

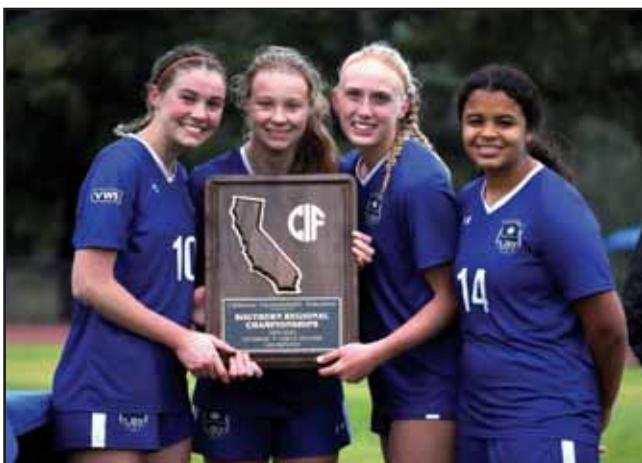


## All I want for Christmas...

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Samara Radilla peeks at the Barbie doll her daughter Nevaeh chose as a Christmas gift during KidCare International's annual holiday party and toy giveaway at Granite Creek Church on December 20. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

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Webb's 2021-22 Division V CIF-Southern Section championship team included (L to R) senior forward Taren Duffy, junior midfielder Taylor Crawford, junior forward Abbey Cook, and defender Reece Ollivierre. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

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### Eight nights of light

Rabbi Sholom Harlig with Chabad of the Inland Empire lights Claremont's official menorah during a Chanukah festival at city hall on Wednesday. In addition to lighting the 9-and-a-half-foot tall menorah, the festival included music, latkes, donuts, holiday crafts, dreidels and Chanukah gifts for children. COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff

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## Is there more to the Llanusa story?

On December 10, then Claremont Unified School District Board of Education President Steven Llanusa bowed to intense pressure from the public and his colleagues on the school board and resigned.

This followed a week of strong reaction to reports that underage members of the Claremont High School Choir, whom Llanusa hired to perform at his annual party at his Claraboya home on December 3, were in the same room with a group of shirtless male entertainers whom he had also hired to work the event. Some of the kids at the party also said they were offered alcohol by adults at the party.

Claremont police are investigating this incident. This column is not about whether or not something illegal happened at the party. That's up to the police and the district attorney to decide. This is about the public's reaction to the allegations, and how some of the rhetoric uncovered an ugly bias that was only amplified as the story gained traction.

The quantity and quality of the discourse surrounding this incident over the past two weeks has been tragically illuminating. As COURIER editor, I'm in charge of monitoring our socials to be sure there's no hate speech, extreme profanity, personal attacks, etc. Over the past six months I've hidden one or two comments.

By December 10 on one Llanusa thread alone I'd hidden a half dozen. By December 12, it was about a dozen. The reason? Some commenters were comparing shirtless men and some ill-advised looseness with monitoring alcohol with "pedophilia," and "grooming," a particularly abhorrent and relatively new homophobic trope.



### Going There

by Mick Rhodes

Some Facebook users said Llanusa should register as a sex offender. Another said he *should be castrated*.

Really?

I heard a comment at the December 9 school board meeting that exposure to the shirtless men at the party constituted "sexualizing" the kids in attendance. Really? The truth is every kid with a smartphone — which is most of them — has 24-hour access to most every imaginable form of sexual content. It's also fair to assume most all of us have taken our families for a day at the beach. Using the logic that seeing shirtless men in short pants sexualizes underage children, wouldn't the typical summer scenery at any Southern California beach have the same effect?

Could the difference be the shirtless men at the party were hired by a gay man, and the sexual preferences of the buff dudes at the beach are unknown and therefore not bothersome to homophobes?

I also wonder if the vicious public reaction would have been the same if underage kids had been at a party where a straight man had hired scantily clad buxom young

women to serve appetizers and pose for photos. Would that party host have been publicly vilified in the same graphically hateful manner?

It's a fraught time. We have all manner of movements mobilizing in America to right many historic wrongs, and for that I am grateful. "Boys will be boys," and "It's always been that way," do not fly in 2022, thankfully. But the flipside of all this healthy reexamination has been the occasional overcorrection. Sometimes we are so intent on making things right we push too far in the other direction, and people are hurt.

This, I fear, may be one of those instances.

Steven Llanusa and I are not friends. We have had our professional differences. I know from personal experience he can be spiteful and vain. But who among us, in our worst moments, isn't similarly flawed? I sure am. All this to say I think Steven is a good and decent man, and I felt no joy watching this unfold over the past two weeks.

Again, this matter is under investigation, and criminal charges may be filed. Police say the investigation will likely take months. If the DA believes a crime was committed, and a jury agrees, we will definitely report on it.

But if no charges are filed, and it turns out this man's career and reputation have been permanently besmirched, in part due to homophobic hysteria, then shame on us.

