

## Yes, there's rain in our forecast



After a week of temperatures over 100 degrees, residents of the City of Trees woke up Thursday morning to cloudy skies and the sound of rainfall. The forecast for the weekend includes more showers with bands of moisture from Hurricane Kay drifting north as the storm batters Baja California, Mexico. COURIER photo/Grace Felschundneff



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## Who's in the box?

In June I got a call from a former neighbor in Mar Vista, where I lived from 1997 to 2008, who told me a package had been delivered to my former address.

The voicemail said, "It's from the Neptune Society, so it must be a relative who's died."

My mother left us in 2017. Aside from a portion of her ashes I spread in the ocean up in Cannon Beach, Oregon, she's in my cupboard. My father has been gone since 2002, and his ashes are in the ground at Riverside National Cemetery.

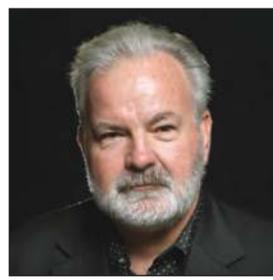
So, I wondered, who's in that box?

In the months since, I talked this over with my wife, kids, and relations. No help. My only guess is some relative of mine wanted me to have his or her remains. But who? And ... why?

I'm an only child with a tiny family. Except for one hermit-like uncle, my forebears I'm aware of are all gone. My cousins on my mother's side, which once numbered four, are now three, and I'm only in touch with one and a half of them. Long story. My dad's side of the family is entirely MIA. Maybe my long-lost cousin Mark had died, and my address is the only one they could find among his effects? The last I heard from Mark was in 2013. He was in Oregon and wasn't well.

Two Fridays back I had evening music work in Culver City, so I finally pointed my car west and endeavored to solve the riddle.

I pulled up to my former home, once a charming, light-filled 900-square-foot post-war box built in 1947 that held many wonderful memories over the 13 years I was there. The new owner, Jared, an architect, knocked it down after buying it in 2014 and built a stunningly modern, much larger, light-filled show-



### Going There

by Mick Rhodes

piece.

He invited me in for a look at the mystery package.

It was immediately apparent there was nobody in that box. It was too small and light to have been ashes. I opened it to reveal a carefully folded American flag, obviously the parting gift from a military funeral. I looked for a note, but there was nothing in there but flag.

Still perplexed, I thanked Jared, took in the familiar waning daylight of my former beach-adjacent property one more time, and skedaddled off to load in for the evening's show.

The next afternoon I had time to inspect the package closely. I unfolded the flag completely. Aside from being quite dried out and straw-like, I found no clues as to its origin. I refolded it and put it back in the box.

That's when the clue found me: the Riverside, CA postmark was dated August 6, 2002. It was clear then it was the flag from my father's early August 2002 military funeral at Riverside National Cemetery. Mystery solved!

So why did it take 20 years to arrive?

"We apologize for the extreme delay in delivering the package in question," wrote United States Postal Service Strategic Communications Specialist Duke Gonzales. "Without specific tracking information it is difficult to determine the cause of the delay. I can share with you, however, that we process and deliver in a timely manner more than 425 million pieces of mail and 25 million packages daily. Occasionally a mail piece or package gets misrouted. The bottom line is that we are committed to delivering every letter and package, no matter how circuitous the route."

Gonzales declined to speculate on its exact whereabouts for the past two decades but said there was a strong possibility it fell behind a piece of furniture at a USPS facility and rested comfortably until its recent discovery.

However it got here, I'm pleased it did. Though I would have preferred a storyline of family intrigue and previously unknown relations, it was nice to get my father's dried out, brittle flag after all these years.

The erstwhile package felt like a hereafter smile from a man who was just two years older than I am now when cancer got him. He missed a lot, dying as he did two weeks after my now 20-year-old college junior daughter was born and years before his two additional grandchildren showed up.

Just like the \$100 bill from my mom I found behind a picture frame about four years after her death, it seems my parents aren't done talking. And that's fine by me. I enjoy these little communiques.

I'm 98% certain they're just little hiccups in the time/space continuum, but these odd dispatches do me some good in that they spark memories of both of them.

Isn't that all we hope for, to be remembered?

## OUR TOWN

### CFA's charity golf tournament gearing up

The Children's Foundation of America's annual charity golf classic, presented by HUB International, is happening Monday, September 19 at the Red Hill Country Club, 8358 Red Hill Country Club Dr., Rancho Cucamonga. This year's theme is "playing through."

Proceeds from the event will help CFA address the needs of children who have been mistreated and placed in foster care, up for adoption, and in mental health or residential programs.

Enjoy lunch, special food tastings, on-course challenges, and opportunities to win prizes during the day-long event, which begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 6 p.m. Prizes such as gift packages and a car will be up for grabs.

Golfers can register for the tournament at: [childrensfoundationofamerica.org/event/cfa-classic](http://childrensfoundationofamerica.org/event/cfa-classic). Singles are \$500, and groups of four can play together for \$2,000. Participants will receive a special T-shirt and a swag bag.

Patrons can also buy a numbered golf ball for \$50 in anticipation of CFA's annual golf ball drop. A helicopter will drop balls and the closest to the hole will win \$10,000. To purchase an entry call (909) 426-0773 or email [mmojarro@trinityys.org](mailto:mmojarro@trinityys.org). Participants need not be present to win.

Though spread thin, sponsorship opportunities are still available. Visit [childrensfoundationofamerica.org](http://childrensfoundationofamerica.org) for avail-

able opportunities. To learn more about CFA, call (800) 543-7730.

### City council candidate forum set for September 22

The Claremont Chamber of Commerce is giving the public an opportunity to meet city council candidates from districts two, three and four at a free and open to the public forum on Thursday, September 22 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton hotel, 555 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont.

Candidates running for office include Mayor Pro Tem Ed Reece and resident Peter Yao in District 2; councilmember Jennifer Stark and resident Maura Carter in District 3; and Mayor Jed Leano and resident Aundre Johnson in District 4.

A discussion panel will be held and moderated by Brett Strauss, a chamber board member and director of compliance at Southland Data Processing in Upland.

The event is free but pre-registration is required at [business.claremontchamber.org](http://business.claremontchamber.org). Call the chamber at (909) 624-1681 for more info.

### Democratic club to host state Tony Vazquez

The Democratic Club of Claremont hosts California Board of Equalization Chair Antonio Vazquez for a luncheon discussion from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, September 9 at Eddie's Italian Eatery, 1065 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont. Admission to the discussion is free, but those wishing to have lunch will pay \$20. The talk will also be

available for free via Zoom. To watch the webcast and register check for the link at [claremont-courier.com](http://claremont-courier.com).

### Shoes That Fit to be honored for 30 years of service

Claremont-based nonprofit Shoes That Fit will be recognized by the city and chamber of commerce for three decades of community service at an 11 a.m. ribbon cutting on Monday, September 12 outside the organization's Village office, 150 W. First St., Claremont.

The public is invited to attend but must RSVP at [business.claremontchamber.org](http://business.claremontchamber.org).

Later that Monday, the nonprofit will be recognized during the Pomona City Council's regular 7 p.m. meeting at the council chamber, 505 S. Garey Ave., Pomona. Then on Tuesday, September 13 the Claremont City Council will honor the nonprofit during its open to the public 6:30 p.m. meeting at council chamber, 225 W. Second St., Claremont.

Along with celebrating its 30th anniversary year, the organization is holding a fundraiser to raise \$80,000 to bring shoes to even more children in need. To learn more about the event or Shoes That Fit's 30 years of service, visit [shoesthatfit.org/30years](http://shoesthatfit.org/30years).

### Journalists reflect on January 6

On Tuesday, September 13, Claremont McKenna College will host three journalists and CMC alumni who covered the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. The free, open to the

public event is part of CMC's Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum speaker series.

CMC will welcome senior national political reporter for NBC News Sahil Kapur (class of 2009), New York Times' White House correspondent and two-time Pulitzer Prize winning reporter Michael Shear (class of 1990), and former Washington Post investigative reporter Elise Viebeck (class of 2009), who will lead the discussion.

The journalists will talk about the events from their point of view, how media outlets covered the events in real-time, and the challenges as well as the opportunities journalists faced. The panel will be held in the Athenaeum, 385 E. Eighth Street, Claremont. Admission is free for the 6:45 p.m. event. To learn more, call (909) 607-8244.

### City council forum scheduled for September 15

Active Claremont is holding a Claremont City Council candidate forum for city council districts 2, 3 and 4 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, September 15 in the Padua Room of the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd., Claremont. All six City Council candidates will be present to answer written questions from the audience. The event is free and open to the public. More info is at [activeclaremont.org](http://activeclaremont.org)

Look for COURIER profiles of every candidate for city council, Claremont Unified School District Board of Education, and Division III of Three Valleys Water District's Board of Directors in the coming weeks.

# What is 'by right' and why can't Claremont just say no to Larkin Place?

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The proposed Larkin Place permanent supportive housing project is considered “by-right” — but what exactly does that mean?

The by-right concept simply states that a local jurisdiction can only apply objective land use standards in evaluating a housing project and is prohibited from applying subjective standards, according to Thomas Clark who is the city’s special council for Larkin Place.

Objective standards are commonly found in the city’s zoning regulations and involve knowable and definable facts, such as requiring a 10-foot setback from the street or a 44-foot building height limit. They could also include a district of the city zoned for a specific use such as residential units only.

Subjective standards are those that involve some type of decision or interpretation. Examples include compatibility with the existing neighborhood, color palettes to be used or the angle of a roof. These types of determinations would typically be made by the Claremont Architectural Commission. Additionally, an area zoned for mixed use could require that a decision be made about what balance of residential and commercial units would be included, and therefore become a subjective standard.

According to the National Multifamily Housing Council’s Housing Affordability Toolkit, effective by-right development policy relies on a rule-based approval process. A typical by-right development will skip the city’s entitlement process entirely, meaning no architectural or planning commission approvals and no vote by the city council.

Regarding Larkin Place, the developer, Jamboree Housing Corporation, agreed to allow the project to be reviewed by the architectural commission in part because the company prefers to get buy-in from the community, including elected officials, rather than relying on by-right guarantees from the state, Jamboree’s Chief Development Officer Michael Massie said in May.

Larkin Place’s by-right status falls under the rules established by California’s Housing Accountability Act, which first became law in 1982 but was amended and strengthened in 2017. That law says in part: “The lack of housing, including emergency shelters, is a critical problem that threatens the economic, environmental, and social quality of life in California.”

One key issue lawmakers were attempting to address is a decades-long failure in California to con-



The proposed Larkin Place permanent supportive housing development on the 700 block of Harrison Avenue is seen above. COURIER/Steven Felschundneff

struct enough housing to keep up with a growing population. Even though that population growth has leveled off, there remains pent up demand and limited supply, which has resulted higher housing costs for both would-be renters and buyers.

A December 2021 report from the Public Policy Institute of California, which analyzed 2020 Census data, found the state added 3.2 times more people than housing units over the past 10 years, and there are now 2.93 Californians for every occupied housing unit. The study further reported that the greatest cost increase by percentage occurred in California’s inland communities, which includes Claremont.

“California housing has become the most expensive in the nation. The excessive cost of the state’s housing supply is partially caused by activities and policies of many local governments that limit the approval of housing, increase the cost of land for housing, and require that high fees and exactions be paid

by producers of housing,” according to the text of the Housing Accountability Act.

As that quote clearly illustrates, Sacramento believes much of the blame for the high cost of California housing lies in the many times cities have denied proposed housing projects. The strengthened Housing Accountability Act aims to streamline the approval process by removing obstacles local jurisdictions use to derail a project. If a builder’s proposed project can check all of the boxes for complying with existing objective standards, then the local jurisdiction must approve the development.

