



Let it snow!

The Tuesday storm system that dumped more than three inches of rain on Claremont also brought eight to 12 inches of snow at elevations above 7,000 feet. On Thursday at the 7,800-foot-high Mt. Baldy Notch, workers were preparing for weekend visitors, though it remains to be seen if ski slopes will open any time soon. Valley temps are forecasted to be in the mid-60s and sunny this week, with no precipitation. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger

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# Incumbents appear to sweep council races, CT passes

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On an Election Night when the nation was evenly divided, voters in Claremont appear to have chosen consistency by reelecting all three sitting council members.

By Thursday morning council member Jennifer Stark had claimed 74.5% of the votes in District 3, a full 49 percentage points ahead of her opponent, Maura Carter, who ran a very subtle campaign. The race in District 4 had tightened somewhat since Tuesday night, but with 56% of the vote Mayor Jed Leano still holds a comfortable 12 percentage point lead over his challenger, André Johnson. The vote tally in that race stood at 956 to 744 as of Thursday morning. Meanwhile, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Reece at 54.5%, increased his lead over Peter Yao by a full percentage point, and now leads by 123 votes, 729 to 606.

Measure CT, which would authorize the city to tax cannabis businesses if and when they are allowed to operate in town, was comfortably ahead on Thursday, with 61% of the 7,591 votes counted thus far. See the full story on Measure CT on page 3.

"I'm honored and grateful to have earned the support from District 3 voters to serve Claremont on City Council for another term," Stark said on Wednesday. "I take the challenges of local governance very seriously and to heart. This is work we do together. Our common ground is our commitment to our collective beneficial future that will be the result of working with, and for each other — not against each other. I appreciate my opponent, her candidacy inspired healthy and principled competition, which is a cornerstone of good elections."

With the exception of Stark's clear win, it may be too early to call the other two races with additional vote tallies taking place on Friday. That said, in previous Claremont municipal elections, early results were clear harbingers of the final outcome.

According to the city clerk's office, the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder still has stacks of mail-in ballots to count. The county said that approximately 425 ballots need to be tabulated in District 2, 400 in District 3, and 600 in District 4. Those numbers are sure to change, however, as the county continues to receive ballots mailed on Election Day.

"I am encouraged by the initial voter returns and the positive trending," Reece said Wednesday night. "I appreciate the community's support and look forward to the final count so that I may continue the important work needed over the next four years."

"I congratulate Ed Reece on his nice



Mayor Jed Leano greets a supporter during an election night party at Sanctuary Coffee in Claremont. COURIER/photo Steven Felschundneff



City Council candidate André Johnson visits with some of his supporters Tuesday during an election night watch party at Espiau's in Claremont. COURIER/photo Steven Felschundneff

win. I wish him the best of luck on his second term," Peter Yao said.

At Sanctuary Coffee Tuesday night, the mood was exuberant as Leano thanked his supporters during a brief speech. He attributed the apparent positive outcome to the many hours of grassroots campaigning from his largely volunteer staff and their get out the vote effort, which was conducted face-to-face while canvassing neighborhoods.

Leano also made it clear that a vote for his reelection was an endorsement for moving Claremont forward to become a more inclusive city rather than

being satisfied with the status quo.

"It's not because of the tally," Leano said. "It's not because of the vote total. It's because, look at what we built. We built something absolutely amazing. We have put forward a vision of a more inclusive, just, and equitable city. We have a track record of success, and we will continue to build on that success. But more importantly, I believe we can build something amazing here together. Look at what we have done, and if this is what we have done in just five short years, I am really excited about what we can do for the next four."

During a Tuesday election watch par-

ty at Espiau's restaurant in the Village, Johnson, who is a film producer and director, compared campaigning to making a movie that had just wrapped. Still running on adrenaline from the final few days of campaigning, he said running for council was a rewarding experience.

On Wednesday Johnson said he was not ready to give up the fight until all the votes are counted.

"I am thrilled by the voter turnout in favor of our truly grassroots campaign and wish to thank everyone for their support," Johnson said. "Our canvassing reflected incredible enthusiasm for our pro-Claremont message and strong dissatisfaction with Jed Leano's agenda. With over a year of lead-time and a war chest five times larger than ours, it's astonishing that the incumbent only leads by 212 votes at this time.

"There are still Vote-by-Mail ballots in process. We also shouldn't forget that 338 District 4 voters were provided invalid Vote-by-Mail ballots. We need to ensure their votes are counted. In fairness to my supporters, I will wait until all votes are in," he said.

In the race for the Division III seat on Three Valleys Municipal Water District's Board of Directors, challenger Jeff Hanlon, with 50.35 percent of the 13,789 votes counted thus far, has defeated 19-year incumbent Brian Bowcock, who netted 34% of the ballots. Javier Aguilar came in a distant third with 15.5%.

# City releases second version of housing element

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Last week Claremont released an update of the state required framework which details its plan for future development in the city.

On November 2, Claremont's planning staff published the second draft of the city's sixth cycle housing element, including both an interactive and a PDF version of the opportunity site map, which pinpoints locations in the city where future housing might be built.

The sixth cycle of the housing element had a statutory deadline of October 15, 2021, meaning the city is currently out of compliance. In September the nonprofit Californians for Homeownership sued Claremont to compel it to complete the document.

Matthew Gelfand, an attorney with Californians for Homeownership, said Claremont was singled out because "In our assessment, they are unlikely to adopt valid housing elements within the next six to twelve months without being forced to do so through litigation."

Claremont submitted the second draft housing element to the state on Thursday for its review. After the document is returned to the city, it will be assessed by the planning commission and ultimately brought to the Claremont City Council for approval, then it goes back to the state for certification, according to Claremont Public Information Officer Bevin Handel.

"The Housing Element is part of the City's General Plan," read a city news release. "It includes a demographic profile of the City, an analysis of opportunities and constraints for the development of new housing, including affordable housing, and an evaluation of existing housing pro-



Claremont has released the second version of the sixth cycle of its housing element, a document that illustrates the city's plan for future housing development in the city. COURIER/photo Steven Felschundneff

grams. The Housing Element Update also sets forth new implementation programs to facilitate the creation of new housing opportunities in the City and to protect the City's existing affordable housing stock. Additionally, the Housing Element Update identifies potential sites and retooled development standards for these sites in order to accommodate the State's requirement for Claremont to plan for 1,711 new housing units between now and 2029."

The first draft was submitted to the California's Department of Housing and Community Development in December 2021, according to Handel. The city has engaged with Claremont residents through multiple community meetings over the past two years, including a public review of the initial draft.

On February 7, Claremont received a letter from Paul McDougal, a senior program manager at the Department of Housing and Community Development, detailing how the first draft needed to be revised in order to comply with state law. In that letter McDougal stated that failure to reach compliance could jeopardize the city's ability to qualify for state and regional funding, including transportation and housing grants.

The housing element, which began more than 50 years ago, is a detailed planning document through which Claremont identifies potential "opportunity sites" where it might build its share of new housing units under the Regional Housing Needs Allocation. Of the 1,711 housing units in Claremont's RHNA, 556 must be for very low income, 310 for low in-

come and 287 moderate income residents.

The opportunity site map itself contains few surprises, as most of the parcels have been included in previous versions of the housing element. The criteria for inclusion on the map covers both vacant land, such as the former La Puerta school site, as well as underutilized areas, like church parking lots.

One of the sometimes confusing facets of the housing element is that it doesn't necessarily include actual development plans and often the opportunity sites contain existing housing or thriving businesses.

For already developed land, planning staff uses a set of "selection factors" to determine whether the site is a good fit for new housing. These can include high vacancy in the parcel's existing buildings or parking lot; if the property owner or a builder is interested in redeveloping the land; existing structures are over 30 years old and may need significant renovation or may not be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and if existing uses of the site are similar to others in the city that have already been redeveloped.

The 9.67 acre La Puerta property has been identified as "the last remaining significant piece of undeveloped property in the highly resourced northern portion of the city." Trumark Homes has submitted plans to build 56 single family homes at the location, which have been met with resistance from residents adjacent to the site and mixed reviews from city decision makers.

In the housing element, planners propose "a more diverse mix of residential densities, unit types and affordability levels." This would include half of the site developed at six units per acre, a quarter

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## CITY NEWS

### Bowcock out at Three Valleys, CUSD race too close to call

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After a tumultuous campaign, Brian Bowcock's 19-year run as the Division III Board Member for Three Valleys Municipal Water District is over. Challenger and political newcomer Jeff Hanlon is the winner of that race.

Though the results aren't yet final, Hanlon, with 50.35% of the 13,789 votes counted thus far, has defeated Bowcock, who has netted 34% of the ballots. Javier Aguilar is in third place with 15.5%.

Hanlon was leading by 2,011 votes late Tuesday and increased his margin by 287 overnight. The count was 6,981 for Hanlon to Bowcock's 4,683 as of 3:35 a.m. Wednesday, when Los Angeles

County last updated the totals for that race.

Results are updated at results.lavote.gov, type "water districts" in the contest search bar and scroll down to the Three Valleys race.

Claremont Unified School District Board of Education President and Trustee Area 4 candidate Steven Llanusa's lead over opponent Aaron Peterson shrunk overnight Tuesday, from 150 votes to just 71, making that race too close to call.

As of 3:35 a.m. Wednesday — the most recent tallies offered by Los Angeles County — Llanusa was up 1,060 to 989.

Results are updated at results.lavote.gov, type "schools" in the contest search bar and scroll down to the CUSD race.

## CITY NEWS

### Cannabis tax measure skates to easy victory

On Tuesday, Claremont voters decisively passed a ballot initiative to tax cannabis-related commerce in Claremont.

Measure CT, which authorizes Claremont City Council to impose a tax on marijuana sales and manufacturing, passed with 61% of the vote. The tax will go into effect if and when those businesses are allowed to operate in the city.

Relaxing Claremont's 16-year-old ban on marijuana businesses has been gaining momentum since the state passed the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, Proposition 64, in November 2016.

The council elected to put the tax measure on the ballot now in part to prevent a citizen led initiative, driven by a petition drive, from reaching voters first. Under a citizen led measure, control of the tax rate and possibly the regulations allowing cannabis business in the city would be beyond the council's control.

The tax will have two separate arms: a 4% to 7% levy on gross sales for both retail storefronts and delivery services and a tax on commercial cannabis businesses, such as cultivation and manufacturing. Commercial enterprises would either pay 1% to 4% on gross sales or be taxed based on the square footage of the operation, depending on the type of business.

Voters were asked to approve a percentage range rather than a fixed tax to give the council flexibility in tailoring the final rate to match market conditions. The council could also adjust the rate periodically as long as it stays within the range approved by voters.

If the council authorizes a framework regulating and approving cannabis businesses in Claremont, the tax could generate \$500,000 annually, according to HdL Companies, the consultant hired to study marijuana commerce in the city.

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# Families' long journey to asylum in the United States is far from over

Some walked 2,000+ miles with children in tow

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Two local groups are hoping to tap into Claremont's giving spirit this holiday season so three asylum-seeking families, including nine children, and one single man, might avoid becoming unhoused while awaiting their day in court.

Since July, the asylum seekers — from Azerbaijan by way of Russia, Peru, Columbia, and Venezuela — have been housed in dorms at Claremont School of Theology. That gratis arrangement runs out December 21.

Religious organization The Interfaith Council and nonprofit Claremont Canopy have now taken up their cause. The groups must raise \$50,000 by December 21 or the families will be at risk of becoming unhoused.

"That is not what we want," said Claremont Canopy founder and Executive Director Christy Anderson. "They've had a journey coming to this country that's unimaginable to most of us."

The passage of one of the asylum seekers, Zoriada, is indeed unfathomable: she walked more than 2,000 miles from Venezuela to Texas with her three children in tow.

"With my three children, Geremy, Valentina and Dorian, I crossed six countries, Venezuela, Colombia through the Darien jungle to Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico," wrote Zoriada in a group text. "It took me one month and 11 days to reach my destination and meet my husband in the U.S. I arrived in Texas, [then] Los Angeles and the best, Claremont. Happy story. There are many videos where I am crossing this journey but always trusting in God who never leaves me alone."