It'll soon be 2023. We're Californians. As such we have long been at the vanguard of recognizing and codifying the safety, rights, and equal protection of our LGBTQ neighbors.

We should do better.

## Interact Club makes huge impact supporting local organizations



### MY SIDE of the Line

by Peter Weinberger

Anyone raising money for a nonprofit will tell you it's a labor intensive, detail oriented, and sometimes personal effort that requires help from a community of supporters. Knowing this, Rotary International came up with one of the great win-win ideas for their clubs worldwide.

Interact Clubs were established in 1962 to bring together young people 12-18 to develop leadership skills, while discovering the importance of community service. Since that time, thousands of city school Interact Clubs have become an important part how Rotary serves others.

In Claremont, students are so proactive Interact Clubs are sprouting up at several schools, with clubs at Claremont High, El Roble and Webb. They each have a teacher and Rotary liaison to help set goals and give input during the school year. For CHS, the Rotary Club of Claremont liaison is Bridget Healy, and the teacher is David Sawhill. Claremont Rotary donates \$500 a year to CHS, mostly for T-shirts; if they need anything else, the students figure it out.

Make no mistake, the students run the show, decide what projects to join, meet on a weekly basis, have officers from president to treasurer, and include freshman and sophomores to develop future officers. Cur-



Members of the Claremont High School Interact Club are honored for their work at the Bill's Bikes for Kids Giveaway event at Claremont Presbyterian Church on December 17. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger

rently at CHS there are more than 90 members. It's the largest club at the school. Senior Melina Tisopulos — who did a wonderful job for us as a COURIER intern reporter earlier this year — is the president. Each member is asked to donate 50 hours a year, with seniors being honored when that number reaches 200. And it doesn't even stop there, as some students have surpassed 600 hours of service during their time at CHS.

Take a moment to think about the needs they fill. Claremont Rotary's Taste of Claremont event is the key yearly fundraiser for the club. Last year more than 800 people joined the fun. And it takes an enormous amount of preparation to get ready. Hundreds of

chairs and tables are placed, dozens of food vendors need set up help, hundreds of glasses are set up and handed out, and the list continues. "We could not do some of our big activities without their help," Healy mentioned.

Have a food drive? Interactors help make it happen, receiving and organizing the donations for Inland Valley Hope Partners, set up Scare and Drive Away Hunger decorations for a haunted house fundraiser, stuffed Shelter Boxes for shipping to countries hard hit by natural disasters, raised money for Price-

less Pets, Shoes That Fit and volunteered at the Children's Immigrant Center at the Fairplex. Even the COURIER receives Interact help, as the club sells subscriptions at the weekly Farmer's and Artisan's Market, and we split the proceeds with the club. The list of organizations Interact helps in Claremont continues to grow each year.

On December 17, Claremont Rotary sponsored its annual Bill's Bikes for Kids Giveaway — the story and photos are inside today's paper and website — with the help of the Interact Clubs. And after seeing the smiles of those kids after being handed a new bike — by an interactor — makes it easy to see how the act of giving can inspire us to help others.

# Architectural commission approves South Village plans

by Steven Felschundneff  
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The architectural commission gave mostly high praise to a newly redesigned plan for the South Village development, which is good news because the city is rapidly running out of its allotment of public hearings.

During its December 14 meeting the commission heard presentations from city planning staff, the developer, and several architects, with the goal of finalizing a plan for the proposed transit oriented development to be built under the guidelines of the Village South Specific Plan.

At the end of a three-hour meeting, the commission did just that by voting unanimously to approve the project design and site plans, authorizing the Village South Specific Plan master development permit and finding the approval to be within the scope of the existing environmental impact report. This included the direction that no basis existed for further environmental review.

"This project is very much consistent with the city's general plan, the Village South Specific Plan and the design guidelines that we have in the plan as well as the design criteria that we judge projects by," Principal Planner Chris Veirs said.

"I like this final design, I like how everything interacts it feels very eclectic, which is Claremont," vice chair Lisa Castillo said. "I think that it has all been captured really well for such a huge project."

South Village had an initial design review by the architectural commission in three phases earlier in the year. The project also came before the planning commission last month for the approval of the tract maps, a parking reduction plan, and an agreement to abandon a portion of Santa Fe Street which will be relocated into the development.

A group called Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility has appealed the planning commission's approval, saying it violates the California Environmental Quality Act by failing to "identify, consider and mitigate the environmental impacts" of the project. A letter from attorney Brian Flynn with Lozeau Drury LLP, which represents the group, cited energy and air quality impacts as well as "unavoidable impacts to historical structures" as its reason for the appeal, and requested an additional environmental impact report. Flynn did not respond to a request for comment.

