friends of Oak Park Cemetery and the American Legion Keith Powell Post 78 to honor and remember those who died while serving in the United States armed forces.

Oak Park Cemetery is located at 410 Sycamore Avenue. To view the city's public event flyer, visit ci.claremont.ca.us/home/showpublisheddocument/18083/637854428801370000.

Though a ceremony was not held last year, the city honored its fallen heroes on social media, including the likes of Army Command Sergeant Major Kevin J. Griffin, Marine Corporal Donald M. Marler, and Army Corporal Rhett A. Butler to name a few. City

Shade structure tips from the city

The City of Claremont reminds residents that portable, collapsible, and/or permanent shade structures can only be placed in a rear or interior side yard area of a residence. The area where the structure is placed must be completely enclosed by a wall or non-transparent fence, or a continuous row of shrubbery no less than five feet high.

All structures should be maintained in good condition and should be removed or replaced when deteriorated from the sun or wind. For more information, contact the community improvement division at (909) 399-5499.

For city updates, visit <https://www.ci.claremont.ca.us>.

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officials also placed American flags on veterans' graves in Oak Park Cemetery to honor all veterans for the holiday.

For more information about this event, contact the Human Services Department at (909) 399-5490 or by email at specialevents@ci.claremont.ca.us.

Air quality monitoring app

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has a mobile application that residents can download and use "to track real-time and forecasted air quality information," a May 10 post from the city said.

The app features configurable air quality notifications, integrated temperature and weather information and an interactive air quality map. The app is also able to report the air quality index, or AQI, which is calculated using the Environmental Protection Agency's NowCast method. The EPA calculates the AQI for five major air pollutants: ground-level ozone, particle pollution or particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide.

"The NowCast method is designed to be responsive to rapidly changing conditions, such as during wildfires, but may not always reflect the latest smoke conditions," the city's concluded.

For more information, visit airalerts.com or call 1-800-CUT-SMOG.

Unpaved parking prohibited

On May 18, the City of Claremont posted online

that it "prohibits parking vehicles on any unpaved surface or landscaped area, such as a front or side yard."

The city added that those who need additional street parking for visitors can obtain an overnight parking permit from the Claremont Police Department. However, CPD allows just three overnight parking exemptions per vehicle, per month.

To obtain a permit, please contact the Police Department at (909) 399-5411 or visit the city's website — ci.claremont.ca.us/living/parking. For more details, contact the Community Improvement Division at (909) 399-5467.



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- 4. Not set
- 9. Imprison
- 14. Self-image
- 15. Cornhusker's largest city
- 16. Country great, recently passed, first name
- 17. 80s band
- 19. Negligible amounts
- 20. Jack
- 21. Melbourne native, for short
- 22. Straighten out
- 27. ___ Dhabi
- 30. Exhaust
- 31. Start of a treasure hunt instruction
- 35. Claremont Mckenna's big donor George _____
- 38. Crumple from dryness
- 40. Baby talk
- 41. Overseas
- 42. Wild donkeys
- 44. Georgia capital
- 45. Mosquito guards
- 46. Eagle home
- 48. Cee follower
- 49. Religious skeptic
- 52. CUSD's teacher of the year, Oakmont Elementary's _____ (goes with 55 across)
- 56. Ivy League member

- 60. George Peppard's show
- 61. "I'm not making this up!"

- 65. Short gig
- 66. Punjab queen
- 67. WWII general Arnold
- 68. Lone Ranger's companion
- 69. Pine
- 70. Old cartoonist Hoff