The law states that affordable housing projects shall not be disapproved by a local agency unless there is a preponderance of evidence that one of five critical conditions apply: the city has met or exceeded its Regional Housing Needs Assessment requirement; the project would have a specific, adverse impact on the public health or safety, and there is no feasible method to mitigate or avoid this impact; the denial of

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## 2022 city council race profiles: Peter Yao

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For people who have lived in Claremont for a while, the name Peter Yao will be very familiar. However, if one moved here in the last decade, his candidacy for city council might be something new.

Yao was first elected to the Claremont City Council in 2003, and reelected in 2007, during which time he served as mayor in 2007 and 2008. He has also served on numerous local boards, including Mt. San Antonio Gardens, the Claremont After School Program, and the Claremont Chamber of Commerce.

He has represented the city at several regional government agencies, including as the president of the Contract Cities Association, a board member at Tri-City Mental Health, a governing board member at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and a committee member at the League of California Cities.

Yao left the council three months before the end of his second term so he could serve a 10-year stint on



the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, which shaped the boundaries of political districts across the state as part of the once-every-10-year redistricting process.

Yao will be challenging incumbent Ed Reece in District 2, which encompasses the geographically northeast portion of town.

Asked why he wants his old job back, Yao said he felt there was some uncompleted business here in

Claremont.

“When my term expired on the redistricting commission in 2020, I wanted to give it another try and finish the few tasks that I want to get to,” Yao said.

“The biggest issue on my mind is the underfunding of employee pensions. When I departed the council, I made a statement to the COURIER in 2010 that that would be the most serious issue the city had to address at that point in time. So, if I get back on the city council then I get a chance to try and address that.”

Yao said when he left the council the unfunded liability was around \$5 million, but since then it blossomed to \$60 million, and he fears with the terrible performance of the stock market that number could grow beyond \$70 million perhaps to \$80 million.

“And that is a big deficit that any city has to address. Finding the money to address that problem is going to involve some major decisions,” he said.

Yao has a three-pronged plan so that no entity will have to shoulder the bulk of the burden. First, the city council will have to make paying down the pension

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## Sun beats down on Claremont

The sun may have been falling during sunset this week, but the temperature remained over 100 degrees at June Vail Park in Claremont. Although rain blew through the area on Thursday, the temperature remained warm and humid with a high of 97 degrees. That will change this weekend, as temperatures drop to around 80 degrees, with rain remaining in the forecast through Saturday. Next week more normal temperatures will return, when highs hover in the low 80s and lows in the 60s. That's quite a welcome break from the three-digit highs over the past week. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger

## What is "by right" for Larkin Place?

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the housing development is required to comply with specific state or federal laws; the proposed project is on land zoned for agriculture or resource preservation; the housing development is inconsistent with both the jurisdiction's zoning ordinance and general plan land use designation as specified in any element of the general plan.

Larkin Place's density at 33 units, plus the four-story structure, exceeds the zoning standards for the lot. However, because the plan calls for 100% affordable

units, it qualified for an automatic 80% density bonus. Clark said that when a project qualifies for a density bonus that becomes an objective standard.

Furthermore, because the tract is zoned institutional residential, and has been identified by the city in its housing element for a number of years as an ideal location for affordable housing, this further solidifies it as a location where the state code prevails.

The location of Larkin Place, 731 Harrison Ave., is another aspect of the development which is out of the

control of local officials because it is the spot the developer has selected for the project in its application.

On August 12, the California Department of Housing and Community Development sent a letter to City Manager Adam Pirrie informing him that the city had violated the HAA when the city council rejected an easement over the parking lot at Larkin Park that was to be used for access to the development. The city has until September 12 to respond to the state's complaint.

## Council candidate Peter Yao

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debt the highest priority when allocating expenditures in the annual budget. Next, city employees will have to transition from pensions into a defined contribution program like a 401k. Finally, the citizens of Claremont will probably need to approve a tax measure to cover a portion of the debt.

City Manager Adam Pirrie said during this year's budget meeting that the city would be at parity by 2045 under the current system of required payments to CalPERS plus discretionary payments, coupled with California Public Employees Reform act, which will result in lower pension payments for new employees.

Yao thinks that scenario is too rosy.

"It all depends on how much you trust the data," he said. "When you take a look at the growth of the underfunding that doesn't give me a warm feeling that we are heading in the right direction."

Yao says the pension defect grows exponentially each year and chipping away at it slowly won't work, which is why he supports the more drastic steps.

"Based on my back of the envelope calculation, depending on that [parity under the current plan] happening is a very low probability," he said.

His second priority if he returns to the council would be improving the "town and gown" relationship. He said that when visiting his sister in Princeton, New Jersey, from the time the plane touches down one knows they are in a college town, but in Claremont it feels like each party goes its own separate way.

"If you are in downtown Claremont you hardly notice that there are colleges in town. I think by working together in partnership, Claremont can distinguish itself among all the neighborhood cities in the Inland

Empire and I think our economy as far as visitors would take a big jump," Yao said.

With Larkin Place at the top of the news this summer, the COURIER asked Yao how he would have voted on the easement issue which was rejected by the council this summer.

"It's a tough question to answer in that I was not privy to a lot of the earlier decisions. But over the last couple months I have talked to a lot of people, including a conversation with the director of Pilgrim Place. What I identified is the Larkin Place project was totally initiated by the city as early as 2016," Yao said.

**H**e said in the process of campaigning he learned between 75% and 80% of the people are not happy with the project.

"So, on that basis I reached the conclusion that the selection of the site is bad. But in my observations, the city never went through answering that question [of] what is the best site for the affordable housing project. They kind of jumped on the fact that this plot of land is available," Yao said.

He would like to see the process rolled back so all the interested parties could work out a deal where an alternative location could be identified. Although he said it's most likely too late to start over.

"If we go back a couple of steps and say, 'What is the best land for the project?' perhaps we will overcome some of the issues like a four-story building and being so close to a general-purpose park and so close to a retirement community and a junior high school."

He proposed offering the Pooch Park on College Avenue as an alternate location because the property is larger and the density would be lower with the same number of units. He figures the two properties are of equal value so some type of trade could be reached. He suggested that the future residents of the

permanent supportive housing might be able to use the community rooms at Jamboree's Courier Place for gatherings. Of course, the Pooch Park is next to College Park where Claremont Little League competes and is less than a block from an elementary school.

Confronted with the high likelihood that Jamboree will build Larkin Place at its current location on Harrison, Yao said: "If everybody in the project is dead set on a single direction, that is where it's going to go."

"The way I look at things, if we can come up with a win-win scenario, it will be cheaper to build for Jamboree, it'll be less density, and I am confident we can address the three-story versus four-story issue. I am sure the temperature of the discussion will be lower," Yao said.

**O**n the subject of housing in general, Yao supports spreading affordable units in all parts of the city through the current Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, which requires new development over a certain size include 5% of units to be set aside for low-income occupants and 10% for those of moderate income.

"My thinking over all the years on affordable housing is that you should not try to focus in any one area, whether it's south Claremont, north Claremont or anyplace else," he said. "Over the last 15 years, 60 some [affordable] units have been built. I bet if you stop a resident on the street in Claremont, he or she would not be able to tell you where those units are, and that to me is a better way of addressing affordable housing than building a complex at one location."

Yao had many other ideas he says will improve life in Claremont, including an update to the general plan. For more information on his platform, visit his website at [peteryaoforcouncil.com](http://peteryaoforcouncil.com).

**POLICE BLOTTER**

By Steven Felschundneff

**Friday, September 2**

At 12:53 a.m. officers conducting a welfare check of businesses adjacent to Auto Center Drive observed a grey Kia parked in the lot behind Norms restaurant, 807 S. Indian Hill Blvd., with moderate traffic collision damage to the front end. Police found the driver, Los Angeles resident Treyvone Fowler, 20, who said he had a flat tire and was waiting for someone to come and help. A records check revealed he had three outstanding San Bernardino County arrest warrants. He was arrested, booked, and released with a citation to appear in San Bernardino County Superior Court.

**Saturday, September 3**

Police received a call at 7:06 a.m. about a man who was yelling at customers and employees at the Chevron/McDonalds, 860 S. Indian Hill Blvd. When police arrived, witnesses provided a description and officers were able to locate the suspect, a 44-year-old unhoused man, in the parking lot. Police asked the man, who is well known to them from previous interactions, about the disturbance. He reportedly said it was over a receipt for a purchase he had made at the location. A records check revealed a Claremont

warrant for arson stemming from a December 20, 2021 incident at the Claremont Metrolink platform where he is alleged to have set multiple trash cans on fire. He was arrested transported to the Claremont jail and booked. He was later transported to the Twin Towers Jail in Los Angeles and held for court.

At 4:57 p.m. two passersby in the 1300 block of N. Claremont Blvd. allegedly noticed a man actively masturbating on a grass covered parkway between the sidewalk and the adjacent businesses. Police contacted the suspect, a 25-year-old unhoused man, after spotting him walking in the area. The man denied the allegation; however, the victim and another witness positively identified him. The female victim recorded the alleged crime on cell phone video, which police say clearly showed the violation. The video was transmitted to the officer who then arrested the man on a misdemeanor indecent exposure violation. He was transported to the Claremont jail, booked, and released with a citation to appear in court.

**Sunday, September 4**

An officer conducting traffic enforcement at 2:58 a.m. near Foothill Boulevard and Yale Avenue heard what sounded like vehicles engaged in a speed contest and allegedly saw two vehicles racing on Indian Hill south of

Foothill. The officer gave chase and conducted a traffic stop on Claremont resident Max Ferrell, 35, at First Street and College Avenue. The driver of the second vehicle, Claremont resident Frank Lopez, 39, parked in an adjacent parking lot. Police say both drivers displayed signs of alcohol intoxication. Officers performed field sobriety tests, which they say determined both were driving under the influence. They were transported to CPD jail, booked, and held for detoxification. Both were then released with citations for DUI and a court date.

At 4:30 p.m. a CPD officer responded after several calls from customers at Eureka Burger, 580 W. First St., about a suspicious subject walking back and forth wearing a ski mask, hoodie, multiple layers of clothing, and a police-style duty belt. When police arrived, they questioned Pomona resident Liu Peng, 36, who was sitting on the curb. Officers asked him what he was doing and that he reportedly said he was trying to stay cool while waiting for orders from Uber Eats. Police say he was wearing two bullet resistant vests under 10 layers of clothing. During a consent search, police allegedly found a concealed knife with a fixed three-inch blade, numerous pocketknives, and handcuff keys. Peng was arrested for the misdemeanor charge of carrying a concealed knife, taken to jail, booked,

and released with a citation.

**Monday, September 5**

Police conducting a welfare check at 12:44 a.m. spotted four people sitting in car next to Claremont Pharmacy, 358 S. Indian Hill Blvd. Police questioned the occupants, and a records check revealed Victorville resident Timothy Munoz, 37, had a felony parole violation arrest warrant in San Bernardino County, and Fontana resident Carlos Ismerio, 34, had three misdemeanor warrants. The pair were arrested, taken to CPD jail, and booked. Ismerio was released with a citation. Munoz was held on the no-bail warrant and transported to West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga.

At 2:41 p.m. police were called about a 26-year-old Fontana woman and her mother-in-law, a 59-year-old Claremont resident, who were in a scuffle with a 60-year-old female neighbor. When police arrived, they talked to all three parties in front of a home in the 700 block of Harrison Avenue and determined the altercation was "mutual combat." The mother and daughter-in-law wanted the other woman arrested. The other woman also wished to press charges. All three were then arrested for misdemeanor battery, transported to Claremont jail, and released with citations to appear in court.