Video clips of Zoriada and her children's journey are on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/A6BQUIsy5I0> and <https://youtu.be/9VBKyYcVaH4>.

Since arriving over the summer, all of the school-aged children of the asylum seekers are now enmeshed in Claremont schools, at Sycamore and Mountain View elementary, El Roble Intermediate, and Claremont High.

Each of the 16 people seeking asylum did so legally, by making their cases at the U.S./Mexico borders in Texas and California. Each now awaits a 2023 date in a U.S. immigration court.



Claremont resident Laura Burgis welcomed three families and a single man, all of whom are seeking asylum in the U.S., and their supporters to her Claremont home on October 30. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo



Pomona City Council member John Nolte, left, shares a meal with Colombian asylum-seeking father Jhon Garcia and his family. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

Up to now, they have been relying on the largesse of CST for their housing, and food donations from local churches, food banks, and individual people.

The Interfaith Council and Claremont Canopy are looking for referrals to a housing agency or person who may have expertise in finding housing for the asylum seekers. Email [claremont-canopy@gmail.com](mailto:claremont-canopy@gmail.com) if you may be able to help.

They also seek financial support to help with deposits, rent, and legal expenses. The goal is to raise \$50,000 in front of the families' asylum hearings in early- to mid-2023. The window is short: the bulk of the money has to be raised by December 21. As of last week

the fund, administered through Claremont United Church of Christ, had raised about \$6,000.

To make a tax-deductible donation, go to [claremontucc.breezechms.com/give/online](https://claremontucc.breezechms.com/give/online) and choose "refugee assistance fundraiser." Folks can also donate via check to Refugee Assistance Fund, c/o Claremont United Church of Christ, 233 W. Harrison Ave., Claremont, CA 91711.

An unfortunate wrinkle for folks seeking asylum in the U.S. is obtaining a work permit which involves extensive paperwork and a waiting period of at least 180 days, known in immigration statutes as the "180 day asylum EAD clock." So, each of the adults housed at CST is unable to work legally, and un-

der-the-table work has been sparse and not nearly lucrative enough to cover the families' housing and food expenses.

So, they wait.

"They're sort of stuck in this limbo phase, where they're just trying to survive until they have their day in court," Anderson said.

Years ago, when she first began working with asylum seeking and refugee families, a retired Peace Corps worker at Pilgrim Place told Anderson her role was to seek justice for those she helps.

"Charity comes," Anderson said.

"We live in a wonderful community, and when we bring up social justice issues or humanitarian problems that are happening in our community I've seen it time and time again: people come out to help and donate."

Asylum seekers differ from refugees. When a refugee applicant is approved by a U.S. immigration court, they have immediate permanent residency and a path to citizenship, Anderson said. Once an immigration court grants an asylum seekers' request, they are then moved into the refugee system, she added.

Asylum seekers do have access to a varying degree of benefits, from none to some, depending on which state they reside in while awaiting their immigration court date. California offers full scope Medi-Cal health insurance benefits to all children under the age of 19, regardless of their immigration status.

The City of Claremont is also looking into any county or state resources that may be available to help the families, Anderson said.

The families deserve justice, Anderson said.

"They don't deserve homelessness. They don't deserve to get this far and then be homeless. So that's what we're trying to do, to make sure they're safe, they're thriving, and that they get a fair day in court. The families are now part of our community. They're going to our schools. They want to give back. They're amazing and wonderful."

For questions or more information, email [claremontcanopy@gmail.com](mailto:claremontcanopy@gmail.com).

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## CLASP to honor Teddie Warner

On Sunday, November 13, Claremont After School Programs will celebrate 17 years of service to Claremont Unified School District students with a special reception at Claremont Graduate University's President's House, 709 Har-

vard Ave., Claremont, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Teddie Warner, who helped found CLASP in 2005, will be honored for her many years of dedication to CLASP and to the children of Claremont during the event. Warner has

served as CLASP president, vice president of administration, vice president of development, secretary, and chair of most board committees.

Festivities include food, wine and live entertainment by Michael Ryan and Friends. Tickets to are \$75. An or-

der form is at [clasp4kids.org/celebrate](https://clasp4kids.org/celebrate).

Email [news@clasp4kids.org](mailto:news@clasp4kids.org) with questions about the event.

For information about CLASP, email [clasp.office@gmail.com](mailto:clasp.office@gmail.com) or visit [clasp4kids.org](https://clasp4kids.org).

**POLICE BLOTTER**

By Steven Felschundneff

**Wednesday, October 26**

At 4 p.m. the Claremont Police Department received a call about a burglary in progress in the parking lot at Claremont City Hall, 207 Harvard Ave. A female victim was backing her car out of parking space when police say a woman tried to distract her by saying over and over "look at your car." Allegedly that is when a second suspect reached into the car and stole \$200 in cash and a checkbook from the victim's purse. The woman was unable to identify either suspect.

**Thursday, October 27**

Officers on patrol in the Village at 3:30 a.m. reported seeing a suspicious person riding a scooter in the alley behind businesses on Harvard Avenue. A man later identified as West Covina resident Derek Quinonez, 25, took off on the scooter as soon as he spotted the police, and was able to escape traveling south on Harvard. About a half hour later police spotted what appeared to be same person on a scooter in the 800 block of S. Indian Hill Boulevard. The officer said he recognized the suspect from previous arrests. Police attempted to stop Quinonez but said he once again fled on the scooter. The officer chased him down on foot and Quinonez apparently tried to escape by taking off behind the Denny's restaurant at 820 S.

Indian Hill Boulevard, but surrendered after encountering more officers who had been called in for backup. A records check revealed he had a felony no-bail warrant in Los Angeles County. He was arrested for the warrant and on a misdemeanor resisting arrest charge and transported to CPD jail where he was booked. Quinonez was given a citation on the new charge and transferred to the Inmate Reception Center in Los Angeles and held for court on the warrant.

**Saturday, October 29**

At 4:20 a.m. police saw a silver 2009 Hyundai Sonata traveling east on Foothill Boulevard and say the driver appeared to have difficulty remaining in his lane, swerving six times and nearly striking the center median. He then allegedly ran the traffic signal at Claremont Boulevard, at which point police pulled him over for the violation. While talking with the driver, Stephen Spence, 31, of El Cajon, officers reported smelling a strong odor of alcohol. When asked if he had been drinking Spence reportedly said, "I had a few." Officers administered sobriety tests which showed his blood alcohol level was 1.5 times the legal limit of .08. Spence was arrested for misdemeanor DUI, transported to the Claremont jail, held for detoxification, and released with a citation to appear at Pomona Superior Court.

**Sunday, October 30**

Police were called by Claremont

Colleges safety at 2:24 a.m. about a person walking near Mills Avenue and Sixth Street allegedly saying he wanted to harm himself. When officers contacted Chino resident Angel Ramirez-Vega, 21, they reported smelling a strong odor of alcohol and said he was slurring his speech and had difficulty standing. When officers attempted to detain Ramirez-Vega he began to struggle and allegedly spit a large amount of fluid onto the right side of an officer's face. He continued to struggle, and it took the efforts of several officers to place him in handcuffs. While being transported to jail in the back of the patrol car he slipped the handcuffs from behind his back to in front of his body and removed a "spit mask" officers had placed on his head. He then reportedly began acting irate and officers responded by removing him from the vehicle and adding a second set of handcuffs. Due to his erratic behavior, officers were unsure whether Ramirez-Vega had consumed other substances, so they issued him a citation for misdemeanor battery on an officer and transported him to a hospital.

Officers were called at 3:36 a.m. regarding a traffic collision in the 600 block of W. San Jose Avenue. Upon arrival they spotted an unoccupied black Honda facing west on the north curb with major front end damage. A short distance away they came upon another vehicle with front end damage, this one a grey Toyota Corolla. Quian Keese, 35, from Ontario was outside the car

and allegedly said he was driving the car when he fell asleep and collided with the median. Police say he was unaware that he had also collided with another car. Officers said they could smell a very strong odor of alcohol on his breath and that he appeared to be intoxicated. Keese allegedly said he was returning from a friend's birthday party in Orange County. Police say sobriety tests showed his blood alcohol level was twice the legal limit of .08. He was arrested for misdemeanor DUI, transported to jail, held for detoxification, and released with a citation to appear in court.

**Monday, October 31**

Police were called to Denny's restaurant, 820 S. Indian Hill Blvd., at 2:13 a.m., regarding a man in the parking lot witnesses say had struck a woman with his hand. The unhoused couple were then seen leaving the parking lot in a silver Honda Accord. Officers conducted a traffic stop to check on the welfare of the woman and say they recognized the couple from previous domestic violence calls. The victim said they were having a verbal fight when the man, a Pomona resident, punched her in the head. Officers say they observed swelling on the back of the woman's head and arrested the male for felony assault on a spouse or cohabitant. He was transported to CPD jail where he was booked transported to the Inmate Reception Center and held for court.

**CPD sting nets 15 alleged 'johns' and one pimp**

by COURIER Staff

A sting operation with undercover Claremont police posing as sex workers resulted in the arrest of 15 "johns" and one man for pimping and pandering near the corner of Indian Hill Boulevard and the 10 Freeway on Friday, November 4.

The Claremont Police Department and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations conducted the operation, during which three undercover officers posed as sex workers and solicited men who sought to engage in sexual acts. After the undercover officers were so-

lited, the johns were arrested by other undercover officers.

Lake Elsinore resident and registered sex offender Jose Berrios, 39, was arrested for pimping and pandering after allegedly telling the three undercover officers he "would teach them to make real money." The officers tried to ignore Berrios and walked away. He then chased them in his car and became aggressive, at one point driving into opposing traffic and shouting at the officers. Fearing for their safety, they continued walking away. Berrios then drove into the nearby Chevron/McDon-

ald's parking lot, where additional undercover officers conducted a traffic stop.

Berrios was arrested for pimping, possessing a concealed dirk/dagger, and driving on the wrong side of a road, transported to the Claremont jail and booked. He posted bond and was released pending his November 21 arraignment in Pomona Superior Court.

The 15 other people arrested are Senik Muradyan, 39 years old from Glendale; Alejandro Galan Becerra, 45, from Chino; Jorge Brito Acuna, 45, Hermosillo, Mexico; Mariano Vega, 45, Upland; Os-

car Aguilar, 42, Montclair; Edwin Hernandez, 25, Hesperia; Oscar Marin, 26, Baldwin Park; Gabriel Moren, 32, Montclair; Matthew Arroyo, 31, Fontana; Jayme Godoy Lozano, 33, Pomona; Wilmer Martinez Miguel, 22, Upland; Jesus Castro, 23, Pomona; Leobardo Garcia Fregoso, 31, Fontana; Ivan Hernandez, 33, Pomona; and Jeronimo Reyes-Reyes, 45, Riverside. All were arrested, booked for misdemeanor solicitation of prostitution, and later released with citations and a court date at Pomona Superior Court.

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**Reflections on Veterans Day****Dear editor:**

Today, November 11, is Veterans Day. It represents a time for Americans to come together to celebrate and commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of everyone who has served. The holiday began in 1919 when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as Armistice Day to memorialize the end of World War I and to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service.

While most people recognize veterans on this day once per year, it is important to not overlook the role that veterans play each day in America. Veterans service organizations, such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, strive to highlight the importance of veterans all year long.

This Veterans Day, we encourage you to reflect on the important contributions that veterans make both in our nation and in our individual communities. Take a moment to thank a veteran for their service or contact your local VFW post to see how you can make a positive difference in the lives of veterans and their families. Lastly, it is important to remember that veterans should be recognized not only on this special day but every day.

**Martin Yingling**

**State commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of California**

**Don't underestimate value of AYSO****Dear editor:**

Looking back, one of my most cher-

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ished memories is running on the field in my brand-new electric yellow AYSO Region 69 uniform. I can still smell the halftime oranges from the team parents, hear the silly team chants that made us laugh, and see my dad on the sideline suited up in his highlighter ref's uniform and high black socks.

Most importantly, I can still feel the foundation I made at age 6 from every time I fell from kicking the ball to getting right back up.