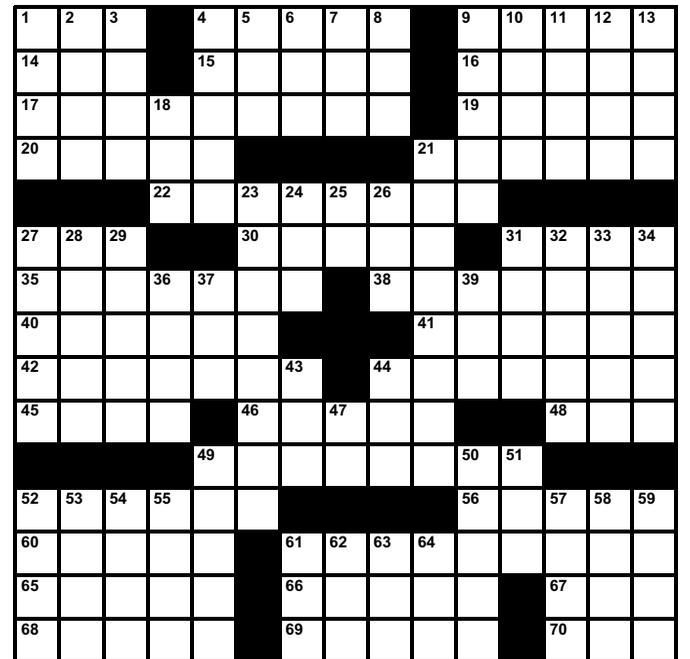
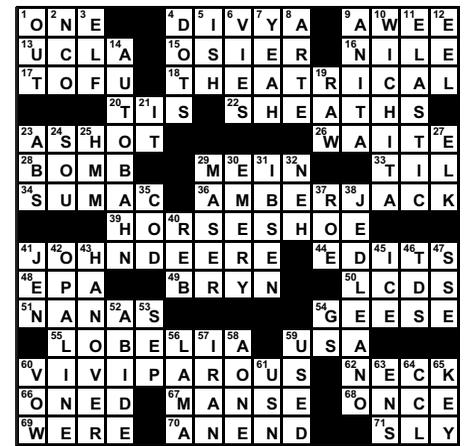
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- 1. Radiator problem
- 2. Opposed, in Dogpatch
- 3. Mrs. Dithers in "Blondie"
- 4. Capital of Normandie with a spectacular cathedral
- 5. Strike caller
- 6. Quick sleep
- 7. Ice hockey org.
- 8. "Whoopee!"
- 9. Provide
- 10. Candy maker
- 11. Tropical constrictors
- 12. Both, in the beginning
- 13. Move skyward
- 18. Law and Order version
- 21. Kind of soup
- 23. Instructorship
- 24. Surefooted mammal
- 25. Compass direction
- 26. "Gloomy" guy

- 27. Vacuum tube filler
- 28. American frontiersman
- 29. Depth charge target
- 31. Demoiselle
- 32. Elliptical
- 33. Ride
- 34. Blast from the past
- 36. Baker's dozen?
- 37. Shellfish eggs
- 39. Baseball score
- 43. J.F.K., once
- 44. Frank McCourt's memoir
- 47. Revenue Officer, for short

- 49. "We ___ please"
- 50. Norwegian playwright
- 51. Vacuum tube. abbr.
- 52. Final
- 53. "Beetle Bailey" pooch
- 54. Bridle
- 55. Go ballistic
- 57. ___ and aahs
- 58. "King Kong" star
- 59. "___ Blue"
- 61. Give it a whirl
- 62. Corinne Bailey ___ Grammy nominee
- 63. Actress Merkel
- 64. One engaged in, suffix

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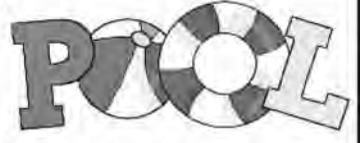


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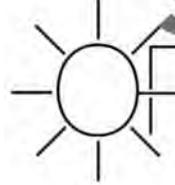
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What's happening Claremont?

BY ANDREW ALONZO

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FRIDAY 5/20

- Every Friday at 9 a.m., an **art group** meets at the Claremont Joslyn Center. The free group session is open to all levels of artists, who are invited to bring their current works in-progress or start new ones. Attendees must wear masks while indoors. For more information, contact the center at (909) 399-5488.

- At the Joslyn Center Annex, the **Claremont Senior Computer Club** is ready to assist you with hardware, software and technically every issue in between. Come to this twice-monthly lab for help from your peers, to use the computer lab, or to learn more about computers. This is a free, drop-in opportunity held between 1 and 4:30 p.m. Contact the Joslyn Center at (909) 399-5488 for more information.

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SATURDAY 5/21

- Stop by the Claremont Helen Renwick Library at 2 p.m. for a laid-back afternoon of creating **bad art**. Make a sculpture, drawing, mobile or whatever you want, and the worst piece of art will win a dubious prize. Registration for the event is required prior to attending at visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/6-607715?registration=true. This event is for children ages 10 through 17.

- Singer, songwriter and musician **Robbie Fulks** will perform a special concert at the Folk Music Center, 220 N. Yale Ave., at 7:30 p.m. His most recent release, "Upland Stories," earned year's-best recognition from NPR and Rolling Stone among many others, as well as two Grammy nominations. Tickets begin at \$25 and doors open at 7 p.m. For more info call (909) 624-2928.

- Following its official Friday opening, the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art will host a grand opening today of its latest exhibit, "**Claremont Collects: Art, Creativity, Community**," the inaugural exhibition in the newly expand-

ed museum. The exhibition, sponsored by Gould Asset Management LLC, showcases work made by area artists from the 1930s to today. The grand opening, will be held at 200 W. First St at 6 p.m. For more information, visit clmoa.org/exhibit/claremont-collects-art-creativity-community.



SUNDAY 5/22

- The final **healthy back transformation movement workshop**, led by Roi Chairrat and Avani Zaidi, will be held today at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 555 W. Foothill Blvd. The free workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. and helps attendees "overcome aches, pains and limitation, increase strength and flexibility throughout your body, sharpen your thinking and awareness, enhance creativity" and much more. To register, visit [eventbrite.com/e/healthy-backs-](http://eventbrite.com/e/healthy-backs-transformation-movement-workshops-tickets-308268899577)

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- **Exit 9** will perform live jazz at the College Center, 665 E. Foothill Blvd., at 2 p.m. The concert will last approximately three hours and is free to the public. For more information or to view the monthly jazz lineup, visit jazzatcollegecenter.com.