**Metrolink updates: crossing closure and discounted rides****Metrolink to close Pomona crossing through October 28**

Starting Monday, September 12, construction crews will complete the reconstruction of the railroad crossing at Fulton Road which borders La Verne and Pomona.

Crews will install new light rail tracks for the future Foothill Gold Line railway system, as well as a Metrolink train control. Crews will also complete the construction of bridge wing and retaining walls around the area in addition to roadway and hardscapes. The work is expected to shut down the intersection for up to 45

days — until Friday, October 28 — and will temporarily close the entrance to the adjacent Metrolink Station parking lot.

Fulton Road's railroad crossing will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic but detours are available using nearby Arrow Highway, Garey and Bonita avenues. Access to homes, businesses, and churches around the affect area will be maintained at all times.

Work will be conducted between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily; overnight work and Sunday shifts may also be required.

For information about the Foothill Gold Line project, call (626) 471-9050.

**Metrolink offers discounts for EBT card holders**

On September 1, Metrolink began offering passengers with a California electronic benefit transfer card eligibility for a 50% discount on all Metrolink tickets and passes.

A state EBT card is required to validate the discount, but an alternative form of payment is needed to complete the ticket purchase.

Funding for the discount is provided by a Low Carbon Transit Operations Program grant administered by the California Department of Transportation. The discount

is available until August 31, 2023, or until grant funds are depleted.

To learn more about the program, email bakark@scrra.net or visit metrolink-trains.com.

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**Larkin Place: state correct in overriding local control**  
Dear editor:

In the discussions about the easement to Larkin Place, the notion of local control pops up frequently — and with it criticism of SB35 as the source of the loss of local control.

It is widely agreed that having decisions made at the governmental level closest to the scene of the activity is best — and for housing that means decisions at the local level. However, what happens when the local level consistently fails to meet its obligations, which is what is happening statewide with respect to providing housing to meet the varied needs of its citizens? Then a higher level of government must intervene to see that the obligations are met but to do so temporarily until the local level shows that it has become capable of doing what it should do.

That is what SB35 does; if it applies temporarily to Claremont, it is because we are not meeting our housing requirements (and doing so for unacceptable reasons). And to the claim that left to our own devices we will solve the problem, the answer is that the evidence is not there that that will happen any time soon enough to be a solution to California's huge moral problem of homelessness.

One should think in this connection about the southern states cries of states' rights. Those rights have been invoked precisely to avoid federal demands that those states halt racial discrimination. The analogy of states' rights to local control needs to be recognized.

**Merrill Ring**  
Claremont

**Larkin Place: city should conduct safety study**

Dear editor:

Re: "State: City broke law in denying Larkin Place easement" (COURIER, August 18, 2022).

In response to the above article, I join a growing number of Claremont residents who are in favor of the City of Claremont conducting a public health and safety study due to the high public safety risk posed by housing chronically homeless in a small neighborhood that are mentally ill, addicted to drugs and historically refuse treatment.

As former assistant director of behavioral health, San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health, and recently retired reserve police officer (captain) in East Los Angeles, I have serious concerns about the housing of chronically homeless at the Larkin Place housing site as there is plenty of data to indicate

## READERS COMMENTS

this category of disabled persons brings with it a serious criminal element.

I am not opposed to low-income affordable housing for homeless persons in Claremont. However, in my 34 years of experience persons with untreated mental illness and drug addiction sadly often leads to involvement with the criminal justice system. Even if these tenants do not sell illegal drugs themselves, their use ensures they are caught up in the crime and violence that accompanies untreated drug and alcohol abuse that will negatively impact public safety. See U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development study "The Applicability of Housing First Models to Homeless Persons with Serious Mental Illness", Executive Summary, Client Characteristics at Enrollment, page xxii, <https://www.huduser.gov/Publications/pdf/hsgfirst.pdf>

I believe the City of Claremont should conduct a public health and safety study, present the findings to the Claremont community to provide evidence that there will not be an increase in crime.

**Richard Louis**  
Claremont

**Yao's bond proposal benefits city employees, burdens taxpayers**

Dear editor:

Claremont City Council candidate Peter Yao is proposing a bond to buy out the liability on the local pension fund which is only 85% funded at this point. He claims that it will "pay out" over 20 years. His proposal includes an additional real estate tax of 1% to offset the shortfall for CalPERS retirement system.

This is just another proposal to assure city employees won't lose part of their retirement benefits, but at the expense of the taxpayers. A pension that is funded at 85% is dependent upon the administrators of the fund making sound long term investments. The percentage of funding can increase or decrease depending on the investments contained in it.

What Yao is proposing is a local level bailout similar to the one that exists in CalPERS.

At a local level, the accrued shortfall would be paid by local residents long term through increased taxes.

At a state level, any shortfalls in CalPERS (currently estimated at over \$200 million) will be paid for long term

by the taxpayers of this state. Obviously not a good idea for our taxpayers but great for our city employees.

For other proposals by Mr. Yao (including reduction in police presence), look at his website, [peteryaoforcouncil.com](http://peteryaoforcouncil.com).

**Hayden Lening**  
Claremont

**Good things happening at Women's Club**

Dear editor:

Many are not aware that the Woman's Club of Claremont is dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service and donations. Claremont ladies of all ages have been meeting monthly for more than 100 years!

Our new year begins Wednesday the 14th of September with a luncheon/business meeting at the WCC Clubhouse, 343 W. 12th St. The speaker will be from Inland Valley Hope Partners, a local nonprofit striving to heal homelessness and hunger.

The meeting is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and lunch will be catered by Gus's BBQ. The cost is \$20 for WCC members, and \$25 for non-members/guests. WCC will give IVHP a donation at the end of the lunch meeting. Reservations are required for lunch by Monday, September 12 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/40936-4930527>.

Donations are not tax-deductible. More info is available at [womansclubofclaremont.com](http://womansclubofclaremont.com).

**Amy Croushore**  
Claremont

**Experienced U.S. National Parks visitor's unique perspective**

Dear editor:

Early this August, my grandson and I spent 10 days at Zion, Bryce Canyon, Arches, and Canyonlands National Parks. We also drove the 17-mile dirt road in Monument Valley. It was a wonderful adventure for this 89-year-old Claremonter!

I am thankful for many family camping experiences and trips with Boy Scout Troop 402, where Dennis Wheeler led weeklong back country adventures in the Sierras and to Havasupai native lands.

Currently, I depend upon a four-wheel walker. While my grandson was out hiking, I had ample opportunity to observe people and the environment while sitting under a tree, under picnic area coverings, or in the lodges and the information centers.

Zion was the most popular among the four parks we visited, followed by Bryce Canyon, Arches, and Canyon Lands Na-

## ADVENTURES IN HAIKU

*Hot. Hot. Hot. Hot. Hot.  
Hot. Hot. Hot. Hot. Hot. Hot. Hot.  
Hot. Hot. Hot. Hot. Hot.*

— Tim Hite

Haiku submissions should reflect upon life or events in Claremont. Please email entries to [editor@claremont-courier.com](mailto:editor@claremont-courier.com).

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tional Parks. At Zion, open space between the canyon wall is quite limited which makes it look more crowded. Private cars are not allowed. The park bus service is efficient and makes stops at various trailheads. In the other parks, visitors can drive and park at designated areas which also provide access to trailheads. One does not notice big groups of people, unlike when the buses unload in Zion.

Previously, my wife (now deceased) and I visited the parks. At that time, some of the roads and public facilities had rustic character and parking was difficult. Since then, there has been significant improvement to the roads and now there are maintained restrooms at each trailhead site and viewing areas. The park service has initiated a reserved time entrance to the park. This certainly seems to have improved crowding.

Observations about Park visitors: To our surprise foreign visitors seemed to make up the majority at Zion, Bryce, and Arches National Parks. Among them French speakers were most prevalent followed by Germans.

**Vasu Dev**  
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# Big media feels the financial squeeze too

In late July, a top executive of Gannett Co., the largest newspaper/website chain in the U.S., declared they remained, “Unrelenting in our commitment to the communities we serve and will continue to deliver bold and uniquely innovative reporting ... for our loyal readers.” Several weeks later, Gannett laid off 400 staffers, while at the same time leaving another 400 open jobs unfilled.

“There’s no magic cure to the ailments of the local news industry,” wrote Tim Franklin, senior associate dean, professor, and John M. Mutz Chair in Local News at Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, recently. And that continues today even as the media industry continues to sink, especially newspapers but websites too.

Between 2018 and 2020 alone, “300 newspapers closed, another 6,000 journalists employed by newspapers vanished, and print newspaper circulation declined by 5 million,” according to Penelope Muse Abernathy, an American journalist and author specializing in news deserts.

Gannett has lost more than \$1 billion over the past three years. They own more than 400 papers/websites in 46 states. Their losses can partially be attributed to leadership over the years, as the internet chipped away at retail and classified advertising. Yet the cuts kept coming, especially in the reduction of reporting staff across all their properties. This has had a big impact on local news coverage throughout the country.

## Impact of media losses

As news deserts become common, small towns across America lose coverage of city councils, schools, high school sports, opinion, watchdog reporting and more. This has resulted in lower voter turnout, more corporate crime, and has driven up city borrowing costs as investors feel uneasy about local expenditures going unmonitored.

When the Rocky Mountain News closed in 2009, municipal borrowing costs went up one-third of a percent.



## MY SIDE of the Line

by Peter Weinberger

age point. Research has shown when a newspaper/website leaves town, local corporate firms increased violations by 1.1% and penalties went up by 15.2%.

Whether its city government or corporate America, if no one is watching, entities can begin to think they are untouchable, and the risk of wrongdoing increases. This holds true even in Claremont, where we have many excellent public servants.

## Short-term gain, long-term losses

We have also seen how media companies contribute to their own demise, especially publicly owned companies with a mountain of debt or hedge fund owners with the arrogance to think they have all the answers. When Alden Global Capital first purchased the Orange County Register in 2016, it hired hundreds of staffers to make up for years of layoffs. At first, those of us in the industry thought this was fantastic. As it turned out, none of Alden’s initiatives made any difference in slowing revenue declines. Less than two years later all those hires were gone, and staffing was lower than ever. Alden has been trimming ever since.

I remember attending meetings when working at the St. Paul Pioneer Press daily newspaper in the Twin Cities. At the time, advertising managers just wouldn’t take Craigslist seriously. Classified revenue was a cash cow, especially employment advertising with higher pric-

ing. Why worry? By the time management realized there was a serious classified competitor, it was too late.

While at the Charlotte Observer, I was involved with an important project of adding “hyperlocal” editions throughout the readership area. Believe it or not, this was the second time the company went hyperlocal. The first time, local bureaus were all staffed and established. But during a cost cutting phase, the bureaus were shuttered to save money. Problem was, circulation kept sinking, so the Observer tried it again, hoping it would help the company grow as a strong provider of local news. Numerous aspects of this plan were very solid.

But after six months of preparation and hard work, its parent company McClatchy could not stem its falling stock price, so the Observer had to make cuts. The first cut was the entire hyperlocal project, gone before it even started.

## Lessons at home

These hard lessons have influenced my decisions in running Claremont COURIER Inc. It showed me the value of producing a product consumers will not only use but pay for. I discovered the importance of new ideas to build new products. And if they are not working, try something else. Easy to say, but it’s been hard work for the COURIER staff.

Cost cutting continues to plague the industry, giving readers and advertisers more reasons to cancel their subscriptions, or stop advertising. The difference for the COURIER is we applied for nonprofit status early, and with the help of federal grants and local donations, have weathered the storm while eventually growing our staff above pre-pandemic levels.

The need for objective information is only getting more critical. And the need for answers continues. So far, we have implemented many changes to adjust to a fluid local news landscape. It’s been incredibly challenging.