Now from my rec league era, I've moved on to Division 3 College Soccer at Claremont Mckenna College. Yes, it's a higher level, but my skills are second to my spirit, my AYSO spirit.

The smell of grass, the feeling of community, and the parent supporters who still come out to cheer us on ... it's all the same. I credit the parents, coaches, and family behind AYSO who made soccer fun, taught me foundational skills, and introduced me to a local passion — one that burns longer and stronger — for why I am a collegiate athlete.

However, after talking with teachers and families in Claremont, I learned they have seen the same trend I saw back home: kids entering club sports earlier. When I think of the Claremont charm, I see it as

the reason people should not underestimate the value of AYSO. The power to bring communities together, create long lasting friendships, and create a strong foundation is worth any extra technical edge that you might have over someone else. Because, at least for me, it was my drive and love for the game to get me where I am today.

**Natalie Phillips  
Claremont**

**Protect the teens and seniors of Claremont****Dear editor:**

I recently retired as a parent educator for Claremont Adult School/CUSD after 33 years and I ask parents and friends who know "teacher Barbara" to consider this question: why build Larkin Place, which will serve chronically homeless, primarily single men, at a location next to a senior center and within one half block of El Roble Intermediate School? This 33-unit building will be across the street from a church preschool, and be surrounded by senior housing, including Claremont Manor and Pilgrim Place.

As stated by Jamboree Development representatives at community meetings, most occupants will not have a car. Therefore, clients will walk to Bonita Avenue or Indian Hill Boulevard for bus transportation or north on Mountain Avenue to access the nearest grocery store. I ask that a different population be served on this land offered to the city by Pilgrim Place.

El Roble serves 11- to 14-year-olds. Most parents want their teen to walk or ride to school. However, since El Roble is CUSD's only intermediate school, many teens wait near the school for a ride. This is not the CHAP program, which suc-

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*our masks  
give us elf ears  
Sunday morning church*  
— **Marcyn Clements**

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cessfully housed Claremont's homeless. And because of state guidelines for funding, Claremont homeless will not have priority. In addition, rehabilitation support services will be optional and not required for the client to maintain residency.

Please keep up to date about the future use of this location. FYI, Larkin Park is also the location where the youngest

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children play soccer and is the closest green space for Larkin Place residents.

Your council member will determine the fate of this project. Please protect the teens and seniors of Claremont. The current Larkin Place development is not a good use of this location and will be under contract with the city for 55 years!

**Barbara Solorzano**  
Claremont

### 5C Student and Worker Alliance strike

**Dear editor:**

A few weeks ago, my roommate and I (we are both Claremont McKenna College students) were approached while eating lunch by two members of the 5C Student and Worker Alliance. They asked for our support in the upcoming boycott of the Pomona College dining halls. Pomona's dining staff were going on strike in response to the school's unwillingness to meet their request for fair wages.

The workers are demanding a \$8.80 raise by the end of this year, while Pomona's counteroffer is only a \$5.40 increase for the next four years (a sharp contrast). To put it simply, the workers are only asking for a livable wage. In an area with a very high cost of living, if we expect them to work on our campuses, we need to give them the means to do so. With the immense hard work and care they pour into our campuses, we must treat them with more respect and allow their voices to be heard.

Pomona College has urged the union to agree to an outside mediator. Although the union isn't opposed, they feel this doesn't address the issue of the schools not listening to their employees. I agree that this is not only an issue of pay, but also of raising our campuses to a higher standard in attending to the needs of our staff.

The strike occurred on October 28th and 29th from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All of Pomona's dining services were included in this event. We were happy to sign a letter supporting the dining hall workers and par-

ticipate in the boycott. This was a very strong call for attention to the issue and needs to continue as it is essential to support the workers who make our day-to-day lives possible.

**Ava Schmitt**  
Sophomore, Claremont McKenna College

### Carmel is a great, dog-friendly getaway

**Dear editor:**

Southern California's warm weather is arguably one of its greatest attractions, but if you're starting to crave some cooler weather, I suggest a road trip up to Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Located 10 miles south of Monterey, Carmel is a beautiful place to get away for a couple of days and enjoy the cooler weather. It's about a five-and-a-half-hour drive from Claremont (assuming Los Angeles traffic isn't too horrendous) and there are many great places to stop along the way, such as Cambria, San Simeon, and Big Sur.

As you approach, Carmel Valley is to your right and Carmel-by-the-Sea to your left. The hotel we stay at every time is called the Cypress Inn. It was jointly owned by Doris Day and her business partner for more than 20 years. Because Day was an avid dog lover, the inn is fully pet friendly. Old posters and paraphernalia from Day's movies line the walls, and the hotel restaurant, Terry's Lounge, plays her movies on a television monitor all day.

Carmel has been named "number one dog friendly town" in America, so know that if you do bring your pooch, you'll be in great company. The beach is dog friendly, too, and a mere five-minute walk west of the hotel. It's worth driving into Carmel Valley and spending a few hours there exploring the farmers' markets, beautiful nurseries, shops, and great dog-friendly restaurants.

As much as I love our warm SoCal weather, if you start to crave some cooler coastal air and a change of scenery, Carmel is the perfect place for a quick va-

## READERS' COMMENTS

cation, made even better by the fact that your dog can join the fun!

**Sydney Ritchey**  
Claremont

### The Thanksgiving meal as a metaphor for life

**Dear editor:**

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, it is very fitting to talk about a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. First things first, we have our most important food item: the turkey. The turkey represents balance; it is the center of the meal, what everything else is built upon. In life, turkey represents stability. Then comes along the stuffing: the excitement. Full of so many bursting scents and flavors, the meal would not be the same without it. Then we have the plain mashed potatoes. Life wouldn't be life without a little bit of sadness and disappointment. To maintain our energy and fuel our minds, we have to throw some crunchy, tasteless green beans in there. And ... if you're lucky enough, you'll have the delicious cranberry sauce. We always hope for it, but it doesn't always come. We all anticipate things in life and hope for things to go our way, but it doesn't always end up in our favor. We don't always get the cranberry sauce. Lastly, we have the warm, tasty gravy to top it all off.

At the end of the day, we have so many great things on our plates, and a few bad. But with the gravy on top, we savor the meal. Life throws many things our way, but we have to eat the mashed potatoes and green beans to enjoy the turkey. We have to encounter the bad to really gain a deep appreciation for the good.

Happy Thanksgiving all! Enjoy the holidays with friends and family.

**Victoria Holden**  
Claremont

### Water rights group's website is short on facts

**Dear editor:**

Impressive! A full-page November 4 COURIER ad by groundswellforwater decrying a October 19 Three Valleys Municipal Water District hearing, quite a bit of it written by Reverend William Smart and dedicated to being "offended" by the Sierra Club representative.

Groundswellforwater's website states communities of color are being victimized by being denied clean drinking water. Though no factual statistics are available on the website, scholars of social justice have shown low-income and communities of color have often been screwed by corporations and collaborating government agencies. Also, a recent State Water Board audit reported "nearly a million" people in California don't have clean water.

The site then ingeniously fuses clean water with water "supply" and encourages you to sign a petition to "fight water regulators," which maintains "millions" of minority Californians don't have access to clean water. Millions is a significant-

ly exaggerated number over the 940,000 referenced in the audit.

Groundswellforwater's next claim is "Several projects are ready to help source and deliver new, clean water. But special interests use frivolous lawsuits and back-room deals to delay and stall projects while communities of color are left to use toxic, dangerous water sources." One of the frivolous lawsuits appears to be the controversial Cadiz project. The use of a persecuted minority and trigger words implying conspiracy and malicious intent is good propaganda — but data supporting that relationship was absent.

If the Sierra Club representative was uncivil and discourteous, he should be ashamed. If he was pointing out a truth, he should be applauded. When you look at the list of groundswellforwater supporters there's a high number who likely subscribe to faith-based reasoning. Religions have a long, dismal history of discounting science, and the suspicion arises they may be, once again, entrapped by skillful manipulators in dismissing science in the interests of an unsubstantiated belief.

**John Roseman**  
Claremont

### Election deniers must be repudiated

**Dear editor:**

By the time this makes it into print we will have voted in the 2022 election. No doubt many of us will be disappointed in the outcome. Locally, some of our candidates may lose, and maybe more than one ballot proposition we opposed might pass. A healthy and competitive local City Council election will likely result in graceful concessions by those who did not prevail. Not the same is likely to happen when a few of the election deniers elsewhere are defeated.

A significant number of 2020 election deniers ran for office, notably, Kari Lake, the GOP candidate for governor in our neighboring state, Arizona. She has said the only outcome she will accept is victory. She denies our current president won the election in 2020, repeating the lie as easily as she breathes. Lake is not alone in taking this position, just one of the most visible.

In Arizona, men dressed in tactical gear and masks guard ballot drop boxes, some in an effort to intimidate those they don't believe should have the right to vote. Let's call that type of behavior what it is: threatening violence if they don't get their way. What would happen if the candidates favored by these men dressed in military gear in Arizona and elsewhere lose and refuse to accept defeat? The reaction by citizens elsewhere will eventually influence our local elections if deniers are not repudiated.

**Anthony Becker**  
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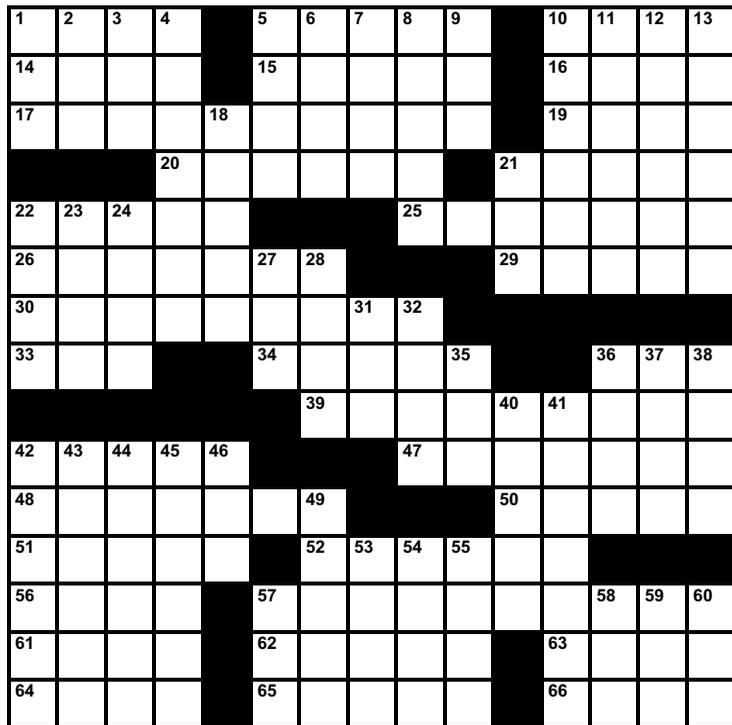
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**Puzzle #699 by Myles Mellor**



**Across**

- 1. Its capital is Singaraja
- 5. \_\_\_ myrtle (shrub)
- 10. Persian poet who wrote about love
- 14. Google co-founder Sergey
- 15. Priests from the East
- 16. Invitation word
- 17. Clothes flatteners
- 19. River to the Caspian
- 20. Kansas city
- 21. "32 Flavors" singer Davis
- 22. Nolan Ryan, notably
- 25. 10,000 foot peak
- 26. Type of Japanese massage
- 29. Districts
- 30. Perseveres
- 33. British special forces, for short
- 34. French author Albert
- 36. Itinerary abbr.
- 39. Claremont hotel, \_\_\_ 425
- 42. Chronic nag
- 47. Separates
- 48. Ringing
- 50. Jittery

- 21. Lawyer's group (abbr.)
- 22. Says "When?"
- 23. Former Major League stadium
- 24. Worn with suits
- 27. \_\_\_ fly, abbr.
- 28. Brigham Young's state
- 31. "What I think . . .," in a chatroom
- 32. South African Peace Nobel
- 35. Kennedy, Lincoln, or Clinton: abbr.
- 36. Harangue
- 37. Sounds of disapproval
- 38. Carefree
- 40. Bolivian plain
- 41. Movie theaters
- 42. Club soda quantity
- 43. Rear, slangily
- 44. Extended
- 45. Superiors
- 46. Mich. neighbor
- 49. Mideast's Meir
- 53. Unfeeling
- 54. Distance runner Zatopek
- 55. "Simpsons" bus driver

- 51. Bacon features
- 52. Early Ping-Pong score
- 56. "Picnic" playwright
- 57. Egg-shaped cooking fruit
- 61. Stadium section
- 62. Let in
- 63. Health giving plant
- 64. Last letters, in England
- 65. Artist Picasso
- 66. Now Thailand

**Down**

- 1. Little pellets, abbr.
- 2. Paintings and prints
- 3. False tale
- 4. Caught
- 5. Illegal block
- 6. Admirable
- 7. Frenzied
- 8. Classic airline
- 9. Shape of mountain roads, sometimes
- 10. Of the eye
- 11. Leader's concern
- 12. Actress Plummer
- 13. Track events
- 18. Hypothetical cases

**HOM-O-PHUN™**

Puzzle #12 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.