MONDAY 5/23

- Seniors are invited to play **mahjong** at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon. Enjoy friendly competition, make new friends and enjoy the challenge. Masks are required regardless of vaccination status.

TUESDAY 5/24

- Every Tuesday, the public is invited to meet at Shelton Park for either a brisk or easy stroll through the Claremont Village. Walks begin at 8 a.m. and participants are asked to arrive 10-15 minutes early to sign in and hear any

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potential announcements. **Get Walking Claremont** asks those who are not fully vaccinated to please wear a mask when unable to keep distance from others.

- The Service Center for Independent Life (SCIL) will host a **hybrid math class** for people with disabilities today at 11 a.m. The course is held both in person and virtually. If you plan to attend in person, call SCIL at (909) 621-6722 to reserve your spot. To attend virtually, visit <https://zoom.us/j/97690-415690?pwd=aXhEeWkrWkkzN3Iw-dUdFWnZXQ2N4UT09#success>.

- The **Claremont City Council** will host its second meeting of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the council chambers, 225 W. Second Street. While a limited number of residents will be able to attend the meeting in person, all will be able to tune in via Zoom. For more information or to learn how to attend, visit ci.claremont.ca.us/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/6086/20.

WEDNESDAY 5/25

- On the last Wednesday of each month, the **Repertory Opera Company of Pomona** presents 40 minutes of “musical beauty and community” at the Claremont Forum Bookshop, 586 W.

First Street. The monthly concert is free, open to the public and begins at noon. Donations to the ROC are appreciated and residents can contribute online at repertoryoperacompany.org. For more information about the event, visit claremontforum.org/event/opera-at-noon-2-2022-05-25.

- Caregivers are invited to attend AgingNext’s upcoming **support group**, which meets at 6 p.m. via Zoom. This support group is free, but attendees are asked to RSVP in advance. For more details or to RSVP, contact AgingNext at (909) 621-9900.

- In observance of Asian Pacific American heritage month, the Los Angeles County Library will host a virtual event titled **LGBTQ+ Voices and Allies**. The meeting will be hosted by the San Gabriel Valley’s Asian Pacific Islander PFLAG chapter, a support group for Asian Pacific Islander LGBTQ+ people. Learn about the group’s mission, resources and gain insight into the API LGBTQ+ experience. To register for the free event, visit https://library-lacounty.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JkEc-KFFTZ2xTID0ilvJfw.

- The **Architectural Commission meeting** will take place at city hall, 225 W. Second St., beginning at 7 p.m. This meeting is open to the public both in-person and virtually. Information about

the meeting can be found at ci.claremont.ca.us/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/5985/20.

THURSDAY 5/26

- There’s a lot of confusion about cooking oils. Is coconut oil good for you, bad for you? Which oils are the best to cook with? A Cal Poly dietician will explain all you need to know about oils and your health at this upcoming Inter Valley Health Plan course, **Cooking Oil Controversy**. The class begins at noon; to register, visit ivhp.com/vitality.

- At 7 p.m. in the council chambers, the **traffic and transportation commission** will host its monthly meeting, which will be open to the public and will be broadcast via Zoom. Agendas are posted on the city’s website and at city hall the Thursday evening before the meeting. For more info, visit ci.claremont.ca.us/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/5809/20.

- The city’s **Independence Day Committee** will meet today at 7 p.m. at the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Road. The meeting will last about an hour or until all business is concluded. For more info, visit ci.claremont.ca.us/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/5917/20.

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FRIDAY 5/27

- A Cal Poly dietician will discuss whether there really is a diabetes diet during Inter Valley Health plans upcoming course, **Eat to beat Diabetes**. The instructor will present tips and tricks to meal planning and preparation to help you control your blood sugar and your health. This is a free and helpful course for those diagnosed with pre- or full-blown diabetes. The class begins at noon; to register, visit ivhp.com/vitality.

- The Claremont Chamber of Commerce will hold its **centennial gala** today outside in Pomona College’s Marston Quad at 5:30 p.m. The chamber will not only celebrate 100 years of business, but will also install its 2022-2023 chamber board of directors and present select chamber members with Claremont Business of the year awards. Tickets begin at \$125 and can be purchased at claremontchamber.org/2022/02/24/centennial-gala.

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Over the last few weeks, the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art has been prepping for its newest exhibition, Claremont Collects: Art, Creativity, Community. The exhibition will be held in the newly expanded Claremont Lewis Museum of Art and will feature highlights from the

museum's permanent collection. The exhibition, sponsored by Gould Asset Management LLC, showcases work made by area artists from the 1930s to today. On Saturday, CLMA will host a grand opening of the exhibition beginning at 6 p.m.