The organization, which goes by the acronym SAFER, has filed similar appeals throughout the region, including one to stop the approval of a 108-unit building in downtown Long Beach. The group's opposition to that development offered similar reasons to those provided in Flynn's letter, that the project needed further environmental review. The Claremont City Council will consider the group's appeal at its January 10 meeting.



This architectural rendering shows the historic Vortox building reinvented as a public marketplace as part of the South Village development. COURIER photo/courtesy of the Olin Studio

The group is funded entirely by the Southern California District Council of Laborers, a "chartered district council" for local construction unions.

The appeal effectively nixed one of Claremont's public hearings on South Village, which means the city is in danger of reaching its limit of such meetings under Senate Bill 330, which caps the number of public hearings to just five, among other provisions.

According to Veirs, the developer submitted the project under two separate SB 330 applications, one for Phase 1 and a second for Phases 2 and 3. Phase 1 has been included in three hearings to date and has two additional anticipated hearings, the appeal and a tentative map approval at the City Council.

"Since these items will be heard at a single council meeting, it appears the Phase 1 application can be completed in four meetings," Veirs said.

For Phases 2 and 3, the architectural commission preliminary review was broken into two hearings, adding one additional meeting to the tally, but will still be under the five meeting limit as required by state law.

South Village is the first development proposed under the Village South Specific Plan, a zoning and planning document that provides guidelines for the redevelopment of underutilized land south and west of the existing Village. If built, South Village will be much larger, and with greater density, than anything ever constructed in Claremont.

As proposed, South Village would create five new blocks and two new streets on 12.4 acres. It includes 705 new residential units made up of 581 apartments, 101 flat style condominiums, 23 townhomes and up to 24 flex spaces which could be used for retail or residential. There would be 144,417

square feet of commercial space including 57,478 square feet for retail, 53,239 for restaurants and 33,700 for offices. A total of 1,293 parking spaces will be built, including 1,168 in structures, 125 on the street and 170 auxiliary spaces at Keck Graduate Institute used for overflow during the busiest times. There will be a 10,000-square-foot public plaza and a 10,000-square-foot park.

The buildings are undeniably massive, particularly at the northwest corner where two structures will be five stories tall. To break up the perceived massing of the buildings, the designers have proposed a series of paseos and courtyards as well as varying the building height, which scales down to two stories as it approaches Indian Hill Boulevard.

Even with the scaling and courtyards, the architectural commission agreed during its preliminary review last spring that the buildings still appeared too massive, particularly along Bucknell Avenue, and requested changes to break up the visual monotony.

The commission gave overall high praise for the comprehensive landscaping plan for South Village, which is intended to replicate the feel of the Village. Overall, the plan is to provide a seamless transition from the existing commercial areas into the new development.

Jerry Tessier with Arteco Partners presented his firm's plan for "adaptive reuse" of the historic Spanish style Vortox building, which will become a public marketplace.

Tessier also addressed the fate of Building B, a mixed use structure with office space on the top floors that occupies a rather prominent location on the northwest corner of New Santa Fe Street and Indian Hill. Even as the rest of the development nears the point of breaking ground,

Arteco has yet to submit plans for Building B.

Tessier said his firm is working on a design plan, but the current office space market is weak and it cannot simply build residential units instead because the specific plan requires South Village to include 25,000 sq. ft. of office space. Tessier could not commit to a construction timeline but said he planned to have a design ready in the next year.

"We have to design a quality building that we can also afford to build, and that has been the challenge," Tessier said. "And we didn't want to put forth something that we couldn't come through on."

Later in the meeting, chair John Neuber expressed his concerns that there would be a big empty lot where Building B is supposed to be.

"The last thing I want is after we approve something like this, should we approve it tonight, is for somebody to keep asking me about that blank piece of land down there like the one across from the packing house in the west Village. Which I get questions twice a week on that thing," Neuber said.

Veirs said his understanding was that Arteco had an architect and was working on a plan. He cautioned the commission to give the process time. He also said that they could not simply switch to residential without having to do an environmental review.

The commissioners did include an amendment on their approval that planning staff continue to work with Moule and Polyzoides, designers of blocks F and E, over the use of color, which some commissioners found to be too bright, and others deemed to be too repetitive. Ironically, the first design for those blocks was criticized by the commission because it lacked color.

## School board hopes to appoint Llanusa successor by Feb. 2

by Mick Rhodes  
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The Claremont Unified School District Board of Education voted unanimously December 15 to appoint a successor to its former president Steven Llanusa, who resigned December 10.

The new board member will likely be sworn in February 2.

Applications for the vacant Trustee Area 4 seat are available at the district website, [cusd.claremont.edu](http://cusd.claremont.edu). Completed applications must be submitted to CUSD Superintendent Jim Elsasser's office by 3 p.m. Friday, January 13.

The decision at the board's regular meeting on December 15 followed a head spinning two weeks in which Llanusa, a 17-year member of the CUSD Board, stepped down after mounting pressure from the public and a de facto vote of no confidence from his colleagues on the board. The fall stemmed from perceived impropriety at Llanusa's December 3 holiday party at which shirtless adult male entertainers were present alongside underage members of the Claremont High School Choir.