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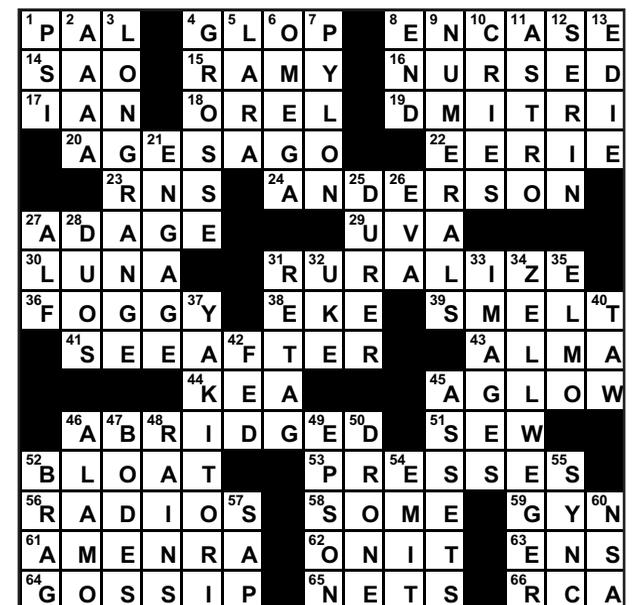
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**Answers to Puzzle #11**

SECTION OF BARNES AND NOBLE THAT IS SOMEONE'S NAME; WHAT AN 8.5 IN SANTA MONICA DOES

**SHAKESPEARE; SHAKES PIER**

**Answers to Puzzle #698**



- 57. Twaddle
- 58. "The greatest boxer"
- 59. Shelley's "\_\_\_ Skylark"
- 60. Original manufacturer's item, abbr.

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# Claremont: get serious about drought, at home and the ballot box

by Mallorie Jenne and Journey Lipscom

For a town known as “the City of Trees and Ph.Ds.,” Claremont’s greenspace lives up to its namesake and is a source of pride for longtime community members. Trees line our roads, sagebrush rims the San Gabriels, and the Claremont Colleges flaunt lush green quads.

However, our easy access to thriving natural spaces is a double-edged sword. In a City of Trees, we’re susceptible to slipping into a false sense of water security — and Claremont’s emphasis on greenery doesn’t reflect the reality of California’s water crisis.

Ten minutes down Foothill Boulevard, dirt-lined sidewalks and brown grass are constant reminders of impending water scarcity in California. Claremont, in contrast, doesn’t appear to be as well-acclimated to the increasingly dry climate. We’re living in a drought, and we need to adapt our landscape and habits accordingly.

This isn’t just any drought, either. California is experiencing its driest period in thousands of years. State reservoirs are at critically low levels, currently averaging 68% of their usual capacity. If you’ve ever driven down the Grapevine, you might have seen Castaic Lake, one of California’s largest reservoirs, located near Six Flags. Castaic’s receding water levels are visible from the 5 Freeway and serve as a striking example of the severity of the water crisis.

These dry conditions are so chronic scientists have begun opting for the term “aridification” over

“drought.” Aridification describes an inevitable state of increasing dryness that occurs because of human-induced climate change. Don’t let a November rain spell fool you: a study by scholars at Stanford revealed that regardless of precipitation trends, the risk of ongoing drought is already high due to anthropogenic warming.

Although aridification will continue throughout our lifetimes, we have the power to adopt new strategies, elect water-conscious leaders, and improve the future of water security for ourselves, our city, and our state.

Aridification may seem distant when your grass is green and the neighbor’s pool is full, but that doesn’t make its impacts less relevant. Beyond causing longer dry seasons and impacting reservoir levels, the IPCC reports droughts will affect agriculture and put food security at risk. The drier ground will also make us more vulnerable to severe wildfires and extreme heat events. Claremont residents aren’t responsible for managing all of California’s water, but adapting as a community can help us make the most of the water we do have.

More Californians are finding ways to reduce their water usage, but we aren’t on target yet. After water restrictions relaxed following the drought in 2015, reduced water consumption continued, which was a promising sign. Claremont residents must continue best water conservation practices to meet the water new savings target outlined in the mandatory water reductions implemented earlier this year. Installing water saving devices

in your home like efficient toilets, washing machines, shower heads, and dishwashers can save gallons of water. As a bonus, SoCal WaterSmart provides rebates for high efficiency toilets and clothes washers.

You can also get rebates for replacing the turf in your yard. Claremont’s guide to installing drought-tolerant landscaping provides information on how to build a thriving front yard with native plants. These plants require less water, can produce shade to facilitate a healthy yard ecosystem, and are often quite striking as well. Using less water for turf lawns means we will also have water to preserve Claremont’s beloved trees. Now is the perfect time to take advantage of these rebate programs and rethink your landscaping at home.

There’s nothing wrong with enjoying the greenspace Claremont’s trees offer, but we can’t let it disillusion us. Aridification requires us to take immediate action if we hope to maintain a healthy and livable habitat in years to come. Beyond our household efforts, we need to elect water-wise officials who will bring a climate-forward approach to local water policy. This week, Jeff Hanlon was elected to the District III seat on Three Valleys Municipal Water District, where he plans to prioritize local climate change adaptation efforts through wastewater recycling, stormwater capture, and user conservation. The City of Trees is counting on you.

*Mallorie Jenne and Journey Lipscom are Claremont Colleges students*

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The money will cover the cost of constructing the Charles Huang Innovation Wing in recognition of the significant donation. The project is currently in the conceptual design phase. Webb hopes to break ground in the summer of 2023.

“Webb’s vision for the library is to create a comfortable and flexible space that encourages all styles of learning and collaboration,” read a news release. “The effort encompasses small study spaces and tools to facilitate gatherings, presentations and performances.”

“The Charles Huang Innovation Wing will enable our students to experience the benefits of a state-of-the-art center for unbounded thinking and learning, with flexible new learning spaces, digital technology and experiential learning resources,” Head of Schools Taylor B. Stockdale said in a statement. “We are deeply grateful and appreciative of Dr. Charles Huang and the Charles Huang Foundation for making this substantial donation to Webb.”

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When I was a kid there were a few simple rules for social engagement. First, don't ask people how much money they make. Second, don't talk about sex or politics, especially during family dinners. Third, save your relationship with religion or a supreme being for Sunday morning. Finally, leave the conversion of others to the missionaries of whatever philosophy was offering salvation: spiritual, economic, political, or psychological.

And by missionaries, I mean experts, people who had the calling, the training, the platform, and the authority to offer up instructions, solutions, suggestions, or alternatives to life's travails; not any Tom, Dick, Harry, or Karen with an opinion and an axe to grind. Those are just bullies.

Something has gotten muddled in the last 10 years. People feel it their duty to "save" everyone else. If we keep our opinions and beliefs to ourselves, we are somehow showing we aren't that convinced of our truths. On one of my former student's Facebook page, she posts the motto: "We are lions, not sheep. Do not comply," blending her religious zeal with her political concerns. As a teacher, however, I battled the "But it's my opinion" syndrome, trying to convince my students there was a difference between fact and opinion. A little bit of skepticism keeps us healthy and often



## INSIDE & OUT

by STEVE HARRISON

keeps us from crossing over into bully territory.

Today I'm troubled by all the rude social interactions that are perceived as funny, witty, or superior. When I was young, being seen and not heard was desirable for the young, but it also was the rule for older people too. People didn't want to offend. Then came Howard Stern and a platoon of shock jocks, housewives of every city and their league of mean girls, and a president with his minions who thought making fun of the old, the disabled, the different, or the unlucky, were completely within their privilege. Suddenly, lack of manners was cool; political correctness is for fools; my opinion is my truth and you must listen when I want to share. Social media elevated regular people to platforms similar to Walter Cronkite and Barbara Walters.

TikTok, Facebook, and Instagram have made us all stars. We may know nothing, but we have followers. We don't quite know how to relate to someone not on

Zoom or in a text. If we disagree with someone, swipe left; if they agree with us, swipe right. The phone can tell us there is a flash flood warning when there is not a cloud in the sky. We are clueless from information overload, not sure if the sky is really falling because our devices aren't in sync with reality. Social media elevates us and continually reminds us, like Mick Rhodes commented a few COURIERs ago, that the world is ending. It's not new; it's just harder to avoid.

There are so many polarizing topics these days that generate such discomfort, with the loudest voice or the pithiest retort deemed the winner in any debate. One wonders if that old-time religion — with the accompanying belief that it was best practiced in silent prayer, on Sunday's pew, or in the voter's booth — isn't the best for civilized discourse.

How often is our palaver fueled by a Facebook post really intended only for those of like minds, preaching to the choir as it were, or to draw lines in the sand, not really to encourage a fair, two-sided discussion wherein maybe the only outcome is an intimacy achieved by talking (not yelling) something through? For if the fight is respectful and compassionate, it might be entirely possible for either party to see the light and convert to a new way of thinking, but these days who really wants that?

When I hear the refrain "Make America Great Again" I wonder if the speaker realizes that along with the queers and the immigrants, the women and the elite, America of yesteryear wouldn't tolerate their kind of rudeness.

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# What's happening Claremont?

BY ANDREW ALONZO

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## FRIDAY 11/11

• At 11 a.m. in Memorial Park, 840 N. Indian Hill Blvd., the City of Claremont and American Legion Keith Powell Post 78 will host the annual **Veterans Day** ceremony. For details visit [ci.claremont.ca.us](http://ci.claremont.ca.us).



• In observance of **Veterans Day**, city offices, the chamber of commerce, Joslyn Center and post office will be closed. Normal business hours will resume Monday, November 14.

• This week's free popcorn and **movie matinee** at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., is "Last Flag Flying" (2017). The film begins at 12:30 p.m., and masks are encouraged as this event will be held indoors. Call (909) 399-5488 for info.

## SATURDAY 11/12

• Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, 1798 N. Garey Ave., will host a free drive-thru flu and **COVID-19 vaccination clinic** in its northwest parking lot from 8 a.m. to noon. The public is asked to enter off Willow Street. For information visit [pvhmc.org/flu](http://pvhmc.org/flu) or call (909) 865-9500.

• The Pomona Valley Genealogical Society hosts its free **monthly meeting** at 2 p.m. over Zoom. This month's presentation is "10 databases you didn't know were on Ancestry.com," led by author and researcher Gena Philibert-Ortega. For Zoom access, send a request to [raulncal@aol.com](mailto:raulncal@aol.com).

• The public is invited to attend the free **Pomona Art Walk** at the Pomona Arts Colony, near 100 W. Second St., from 5 to 9 p.m. A community market in the Shaun Diamond Plaza, on the corner of west Second and Thomas streets, is held where attendees can purchase crafts, jewelry, candles, clothing, food and more. For information visit [downtownpomona.org](http://downtownpomona.org).

## SUNDAY 11/13



• California Botanic Garden, 1500 N. College Ave., Claremont, will host its free **water wise community festival** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the garden is free for the day. Attendees will enjoy live music, garden tours, workshops, food trucks, raffles, a discussion panel on the drought impacts on California's native plants and conservation efforts, and more. Learn more at [calbg.org](http://calbg.org) or by calling (909) 625-8767.