ULV to host Irish folk music show

On Saturday, June 4 The University of La Verne hosts "Tommy and the Brothers," a new show about Irish folk music titans the Clancy Brothers' and Tommy Makem's rise to worldwide fame in Greenwich Village at the vanguard of the American folk revival of the 1960s.

The show takes place at 7:30 p.m. at Morgan Auditorium, 1950 3rd St., La Verne. Presale tickets are \$30 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tommy-and-the-brothers-tickets-3190853318->

17, or \$35 at the door.

The show features 21 of the Clancy Brothers' and Tommy Makem's biggest hits. The cast includes long-time Claremont actor, musician, songwriter and performer Danny Oberbeck, as Tom Clancy, Joel Reed Mankey in the role of Tommy Makem, Sean Faye Cullen as Paddy Clancy, and Dalton Maltz as Liam Clancy.

More information is available at <https://tommyandthebrothers.com> or by calling (951) 295-1895.



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Snapshots from Claremont College's graduation week-



The class of 2022 throws their mortarboards into the air as they officially graduate from Pitzer College on Saturday in Claremont. Pitzer kicked off a big weekend of graduations in town and a return to normal as the Colleges skipped most large in-person events during the pandemic. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

Pitzer College graduate Marcus Lamar Jackson II shares a quick handshake with his fellow class of 2022 graduates as he makes his way back to his seat during the college's 58th commencement ceremony. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo



Friends and family joined the celebration with Pomona College graduates. Photo by Kristopher Vargas



Say hello to the 2022 graduating class from Pomona College. Photo by Carlos Puma

Elisabeth Mott DesCombes

Mother, Sycamore Elementary School librarian, traveler

Elisabeth Mott DesCombes, known as Lis, died unexpectedly at her home on March 26. She was nearing a full recovery from surgery for a spinal infection and was looking forward to returning to her passions: being librarian at Sycamore Elementary School, books in general, and being a friend to many. She was 62.

Lis was born Elisabeth Rhodes Mott on August 17, 1959 in the American hospital in Berlin, West Germany. Her parents, Paul and Susan Mott, worked for the U.S. State Department and were stationed in West Germany during her early childhood.

After Berlin, her childhood years were spent in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and Manhattan, New York, until her family settled in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, where both of her parents still reside. She attended the Hun School of Princeton as a day student and graduated in 1977.

She attended Wheaton College in Wheaton, Massachusetts, majoring in art history, and graduating in 1981. During her junior year she joined her brother Paul at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire on a one year exchange program, where she met her future husband, Jeff DesCombes, a classmate of Paul's.

After graduation, she moved to Brooklyn, and later, to a Manhattan apartment on 21st St. In 1983 she began dating Jeff, who had recently moved to New York.

While in New York, she took advantage of the museums, theatres and social scene, was an avid squash player, and would often run along the East River Promenade. She worked as a library aid with the New York Public Library, as a paralegal for several Wall Street law firms, and as a benefits manager for Horn and Hardard, a Fortune 500 company headquartered in midtown.

In the summer of 1987 the new couple moved out of the city to Rye, New York. They were married in



Lawrenceville, New Jersey on October 10, 1987. The service was held in the chapel of The Lawrenceville School, which her father and brothers attended, and the reception at the Hun School. Prior to moving to the west coast in 1990, the couple lived in Irvington, New York, and Billerica, Massachusetts.

In summer 1990 the couple drove cross-country in their Jeep Wrangler, arriving just in time for her to take a job as assistant paymaster at the L.A. County Fair's race track. Her husband remembers thinking, "I am not sure her family was very excited about a job at the track!"

In 1991 the couple purchased a home on Seventh St. in Claremont, and thus began her lifelong engagement with the city and its residents. Their family grew, with daughters Margaret, born in 1992, and Kathryn, in 1996. In the mid-1990s, she managed legal and classified advertisements at the Claremont COURIER. Following several years at the COURIER, she took a part time position at Stamp Your Heart Out. Through these two jobs, she established personal relationships with most of the businesspeople and creative types in Claremont. "This sometimes had its downsides, as a simple walk downtown

or a quick trip to the farmers' market often turned into a two hour trip as Lis would stop and 'catch-up' with one friend after another, seemingly stopping every 15 to 20 steps to visit with a friend," her husband said.

In 2008, after working for several years as a daycare substitute for Claremont Unified School District, and after both of her daughters had matriculated through Sycamore Elementary School, she applied for the position of librarian at Sycamore.

The library quickly became her life's work and passion. She enjoyed working with the students and finding the perfect book to entertain and educate them. She worked to understand each child and their needs, often seeking advice from co-workers and field professionals to better understand their motivations and interests. She immersed herself in children's literature and was a member of several organizations that supported the work of young adult and children's and authors and illustrators. She also formed a CUSD librarian group that still meets occasionally to share ideas and discuss each elementary school's library programming. In addition to the library, she was honored to represent the classified employees at Sycamore as their onsite union representative.