The school board, which also reorganized at the December 15 meeting, naming Kathy Archer president, Bob Fass vice president, Elsasser treasurer, and Kathryn Dunn clerk, had two options to choose from in filling the vacant seat: a special



Claremont Unified School District Board of Education members (L-R) Kathryn Dunn, Richard O'Neill, Bob Fass and Kathy Archer voted December 15 to appoint a replacement for former President Steven Llanusa, who resigned December 10. COURIER photos/Matt Weinberger

election, or an appointment. The former would cost the district between \$200,000 and \$250,000, Elsasser said, because the filing period for Los Angeles County's March 2023 election has passed, and CUSD would therefore have to foot the bill for a stand-alone special election.

"Therefore, after careful consideration of options, fiscal implications, and timelines, it is recommended that the board take action to follow a provisional ap-

pointment procedure ... to fill the vacancy for the first two years of the four-year term," Elsasser said.

The board agreed, voting unanimously to approve the recommendation to form a subcommittee made up of President Archer, Vice President Fass, and Elsasser to vet the applicants. Applicants must be 18 years old, registered to vote in Claremont, and have their primary residence within the boundaries of Trustee Area 4.

The board subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, January 17 to review the applications, and the CUSD Board of Education will hold a special meeting to conduct interviews in open session at 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 18.

Every eligible candidate will be brought to the entire board to be interviewed, Elsasser said.

"If the board makes an appointment after interviews that same evening, it is anticipated that the new board member would be sworn in and seated at the February 2 regularly scheduled board of education meeting," Elsasser said.

The appointee will be up for reelection in December 2024, as will Archer and Fass.

Several members of the public who addressed the board recommended it appoint Aaron Peterson to the vacant seat. Peterson was a close runner up to Llanusa in the November 8 election, winning 1,644 votes to Llanusa's 1,960.

But, the provisional appointment process is not that simple.

"To the best of my knowledge, we have to go through this process of hearing from qualified candidates and interviewing them in order to select a candidate, but not simply appoint one candidate based on a former election result," Fass said. "We have to go through a process of hearing from all our community members in order to give everyone a fair chance."

### OUR TOWN

## Rotary bike giveaway spreads the love of giving

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In what has become a seasonal labor of love for the Rotary Club of Claremont, more than 30 bicycles were given away Saturday to local kids in need during a special event at Claremont Presbyterian Church.

Now known as Bill's Bikes for Kids Giveaway, each year before Christmas, Claremont Rotary purchases the unassembled bikes, helmets and other items for bike care. Each kit costs about \$150. Volunteers from the Claremont High School and El Roble Interact clubs assembled the bikes the week prior to the big handout on December 17.



Mountain View Elementary third-grader Eveylyn Baltazar-Santamaria, 9, tried to focus and stay calm as she trained to ride and take care of her new bicycle. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger



First-grader Abigail Insaurralde, 6, from Vista de Valle Elementary School, was able to get on and ride her first bicycle quite easily, but getting off proved to be a little more challenging. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger

The giveaway event includes a master of ceremonies, plenty of corny knock-knock jokes, food and drink, a bike safety presentation, and more. With CUSD Board of Education and Claremont City Council members in attendance, each student is called to the stage to receive their bike as the audience applauds.

For many recipients, it was their first time on a bicycle, and it showed as they

slowly and carefully made their maiden rides with a family member guiding them. It was clearly a rite of passage for many of these families.

The good vibes were palpable as the event unfolded, both for the families who received new bicycles, and for the Rotarians and Interact members who worked hard to make the giveaway a reality.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

By Steven Felschundneff

**Monday, December 12**

Security at Claremont Toyota, 601 Auto Center Dr., called the Claremont Police Department at 8:15 p.m. because two men were on the sales lot checking for open vehicles. When officers arrived, they located two people walking east on Auto Center Drive and made contact with them near Super King Market. A records check revealed that one of the men, Altadena resident Maxence Labbe, 40, had a felony warrant from Pasadena for auto theft with a \$100,000 bail, as well as a no-bail parole violation warrant for burglary. During a search police reportedly found black metal knuckles in a pants pocket. He was arrested for the warrants and an additional misdemeanor charge of possession of brass knuckles and transported to the Claremont jail where he was booked. The second man was released at the scene. Labbe was issued a citation for the knuckles and transported to West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga on the parole violation.