It’s just nice to know the COURIER has a unique advantage over other media companies: our supporters.

## Residential reminders: West Nile virus detected, school safety

### West Nile detected in Claremont

Last week, the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District detected West Nile virus in the City of Claremont.

As a precaution, residents are asked to remove all standing water on their property to prevent mosquito production. Mosquitos lay eggs in stagnant water such as neglected pools, buckets, and containers. After hatching, younglings can develop into biting adults after just four to seven days.

For added safety, residents should discard any unused

containers and bottle caps and use mosquito repellent when going out. To report mosquito activity, sources of standing water, or green pools, call (626) 814-9466 or visit [sgvmosquito.org](http://sgvmosquito.org).

### Stay safe back at school

On Wednesday, August 31, the Claremont Police Department began strictly enforcing traffic laws around each of the Claremont Unified School District school zones to ensure students, staff and parents safely made it on to campus.

The city is reminding all that safety around schools is a “top priority for the Claremont Police Department” and that officers will be patrolling school zones and surrounding streets to ensure drivers travel safely.

Speed limits in school zones are 25 miles per hour.

Drivers must also be vigilant before and after school hours as children walk or ride their bikes on connecting streets during those times. Vehicles have blind spots so always check for children on sidewalks, in driveways, and around your vehicle before backing up.



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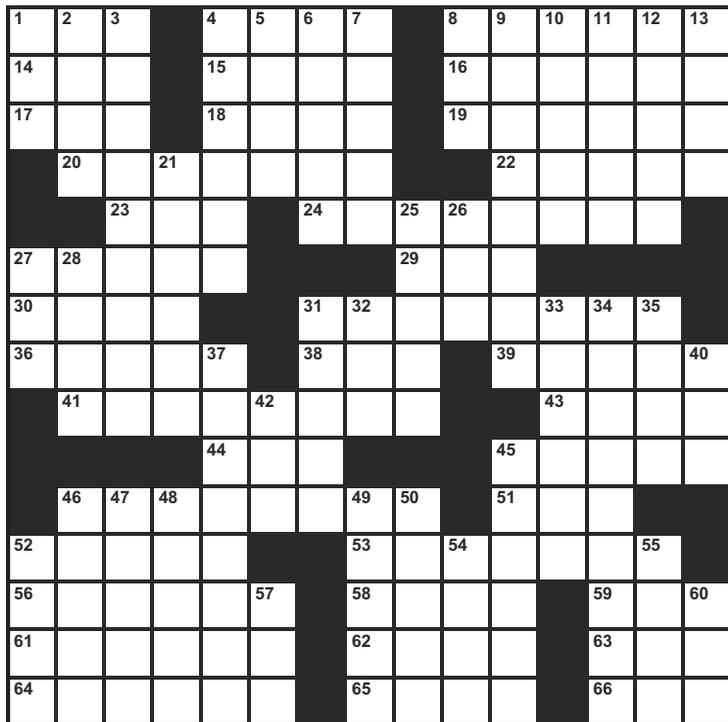
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**Puzzle #690 by Myles Mellor**



**Across**

- 1. Cross-country transport, e.g.
- 4. What is more
- 8. Confusing situations
- 14. "Hollywoodland" star, first name
- 15. Essence
- 16. Yoga instruction
- 17. Paintings and sculpture
- 18. School dance
- 19. Mooch
- 20. Import with a "cavallino rampante" logo
- 22. Have dinner at home
- 23. Nat \_\_\_ Wild
- 24. The Claremont Pomona Dive Club founder, Robbie
- 27. Heat-resistant glass
- 29. Actor Brynner
- 30. Furniture wood
- 31. Certify
- 36. More appropriate
- 38. Tell it like it isn't
- 39. "Chicago" star
- 41. Hospital administration
- 43. Dictator
- 44. Chinese food additive, perhaps

- 9. One that forces out
- 10. Shallow
- 11. Seasonal visitor
- 12. Chicago suburb
- 13. Espied
- 21. Stank
- 25. French school
- 26. Where It's at
- 27. School liaison org.
- 28. Slangy assents
- 31. Adjust
- 32. 104, in old Rome
- 33. Bit of minutiae
- 34. "You turn me \_\_\_ and round and round"  
Diana Ross
- 35. Blue-green
- 37. Violence in qaction or spirit
- 40. Hems and haws
- 42. Sound of reproach
- 45. Unglossy finishes
- 46. Abracadabra, e.g.
- 47. Permitted by law
- 48. "The Faerie Queene" character

- 45. Posts
- 46. Lasso feature
- 51. Assist
- 52. Verdi composition
- 53. CHS junior tennis star, Caleb \_\_\_\_\_
- 56. Singer, John
- 58. Horseman's pace
- 59. Electrician's measure
- 61. Peek
- 62. Large lake
- 63. Emirates, for short
- 64. Quiets
- 65. Stable chow
- 66. Famous "Talks"

**Down**

- 1. Loan provider, abbr.
- 2. Notch from cutting
- 3. Pull data from different systems together
- 4. Close enough
- 5. Money replaced by the euro
- 6. Rush
- 7. Of resistance
- 8. \_\_\_ amis

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Puzzle #3 by Gerald Gornik

Homophones are words that have the same pronunciation but are spelled differently (bare; bear). Here, we have taken homophones to the next level.

**Last week's puzzle:**

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**NEW DEAL; NUDE EEL**

**TODAY'S PUZZLE:**

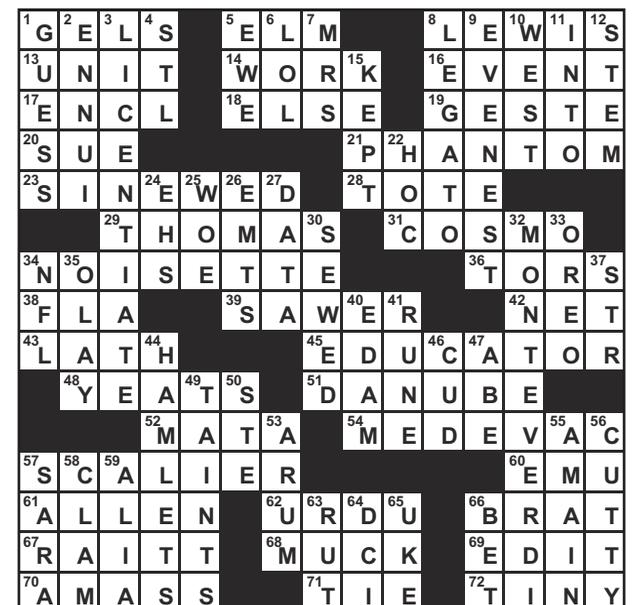
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POSSIBLE HEADLINE IF ACTRESS  
WITHERSPOON WERE THE  
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**Answers to puzzle #689**



- 49. Prefix with -pathy
- 50. \_\_\_ firma
- 52. Ukrainian saint
- 54. "Hop \_\_\_!"
- 55. Game of Thrones character
- 57. From, in France
- 60. Club \_\_\_



The sun sets over Claremont Hills Wilderness Park after a hot summer day in late July. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger

# What's happening Claremont?

## FRIDAY 9/9

• The public is invited to drop by Harvey Mudd's Sprague Gallery, located in the Shanahan Center, 320 E. Foothill Blvd., to view artist Sharda Umanath's exhibit, "At One Moment." The exhibit is open through September 23. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Masks are required. Visit [arts.hmc.edu](http://arts.hmc.edu) for more details.



**nation drive** between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Appointments can be made at [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org). For more info call (909) 859-7070.

• The committee to elect Jennifer Stark to the Claremont City Council invites the public to a **kickoff celebration and family field day** at Memorial Park, 840 N. Indian Hill Blvd., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Opportunities to endorse the candidate, donate, receive a yard sign, or volunteer will be available.

• "Breaking Ground: Women in California Clay" opens at 4 p.m. at the American Museum of Ceramic Art, 399 N Garey Ave., Pomona. The exhibition runs through February 2023. AMOCA is open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required at [amoca.org/events](http://amoca.org/events). Call (909) 865-3146 or email [communications@amoca.org](mailto:communications@amoca.org) for details.

• Ophelia's Jump Productions opens Inda Craig-Galván's "Black Superhero Magic Mama" at 8 p.m. tonight. The theater is at 2009 Porterfield Way, suite H, Upland. General admission is \$35, preview performances and college students with ID are \$20, and Thursdays are "pay what you can" days. For show

times or to purchase tickets visit [opheliasjump.org](http://opheliasjump.org) or call (909) 734-6565.

## SUNDAY 9/11

• Claremont Educational Foundation and be Rosie Salon, 849 W. Foothill Blvd., will host a **haircut-a-thon** to raise funds for Claremont public schools. The event kicks off at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$40 and include a wash, cut, and style. They can be purchased at [eventbrite.com/e/cefs-be-rosie-haircut-a-thon-tickets-387609830437](http://eventbrite.com/e/cefs-be-rosie-haircut-a-thon-tickets-387609830437). Call (909) 260-4261 for more info.

• **Zzaj** will perform a free three-hour concert beginning at 2 p.m. at College Center, 665 E. Foothill Blvd. To view the monthly lineup and information, visit [jazzatcollegecenter.com](http://jazzatcollegecenter.com).

• Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1700 N. Towne Ave., Claremont, presents a free 6 p.m. concert with **The Four Seasons Camerata**, a four-member chamber orchestra directed by Zun-Hin Woo. The group will perform various pieces by Vivaldi, Bach and more. The concert is open to the public and proceeds. Donations will benefit the

musicians. Call (909) 626-2714 or visit [egoodshepherd.org](http://egoodshepherd.org) for more info.

## MONDAY 9/12

• Claremont McKenna College's Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum speaker series returns today for its 2022-2023 season at 385 E. Eighth St., Claremont. The series kicks off with **Amanda Little**, an environmental journalist and professor of journalism and science writing at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. Attendees can stop by to hear Little's free discussion on "The fate of food: what we'll eat in a bigger, smarter, hotter world," at 6:45 p.m. Further details are available at [cmc.edu/athenaeum](http://cmc.edu/athenaeum) or by calling (909) 621-8244.



## SATURDAY 9/10

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## TUESDAY 9/13

• The Claremont Chamber of Commerce's monthly **business over breakfast** event will be held at DoubleTree by Hilton, 555 W. Foothill Blvd., at 7:30 a.m. Admission is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Register at [business.claremontchamber.org/events/details/chamber-business-over-breakfast-40192](http://business.claremontchamber.org/events/details/chamber-business-over-breakfast-40192).



• The first **Claremont City Council meeting** of the month will start with a closed session at 6 p.m. before opening up to the public about 30 minutes later. Meetings are held in the council chamber, 225 W. Second St., and agendas are posted online at [ci.claremont.ca.us](http://ci.claremont.ca.us), or at city hall on Thursday prior to the meeting. To attend virtually, visit [zoom.us/j/256208090](https://zoom.us/j/256208090) around 6:30 p.m.

To listen in from the phone, dial (213) 338-8477.

## WEDNESDAY 9/14

• Today kicks off day one of a free two-day **smart driver seminar** hosted by the American Association of Retired Persons. The courses will teach residents ages 50 and up defensive driving skills. Classes will be held at the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd., starting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. To register visit [anc.apm.activecommunities.com](http://anc.apm.activecommunities.com).

• Claremont Unified School District Board of Education Trustee Area 4 candidate Steven Llanusa invites residents to a 6 p.m. **listening event** to hear concerns and ideas at The Spot Café, 435 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont. Food and drink will be served. For more information call (909) 215-1290 or email [stevenllanusa@gmail.com](mailto:stevenllanusa@gmail.com).