• **Polyhedra** play 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).

• The **Pomona College Band** will perform a free and open to the public

concert beginning at 3 p.m. in Bridges Hall of Music, 150 E. Fourth St., Claremont. Doors open 30 minutes prior. The show will feature Viet Cuong, William P. Latham, Alex Shapiro, and others. Program information is at [pomona.edu/events](http://pomona.edu/events).

## MONDAY 11/14

• The Claremont Senior Program helps seniors understand Apple computers with its free **Mac user group** from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont. The drop-in group is open to all and covers topics such as Apple apps, hardware, troubleshooting and more. For details call (909) 399-5488.

• The Shakespeare Club of Pomona Valley's president Lanore Pearlman will hold a free and in-person talk, "**To be or not to Be: A Study of Three Versions of Shakespeare's Most Famous Soliloquy**," beginning at 2 p.m. in the Joslyn Center's Oak Dining Room, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont. For more details call (909) 717-1109 or email [lucylynch@aol.com](mailto:lucylynch@aol.com).

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- Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave., hosts part one of a three-part free and open to the public series on **Indigenous and Native peoples** beginning at 7 p.m. in its sanctuary. Local Indigenous and Native peoples will guide attendees on a tour through the primordial origins of Southern California. For event details visit [claremontpres.org](https://claremontpres.org).

- The Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band and the Bescoby family present "**Giving Thanks To Our Veterans**," a free 7:30 p.m. community concert at Gardiner W. Spring Auditorium, 1250 N. Euclid Ave., Ontario, on the campus of Chaffey High School. The concert will celebrate past and present veterans. For more information visit [showband.net](https://showband.net).

## TUESDAY 11/15

- Seniors are welcome to participate in the Joslyn Center's final free **journaling nature course**, held at 660 N.

Mountain Ave., Claremont, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Learn to write nature entries, apply scientific data and simple drawing techniques to log the great outdoors. Pre-registration is required at [anc.apm.activecommunities.com](https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com). Call (909) 399-5488 with any questions.



- Celebrate family caregiver month with a free and open to the public **fall cider social** from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at AgingNext's Memory Care Center, 763 W. Harrison Ave., Claremont. Cider and snacks will be served, and live music programmed by Claremont Music Scene will be provided. Learn more at [agingnext.org](https://agingnext.org).

- The public is invited to the council chamber, 225 W. Second St., at 7 p.m. to attend the second **Claremont Planning Commission** meeting of the month. Agendas are posted online and at city hall the Thursday before the meeting. Visit [ci.claremont.ca.us](https://ci.claremont.ca.us) for meeting details or Zoom info.

- Join Scripps College Professor Wendy Cheng for a free 7 p.m. conversation with **Pulitzer Prize and Edgar Award-winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen** at Garrison Theater, 241 E. 10th St., Claremont. Pre-registration is required at [scrippscollege.edu/events](https://scrippscollege.edu/events).

## WEDNESDAY 11/16

- On the third Wednesday of the month, the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont, hosts a free 9:45 a.m. **writing workshop**. Writers offer responses to each other on elements such as organization, plot, setting, character development, point of view, and overall effectiveness. Call (909) 399-5488 to join.

- At noon, the Claremont Chamber of Commerce will host a **lunch and learn** session in its board room, 205 Yale Ave., Claremont. This week's topic is "managing work stress with CBD." The meeting is free for chamber members. Non-members are \$15. Register at [business.claremontchamber.org/events](https://business.claremontchamber.org/events).

- The **monthly senior food bank**, hosted by the Claremont Senior Program and Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, resumes distribution in Larkin Park, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The program provides a free food kit once a month to L.A. County seniors 60 and older who meet income guidelines. Identification with date of birth is required for food pickup. For details call (323) 234-3030.

- Scripps College students will teach seniors how to **journal and scrapbook** during a free 4 to 5 p.m. craft and socializing event at the Joslyn Center's Weinberger Wing, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont. Participants are welcome to bring their scrapbooking materials. Pre-registration is required at [anc.apm.activecommunities.com](https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com).

## THURSDAY 11/17

- Claremont McKenna College's Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum's free and open to the public speaker series continues with "**Post Roe: Practicing Medicine Under Abortion Bans**," a 6:45 p.m. program from Lori Freedman, a sociologist and bioethicist at the

University of California, San Francisco. The Ath is at 385 E. Eighth St., Claremont. Details on this and other talks are available at [cmc.edu/athenaeum](https://cmc.edu/athenaeum) or by calling (909) 621-8244.

- The public is invited to the second **Claremont Unified School District Board of Education** meeting of the month. Regular meetings at the district office, 170 W. San Jose Ave., begin with a closed session at 6:30 p.m. and are followed by the public portion, usually about 7 p.m., unless otherwise indicated. Click [cusd.claremont.edu/board](https://cusd.claremont.edu/board) to view the agenda and other information, or call (909) 398-0609.

- All are invited to welcome the **arrival of Santa Claus** at the center court of Montclair Place, 5060 N. Montclair Plaza Ln. Santa will arrive promptly at 5 p.m. and attendees can take photos with him until 7 p.m. For event details visit [montclairplace.com](https://montclairplace.com).

## FRIDAY 11/18

- The Claremont Senior Computer Club hosts its free **technology assistance lab** from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont. The course is open to seniors who need help with their laptops, tablets, phone, or other devices. Computers for public use will also be available. Visit [ci.claremont.ca.us](https://ci.claremont.ca.us) for details.

- The Benton Museum of Art's assistant curator of collections Solomon Salim Moore hosts **Salon Series**, a free and public monthly gathering at the museum, 120 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, at 4:15 p.m. Guests will be treated to an **examination of selections from the Benton's vaults**. November's Salon Series will consider humans relationship to the non-human world by looking at works depicting Homo sapiens foraging and harvesting. For more info visit [pomona.edu/museum](https://pomona.edu/museum).

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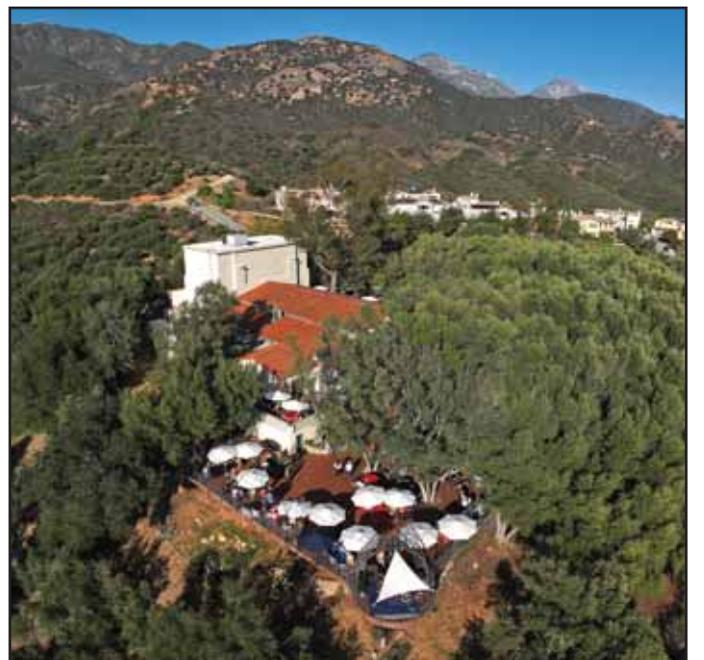
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## Festive fun at the 18th annual Padua Hills Art Fiesta

**O**n a picture-perfect day, Padua Hills Theatre was an ideal location for Art Fiesta, which raised more than \$5,000 for the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art on Sunday, November 6. About 1,100 people enjoyed some of Claremont's finest artists and musicians, activities, local craft beer, wine, and food.

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Above: An aerial view of Padua Hills Theatre during Sunday's Art Fiesta hosted by the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art.

Left: Claremont Wilderness Park provides the background as Corona's Savannah Fox tries her hand at creating clay pottery with The Clay Yard's Lenny Saavedra at Art Fiesta on Sunday.



OUR TOWN

## Webb names new assistant head of schools

**A**fter a national search, last week The Webb Schools named alumni Michael Hoe as assistant head of schools effective July 2023.

Hoe will oversee daily operations, including academics, faculty, residential life, student advising, student activities, athletics, and student discipline at The Webb Schools, which encompass Webb School of California, Vivian Webb School, and the Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology.

Hoe graduated from Webb in 2004 and earned a bachelor's degree in neuroscience from Brown University. He later earned his Master of Education from Harvard University. Over the last 15 years, he served in multiple roles at Noble and Greenough School in Massachusetts.

He returned to Webb in 2019 and served as director of studies. In addition to administrative duties, Hoe teaches in Webb's science department and has held secondary roles in residential life and the student advising

program. He is a fellow in the National Association of Independent Schools' aspiring school heads program.

Theresa Smith, Webb's seventh head of schools said Hoe is a "talented educator and administrator whose deep affection for the Webb community is palpable."

"I'm really honored to be selected," Hoe said in a statement. "I hope to continue to make Webb proud."

More info is at [webb.org](http://webb.org).

## Drive-thru Covid/flu shot clinic at PVHMC

**O**n Saturday, November 12, Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, 1798 N. Garey Ave., will host a free drive-thru flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinic in its northwest parking lot from 8 a.m. to noon. The public is asked to enter off Willow Street.

Flu shots will be offered to anyone 6 months and older while those 5 years or older will be eligible to receive the new Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 bivalent booster. Attendees cannot be exhibiting any symptoms of respiratory illness, such as a fever, runny nose, cough, etc.

For clinic information, visit [pvhmc.org/flu](http://pvhmc.org/flu) or call (909) 865-9500.

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# Art and Bodega brings good vibes to Packing House

by Andrew Alonzo

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The Claremont Packing House recently welcomed a tiny new tenant that is a throwback of sorts: the 48-square-foot kiosk Art and Bodega.

The reimagined newsstand concept is the creation of graphic designer and Upland resident Rebecca Ustrell, who's also the founder and creative director of the nonprofit publishing group, Curious Publishing. She along with her husband, store manager Sam Signer, hold down the fort Wednesday through Sunday.

From the outside it looks like an average newsstand one might see in a large, metropolitan city. One step inside and it's not much different. Ustrell says call it whatever you want.

"Our store is called Art and Bodega because we have art and we have convenience items," she said. "We say 'newsstand' more as like a feeling that you get from a newsstand."

The kiosk has knick-knacks, tchotchkes, art and printed material like the COURIER and Curious Publishing's quarterly magazine, and novelty and specialty packaged snack and drink items. Speaking to the food aspect, Ustrell said it's recession-proof business 101.

"People will always buy soda at a low price point," she said. "We'll always sell something when we're open. Obviously it's scary to think that you'd open a stand and go, 'Oh, I hope someone buys art today.' In reality ... that isn't something I felt like I could rely on because it's niche — it's an art magazine mostly geared toward millennials and Gen Z, not for everyone."

Signer said the decision to open in Claremont wasn't really based on location. However, he recognizes Claremont is the gateway between Los Angeles County and the Inland Empire and said, "It's actually a pretty nifty location to have something like this."

In early 2021, Ustrell registered on a waitlist for a vendor's stall on the first floor of the Packing House, normally where historic artifacts and artwork is displayed. After a year and half wait, she got the important call offering her a familiar space.

"This one used to house my friend's project, Node Plant House. So just plants but our magazine was in there," she said. "We've kind of always been in here for the last year or so."



Rebecca Ustrell and Sam Signer talk about their latest venture, Art and Bodega, located at the Claremont Packing House. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

Between 2015 and 2018, Ustrell was the volunteer event coordinator for the Village Marketing group. A routine part of her job was scheduling and placing artists who'd be exhibiting their work in the Packing House.

"I have a lot of history in the Packing House so it's kind of interesting to me that I'm opening a stall here," she said.

The kiosk is an extension of Curious Publishing, an artist-focused nonprofit widely known for its quarterly magazine Curious, which is available at the kiosk. The name for both the magazine and nonprofit are derived from an early 2018 pop-up gallery event hosted by Ustrell at the Garner House in Claremont titled "Curious Pleasures."