Although regular student library sessions were stopped during the pandemic, she enjoyed working one-on-one with below-grade-level readers through a CUSD reading development program. Among the many things she missed after her back injury and surgical recovery, she missed most working with kids in the Sycamore library.

She loved traveling with friends. Over the years she visited England, Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Finland, the Netherlands and Russia. Lori Otto, a friend she often traveled with, said, "She was always so happy when we traveled (as was I). She made friends immediately with all the others on our

tours."

Over her lifetime she also enjoyed pottery, stamp art and scrapbooking, beading and jewelry making, weaving, paper craft, furniture repair, upholstery and woodworking. She was an avid gardener and loved sharing homegrown figs with everyone. She once owned four different types of weaving looms, and taught the students at Sycamore to weave. She was also a member of the Woman's Club of Claremont, Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Auxiliary, Friends of the Claremont Library, and two active book groups.

"Those who knew her would attest, there was far more to Lis than the facts of her life," her family shared. "However, to attempt to capture her presence in words would be impossible. The DesCombes family expresses deep gratitude to those who have reached out after her passing to share support and stories. It's been a beautiful reminder to the family: Lis loved as expansively as she was loved."

She is survived by her mother and father, Paul and Susan Mott of Lawrenceville, New Jersey; sister Stephanie Simons of Hinsdale, Illinois; brothers, Paul Mott III of Houston, Texas, and Andrew Mott of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; husband Jeff and daughters Margaret DesCombes of Denver, and Kathryn DesCombes of Boulder, Colorado; four cousins spread across the states; plus many friends, students, and CUSD families.

A "celebration of Lis" will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 28 at the Woman's Club of Claremont, 343 W. 12th St. Drop in and visit with her friends, students and student families and stay as long as you like. If you enjoy cooking, please bring food to share with others.

In lieu of flowers, donations to celebrate Lis' life may be made to the Sycamore Elementary Lis Library Fund via check mailed to 225 W. eighth St., Claremont, CA 91711.

Kathryn Ann Steevens

Beloved grandmother, mother, longtime CUSD employee

Kathryn Ann "Kay" Steevens died peacefully on May 16 of natural causes at the age of 93.

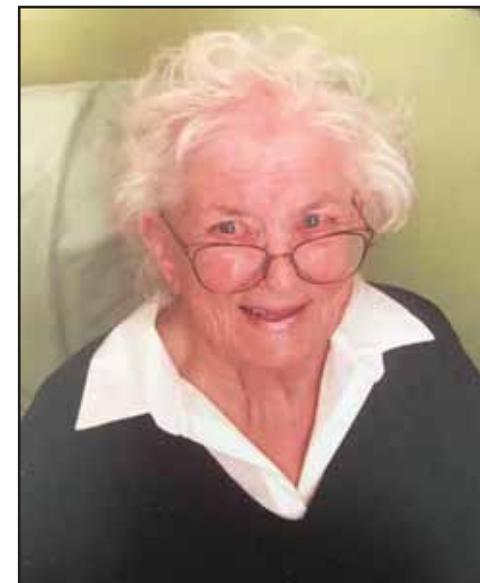
Born in Rathbun, Iowa in 1928, she was the oldest daughter of Croatian immigrants. She left home after graduating high school at the age of 16 to attend secretarial school in Chicago, Illinois. She remained there for many years until mov-

ing to California in the 1950s. She went to work for Aerojet General, in Azusa, where she met her husband, John Steevens. She and John married in Pasadena, then settled in Claremont in 1959, where they raised four sons.

She was a longtime employee of Claremont Unified School District, mainly at Claremont High School. The couple were parishioners at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Claremont, where she was active in the CCD program and eucharistic ministry to the sick and elderly.

She is survived by sons John Steevens, of Claremont, David (Peggy) Steevens, of San Diego, Mark (Suzanne) Steevens, of Foothill Ranch, California, and Chris (Laura) Steevens, of Wilton, New Hampshire; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 27 at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, 435 N. Berkeley Ave., Claremont CA, 91711.



Mary Hughes

Mother, artist, teacher, community activist

Wife, mother, artist, teacher and community activist Mary Hughes died March 9 at her home in Claremont. She was 69.

Hughes was a key player in Claremont/Pomona community arts organizations and projects, including the dA Gallery, the Claremont Forum, 57 Underground, and the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, an only child to Russian-Ukrainian immigrant parents, her artistic talent shone through at an early age. She was accepted into an art program for high school students at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University, which gave her a strong foundation in art and creative thinking.