• The committee to elect Jennifer Stark to the Claremont City Council hosts a 6 p.m. **meet and greet** event at Pilgrim Place, 625 Mayflower Rd. Attendees are asked to observe COVID-19 masking protocols.

• Wondering how to cope with current water restrictions? **Dave Schroed-**

**er** will talk about "Irrigating in a time of drought" at the Claremont Garden Club's 7 p.m. meeting in the Louise Roberts Room at Claremont United Church of Christ, 233 Harrison Ave. For details, visit [claremontgardenclub.org](http://claremontgardenclub.org) or call (909) 621-6381.

• The city's **architectural commission meeting** will take place at the council chamber, 225 W. Second St., at 7 p.m. This meeting is open to the public both in-person and virtually. Info is at [ci.claremont.ca.us/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/5995/20](http://ci.claremont.ca.us/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/5995/20).

## THURSDAY 9/15

• Claremont Colleges students can attend Claremont Graduate University's Drucker School Global Family Business Institute, 1021 N. Dartmouth Ave., for the first session of **Authors at Drucker**. The series covers topics like business succession, innovation, conflict management and generational dynamics. The season's first author is Dennis Jaffe who will discuss his book, "Borrowed from Your Grandchildren," at 10 a.m. To register, visit [cgu.edu/event/authors-drucker-dennis-jaffe](http://cgu.edu/event/authors-drucker-dennis-jaffe).

• AgingNext volunteer director and chef Stacy Mittelstaedt will show folks how to make a Filipino-style chicken adobo dish with a few ingredients for this edition of **Stacy's Kitchen**, featuring special guest, AgingNext CEO Abigail Pascua. The free virtual course begins at 10 a.m. Register at [eventbrite.com/e/stacys-kitchen-chicken-adobo-tickets-407502289317](http://eventbrite.com/e/stacys-kitchen-chicken-adobo-tickets-407502289317).



• At noon, the Claremont Chamber of Commerce will host a lunch and learn session at Epic Notes, 415 W. Foothill Blvd., suite 134. This week's topic is "eliminating debt." The meeting is free for chamber members. Non-members are \$15. Attendees can bring their own lunches. Register at [business.claremontchamber.org/events](http://business.claremontchamber.org/events).

• The public is invited to the second Claremont Unified School District Board of Education meeting of the month, held at the district office, 170 W. San Jose Ave. Meetings begin with a closed session at 6:30 p.m. and are followed by the public portion around 7 p.m., unless otherwise indicated. To view agenda or other information, click on 'board agendas and live access' online at [cusd.claremont.edu](http://cusd.claremont.edu) or call (909) 398-0609.

• The last day to reserve an advertising banner for Village Venture is today. To request a banner order form, email [contact@claremontchamber.org](mailto:contact@claremontchamber.org). Participating businesses will have their info displayed on 20-inch by 42-inch banners on Village light poles prior to the annual event. Prices for hanging banners are as follows: chamber members \$100; non-chamber members \$150; returning advertisers \$50.

## FRIDAY 9/16

• Between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, 1798 N. Garey Ave., will host a **blood and power red drive**. Appointments can be made on [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). For details, call (909) 865-9500.

• **Friday Nights Live** performers include the Silverados at Shelton Park, the Mike Taylor Quartet at Village Plaza, and Mark Dzula outside of the chamber of commerce offices. The free performances take place from 6 to 9 p.m. For more details visit [claremontchamber.org](http://claremontchamber.org).

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# High school sports roundup

## Claremont High School

### Boys water polo

The Wolfpack participated in the Corona Tournament at Temescal Canyon High School last Thursday, September 1. The team won its first game against Trabuco Hills 17-7, but lost the second game against Burbank, 17-11.

On September 2, the team squeaked out a 13-12 away win over San Juan Hills. On Tuesday, September 6, the team fell 13-11 at Troy.

Claremont returns to action 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 22 against a TBA opponent at home in the Wolfpack Varsity Tournament, followed by a 3:30 p.m. game Friday, September 23 and a 9 a.m. contest Saturday, September 24.

### Girls volleyball

On Tuesday, September 6, the Wolfpack lost 3-1 at home against St. Lucy's in their final preseason game. Claremont started Palomares League play against Glendora after press time on Thursday.

Over the weekend the team will participate in the Ayala Tournament at Ayala High School. The team's first game is at 3:30 p.m. Friday, followed by an 8 a.m. match on Saturday.

The Wolfpack continues league play next week as they host Colony on Tuesday and Bonita on Thursday. The first serves are set for 4:30 p.m.

### Football

The Wolfpack got the preseason start it was looking for with a big 35-0 nonleague victory over Tustin on Friday, September 2. Senior running back Caden Campuzano, pictured at right, was one of the Pack's standout players last week as he racked up 100 rushing and receiving yards and scored three touchdowns.

The team will travel to Alta Loma next Friday for a nonleague match. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

### Girls golf

Monday's nonleague match at Chino Hills was rescheduled to after press time Thursday, September 8.

On Monday, September 12 the team will play in the Walnut Tournament at the California Country Club in Whittier. Tee-off is set for 8 a.m. The team will then host Los Osos at Marshall Canyon Golf Course in La Verne starting at 2:30 p.m. in a non-league match.

### Girls tennis

The team's nonleague home match against Temescal Canyon was rescheduled to 3:15 p.m. Monday, September 12. Their Thursday, September 8, match against Los Osos was cancelled.

On Wednesday, September 14, the team will host Alta Loma at 3:15 p.m. to open their Palomares League campaign. On Thursday, the team will again be at



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home to face Walnut at 3:15 p.m. in non-league action.

### Boys and girls cross-country

Key results from Saturday's Cool Breeze Invitational: the boys varsity team placed 22nd out of 26 schools, with an overall score of 570 in the three-mile race. The girls team did not compete in the three-mile event.

The girls freshman team finished 14th out of 16 in the one-and-a-half-mile girls race; the freshman boys placed fourth out of 31 in their event. The junior varsity boys placed sixth out of 24 schools in the one-and-a-half-mile race; the JV girls placed fifth out of 15 schools in their one-and-a-

half-mile contest.

At 8 a.m. Saturday, September 10 the team will host a league meet against Ayala.

## The Webb Schools

### Boys football

The Webb Schools kicked off its boys football season Saturday, September 3 with a 30-16 home win against San Jacinto Valley Academy. Because of the ongoing heat wave, the 1 p.m. game was rescheduled for 9:30 a.m. Next Saturday, September 10, the team will travel to Pebble Beach to play Stevenson. Kick-off is set for noon.

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# Mental game stymies Wolfpack in final preseason match

by Andrew Alonzo

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The Claremont High School girls varsity volleyball team struggled to keep St. Lucy's at bay Tuesday evening, losing 3-1 at home in their final preseason game.

The Regents were hoping to bounce back from their previous loss against Glendora. It was obvious they came to play against the Wolfpack. Though St. Lucy's played well, sloppy errors and a drop in the mental part of the game doomed Claremont.

"Mentality is all of volleyball. You have your physical play and your talent, but if you don't have the mental component, then you don't have a game," senior middle blocker Brenna Kusleika said. Brenna finished the game with one dig, four kills and four aces from the serve.

The opening two sets were a roller-coaster ride.

During the first, Claremont looked lackadaisical and allowed St. Lucy's to establish a commanding 11-3 lead at one point. The Wolfpack hung in, but the Regents were still able to carve out a 10-point gap, 20-10, late in the first.

The double-digit deficit woke the Pack, and they began to chip away at the Regents' lead, closing the gap to just four points at 24-20. But a Wolfpack serve that went out gave St. Lucy's the opening set.

Claremont roared back in the second. Down 4-1 to open things up, the team responded by going on a nine-point streak, prompting St. Lucy's to regroup with a timeout.

Fans watching the second set saw a laser focused Wolfpack team that didn't let their lead slip again, dominating to win 25-13.

"We just focused on our side and focused on what we had to do," freshman blocker Olivia Roberts said. "The sideline was cheering and we just had so much more energy than we did in the first set as a team."

Olivia finished the game with one dig, five kills and one attacking error.

After two sets the score was tied at 1-1 and Claremont looked to be in control. But due to tired legs, a drop in focus and the loss of encouragement from the crowd, the Regents took control.

"Somehow after that game we were like, 'Okay, we got that lead.' And then somehow the energy dropped. We kind of chilled out and that's when the St.



Claremont High School senior volleyball players Brianna De La Cruz, left, and Brenna Kusleika listen to assistant coach Destiney Mebane give instructions during a timeout in the third set of Tuesday's home game against St. Lucy's. COURIER photos/Andrew Alonzo

Lucy's team wanted to fight back their most," Brenna said. "I think that our energy dropped and that means that play drops, and so overall ... it was our own mistakes that lead to our demise rather than their good play."

The second set would be the only one the Wolfpack dominated. St. Lucy's sunk the Wolfpack by a score of 25-14 in the third, and 25-15 in the fourth to snag the victory.

By the fourth set, Olivia said the team was gassed and was not playing as a cohesive unit.

"We weren't playing as a team, more like individuals," she said. "We were saying what we needed to do, but nobody was actually getting it done on the court and so it just broke down."

The loss came in the Pack's final preseason game ahead of Palomares League play, which they opened up after press time on Thursday with a trip to Glendora.

The result left the Wolfpack with an overall 2-3 record, but players aren't worried too much about recent results, instead focused on correcting core mistakes by the time league gets underway.



Claremont High School freshman middle blocker, Olivia Roberts tips the ball over to St. Lucy's side of the court during Tuesday's match.

"We should just use this game to motivate us for our next game and just to really push us," said senior libero Stephanie Roumi added, who finished four sets with eight digs and one dig error.

"We want to make sure that we're just continuing to level up our play rather than just throwing this game away," Brenna said.

Assistant coach Destiney Mebane stepped in for the absent head coach Alexa Block. She said despite the loss, positives were taken.

"We came back from a deficit the first game, although we didn't win. It just shows them the potential that we do have as a team," Mebane said. "Our season's just starting. For every game we play, we're getting better."

## OUR TOWN

### CLMA fall gala includes dedication of new gallery

On Saturday, September 24, the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art will celebrate its fall gala.

Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a reception at the Claremont Depot Plaza, 200 W. First Street. Highlights of the evening include a dedication of CLMA's Gallery One to Marguerite McIntosh, the founding president of the museum, as well as a tribute

to Randall Lewis and his family for establishing an endowment to secure the future of CLMA.

The event will also include an auction, a paddle auction to benefit Project ARTstART, and dinner on the lawn served by Chef Henry of Spaggi's. Attendees will also be able to view CLMA's current exhibit, "Claremont Collects: Art, Creativity, Community."

Individual tickets to the gala are \$150. Reservations can be made online at clmoa.org. Email marilynray348@gmail.com or call (909) 917-6511 for more info.

In addition to the gala, the community is invited to participate in the upcoming online auctions which feature 50 works by old and new local

artists. The auction will go live at noon on Sunday, September 18 at 2022clmoa.afrogs.org, and end at noon on Monday, September 25. Preview viewing of the silent auction begins on Monday, September 12.

The museum is open Friday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. More info is available at clmoa.org or by calling (909) 621-3200.

# Nurse touts medicinal benefits of cannabis

by Andrew Alonzo  
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Megan Mbengue wants to talk to Claremonters about a pungent elephant in the room: cannabis.

“Who better to educate the public on that than an RN — the most trusted profession in the country for the last 20 years now?” Mbengue asked.

Regulars of Claremont City Council meetings may remember Mbengue advocating for cannabis back on July 26. Days after, she appeared on popular local podcast, Claremont Speaks.

Last month Mbengue, San Bernardino County Deputy District Attorney Allison Fung, local realtor Stacey Caponigro, and retired CEO and COURIER columnist John Neiuber, authored a rebuttal to the argument against Measure CT, which seeks to establish a tax framework on future possible cannabis-based businesses in Claremont. More information is available at ci.claremont.ca.us.