"I like the word curious," she said. "It's nice and round. I think it encompasses the look of the magazine and all of the weirdness that goes into local arts."

With a background in web layout and print design, Ustrell pieced together the first edition of Curious magazine for a pop-up event in September 2018. It was supposed to be a one-off guide for a show featuring Ustrell, her friends, and other artists. It was themed millennial pink and was a hit with the hundreds that attended, who started asking about the next issue.

Ustrell quickly drew up a new logo, called out to artists and asked if they would be interested in having their work published, and the second Curious, titled "Revenge," was issued three months later in December 2018.

"Looking through my old magazines, I found an old magazine that had the title revenge, and I was like, 'That could conjure up some feelings,'" Ustrell said.

During the second show, Ustrell was approached by a representative of The Arts Area, a fiscal sponsorship and nonprofit financing group. The conversation turned to the rep asking Ustrell if she'd like to be the company's "guinea pig" and sign on as one of the first start-ups they'd offer services risk-free.

"It felt right," Ustrell said. "I thought about it and then I signed on as their first project so that's how we get our nonprofit status."

About a year and-a-half after starting Curious Publishing, Ustrell began getting inquiries from inde-

pendent artists looking to publish their work in a printed medium.

"Now that's half the business: publishing other people's work in the form of books, print collections, small zines, newspapers, kind of whatever format they're into," she said of the project's growing influence over the past four years.

Ustrell laid out a few of Curious Publishing's short- and long-term goals. She hopes to one day own her own publishing house but that's years down the line. A short-term goal has already been realized thanks in part to the new kiosk: reaching more aspiring local artists.

"We meet a new collaborator at least three times a week," Ustrell said. "There's always someone coming of age that has that fire burning in them where they have this project where they just need a little inspiration and access to realize it."

"The demand of young artists to see themselves inked on a print medium is something that's here. There's definitely a tangible aspect that you cannot replicate from having your art printed out and handed to someone, in their hand."

"That's the hope: that we continue to get people to see themselves in our publication and also be part of the voice that we're trying to amplify. We're really trying to boost people of color. That's number one. Now we have that criteria in our bylaws and mission statement that we represent primarily Inland Empire and Los Angeles [Black, Indigenous, people of color], queer, and women artists. We got to do at least 80 percent of that or else we're not hitting our mission."

For artists interested in connecting with Curious Publishing, visit [curiouspublishing.org](http://curiouspublishing.org).

The Art and Bodega kiosk is located on the southern side on the first floor of the Claremont Packing House, 532 W. First Street. It's open Wednesday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5:30 to 9 p.m.

On Saturday, November 12, the space will hold its first poetry night, "A Night of Tenderness," from 7 to 9 p.m. For information and updates on the kiosk, visit its Instagram page by searching "artandbodega."

"We hope to do more micro events, micro art moments in our space and maximize the square-footage as much as we can to get people to just be aware of what we're doing here," Ustrell said, "and just kind of create its own little artsy, reading, coffee biome."



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# High school sports roundup: November 11, 2022

by Andrew Alonzo  
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## CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL

### Boys water polo

On Thursday, November 3, Claremont sunk Chaparral, 18-8, at home in the second round of the Division III CIF-Southern Section Boys' water polo tournament. The team started the tournament with a first-round bye.

But, the boys' season came to an abrupt close in the quarterfinal round against Irvine on Saturday, November 5 when they lost 17-11 to the Vaqueros. CIF-SS brackets are updated at cifss.org.

### Football

On Saturday, November 5, Claremont defeated Hart on the road, 29-26, in the first round of the Division VII CIF-Southern Section football tournament.

Senior running back Nathan Giles had another postseason night to remember, with three touchdowns while rushing for 176 yards on just six carries. Senior linebacker Zack Leeper intercepted a Hart pass and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown. A replay of last Saturday's playoff action is available at youtube.com, search "Claremont High School athletics."

The win improves CHS's overall record to 8-2 ahead of this Friday's November 11 second round clash at home against May-

fair. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. CIF brackets are updated at cifss.org.

### Boys and girls cross-country

Results from the Friday, November 4 Palomares League Finals meet at Ayala Park: the varsity boys team placed third and will advance to the Division II CIF-Southern Section Prelims on Saturday, November 12 at Mt. San Antonio College. Junior Andrew Lee finished highest for the Wolfpack, placing seventh with a time of 15:32.6.

The girls team cruised to a first-place finish to bring home the Palomares League title. Junior Denise Jie Yi Chen set a new course record of 17:00.2 and was named league MVP for the third year in a row. Wolfpack runners took the top three spots in the girls race with Denise leading the way, followed by junior Alexa Gossett with a time of 17:50.3, and finally freshman Isla Bulmer with at 17:51.8. The girls team advanced to the Division II CIF-SS Prelims and will race this Saturday, November 12.

Full results from the Palomares League meet are posted at athletic.net, search "Claremont." To view who picked up all-league honors for CHS, visit claremontathletics.com.

Go to finishedresults.com/meets/3843 to view results from CIF-SS prelim action.

### Girls golf

On Thursday, November 3, junior Kristina Xu competed in the CIF Indi-



Claremont High girls varsity cross country team captain Denise Jie Yi Chen set a new course record at Ayala Park on Friday, November 4 during the Palomares League three-mile final. The junior finished in 17:00.02, besting her own previous course record by 10 seconds. Denise was also named league MVP for the third year in a row. Photo/courtesy of Chris Ramirez

vidual Finals at Western Hills Country Club where she finished eighth out of the top 72 high school golfers from across the CIF-Southern Section. Xu shot a two over par 74, which was enough to qualify her for the SoCal Individual Girl's Golf Finals. The Thursday, November 10 match at the Brookside Country Club was played after press time.

### Girls tennis

Last Wednesday, November 2, the team hosted Santa Barbara in the first round of the Division I CIF-Southern Section Girls team tennis tournament and lost, 10-8.

Senior singles player Sydney La and doubles teams of junior Camila Fernandez and sophomore Delia Vargas, and senior Angelina Alkhouri and junior Kaili Hernandez will compete in the Division I CIF-Southern Section Individual tournament on Monday, November 21.

ter polo tournament, and fell 23-5, ending its 2022 season. CIF-SS brackets are updated at cifss.org.

### Girls tennis

On Thursday, November 3, the Gauls beat La Quinta, 13-5, at home in the first round of the Division IV CIF-Southern Section team championships. Webb then welcomed Chaffey in the second round on Friday, November 4 and scored another win, 13-5. The team traveled to Mark Keppel for quarterfinal action on Wednesday, November 9, but fell, 16-2. CIF-SS brackets update at cifss.org.

Freshman singles player Anna Park and sophomore doubles duo Jasmine Beseth and Saira Bhagat will compete in the Division V CIF-Southern Section individual tournament on Monday, November 21.

### Boys and girls cross-country

The boys team qualified for the Division V CIF-Southern Section Cross-Country Prelims and will race at 9:26 a.m. Friday, November 11 at Mt. San Antonio College. Only freshman Nicole Samson advanced on the girls side. She will race as an individual runner at the prelims beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday.



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Residents interested in taking a more active role in the City's decision-making process are encouraged to apply for appointment to a board or committee. Currently, applications are being sought for appointment to the Sustainability Committee.

The Sustainability Committee was established to provide broad oversight of the Sustainable City Plan by reviewing annual grade cards and making recommendations on the scope and timing of future updates to the Plan.

Persons interested in being considered for appointment to the Sustainability Committee are encouraged to file an application with the City Clerk before Monday, November 28. Applications will continue to be accepted, but those submitted by the deadline will be guaranteed an interview with the Council Ad Hoc Selection Committee.

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

## THE WEBB SCHOOLS

### Boys water polo

On Wednesday, November 2, Webb hosted Muir in the first round of the Division VI CIF-Southern Section Boys' wa-

## OUR TOWN

### PVGS to explore Ancestry.com resources

The Pomona Valley Genealogical Society hosts its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 12 over Zoom.

This month's presentation will be "10 databases you didn't know were on Ancestry.com," led by author and researcher Gena Philibert-Ortega.

While it's known census data, city directories, and the World War I draft registration are available on Ancestry.com, Philibert-Ortega wants to inform the public about the

platform's little-known databases which include images, digitized books, and indexes.

"There are hidden treasures in ancestry for those who know how to find them. We will explore searching on ancestry to uncover the lesser known databases, and we'll look at 10 specific ones for your research," the events description read.

PVGS meetings are free and open to the public. For Zoom access, send an email request to raulncal@aol.com.

# New coach energizes CHS boys water polo team

by Andrew Alonzo  
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The success achieved within a team's season can be attributed to numerous factors. But if there's one reason why the Claremont High School boys' water polo team had a standout 2022 campaign, it was thanks in part to the program's new head coach: Gary Cheever.

On January 7, 2022, CHS announced then varsity boys coach Robert Green had stepped down after just one season. In came Cheever, the Wolfpack's girls water polo coach at the time, to fill the vacant opening for the upcoming 2022 season.

Last season under interim coach Green, the boys program placed fourth in the Palomares League, made it to the second round of the Division III CIF-Southern Section playoffs, and finished with a 15-11 overall record.

A tough act to follow, but Cheever built on the foundation.

In his first season, Cheever guided the boys to a Palomares League runner-up spot — losing 17-10 at [Division I opposition] Alta Loma High School on October 26 — and back to the Division III playoffs. Unfortunately, the team lost to Irvine High School, 17-11, in the quarterfinals on November 5 despite a first-round bye and high hopes of reaching the finals. Although the team had fewer games scheduled under Cheever, the team's overall record improved to an outstanding 19-4.

When any team is able to jump two league spots, finish a round higher in CIF playoffs and dramatically improve their overall, it begs the question: what exactly has been the secret sauce?

Cheever said he didn't overhaul the program, since the team he inherited from Green already contained lots of talent.

"They've been playing together for a long time. They have a lot of team chemistry," Cheever said. "They really just needed someone to just push them."

And push them he has according to senior center Wyatt Brandt, who said Cheever has instilled the team with a newfound work ethic, numerous conditioning sets and sound structure.

"We saw the drastic change instantly from having Cheever versus Rob [Green]. With the implementation of coach Cheever, I feel like we've become a lot more focused," Brandt said.

"Right off the bat our offense was a lot more structured, before it was a lot of like solo ball last year," said captain and senior attacker Davin Castillo. "Our players didn't know where to be. [Cheever's] really implemented structure into our offensive as well as the de-



Claremont High School boys water polo coach Gary Cheever instructing his players during a home game against Bonita in October. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo.

fense too and knowing our roles as players."

Cheever said the most difficult parts about being the program's first year coach was learning the team's personnel, their strengths, and how to "plug them into areas of the game where they'd be successful." He added getting them to realize their potential was another difficult factor, but he seems to have been successful, given the results.

"We're very, very talented on the offensive side," Cheever said. "If you look at our scores, they're usually pretty high scoring. Luckily, we have a very talented goalie in Aaron Alvarado, so anytime we make mistakes he's there to save us a majority of the time. The biggest thing we struggle with is the defensive side of the ball. But our defense has gotten better as the season's been progressing."

This past spring, Cheever filled in as CHS's head swim coach and got to know a few of the boys from the water polo team who came out to participate.

"During swim season I got a chance to see how competitive they are competing in a sport they are not as passionate about as water polo," he said. "So, I knew going in that they're going to be very competitive and play hard."

Before taking over the boys program, Cheever built a winning reputation with the Wolfpack's girls team. In his last seven years with the team, he brought home back-to-back Palomares League titles in 2018 and 2019 and guided the team to the



Claremont High School boys water polo senior center Wyatt Brandt during a practice earlier this season. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

semifinals of the CIF-Southern Section Division III and IV tournaments in 2017 and 2018.

"We've had four league MVPs from our [girls] program the last four years," Cheever added. "Several of the girls went on to play [Division I], D-II and D-III ball."

Asked if it's been difficult to replicate his success with the girls team with the boys, Cheever said it's been nothing like that.

"I think we're right where we want to be," he said describing the boy's program.