Hughes balanced her education in art with her interests in spirituality and mysticism. She first attended Edinboro State University, in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, and later finished her BA — graduating summa cum laude — in art and communication at Chatham University, in Pittsburgh in 1977. In 1982 she earned her MFA from California State University, Long Beach.

She met her husband Ed at Edinboro when he passed by her meditation group practicing in a park gazebo, and made a point to approach her. At age 19, she married her soulmate.

While still a student, she began working at Bethlehem Steel Mill. Her Claremont friends remember many of her stories about her job putting out fires on slag heaps with her characteristic (and later fashion forward) steel-toed boots.

In the late 1970s the young couple moved to Claremont. Hughes commuted to Long Beach and earned her MFA at CSULB while her husband earned his PhD in religion at Claremont Graduate University. The couple found their ideal community within the intellectual

and creative offerings of Claremont, and decided to make it their permanent home.

Hughes gained recognition for her artwork early in her career. It was exhibited and collected far and wide: California, Ohio, New Mexico, Washington DC and Massachusetts. She experimented with many forms, from mixed media paintings, French marbling techniques, the figurative image and abstracted landscapes. Her endeavors also included book illustrations, clothing design, and liturgical banners for Claremont Presbyterian Church.

Hughes' work engaged with her interest in feminism, motherhood, process theology and Jungian interpretation of symbols. Her paintings often portrayed a central figurative element that related to a deeper spirituality. Her larger scale works took form as installations and community projects that celebrated transformation and connection to nature.

Hughes organized community-based workshops, including for both senior citizens and children. She saw her efforts as laboratories for creative thinking and making.

She taught studio art at Chaffey and Crafton Hills colleges. After the births of her two sons, Hughes took a deep interest in their education and creativity. Turning her focus to children's art education, she taught and developed art curriculum at Carden Arbor View School in Upland and Claremont's Sycamore Elementary School.

"She brought to every situation a sense of thoughtfulness and reflection. She was our anchor," said friend Chris Toovey. "In the beginning, when we were creating the dA Gallery in Pomona, everyone was trying to figure out our identity. Mary would help us to focus during our many discussions



around the dA kitchen table when we were applying for our nonprofit status. She really took our application seriously and helped us to shape our mission at that time. She brought a gravitas to the table, drawn from her experiences working in museums in Ohio and Pennsylvania."

Her many friends recall Hughes' sweetly eccentric style of wearing long dresses along with Doc Martens boots. She is also remembered by her intellectual depth and big-hearted nature.

Home was her sanctuary. It was a gathering place for art and culture parties, bringing people together of various interests and disciplines. Her festive holiday celebrations were legendary. The joyful displays that she created were often left up in her home to enjoy for many months to follow. It was there her art studio was built and she raised her beloved sons in her free-flowing style of mothering.

When the children were young, Hughes moved her mother Lynn into her home and built a custom granny flat

to accommodate her needs. After her mother's passing, her kindness extended to many lost animals and lost souls, whom she housed until they found their way back to stability and independence.

"Mary's legacy is one of compassion and love," her family shared. "A chance meeting with her, at an art opening or in the Village, was always that chance for her to make you feel as if you were the person she was there to see."

In recent years the Hugheses suffered with health concerns and mobility issues. Their sons helped their parents navigate the changes with purpose and dignity. With this help and that of her helper/caregiver Geoff Shaw, she remained active and continued to produce new artwork and fulfill her dedication to community arts. Several of her paintings were recently on display at the Ontario Museum of History & Art, where she received a third prize award at the time of her passing.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Ed; their two grown children, Sean and Matthew; family helper/caregiver Geoff Shaw; and her many close friends who were part of her family fold.

A memorial is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11 at Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave, Claremont.

A retrospective exhibition of Hughes' work will open Saturday, June 4 at the Sasse Museum of Art, 300A S. Thomas St. (basement level), Pomona, and run through July 28. An opening event will take place during the Pomona Art Walk, on Saturday, June 11 from 5 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Mary Hughes' name to UNICEF, at <https://www.unicef.org/ukraine/en>, to help the children of Ukraine.

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OUR TOWN**Pomona College has a new dean**

Professor of computer science Yuqing Melanie Wu, an expert in data management and query optimization whose love for teaching drew her to the liberal arts, will become Pomona College's next vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college effective July 1.



Wu arrived at Pomona in 2014 as a visiting associate professor and was hired as a tenured associate professor the following year. Her desire to devote more time to teaching led her to Pomona after serving as a faculty member at research institutions. That pursuit of excellence in the classroom was recognized in 2021 when Wu received the Wig Award, the highest honor faculty members can receive at Pomona.

This year's Wig award recipients were announced on May 15. They are Tzu-Yi Chen, professor of computer science; Malte Dold, assistant professor of economics; Pierre Englebert, H.

Russell Smith Professor of International Relations and professor of politics; Ryan Engley, assistant professor of media studies; Amanda Hollis-Brusky, associate professor of politics; Nina Karnovsky, Willard George Halstead Zoology Professor of Biology; and Jordan Kirk, associate professor of English.