Mbengue’s journey from registered nurse to RN and “canna nurse” began with a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Arizona State University in 2012. From there she landed a job at Johns Hopkins Hospital’s oncology and intensive care unit in Baltimore. After five years she made the cross-coast switch to California and became a traveling labor and delivery nurse. Three years later she moved to Claremont and took a job as a home hospice case manager.

Early this year she came across a female patient on “four or five different seizure medications” who was not getting relief. Mbengue theorized cannabis might be an effective alternative medical solution to treat



Megan Mbengue consults with medical professionals, dispensary workers and the public about the pros and cons of medicinal cannabis through her new business, Trusted Canna Nurse. Photo/Scott Nichols

what she suspected to be epilepsy, as past studies have shown it to be.

“At that point I knew that we had to try cannabis, I just knew that in the abstract it would work,” she said.

“I had no idea where to start. Where do you get products? How do you dose? What kind of product do you use?”

Mbengue tried to find a nearby medical professional with which to consult. Unable to find one, she decided to become what the doctor ordered.

She spent months researching the medicinal benefits of cannabis, cannabidiols, and their associated products. She found humans have what’s called an “endocannabinoid system” — part of our central nervous system — that includes cannabinoid receptors in the brain and body that interact with cannabidiol (CBD) and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) molecules.

In her research she found cannabis was and likely always has been legitimate medicine, especially for people with chronic illnesses such as irritable bowel syndrome, migraines, and fibromyalgia, since those directly correlate with a dysfunction in the endocannabinoid system, she said.

As an RN for 10 years, she had witnessed her industry’s reliance on mainstream pharmaceuticals. After learning the benefits of cannabis, Mbengue found herself at a crossroads.

“We have a problem, we throw a pill at it,” she said. “That pill has a side effect, so we throw another pill at it.”

This spring she began taking classes at Pacific College of Health and Science, an online college where she hopes to be one of the school’s first graduates to earn a master’s degree in medical cannabis therapeutics. She’s on track to graduate in 2024.

Mbengue became a cannabis advocate partially due to the plant’s ability to treat multiple ailments. “You

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With a goal of educating the community about cannabis, three months ago Mbengue founded Trusted Canna Nurse. The business has Mbengue talking with patients, medical professionals, “budtenders” (cannabis dispensary employees who make recommendations to customers), and the public about how to use cannabis medicinally. She provides phone and online consultations, and even takes clients to dispensaries to teach them how to talk to budtenders so that they might find effective products to alleviate their symptoms.

The daily life of a canna nurse consists of heavy communication and very little sleep. After visiting hospice patients, Mbengue comes home to finish paperwork, the occasional college essay, consult with clients, and create TikTok content. She’s also a mother to two children, which alone would be a full-time gig.

She said the week of September 5 would be her last as a hospice nurse. She gave notice because she felt compelled to pursue Trusted Canna Nurse full time.

“I decided that it’s time to jump all the way in and

dedicate everything to the business,” she said.

Her entire operation, which currently consists of a website and her reputation, is self-funded. It’s difficult to obtain business loans for a cannabis-based business, she said.

“Banking in the industry is a huge challenge,” she said since cannabis is a Schedule I substance under the Federal Controlled Substances Act, alongside heroin, LSD, and ecstasy. “A lot of banks don’t want to work with cannabis industry people.”

Marketing has also been a challenge. “There’s so much red tape around this industry,” she said. Her primary avenue for marketing for the last few months has been TikTok. Her account, @trustedcannanurse, has amassed more than 58,400 followers and her posts more than 290,000 likes.

Despite growing engagement numbers, she said TikTok has red-tape layers of its own. The Chinese-owned video sharing company has previously suspended her account for talking about cannabis.

“They say it’s for drugs. They think that I’m promoting it, but I’m just educating [people] about it,” she said.

An August 28 post about how much Big Pharma has to lose should cannabis be legalized gained more than 140,000 views. It also got Mbengue temporarily

suspended from the platform, a sentence she’s no longer serving as of this week.

Mbengue recognizes cannabis can create adverse effects when consumed in high doses. This is why she’s passionate about teaching the public how to use it as medicine, not recreationally.

“I know the thought of dispensaries coming to Claremont can be really scary for people because the only thing they know is prohibition and the war on drugs,” Mbengue said. “But cannabis itself and THC is just a plant; it’s plant medicine.”

Adults 18 and over can learn more about cannabis and CBD at an in-person and virtual workshop hosted by Mbengue and her business partner (and mother) Kathy Simmons at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 17 at the Laemmle Claremont 5 theater, 450 W. Second St.

The canna nurses will answer questions, discuss THC and CBD, the history of cannabis prohibition, and how potential users should shop for such products. No cannabis will be consumed at the workshop. General admission begins at \$30 for those who attend in-person. Admission for virtual attendees is \$20. To register or to learn more about Trusted Canna Nurse, visit [trustedcannanurse.com](https://trustedcannanurse.com) or call (909) 575-8007.

OUR TOWN

# Claremont Colleges earn high praise from Princeton Review

Recently, each of the five undergraduate Claremont Colleges — Claremont Mckenna, Harvey Mudd, Pitzer, Pomona and Scripps — were named as some of the nation’s top undergraduate institutions in The Princeton Review’s 2023 col-

lege guide, The Best 388 Colleges.

The annual guide highlights colleges “based on the quality of their educational programs” and features the five Cs alongside iconic institutions like Harvard, Yale, and the universities of California at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

Featured in this year’s guide are editor-compiled lists of the top 25 colleges across 50 categories spanning laboratory facilities, financial aid and campus food. In a brief overview, Pitzer ranked first in the “top 20 best schools for making an impact (private

school)” category; Harvey Mudd ranked second for “top 20 best career placement (private schools)”; Pomona ranked third in “top 20 best schools for financial aid (private schools)”; CMC ranked fourth in the “most politically active students” category; and Scripps ranked ninth in “best college dorms.”

The various lists were based on The Princeton Review’s surveys of students currently attending featured institutions. To view the list of the 388 featured colleges as well as a small profile on each, visit [princetonreview.com/college-rankings/best-colleges?ceid=hp-best-387-banner](https://princetonreview.com/college-rankings/best-colleges?ceid=hp-best-387-banner).

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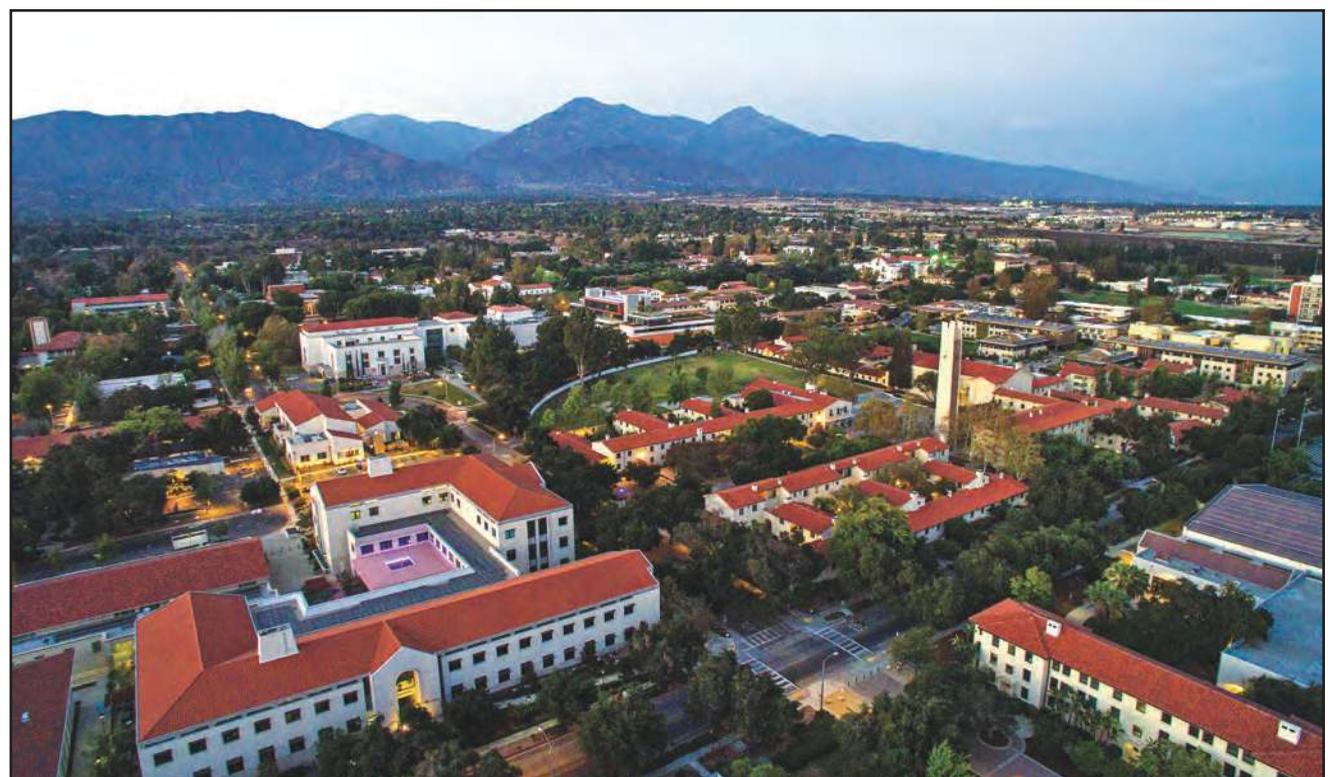
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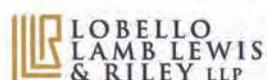
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The free service is funded by HMC and the Simons Foundation. For details, visit <https://www.hmc.edu/community-engagement/homework-hotline>. The Homework Hotline is reachable at (877) 827-5462.

**Chamber to host Measure CT forum**

On Wednesday, September 14 the Claremont Chamber of Commerce hosts a free and open to the public forum to discuss Measure CT at the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd., Claremont. The public is asked to RSVP

at [business.claremontchamber.org](https://business.claremontchamber.org) for the 1 to 2 p.m. event due to limited space. Measure CT is a cannabis tax measure which, if passed, will establish a tax rate for possible future cannabis-based businesses in the city.



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# Nancy Louise Weingartner

Avid bridge player, lifelong PEO member, consummate volunteer, music lover

Two weeks shy of her 95th birthday, Nancy Louise Weingartner died peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family.

She lived a rich and full life, contributed much to her Claremont community via many organizations, including the PEO Sisterhood and her affiliation with United Church of Christ. She is remembered as a loyal, creative, hardworking, smart, fun-loving, friendship-nurturing woman who always loved a party and wholeheartedly believed in lifelong learning.

Nancy grew up in Westwood, California. As a child she studied piano and violin. Following high school she attended Pomona College in Claremont, where she studied psychology and music, graduating in 1948.

Her love of music was central to so much of what she enjoyed in life, including musical theatre. She knew many songs by heart from "The Music Man," "The Sound of Music," "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," and "Mary Poppins." She also joined her church choir in her 50s and sang tenor and alto for more than 25 years.

She instilled this love in her children, each of whom have made music central in their own lives. A favorite memory is sitting around her at the piano during which she taught them a three-part harmony arrangement to "Down by The Old Mill Stream." She often broke out into song when she recognized a tune, or you might see her keeping the beat

by tapping her fingers or swaying to the rhythm.

She developed a group-oriented nature from early on. After attending a casting call for extras in a Hollywood movie, she and a small group of high school friends named themselves "the extras," even though none were chosen. At Pomona College, she and a few classmates formed a group calling themselves the "perennial sophomores." Both groups enjoyed annual reunions throughout their lives, discovering new places within the U.S. together while catching up on their lives.