**Tuesday, December 13**

Officers responded to the AM/PM Arco station, 701 E. Foothill Blvd., at 12:24 a.m. after receiving a call about a man who had reportedly slapped an employee. When police arrived, they located Tony Martinez, 25, of Chino Hills near the gas pumps and detained him. The victim told police that Martinez attempted to follow him into an employee only area of the station and when the victim told Martinez to leave, they began to argue. Martinez allegedly then shoved the victim, who told police he was not injured but still wanted Martinez arrested. During a records check police learned that Martinez was on parole for a previous criminal threats conviction. He was arrested on the battery charge and transported to the Claremont jail. Police contacted the state pa-

role department, which put Martinez on a parole hold. He was issued a citation on the misdemeanor battery charge and transported to West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga.

Staff at the Joslyn Senior Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., called police at 3:45 p.m. about a known unhoused man who was being aggressive with employees and was in violation of previous order to stay away from the location. Officers found the man in front of the center, and a records check confirmed he had been told several times not to return to the location because of aggressive behavior. The man admitted knowing he was not supposed to be there but went anyway because he wanted to get groceries from the free food program at the Joslyn. He was arrested, transported to the CPD jail, booked, and released with a misdemeanor trespassing citation.

**Friday, December 16**

At 12:25 p.m. officers conducted a welfare check at the now vacant Greyhound Bus Station, 888 S. Indian Hill Blvd., at the request of the property owner. There police talked to three people, including Pomona residents Sergio Huerta, 31, and Romelia Madriz, 45. A records check showed Huerta had two outstanding misdemeanor warrants, one for battery in Pomona with a \$40,000 bail and one in San Bernardino for possession of controlled substance and paraphernalia with a \$225,000 bail. Madriz had four misdemeanor warrants, one in Pomona for battery with a \$40,000 bail, two Rancho Cucamonga warrants for driving without a license, carrying a \$65,000 bail, and another for possession of controlled substance with a \$75,000 bail. The third person was released at the scene. Huerta and Madriz were transported to the CPD jail, booked, and later issued citations for their warrants.

Between 7 p.m. Friday and 1 a.m. Saturday, Claremont police conducted a DUI and license checkpoint at 735 E.

Foothill Blvd., which was funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety. Police saw 644 drivers, screened seven with sobriety tests, made three DUI arrests, issued one citation to an unlicensed driver, and cited another for driving on suspended license due to a previous DUI conviction. At 9:36 p.m. a 2016 burgundy Honda Accord stopped at the checkpoint and police said they could smell marijuana smoke in the car. Police escorted Claremont resident Anthony Rodriguez, 21, to a secondary area and conducted a field sobriety test. They said the results showed he was driving under the influence of cannabis, and he was arrested. At 10:40 p.m. Claremont resident Daelan Moreno, 27, drove a white 2014 Nissan Versa into the checkpoint and officers reported smelling a strong odor of alcohol. Moreno allegedly said he was returning from a holiday party where he had three to four beers. Police said he failed a field sobriety test and was arrested for DUI. At 11:39 p.m. a red 2009 Dodge Ram truck driven by Rocklin resident Joseph Elsafadi, 29, pulled into the checkpoint. Officers said they could smell the distinct odor of marijuana and a secondary test allegedly revealed he was under the influence, resulting in his arrest for DUI. As driving under the influence of drugs has become more prevalent, a CPD officer who has completed a two-week course to become a drug intoxication recognition expert has been assisting in identifying drivers who are driving under the influences of substances other than alcohol.

An officer on patrol at 8:12 p.m. spotted a black 2016 Mercedes C Class sedan at Foothill Boulevard at Towne Avenue, with a paper advertisement for Surf City Nissan instead of a rear license plate. The officer conducted a traffic stop and questioned Los Angeles resident Shawn Lee, 34, who only had a California identification card. A records check showed Lee had three previous license suspensions, the oldest

of which took place in May 2010. The check also showed he had a no-bail parole warrant for robbery. Police asked Lee to exit the vehicle, at which point he allegedly put his hand between the front seat and the center console and attempted to retrieve something. The officer then ordered Lee out of car. During a parole search of the vehicle, police allegedly found a loaded 9 mm semiautomatic Glock style handgun between the seat and the console where Lee had placed his hand. The gun had no serial number, known as a "ghost gun" because it cannot be traced. Police also reported finding a full face mask, gloves, two-way radios and three large empty duffle bags which are consistent with smash-and-grab robberies. Lee was arrested for being a felon in possession of a gun and ammunition, a felony, as well as misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. He was transported to the CPD jail, booked, and issued a citation on the misdemeanor charge. A further records check allegedly showed multiple felony robbery charges, and Lee was jailed on the no-bail parole warrant and held in front of a December 20 appearance in Pomona Superior Court.

**Saturday, December 17**

After the DUI checkpoint ended, an officer riding home on his department-issued motorcycle at 1:18 a.m. saw a gray 2004 Ford F-150 heading south on Indian Hill Boulevard just below Arrow Highway. The officer said the truck collided with the median twice, and he subsequently pulled over Roger Sardina, 57, of Rancho Cucamonga and reported smelling a strong odor of alcohol. Additional officers responded to complete the investigation and conducted field sobriety tests, including a breath sample which allegedly showed Sardina was at over twice the legal limit to drive. He was arrested for misdemeanor DUI, transported to the CPD jail, booked, held for detoxification, and released with citation to appear in court.