Wu's leadership experience includes numerous Pomona faculty and academic committees and consortium-wide task forces for computer science. She chaired Pomona's Computer Science Department from 2017 to 2020. Currently, she's completing a fellowship with the American Council on Education (ACE), a comprehensive and rigorous leadership program in higher education.

"I'm struck by her openness, transparency and eagerness to get input from across the college," said Pomona College President G. Gabrielle Starr. "I know Melanie will be a key partner in supporting our talented faculty, promoting a compelling liberal arts curriculum for our students and elevating Pomona's unique role in creating opportunity in American higher education."

Voting begins for June 7 primary

The primary election is around the corner, and voting has begun for all of the early birds out there.

Every registered voter in California should have already received a vote by mail ballot sometime over the past two weeks. That ballot can be filled out and dropped in the mail with no postage necessary, but must be postmarked by Election Day.

Alternately, the ballot can be taken to any vote by mail drop box, including the two Claremont locations, by the Yale Avenue entrance of the public library and near the entrance to the Hughes Center on Danbury Road.

For traditionalists, in-person voting begins on May 28 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through June 6. On Election Day, June 7, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Claremont's vote center is at Taylor Hall, 1775 N. Indian Hill Boulevard. Vote by mail ballots can also be dropped off at the vote center.

For more information, please contact the city clerk's office at (909) 399-5460. On the night of the election real time results can be found at lavote.net.

World War II nurse celebrates 100th

Longtime Claremont resident Mary Jenette Warlick will be celebrating her 100th birthday at Angels Stadium on May 22. Warlick is a huge Angels fan and an amazing lady with quite a story, according to her daughter Amy Warlick and daughter-in-law Suzannah Warlick.

Born in 1922, Mary Jenette grew up in North Dakota as one of 18 children.

She was an army nurse during WWII and to this day is independent and living at home. Keeping true to her nurse's calling decades later, she still takes care of her disabled son that lives with her, David Warlick.

She loves to tell the story of her courtship with her husband Wesley Warlick, who is now deceased. She met Wesley while nursing his injuries from the Battle of the Bulge. After he had healed from his wounds, she had to sneak out and climb a fence in order to date him because she outranked him.



Mary Jenette and her husband had six children and after moving around the country for various job opportunities. The family settled in Claremont, where they have resided since 1979. A lovely lady whose maiden name was Bodine, she now goes by Jenette Warlick. Her full name is Mary Jenette Warlick.

City parking struggles continue

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"The issue now is the age-old problem of no parking and congestion. Not only has it continued, but now it's gotten worse," he said.

Parklet impact

Today, Ofstedahl thinks retailers are facing a new type of parking problem. Parklets.

On April 26, 2022, the city council approved, for the fourth time, the extension of the Claremont Al Fresco outdoor dining program until February 2023. The program was originally authorized in 2020 in response to indoor dining being shuttered.

"When the pandemic hit, we understand that restaurants were hit the worst. With no indoor dining, they were severely restricted," Ofstedahl said. "The problem now is the goalposts kind of keep being moved."

Currently, four restaurants in the Claremont Village have parklets: Viva Madrid, Pizza N' Such, Aruffo's and House of Pong. The parklets have garnered support from residents and restaurant owners alike, but have retailers concerned they impact parking, especially at peak times.

"Part of the problem for me is that I'm two doors down from Aruffo's. I'm also ... half a block down from Pizza N' Such. And so right here, there's been a lot of parking taken away," Ofstedahl said. "At the [April 26] city council meeting, it was said that if we make [Al Fresco] permanent, that means by law they have to open it up to every other restaurant. And so we could have parklets all up and down the boulevard if this gets approved."

"And if that's the case, every retailer will be gone."

Not wanting to be made a villain for his opinion, Ofstedahl made clear that "this is just about fairness" for all types of businesses.

"I just want to go back to what was in place prior to COVID because that's what I signed up for ... you

can't just change the game, and I want the city council to realize they're changing the game," he said.

Maggie Tam, a House of Pong server who spoke during the April 26 city council meeting, defended the parklets and shared that the 16 parking spaces amount to around one percent of all Village parking. According to Tam, who spoke with the city manager's office, there are 1,445 parking spots throughout the Village.

Valerie Aruffo, co-founder of Aruffo's on Yale, said her customers, of which there can be up to 1,800 over a busy weekend, don't often complain about parking. But to help make space for diners, Aruffo's has their employees sign a contract which states they must park elsewhere other than their back lot. After 5 p.m., employees can park a bit closer, according to Aruffo.

The restaurant owner added the Village has neither a walking problem, nor a parking problem.

"I think the parking problem is an excuse that a lot of people have," Valerie said. "Yes, you do have to park and actually walk, but is that a problem? I don't see it as a problem and I don't think my customers do, or else we wouldn't thrive and be here 37 years."