She was a born teacher. She taught second and fourth grade in the Ontario School District. She went on to earn her master's in psychology and worked as a psychometrist in the Glendora Unified School District. She administered psychological and intelligence tests, primarily to elementary and secondary-aged students.

In 1964, she married Robert Weingartner and began a significant career as a volunteer in numerous organizations. PEO, a Philanthropic Educational Organization that supports women furthering their education, became paramount in her life. During her nearly 60 years as a member, she held numerous leadership positions including president of her Claremont chapter and state president (prior to which she served as organizer, treasurer, secretary, and vice president). She also served on

the board of Cottey College's retirement home development at the private women's college in Nevada, Missouri. One of her PEO sisters recently wrote she was "the heart" of their chapter.

She contributed her time and leadership skills to Recordings for the Blind, recently renamed Learning Ally, which serves individuals who cannot read standard print due to blindness, visual impairment, dyslexia, or other learning disabilities. She served two terms as volunteer coordinator of Claremont's Red Cross. She became involved in

the Curtain Raisers, a nonprofit organization that supports theater and dance at the Claremont Colleges and in the community. She was a 48-year member of the Foothill Philharmonic. A fellow member wrote she was a "dedicated, greatly admired" member. She participated in creating "fun-filled Fridays," which provided a way for senior citizens to ride into L.A. for lunch and a show.

The couple shared a love of history and enjoyed traveling both nationally and internationally. They made many new friends during their travels, and especially enjoyed cruises. Among the many countries they visited were Hungary, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Denmark, and Sweden. A favorite destination was Switzerland, to which they returned four times over the years. Showing slides of their trips became a favorite activity, especially with their UCC church group, "hub-a-wif," which met once monthly for potluck and a program. During their membership they served as co-presidents and co-program chairs.

Her involvement with Citrus College in Glendora was significant as well. She served on the foundation's board and worked with them to oversee the Scott Alan Thompson Scholarship, which her mother, Lois Moon, established in 1988 in honor of her grandson, Nancy's son. He was especially gifted on guitar as well as in music composition and editing. This scholarship has since been awarded annually to two people who have chosen to major in some aspect of the music industry.

Beyond her engagement with these organizations, her church, PEO and



travel, her enthusiasm and curiosity extended to many other areas. She loved reading fiction, memoir, and especially mysteries, typically reading three books at a time. She was always up for a game of Scrabble, worked on the L.A. Times crossword every morning, and was a big movie fan of all genres except horror. She loved writing short talks about her specific interests, including coincidences, the history and status of women, and Yagottawanna, the a cappella trio her daughters and a close friend formed in the late 1980s. She enjoyed presenting her talks to other PEO chapters in Southern California.

She was an avid bridge player all her life and belonged to several groups. One of her bridge friends called her a "master of strategy." After her passing, more than one friend said something along the lines of, "You know, Nancy's probably looking for a bridge game, wherever she is."

The couple took advantage of many Claremont community organizations including Harvey Mudd's Galileo Society, for which her husband served on its board. Her love of science was cultivated by events such as the Hubble launch.

"Nancy's zest for life leaves those of us who knew her a legacy of inspiration," her family shared.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; daughters Kathryn Thompson and Janet Thompson (Sharon England); and son Steve Weingartner (Demara Nuzum).

She was predeceased by her son, Scott Thompson.

A celebration of her life will be held in October. The date, time and place will be announced soon.



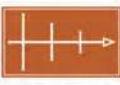
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# Dr. Dennis Harold Nicholson

Longtime PVHMC Sleep Center doctor, larger than life husband and father, lifelong learner

**D**r. Dennis Harold Nicholson, cherished husband, father, and friend, died peacefully on August 13 at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, just four days shy of his 80th birthday.

His family is grateful for the exceptional care Dr. Nicholson received from the physicians, nurses, and staff at PVHMC as well as from specialists at Scripps Memorial Hospital and the City of Hope.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Beverly Sue Nicholson; daughters, Ellise Rachel Nicholson, Sandra Abbi Nicholson, and Laurel Marie Brandstetter; stepchildren Shani Suzanne Delamor, Julie Christine Tontini, and Travis Ryan Castaldi; son-in-law Richard Clifton Smith; grandchildren Jackson Morris Castaldi, Xander Jeter Delamor, and Starling Rose Marguerite Smith; and brothers Robert Edward Nicholson and Frederic Alex Nicholson and their families.

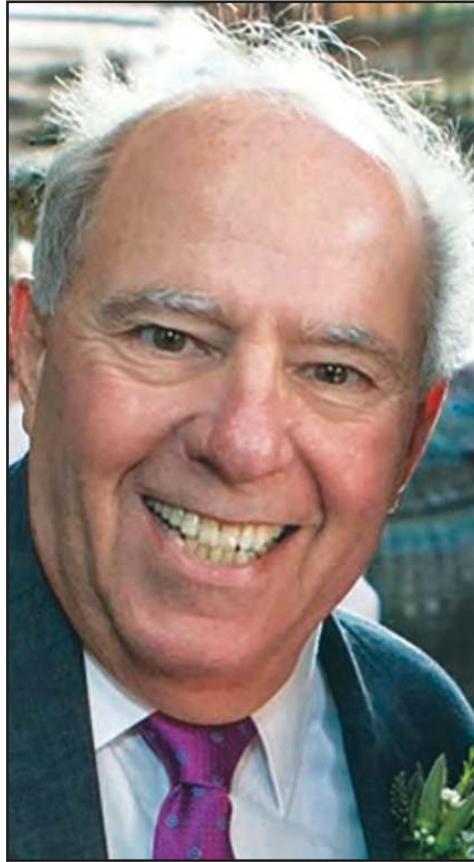
Born in Brooklyn, New York on August 17, 1942 to Beatrice Nicholson (née Goldstein) and Irving Nicholson, Dennis was the child of second generation Eastern European Jewish immigrants. He was the oldest of four children, twin brothers Bobby and Freddy, and sister Marti Valeron (née Glass, b. 1955 d. 2001) whom he loved dearly and whose early death pained him greatly.

His mother graduated from Hunter College and his father graduated from New York University and was a writer in the WPA Writer's Project. After his father died of a heart attack when he was 12, he vowed to become a doctor to better understand what happened and to help others.

A lover of learning, he began his higher education at Brooklyn College. There he met his lifelong friend, Sam Goodman. Not long after graduating, he met and married his first wife, Judith Kay Nicholson. He and Judy moved to Japan when he was conscripted into the army during the war in Vietnam. He worked as an anesthesiologist at Kishine Barracks in Yokohama, Japan, where injured U.S. soldiers were airlifted for treatment. His first daughter, Ellise Rachel, was born there in 1969.

After finishing his military duty, the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he earned his M.D. degree and completed his residency at Case Western Reserve. He was chief resident at Case Western in 1975. He had two more daughters during his time in Cleveland, Sandra Abbi (b. 1971) and Laurel Marie (b. 1976 to Carol Brandstetter).

In 1976, he moved to California to work at PVHMC, where he quickly excelled and dedicated the next 47 years of his career. He often said that what he loved most about working at PVHMC was that the hospital was dedicated to community service for all, regardless of financial status.



In 1981, he became the critical care director, a role he held for 22 years. In the late 1980s, he was instrumental in developing PVHMC's Sleep Center, where he worked in conjunction with technical director Trish Stiger right up until his death. He received his board certification from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine in 1989. His most recent recertification was in 2017 at age 74. He served as director of the sleep center from its inception in 1987 until July 2021 and traveled the country as a site visitor for the American Academy of Sleep medicine for seven years. He was adept with technology and spent hundreds of hours creating a database management system for the hospital.

In his early 40s, after he and Judy divorced, he dated and soon married Sue Nicholson. The couple merged families and he was quick to embrace her three children, whom he loved dearly. He cherished his relationship with his son-in-law, Greg Tontini (d. 2020), and adored his three grandchildren.

Dennis and Sue spent the rest of his life as soulmates in a loving, happy marriage. "He is my best friend," Sue often said. He loved her artistry, the beautiful home she kept, the soft sweaters, robes, and towels she'd set out for him, and her cooking skills. He raved about her chicken soup and cioppino, for example, and the way she'd thinly slice and arrange fruit so as to make it extra appealing and delicious.

In his work life, what he valued most were his peers and his patients. As a colleague he was, above all, a collaborator who eschewed competition. He relished working with new medical residents and helping others advance their careers. And he was so dedicated to taking the time to listen to and care for his patients that he was sometimes chided by staff for falling behind in his schedule; he absolutely refused to compromise on individual patient

care. His love for his patients is why he continued to see them, even after resigning as director, up until two weeks before he died.

"Dennis' dedication to his patients was outshined only by his great humility, and, perhaps, his spacey-ness," his family shared. They teased that he saved his brainpower for lofty pursuits and laughed at the things he failed to notice. Like the times he showed up to work in two different shoes or once, in a tuxedo he mistook for a regular suit. "This changed for the better after he met Sue, who bumped up his sartorial style and did much of the day-to-day thinking for him."

He had a vast love of reading; he read medical journals daily and enjoyed The New York Times and books about history. He appreciated a good argument. His children loved nothing more than sitting around the breakfast table with him, reading the Sunday Times and debating politics and philosophy while "cooperatively overlapping" over bagels and cream cheese.

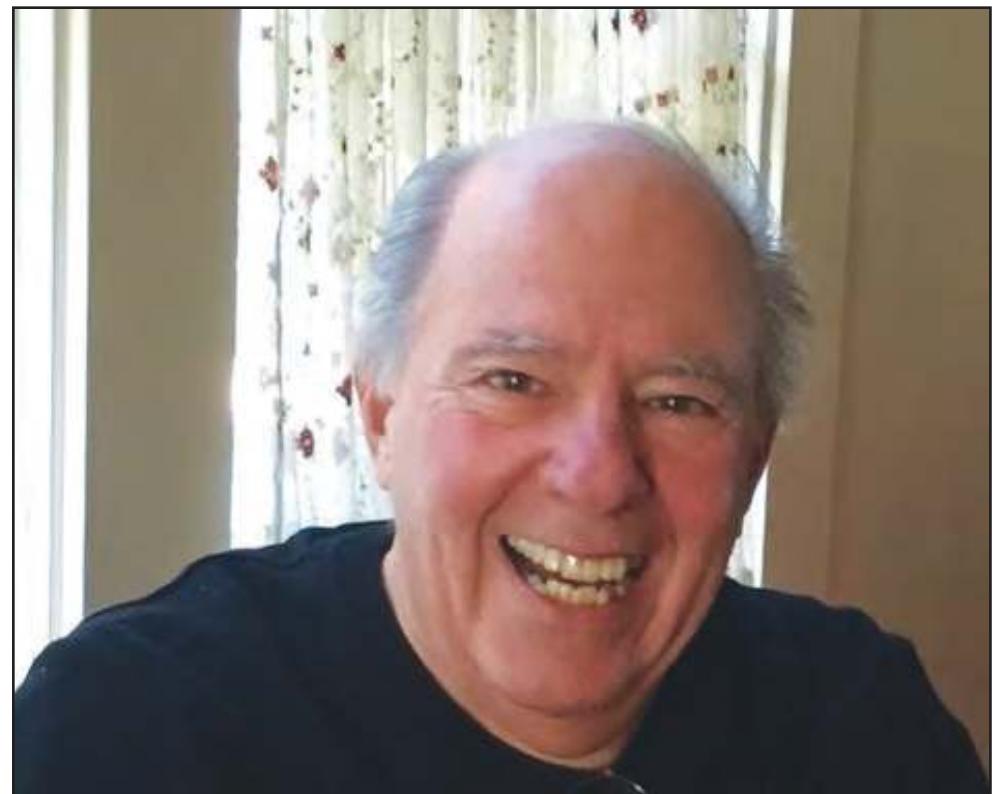
He loved watching "Morning Joe" with his wife or sitting outside with her drinking coffee and admiring the sunrise. He was not religious, but more a "stomach Jew" who was known to drive all the way to Pasadena for good Chinese food or Palm Springs for a pastrami sandwich

letic attempts often resulted in injury, most of which happened on the sidelines, such as the time he slipped in the hot tub at the bed-and-breakfast before a family white-water rafting adventure or the time he fell in the parking lot of the ski resort and broke his hand.