## OUR TOWN

**Residential reminders: holiday trees, alfresco survey, outdoor heater codes****Easy tree cleanup**

The city's holiday tree recycling program will begin January 2 and conclude January 12. Residents can place trees at the curb by 6 a.m. on a regular collection day. All ornaments, lights, tinsel, stands, etc. must be removed prior to pick up, and trees over 6-foot tall must be cut in half.

Flocked trees are not recyclable and should be cut up and placed in black containers.

For more information, call the community services department at (909) 399-5431.

**Future of alfresco**

In early 2022, the Claremont City Council extended the temporary outdoor dining program Claremont Al Fresco until February 28, 2023. The program was put in place during Covid-related indoor dining restrictions.

In January, city staff will attempt to "gather input a potential permanent outdoor dining parklet program," via an online community survey that will be emailed to those on Claremont's business license list. The survey will also be available at ci.claremont.ca.us.

Results will be presented at the Feb-

ruary 14 City Council meeting. Although not confirmed, it is also likely the council will hold a vote to approve a permanent outdoor dining program during the meeting.

Questions may be emailed to kwand@ci.claremont.ca.us, or call (909) 399-5454 for more info.

**Outdoor heater use**

As winter begins and cooler weather sets in, businesses are reminded to comply with Los Angeles County Fire Codes when using and storing portable outdoor gas heaters.

Los Angeles County Fire Code requires outdoor gas heaters not be used under or within 5 feet of a canopy or shade structure and must be placed at least 5 feet from a building. Heaters should also be disconnected from tanks when stored indoors or under shade structures. Lastly, liquid propane tanks may never be stored inside businesses.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department will conduct inspections over the next few weeks to ensure businesses are operating in compliance with the codes. For more info, call (909) 626-7351.

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**Remembering Joe Lyons****Dear editor:**

To paraphrase Shakespeare, "the good that Joe did will live after him." Joe Lyons believed in social justice. As colleagues on the Claremont City Council, we knew where Joe stood on issues. He did not play political games. While sometimes we had different approaches to solving problems, Joe was not afraid to state his preference without being disagreeable.

I will remember Joe as a man who cared about his fellow citizens, especially those who were less fortunate. May he rest in peace.

I send sincere condolences to his family.

**Opanyi Nasiali  
Claremont**

*Opanyi Nasiali was a Claremont City Council member from 2011 to 2019, and served as mayor from 2013 to 2014 and 2018 to 2019.*

**Best of luck to MWD's first Latino chairman****Dear editor:**

On December 12 the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California finalized the election of a new chairman of its board of directors: Adán Ortega of the San Fernando Valley. He becomes the first Latino to hold the position in the district's 94-year history.

Ortega's appointment has been well received at the Sierra Club, which promoted him as a pro-environmental candidate who consistently rallied for underserved

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communities. The Sierra Club also acknowledged the contributions made by outgoing MWD Chair Gloria Gray as the first woman of color in that position, saying she was "an inspiration for many little children like her," on its website.

The general public has been out of the loop on many problematic issues facing MWD. Ratepayers are only familiar with drought proclamations, employee lawsuits, selective promoting to department heads, discrimination, and a culture of internal retaliation that has festered over the years. A state audit is in effect.

Ortega's new team includes the promotion of Michael Camacho of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency to a key post, and the creation of a leadership structure that includes women, Latinos, Latinas, Asians, and Black persons to diversify MWD leadership.

Best of luck to Ortega.

**John Mendoza  
Pomona****Thank you, Steven Llanusa  
Dear editor:**

It was 1980, and I was a full-time music professor at the University of La Verne, as well as conductor of the Bonita High Chamber Singers. Between

Thanksgiving and Christmas, I had four choirs and subsets of those choirs cheerfully running all over the Inland Empire, from luminarias to service club holiday gatherings, performing dozens of times, singing songs of the season. Occasionally we were fortunate enough to have some kindhearted community member hire us for a private party. That was great because it meant funding for costumes and transportation.

Often, one gig would start late or run longer, and then there would be holiday traffic going from point A to point B, so we often arrived at the last gig of the evening behind time. Rather than greeting arriving people at the door, we would pivot to serenading during their happy hour.

I don't know that this is what happened at Steven Llanusa's house, but I choose to believe that it was a timing and logistical problem, as well as a momentary failure to supervise that recently drew controversy. The degree to which people have demonized him is unfortunate because it taints his 17 years of dedicated service to our school board and community.

I've been with him in meetings, and he can be annoying, usually because when he believes in a principle, he is like a dog with a bone and won't let go. But that's also why he has added a lot to organizations over the years.

Thank you, Steven Llanusa, for your decades of service to the community.