Following the boy's season — which occurs in the fall — Cheever will return to the pool as the girl's water polo coach in the winter. He said when CHS fans and water polo spectators come out to either team's matches, they'll be treated to hard

fought games.

In fall of 2021 before taking the CHS job, Cheever was coaching the boys team over at Diamond Bar High School. He remembers after a playoff game last year being pelted by questions from all asking if he was going to switch allegiances to Claremont. His kept his answer secret until the announcement earlier this year.

That January 7 post from CHS athletic director Mike Collins read, "During his thirteen years of coaching water polo [Cheever] has coached in four CIF finals games and won eight league championship teams. In 2014 Coach Cheever was named CIF-SS Coach of the Year. In 2018 he was named Inland Area Water Polo Coach of the Year."

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## Residential reminders: city holiday event, motel ordinance, CPD's 'No-Shave November'

### Holiday promenade

The city's annual holiday promenade and tree lighting ceremony will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, December 2 at the Claremont Depot. The tree lighting ceremony happens at 6 p.m.

Village businesses will double as cheer stops during the event, providing treats and deals to attendees. Maps listing all participating locations will be available at city hall and at the city's booth near the Depot.

This year's performers include Dynamite Dawson, Carly Moultrie, the Claremont High School band and holiday carolers. Santa Claus will make a special appearance outside city hall and parents are encouraged to bring a camera to take photos of little ones.

For details call (909) 399-5490.

### Motel ordinance meeting

At 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, Claremont residents are invited to a special listening session in the Alexander Hughes Community Center's Padua Room, 1700 Danbury Rd., Claremont, that will focus on the city's proposed motel ordinance.

No decision regarding the proposed ordinance will be made at the meeting. Instead, this is an open forum for citi-

zens to ask questions and elicit feedback on the ordinance. City staff are currently gathering data for the ordinance and will present it next year at a joint police and planning commission meeting.

A Zoom link will be provided so the public can watch the meeting live, and a recording will be made available on the city's website. Online spectators will not be able to comment live during the session. If you are unable to attend but still want to ask a question or provide feedback, email the assistant to the city manager Katie Wand, at [kwand@ci.claremont.ca.us](mailto:kwand@ci.claremont.ca.us).

More information on the ordinance and the listening session can be found at [ci.claremont.ca.us/living/hotel-motel-ordinance](http://ci.claremont.ca.us/living/hotel-motel-ordinance).

### Claremont PD participate in No-Shave November

This November, Claremont police department officers and staff are letting their hair grow out to raise cancer awareness. CPD is partnering with No-Shave November, a web-based organization that raises funds for cancer-fighting organizations, to raise over \$2,000 for the cause. To support CPD's team, donate at [no-shave.org/team/claremont-pd](http://no-shave.org/team/claremont-pd).



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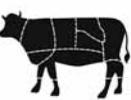
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# Audrey Allen

Beloved great-grandmother, family-focused matriarch

Audrey Allen, 91, died on October 30.

Audrey was born May 8, 1931, to Betty (nee Nutt) and Walter Walker in La Jolla, California. The family moved to Glendora when she was a teenager and she graduated from Citrus Union High School in 1948. She had happy memories of being a member of the glee club at Citrus, and attended many school reunions and maintained friendships from those days.

After graduating, she married H.D. Allen, first living in Glendora and then Claremont, where they raised their much-loved children John, Gary, Stephanie, David, Eden Dee, and Leigh

Anne. She loved spending time with her family and hosted many of the biannual reunions with her brothers and sisters and their families, Ross (Jeanne), Christine (Dan), Graham (Donna), and Jeanne (Steve).

After retiring she and H moved to Palm Springs, a place dear to her heart, where they regularly welcomed family and friends, most especially their beloved grandchildren, Alex, Claudia, Kasey, Torrie Haley, Chris, and Marc. She was also a proud great-grandmother of 13. She was a fantastic mother-in-law and friend to Jeanne (John), Eddie (Stephanie), Anne (Dave), and Joe (Leigh Anne).

“As her husband H would often say, ‘Audrey has never met a stranger,’” her family shared. “Her warm charm and outgoing personality were bestowed on all in her circle. She was a beauty queen as a young woman and remained beautiful throughout her life. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. We know she has now joined H, the love of her life, and Eden Dee, and we wish them peace and love together.”

She was preceded in death by her husband H; daughter Eden Dee; brother Ross; and brother-in-law Dan.

“Audrey never did care for any fuss,” her family said. Per her wishes there will be no services.



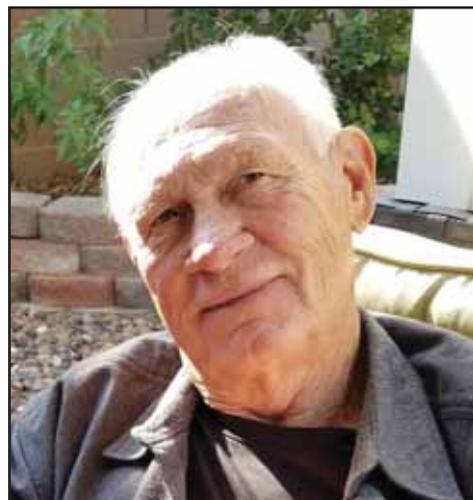
# Lan Stewart Farley

‘Renaissance man in the rough’

Stewart (also known as Lan or Lanny) Farley was a Renaissance man who left this world on October 5. Stewart’s last retreat was his own chosen version of desert solitaire: a night sky full of beautiful stars and surrounded by nature. “His suffering has ended, and for that, his loved ones are grateful,” his family shared.

He was born in Worland, Wyoming on February 10, 1940, to Bob Farley and Jeanette Dawson Farley. He started life on a homestead farm near Manderson, Wyoming, and progressed to the small town of Basin, Wyoming. Much of his childhood included exploring the Big Horn Mountains while riding his palomino, Blondie.

Stewart attended Westmont College in Santa Barbara and Claremont Graduate University, where he earned his master’s degree in teaching. In 1993 he earned his Ph.D. in training and learning technologies from the University of New Mexico.



He was a devoted and creative teacher, and later served as an education administrator. Stewart worked in education for most of his career, and his commitment to youth was a contribution that positively impacted numerous lives.

Stewart’s talents were used in many

ways. He opened a restaurant/bed and breakfast, launched a solar and construction business, started a school, and created video productions for the Eight Northern Pueblos in New Mexico, among other careers. He raced motorcycles, flew small planes, restored cars, built homes, collected tools, created fabulous meals, and cultivated beautiful vegetable and flower gardens.

Not just a man of action, but also a true intellectual, Stewart always sought knowledge and deeper meaning in life. He enjoyed thoughtful discussions in the hot tub both day and night. He also particularly loved mountain and desert camping with his longtime partner, Paula McGee, and their dog, Atti.

“Stewart was known for his initiative (there was nothing he couldn’t start!), his versatility (he was good at nearly everything he tried), and his breadth of knowledge,” his family shared. “He had in-

credible luck, both in smaller matters like finding parking spots, and in much larger daredevil pursuits. His antics were legendary. Those who knew him well have many stories to tell!

“Perhaps Stewart will be best remembered for his incredible generosity and soothing hugs. He reached out a helping hand to those he cared about, and he gave deeply of himself. His love and sense of adventure were a gift to this world, and he will be greatly missed.”

Stewart is survived by his partner, Paula McGee; ex-wife Elisabeth (Merriam) Farley; daughter Alicia Johnston and family; and sister, Janis Smith.

Several celebrations of life will be held in Stewart’s honor by his closest family members. If you wish to celebrate him too, please listen to his favorite piece of music: Samuel Barber’s Adagio for Strings, and consider supporting his chosen nonprofit organization, Compassion & Choices, at [compassionandchoices.org](http://compassionandchoices.org).

# John William “Bloomie” Blumenfeld

Grandfather, U.S. Army veteran, ‘force to be reckoned with’

John William “Bloomie” Blumenfeld died November 17, 2021, in Bullhead City, Arizona, with his wife Patricia at his bedside. He was 64 years old.

John grew up in Claremont and attended Sycamore Elementary, El Roble Intermediate, and Claremont High schools. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in South Korea, where he trained military service canines.

He later worked in construction, held a commercial driver’s license and hazmat certificate, and drove and worked

with hazardous materials.

He loved nature, art, all genres of music, and classical literature.

“He was brilliant, charismatic, artistic, as well as intense, complicated and had a unique sense of humor,” his family shared. “He was a force to be reckoned with. John had many obstacles in life to overcome. You did it John! We love and miss you.”

He is survived by his wife Patricia; mother Joan; uncle Rudy; sister Connie; his adult children, Michael, Christin, and Rebecca; nephew Aaron; niece Alexis; and several grandchildren.

For more information, call or text his sister Connie at (909) 754-4815.



## SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### Patricia Margaret (Miller) Hampton

A celebration of life for Patricia Margaret (Miller) Hampton, who died June 15, 2021, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 12 at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 435 N. Berkeley Ave., Claremont.

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# Dr. John H. Mertens

Longtime Claremont dentist, loving husband, father

**D**r. John Mertens, a longtime Claremont resident, died peacefully on Monday, October 17, surrounded by family. He was 81.

John was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 29, 1941, the oldest of two children, to Armand and Marion Mertens. He spent his very happy childhood exploring the neighborhoods of Detroit, often with his best friend of 70 years, Doug Francis. His family moved to California in 1959, and he graduated from Chaffey High School that same year.

He met and married Mary Ann Hutchison after a brief engagement at Claremont United Church of Christ on July 6, 1963. The couple moved to Detroit that same summer, where he completed dental school.

In 1969 the couple settled in Claremont, where he set up a thriving dental practice. Before retiring in 2015, he was a valuable

member of the community. He often volunteered his time tending to the dental needs of many, including providing free dental care to skilled nursing patients at Pilgrim Place and dental screenings to all second and fifth grade students in Claremont.

He enjoyed playing golf and as a longtime member of Red Hill Country Club, he and his wife assisted in the organization of various charitable golf tournaments over the years. He also won several tournaments himself. He lived his life to the fullest and enjoyed many friendships across all areas of his life. He was also a huge classic Hollywood film buff and amassed a very large collection of autographs and movie memorabilia. Family was his first priority, and every aspect of his life was devoted to his family and helping others.

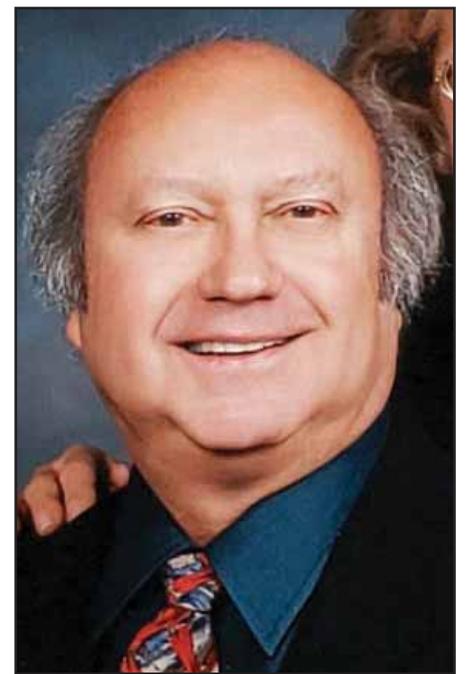
“Ultimately, enjoying life was John’s

passion,” his family shared. “While his dental career helped fulfill a need to serve his community, he worked to live. Always happy, and always inviting friends to join the fun, John enjoyed his time on the golf course and his favorite restaurants, often with friends and family along for the ride.”

**H**e is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and Chris Mandzok and Melissa and Sean Bird; and by grandchildren, Emma Bird, Anne Bird, Cyril Mandzok, Lillian Mandzok, and Xavi Mandzok.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 18 at Claremont United Church of Christ, 233 Harrison Ave.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to any organization that serves veterans.



## OUR TOWN

### Grammy winning CPP prof holds benefit concert for Ukraine

**G**rammy award winner and Cal Poly Pomona professor Nadia Shpachenko — who was born in Ukraine — will perform a free 8 p.m. benefit concert featuring music from her latest album, “Invasion: Music and Art for Ukraine,” Tuesday, November 15 at Cal Poly Pomona Recital Hall, 3801 W. Temple Ave, Pomona.