Grassroot solutions

When being interviewed, each business owner offered their own unique solution that would alleviate some of the Village's parking problems.

Ariane would like the city to go back to all-day parking on Fourth Street, that way his employees and those of other businesses can park there without fear of getting ticketed. He also said going back to the original ordinance would likely cause customers to park in the designated, yet underutilized Bank of America and Chase lots.

Hatfield would like the city to come to an agreement that opens up the private parking structure, mainly used by Claremont Lincoln University, to the public, similar to the way it was in the '90s. Aruffo would like the city to implement an offsite parking and shuttle system for Village employees.

Ofstedahl wants the city to reconsider parklets and instead shift to sidewalk dining like Tutti Mangia. He also wants the city to decide whether they want to be a unique restaurant and hair salon town, or a cultural landmark with diverse shops.

"I want the city to open their minds, realize that this is a cultural town and having businesses that are unique to Claremont, that you can't find anywhere else ... is what makes Claremont, Claremont," Ofstedahl said.

"We are not just a food court and the problem ... with that is, once you take services out of a Village, you take the life out of it," Ariane said. "It's wonderful to have restaurants ... but I'm sure there's something that can be worked out where we don't lose parking for outside dining."

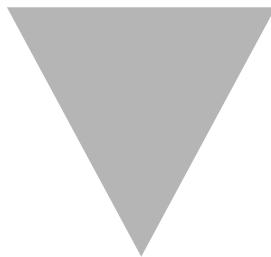
When the council extended the Al Fresco program, they also directed staff "to conduct a feasibility study on outdoor dining and report the findings of the study back to the city prior to the expiration of the temporary dining program."

Asked about potential parking structures to help alleviate traffic, on Wednesday Public Information Officer Bevin Handel told the COURIER that currently "the city does not have plans or funding to build a parking structure in the Village."

She said that while long-term parking spaces are available on some Village streets, she also highlighted that city staff has entered into agreements with the owners of the Frontier lot located on Bonita Avenue, as well as Bank of America located on Yale Avenue.

"The south side of the Frontier lot is leased by the city for all day merchant parking and the Bank of America parking lot is leased for public parking during non-bank operating hours," Handel wrote. "The city is working with Village merchants to encourage employees to park in long-term spaces to free up short-term parking near businesses. City staff is also exploring alternative transportation programs and incentives as directed by the city council."

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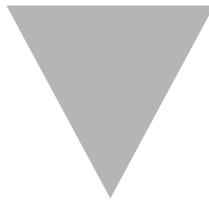
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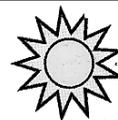
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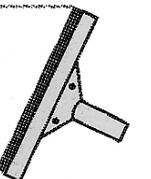
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3-104 Andrews, K; 3-14 Branch, L; 3-219 Bullock, S; 3-363 Burrola, R; 3-81 Clagg, A; 3-374 Cortez, N; 3-429 Deaton, M; 1-57 Garcia, G; 3-372 Mondragon, S; 2-59 Mushatt, J; 3-242 Schell, D; 3-235 Terry, J
Publish dates: 5-20-2022, 5-27-2022

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22PSCP00208
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioners: **GILBERT EMANUEL GAETA-SYMONDS**
Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: **GILBERT EMANUEL GAETA-SYMONDS**
To Proposed name: **GILBERT EMANUEL GAETA VAZQUEZ**

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: July 11, 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 NEWSPAPER, 114 Olive Street, Claremont, CA 91711

/s/ Thomas C. Falls, Dated: May 5, 2022
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner: **GILBERT EMANUEL GAETA-SYMONDS**, 502 Cedar Crest Avenue., Claremont, California 91711
In Pro Per
PUBLISH: May 13, 20 and 27 and June 3, 2022

T.S. No.: 2019-02325-CA A.P.N.: 5003-004-024 Property Address: 1638 WEST 51ST STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062

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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 02/06/2006. 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: **ISABEL BONILLA, A Married Woman as her sole and separate Property**. Duly Appointed Trustee: **Western Progressive, LLC** Deed of Trust Recorded 02/16/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0357368 in book —, page— and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 06/30/2022 at 09:00 AM Place of Sale: **VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLE TREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 1311 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650** Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 353,689.41. **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: **1638 WEST 51ST STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062** A.P.N.: 5003-004-024 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: \$ 353,689.41. 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.

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T.S. No.: 2019-00708-CA A.P.N.: 5539-019-006 Property Address: 711 North Hoover Street, Los Angeles, CA 90029

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Stunning single level in its exclusive north Upland location has its own backyard paradise! Revel in the architectural style and layout of this spacious home that is a direct reflection of your success. The entertainment and family moments are endless, and the incredible yard is another extension of the remarkable features! Pool and spa with a waterfall. \$1,300,000. Laura Dandoy 909-228-4383 (F2034)

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