**Janice Hoffmann  
Claremont****ADVENTURES  
IN HAIKU**

*Congrats to Ed Reece:  
With LGBTQ pride  
Claremont's new mayor*  
— **Steve Harrison**

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

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Nonprofit KidCare International has hosted the party for 20 years running, benefitting hundreds of children every year.

The evening began with a dinner for families courtesy of The Taco Man. Remarks from Granite Creek

pastor Joshua Kapchinsky, Claremont Police Chief Aaron Fate, and Mayor Ed Reece were heard prior to a bike raffle.

The gifts included thousands of items from children's books, board games, dolls, action figures, sports equipment and more. They were donated by local citizens and community groups, including from Claremont Police Department and Keeping the Good in our Neighborhood's recent toy drive, and three local Los Angeles County Fire de-

partments that participated in ABC 7's Spark of Love toy drive.

For more information visit [kidcare.org](http://kidcare.org).



Claremont Mayor Ed Reece helps Nevaeh C. Lee decide if she wants to take home a toy-sized cabinet for her shoes at KidCare International's annual holiday party and toy giveaway at Granite Creek Church on December 20. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo



Kelvin Campos, left, helps Yamileth Reyes pick out a toy at KidCare International's annual holiday party and toy giveaway at Granite Creek Church on December 20. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

**Schedule of Christmas Services**

**Saturday December 24th**  
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**Sunday December 25th**  
10:00am

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**Pitzer names alum as seventh president**

On Tuesday, December 13, Strom C. Thacker, chief academic officer at Union College in New York, was announced as Pitzer College's seventh president and will officially take office on July 1, 2023.

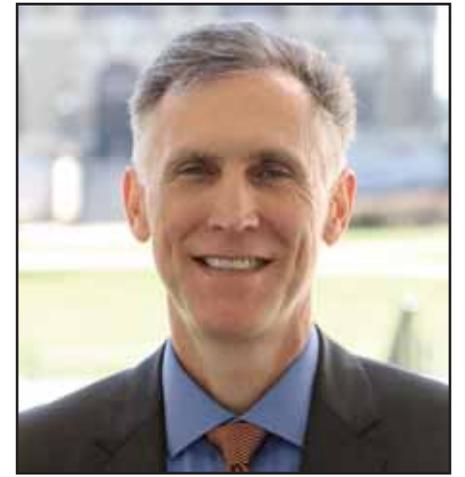
Thacker succeeds sixth president, Melvin L. Oliver, who retired in 2022 after a six-year tenure. Jill A. Klein is currently serving as interim president for the 2022-23 academic year.

Thacker previously served as dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs at Union College in Schenectady, New York.

Thacker's selection caps an eight-month search.

"Thacker graduated from Pomona College in 1988, and his selection as president marks the first time in Pitzer history that the College will be led by a graduate of a member institution of The Claremont Colleges," read a Pitzer news release.

Prior to his current work at Union College, Thacker served as Boston University's associate dean of the fac-



**Pitzer College President-Designate Strom C. Thacker.** Photo courtesy/Matt Milless

ulty and social sciences within the College of Arts and Sciences. He's also held appointments at the University of Gothenburg (Sweden), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard, Stanford, and the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México.

To learn more, visit [pitzer.edu/president/president-designate](http://pitzer.edu/president/president-designate).

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**Upland expands downtown parklets**

As part of an ongoing effort to revitalize its downtown, the Upland City Council recently approved a plan to improve four parklets to create spaces where people can congregate.

The city plans to convert existing parking spaces in center medians on Second Avenue and Ninth Street into "mini parks," which, together with improvements to walkways, it hopes will create a pedestrian friendly environment.

The parks will include bench seating, improved landscaping, trash receptacles and concrete foundations with a decorative design reminiscent of Upland's agricultural past, including either a magnolia tree or lemon motif.

"The proposed action supports the City's goal of creating additional public open space and public realm improvements in the Downtown as part of the Down-

town revitalization strategy," read a staff report. "The project encourages a pedestrian-oriented environment with the addition of public open space for patrons to enjoy the open air and outdoor environment in Downtown."

The plan was first approved in November 2021 with an estimated cost of \$180,000. The revised design approved this month will have a budget of \$471,633, which will be paid for through a combination of American Rescue Plan Act funds and a community project funding grant from U.S. Congressman Pete Aguilar.

The city contracted with Architerra Design Group to prepare the design plans. During a site visit, Architerra and city staff discussed several obstacles to the project, including making it compliant to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the existence of mature jacaranda trees.

**2023 Wilderness Park permits now available**

Claremont Hills Wilderness Park parking permits will be available at the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd., Claremont, when normal operations resume after the holidays Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The annual permits are \$140 and are valid through December 31, 2023. They may be used at the north or south parking lots with no restrictions.