Shpachenko, born in Kharkiv, Ukraine, will be selling her music and merchandise at the event, with all proceeds benefitting those affected by the war in her homeland.

Shpachenko turned to music as way to deal with the horrors of watching Russian forces invade Ukraine on February 24, she said. The title track of her

new record, “Invasion,” is “the response of Shpachenko’s longtime collaborator Lewis Spratlan’s to the tragic war,” a news release read.

For more information about “Invasion,” visit [referencerecordings.com](http://referencerecordings.com).

Shpachenko won a Grammy in 2020 for best classical compendium for her album “The Poetry of Places.” She was

previously nominated for the 58th Grammy Awards for her debut Reference Recordings CD “Woman at the New Piano: American Music of 2013” in the best classical compendium and best chamber music/small ensemble performance categories.

### City releases second version of housing element

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at 15 units per acre and the final quarter at 30 units per acre, for a total of 137 residences. As indicated above, this is merely a proposed concept and not an actual site plan.

In an email to Nik Hlady, senior planner with the City of Claremont, resident Bob Gerecke raises concerns about the

proposed 40-unit per acre density along Indian Hill Boulevard and Arrow Highway within the Village South Specific Plan area.

“Wouldn’t there have to be very small units and no parking to accommodate 40 units/acre? What size would those units have to be? And where would residents

park? Where would visitors park, since there is no parking along Indian Hill or Arrow in that area?” he asked.

Gerecke also raised concerns about too many high-density sites adjacent to the Village harming the commercial success of the area through over-development.

“Our Village’s strong card is ambience.

If we lose it, the Village will decline; this will be a financial and social disaster for Claremont,” he said.

City Manager Adam Pirrie said it will be next year by the time the planning commission gets a look at the document and sometime after that it will be in the hands of the council.

### Cannabis tax measure skates to easy victory

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Even without marijuana businesses in Claremont, the new levy will still generate as much as \$160,000 annually by taxing deliveries from outside our borders. According to City Manager Adam Pirrie, the city would hire a company such as HdL to inform dispensaries in the area to begin collecting the tax on deliveries headed to Claremont.

In anticipation of voters approving recreational use of marijuana, the City Council authorized an ordinance in October 2016 prohibiting commercial cannabis operations, including retail dispensaries, cultivation, and manufacturing facilities, as well as delivery services within the city.

“Proposition 64 stipulated that if a city did not enact local cannabis commercial licensing restrictions or a ban

by January 1, 2018, commercial cannabis businesses could operate with a valid state license,” read a city staff report from March. “Therefore, until local regulations and interests could be analyzed and identified for implementation, the City of Claremont adopted ordinances to regulate the personal use and cultivation of cannabis and restrict commercial cannabis activities in the city.”

**T**he city contracted with HdL to conduct two virtual workshops and circulate an online survey to gauge public support for allowing cannabis businesses to operate here, as well as how that commerce should be regulated and how the sales should be taxed.

Approximately 50 people attended the workshops and expressed mostly favorable opinions about allowing cannabis retail stores in Claremont, according to a staff report. It was not entirely a green light, however, as attendees shared concerns about social equity, public safety, and locations of future retail outlets.

The 48-question survey revealed strong support for both medicinal and recreational use of marijuana, but less support for allowing commercial cannabis businesses to operate in Claremont.

Divided into business types, retail garnered the strongest support with 57.7% of respondents expressing support for storefront retailers for medicinal marijuana, 55% for adult recre-

ational retail and 61% for delivery-only services.

Although the public gave tepid approval to allowing cannabis businesses in Claremont, the idea of taxing marijuana commerce was very popular with 90.2% either strongly or somewhat supporting taxing retailers.

In March the council approved a resolution for city staff to develop a comprehensive plan for a regulatory policy with a wide range of options, from allowing only delivery services to approving a wide range of commercial businesses.

Sometime in the next few months the City Council is expected to consider allowing cannabis businesses to open in Claremont.



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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2022240254

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) TRITON SEAFOOD MARKET 776 W. 10th St., Claremont, CA 91711, Los Angeles County. Registrant(s): Trevor Grant, 776 W. 10th St., Claremont, CA 91711. This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

/s/ Trevor Grant. Title: Owner

This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/03/22. NOTICE- In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five (5) years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit Of Identity Form. 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: November 11, 18, 25 and December 2, 2022

Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and address of the Seller/Licensee are: SJ PARK CORPORATION, 672 FAIRPLEX DR, POMONA, CA 91768 The business is known as: ACE MARKET The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: D&C MART INC., 672 FAIRPLEX DR, POMONA, CA 91768 As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE The

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

/s/ Jaso Sanchez. Title: Owner

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.)  
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assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEAHEOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE AND ABC LICENSE and are located at: 672 FAIRPLEX DR, POMONA, CA 91768 The type of license and license no. to be transferred is/are: OFF-SALE BEER AND WINE, 20-597944, now issued for the premises located at: 672 FAIRPLEX DR, POMONA, CA 91768 The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is DECEMBER 16, 2022 at the office of: FIRST HAVEN ESCROW, INC., 6301 BEACH BLVD., SUITE 204 BUENA PARK, CA 90621 The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is \$80,000.00, the sum of \$445,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CHECK \$445,000.00; TOTAL \$445,000.00 It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. DATED: NOVEMBER 2, 2022 SELLERS: SJ PARK CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, BUYERS: D&C MART INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION 1264723-PP CLAREMONT COURIER 11/11/22

### NOTICE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 525 W Arrow Hwy, Claremont Ca, 91711 November 29, 2022 at 11:30am. Crystal Torres - Bikes, Plastic bins, TV, Bags, Totes, Boxes, Kids toys. 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. CN991109 11-29-2022 Nov 11, 18, 2022

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2022242282

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) CLAREMONT BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU 2.) CLAREMONT BJJ 3.) CLAREMONT BJJ ACADEMY 1420 N. Claremont Blvd 200E, Claremont, CA 91711, Los Angeles County. Registrant(s): Jaso Sanchez, 1420 N. Claremont Blvd 200E, Claremont, CA 91711. This business is conducted by an Individual.

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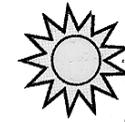


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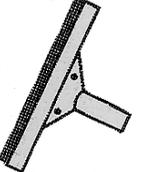
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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: Extra Space Storage at 919 W. Gladstone St., San Dimas, CA, 91773, on November 29, 2022 at 12:00 PM. Naomi Morfin: Queen mattress, full size mattress, less than 10 boxes, books, toys, clothes; Ed Villarreal: Couches, Boxes; Jazmin Saavedra: Household Items; Bronda Hall: small house items and boxes; Katherine Smith: Furniture, boxes, sewing; Mike Horn: Personal Items; Alan Gongora: Sofa, dressers, kitchen table, boxes of household goods. 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. CN991437 11-29-2022 Nov 11,18, 2022

#### NOTICE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: Extra Space Storage at 919 W. Gladstone St., San Dimas, CA, 91773, on November 29, 2022 at 12:00 PM. Naomi Morfin: Queen mattress, full size mattress, less than 10 boxes, books, toys, clothes; Ed Villarreal: Couches, Boxes; Jazmin Saavedra: Household Items; Bronda Hall: small house items and boxes; Katherine Smith: Furniture, boxes, sewing; Mike Horn: Personal Items; Alan Gongora: Sofa, dressers, kitchen table, boxes of household goods. 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. CN991437 11-29-2022 Nov 11,18, 2022

#### NOTICE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 601 Ridgeway Street, Pomona, CA 91768, November 29, 2022 at 10:00am. Maria Anaya- Tools clothes and other boxes; Serene Shahin- tent, chairs, misc items; Aidda Alvarado- Boxes, clothing; Osmond Hao- Home goods, Garage Items; Mary Ellen Ahumada- household products and tools; Diane Dowell- household items, dresser, misc items; Jesus De Luna- muebles, sofa, cajones, fridge; Katherine Ramirez- Personal Items and Home goods; Chellie Campos- apt items, bed, storage bins, misc items; Darnell Loggins- bedroom items; Michel Montfort- Household Goods; Cherisse Smith- House hold be-longings; Philip George- personal belongings, misc items; Tamie Gonzalez- households large furniture, some appliances, boxes. 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. CN991429 11-29-2022 Nov 11,18, 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: 775 S. Mills Ave, Claremont Ca, 91711 November 30, 2022 12:15 PM. Marc Alexander Balestrieri, Description of Goods: Mattress, books, boxes, personal papers, chairs, wall art, pictures, lamps, suitcases, small furniture. Anthony Villarreal, Description of Goods: Water machine, computer screen, small fridge, small music box, couch set, mattress, small ice chest, bed frame, misc. 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. CN991589 11-30-2022 Nov 11,18, 2022

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terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Bert Munoz a single man Duly Appointed Trustee: Prestige Default Services, LLC Recorded 10/11/2006 as Instrument No. 062259346 The subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded as Instrument 20220368380 and recorded on 04/04/2022, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 12/1/2022 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: behind fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$313,540.89 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 2239 Calle De Plata San Dimas California 91773 A.P.N.: 8448-060-016 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a

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### CALIMESA

Beautiful single-story home at the end of a cul-de-sac. Low maintenance yard. Living room with fireplace and high ceilings, dining room and kitchen share natural light. In addition to the master bedroom and master bathroom there are 3 bedrooms and 1 more bathroom. Many update. Backyard includes a covered patio, built-in outdoor kitchen, grass yard & lots of fruit and citrus trees. Outbuilding that could be storage or a playhouse. Room for RV parking. Solar panels. Close to everything! \$1,290,000. (V173)



### COVINA

Gorgeous home boasts two living rooms, each with fireplace, upgraded kitchen, elegant dining room, three large bedrooms, and 3.5 bathrooms. New windows, doors and flooring. Huge backyard plus a large gated dog run. The .42-acre lot has plenty of room to entertain, build an ADU, or add a pool to your private oasis. Detached 2-car garage and room for RV parking. Close to Via Verde Golf Course, Walnut Creek Trails, Raging Waters, Puddingstone Lake/Bonelli Park, Cal Poly Pomona and Mt. San Antonio College. \$1,288,000. (C21025)



### FOR LEASE

### CLAREMONT

Excellent opportunity to rent in Claremont Historical Village in a charming Craftsman home. Remodeled one bedroom and full bathroom apartment with additional two small rooms for offices, storage. Separate entrance & upstairs Granny Flat. Walk to Claremont Colleges and Claremont Village. Owner will pay for water, trash, and electrical utility. Community laundry in the back shared by all. All appliances will be provided, new refrigerator and oven range. Please call and make your appointment. \$2,050/month. (T135)



### FOR LEASE

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### FOR LEASE

### CLAREMONT

Rent in Claremont Historical Village! Home built in 2022. Brand new place with open floor plan. Two bedrooms and two bathrooms, all new appliances included, including washer and dryer. Porcelain wood tile, quartz countertops throughout the home. Two-door entry and plenty of storage. One block away from the Claremont Colleges and close to Claremont Village. Walking distance to the Claremont Village, Claremont Colleges, public transportation, restaurants, grocery stores, public schools and more! \$3,600/mo. (T125)



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### CLAREMONT

Great Opportunity to establish a Restaurant on a busy Street in the City of Claremont (previously the Shushi Maru). The property has been improved over last couple years with a new AC system, a new roof and painting. The parking lot will be resurfaced in the coming weeks. Generous parking for 30plus cars. This property may also be suitable for other types of businesses subject to City approval. \$5,458 (F962)



### CLAREMONT

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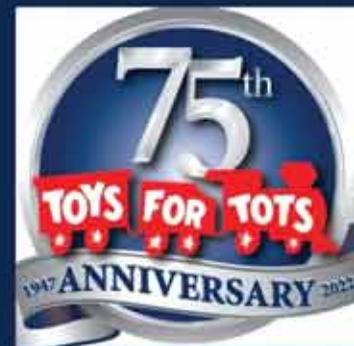


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