Mel Brooks and Woody Allen were some of his favorite movie makers. He regularly quoted their lines: "No fruit cup" ("High Anxiety"), "It's good to be the king" ("History of the World, Part I"), "My brain? It's my second favorite organ!" ("Sleeper"). He was often found cuddled on the couch with his wife, watching movies and talking. He loved nothing more than a good pun. He was an avid lover of classical music, especially Mozart and Mendelsohn.

"But above all, Dennis was generous beyond measure. We shared him with his friends, patients, and colleagues, about whom he cared deeply," his family said. "He was ever grateful for his full and beautiful life. His personality was large, so much so that his stepchildren called him 'Big-D' though he was, physically, on the smaller side. It's hard to imagine life without him. Thankfully, he will live on, big time, in our hearts."

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to PVHMC Sleep Disorders Center, either



from Sherman's. He also loved eclairs, New York's famed chocolate phosphates and, especially, all things cheese.

He loved learning from the younger generations. When his daughter Ellise came out as gay, he listened and grew. In 2015, he proudly walked her down the aisle to Cindi Lauper's LGBTQ+ anthem, "True Colors." He told his children to be true to themselves, always, and was immensely proud of his stepchildren, grandchildren, and three daughters.

He loved watching and discussing sports (the Dodgers, Lakers, and New York Giants were his teams) and playing them, too. To his family's chagrin, his ath-

online at <https://www.pvhmc.org/giving-support/donate-to-pvhmc/>, by check to 1798 N. Garey Ave., Pomona CA 91768, Attn: Foundation 3rd floor OPP, or by phone at (909) 865-9139. Please specify in the comments section (if donating online) or memo (if paying by check) that the donation is for the sleep center.

A celebration of Dr. Nicholson's life will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 1 at the Claremont Colleges' Garrison Theater, 241 E. 10th Street, Claremont 91711. His family chose a large-capacity venue in hopes of reducing COVID-19 transmission risk. Masks are encouraged.

# Zach Kaufman

Beloved son, father, football player, won scholarship to University of Michigan

**Z**achary (Zach) Kaufman was born on November 9, 1981. He died unexpectedly in his sleep on June 13 at age 40.

Zach grew up in Claremont. He attended Vista Elementary School, El Roble Intermediate School, and graduated from Claremont High School in 2000.

He was an enthusiastic child, sharing a “big wide grin” which was irresistible even while attempting any manner of shenanigans. He threw himself wholeheartedly into games, projects, and his true love, sports. At an early age (probably six months) he demonstrated amazing and daring athletic abilities. There was never a question of a birthday gift, because it would be whichever sports ball he was currently into. His enthusiasm was infectious, making him a loyal friend and teammate.

He played AYSO and club soccer from kindergarten through junior high. His mom, Kim, made sure there were clean socks and appropriately sized

cleats every Saturday (a daunting task for a fast-growing kid!). She was an avid fan and supporter of all his athletic commitments and could be heard cheering on the sidelines as he played his heart out! He also played baseball in Claremont Little League and on a travel team in junior high.

His talent skyrocketed during the four years he played football for the Claremont High Wolfpack, primarily as a linebacker. There, with excellent guidance and coaching, he made lifelong friends who became his extended family. Football helped shape the man he would become. He earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Michigan, where he was a linebacker on the Wolverine football team from 2000 to 2004.

He returned to Claremont and the Inland Empire following his college graduation. He worked



primarily in medical sales, with his final job in sales for a commercial roofing company.

He leaves behind his mother Kim; son, Tristen; his love Tiffany and her two children, Faith and Frankie; brother Ashley; sister Lindsey; and a large extended family in Colorado, Santa Barbara, and Wyoming.

A celebration of life and open house will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, September 24 at Claremont United Church of Christ’s Louise Roberts Room, 233 Harrison Ave., Claremont, CA 91711.

For all the many friends and family asking how to honor Zach, please consider making a charitable donation in his name to the Claremont High School football program at <https://org.eteam-sponsor.com/ETS/support-U/414150286>, or by check with “Zach Kaufman” in the memo line, mailed to Claremont High School, 1601 N. Indian Hill Blvd, Claremont, CA 91711, Attn: Mike Collins.

# Gayle Papa

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, educator

**G**ayle Papa was born July 12, 1938, in the small town of Norfolk, Virginia. She died peacefully on August 31 surrounded by her loving family.

Gayle lived her childhood years in multiple naval base locations throughout the United States. She was the daughter of George and Greta Fritschmann. Her father was a U.S. Navy admiral. She graduated from Washington Lee High School in West Virginia.

She moved to Claremont in 1966 and later became a recreation leader for the city’s parks and recreation department. She then decided to pursue a career in teaching and attended Cal Poly Pomona while raising her two daughters. She graduated with honors.

Shortly after college she was hired by Central School District in Rancho Cucamonga, where she taught third grade for 25 years. “She loved the job and was idolized by all her students,” her family shared.

When not teaching school, Gayle enjoyed camping, gardening, sewing, playing golf and tennis.

After retirement, she and her beloved husband Tony enjoyed traveling in their motor home to see national parks and family throughout the United States. Her love of golf and socialization at Red Hill Country Club always brought her joy. She was an excellent golfer and most of all a good friend.

Family was also very important to her. Sunday night dinners were the highlight of her week, and it wasn’t uncommon for 15 to 20 family and friends to show up each week. Her menu consisted of what others (especially her grandchildren) requested her to prepare. Desserts of course were her specialty. She adored her grandchildren, and they adored her.

One of the most important things in her life was making her famous biscotti cookies. Family, friends and even strangers were often gifted with the special treat. The love of her passion shined through with every bite.

Gayle is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Anthony Papa of Claremont; daughters Kathleen (Brad) Pederson of Park City, Utah, and Brenda (Gary) Havro of Claremont; and grandsons Connor (Vanessa) Havro of Whitefish, Montana, Brant Havro of Laguna Beach, and Landen Pederson of Salt Lake City, Utah. She also is also survived by her extended family Pam (Bill) Stevenson of Claremont; James Papa; and grandson Cameron Papa of Claremont.

The family will celebrate her exemplary life in a private celebration. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation at <https://t2t.org/donate/>.



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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **DIG SPIKE LEARN** 774 Elmhurst Circle, Claremont, 91711, Los Angeles County. Registrant(s): Kurt Christian Vlasich, 774 Elmhurst Circle, Claremont, 91711. This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 06/2022. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.  
/s/ Kurt Christian Vlasich Title: Owner  
This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/16/22. NOTICE- In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five (5) years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity Form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). PUBLISH: September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2022

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
File No. 2022190086

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) **MERRILL CONSTRUCTION 2.) TJ MEC CONSTRUCTION** 5247 N. Leaf, Azusa, CA 91702, Los Angeles County. Mailing Address: 449 W Foothill Blvd #291, Glendora, CA 91741. Registrant(s): George Merrill, 5247 N. Leaf, Azusa, CA 91702. This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 08/2022. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.  
/s/ George Merrill Title: Owner  
This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 08/26/22. NOTICE- In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five (5) years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to the Municipal Code of the City of Claremont and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit (File# 22-C04) for *La Popular Restaurant* to allow the on-site sale and consumption of a full-line of alcohol beverage use (Type 47 full liquor license) in conjunction with a new restaurant that includes an outdoor patio with 56 seats. The subject property is located at **235 North Yale Avenue** (the proposed restaurant would be located in the space formerly occupied by Rhino Records).

**The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chamber, 225 Second Street and via Zoom where the commission, staff, and all interested persons will be allowed to listen, watch presentations, and speak regarding this proposal.** Instructions on how to participate via Zoom will be detailed on the Agenda, which will be posted on the City Website five days prior to the meeting.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proposed sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption and outdoor dining in conjunction with a new restaurant to be located in an existing retail tenant space are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15301 (Class 1) for existing facilities, in that the project entails the continued use of an existing commercial tenant space involving a negligible expansion of use beyond that which currently exists. Therefore, no further environmental review is necessary.

Copies of the application and proposed plans are on file with the Community Development Department and can be emailed to interested parties to review. For more information on the proposal, please contact **Senior Planner Nikola Hlady at (909) 399-5322, via email at nhlady@ci.claremont.ca.us**, or send written comments to P.O. Box 880, Claremont, CA 91711-0880.

Finally, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in a City meeting should contact the City Clerk at 909/399-5461 "VOICE" or 1-800/735-2929 "T/TTY" at least three working days prior to the meeting, if possible.

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APN: 8722-011-016 TS No: CA08000287-19-1 TO No: 02-19030880 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED July 2, 2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On October 6, 2022 at 10:00 AM, behind the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on July 11, 2003 as Instrument No. 03 1978193, and re-recorded on December 11, 2018 as Instrument No. 20181254500, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by DANIEL CHANG A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor(s), in favor of WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: Parcel 1 of Parcel Map Mo. 21438, in the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map filed in Book 232, pages 39 and 40 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 367 BOURDET STREET, WALNUT, CA 91789 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$274,735.72 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one

mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08000287-19-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 702-659-7766, or visit this internet website www.insourcelogic.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08000287-19-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: August 26, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08000287-19-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660 4288 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 EXHIBIT "A" Parcel 1 of Parcel Map Mo. 21438, in the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map filed in Book 232, pages 39 and 40 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Order Number 85082, Pub Dates: 9/2/2022, 9/9/2022, 9/16/2022, CLAREMONT COURIER

**NOTICE**

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at 1960 S. San Dimas Canyon Rd., La Verne, CA, 91750 on 09/21/2022 at 11:00 am. Irma Madero: Items include a TV, dresser, household goods, furniture, boxes. Jessica Morrow: Items include household goods, small furniture, and shelving. Elizabeth Calderon: Items include household good, bags, and boxes. Brett Webber: Items include totes, bedding, and a mattress. Richard Van Korlaar: Items include bags, totes, shoes, and clothing. Maria Burks: Items include a dresser, table, TV, boxes, clothing, shoes, a hutch, golf clubs, outdoor furniture, a laptop, and a wet vac. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. CN989826 09-21-2022 Sep 2,9, 2022

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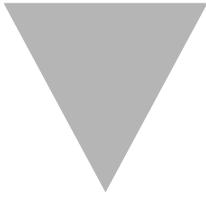
Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 525 W Arrow Hwy, Claremont Ca, 91711 September 20, 2022 11:30AM. Essence Barnes- Furniture, household items, flat screen TV. Bobi Mardias- Luggage, boxes, house hold items. Charly Clerge- Boxes, desk, picture frame, musical instruments. Rudy Chavez- Tools, camping gear, clothing, misc items. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. CN989815 09-20-2022 Sep 2,9, 2022

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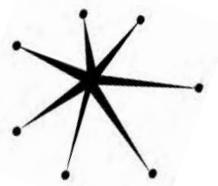
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Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 20115 VEJAR RD, WALNUT, CA 91789 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$108,030.72 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to

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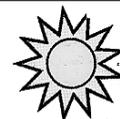
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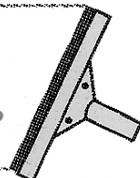
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