The City of Claremont provides residents with up to two free parking permits

per household, which are valid only in the south parking lot near the Thompson Creek Trail entrance. Residents who wish to obtain a free permit must bring proof of residency, including a utility bill, driver's license, or lease agreement. Currently enrolled Claremont Colleges students can also qualify for a free resident permit with a valid student I.D.

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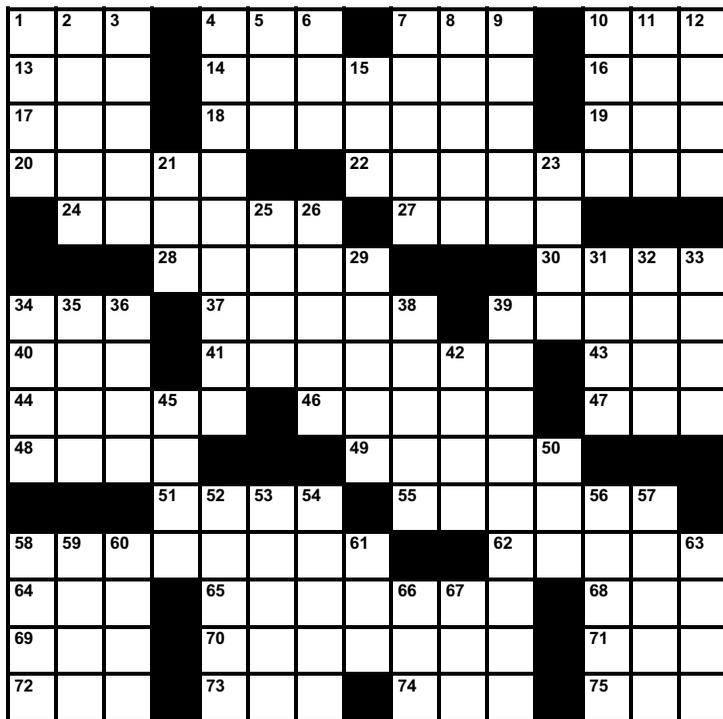
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Puzzle #705 by Myles Mellor



**Across**

- 1. Sound of relief
- 4. Tuna type
- 7. Kentucky bluegrass
- 10. Diamond arbiter, for short
- 13. Keyword improvements for a website (abbr.)
- 14. Get by
- 16. Australian jumper, for short
- 17. Storm heading, abbr.
- 18. Old knight
- 19. Bearded antelope
- 20. Boot camp reply
- 22. Jellystone Park resident
- 24. Local valley
- 27. Greenish blue
- 28. Change, as a species
- 30. Support
- 34. And so on...
- 37. Small theater in ancient Greece
- 39. Storage medium
- 40. Ice hockey org.
- 41. Kind of law
- 43. \_\_\_ Jima
- 44. Best Actor of 2000
- 46. Musical transition
- 47. Identify
- 48. Stringed toy

- 8. Missouri River tributary
- 9. Courtyards
- 10. Drive
- 11. Leonardo's subject
- 12. Rain cats and dogs
- 15. A Perfect \_\_\_, John Le Carre novel
- 21. Introduction, in a way
- 23. Ran
- 25. Nil
- 26. Copiers
- 29. Bag carrier
- 31. Moxie
- 32. Hawkeye state
- 33. Bad air
- 34. Suffix with consist
- 35. Via, briefly
- 36. Surfeit
- 38. African nation
- 39. Under-the-sink items
- 42. Subtle glow
- 45. Became frayed
- 50. Officer, abbr.
- 52. Org.
- 53. A breath in yoga
- 54. Opinion
- 56. More monstrous
- 57. Path starter

- 49. Put on the air again
- 51. Deeply engrossed
- 55. Mexican land grant that included where Claremont now stands, goes with 65 across
- 58. Mover of merchandise
- 62. John Philip \_\_\_\_\_, US bandmaster
- 64. Rest
- 65. See 55 across
- 68. Hot car
- 69. Vex
- 70. Bad movie rating
- 71. Poetic dusk
- 72. "Naughty, naughty!"
- 73. Be-bopper
- 74. Firms, abbr.
- 75. Wade's court rival

**Down**

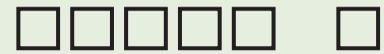
- 1. Org.
- 2. Fable maker
- 3. "In what way?"
- 4. Houston sports stadium
- 5. Lemon or peach, e.g.
- 6. Tech giant
- 7. Flyer

**HOM-O-PHUN™**

Puzzle #18 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.

GOOD EGG



WHAT YOU WAKE UP TO IN LONDON MORE OFTEN THAN NOT



**Answers to Puzzle #17**

GEOMETRIC FIGURE; WHAT CAVEMAN CARL (WHO IS GRAMMATICALLY CHALLENGED) EXCLAIMED UPON DISCOVERING HIS PARROT HAD FLOWN OFF

**POLYGON;  
"POLLY GONE!"**

**Answers to Puzzle #704**



- 58. Buttonhole, e.g.
- 59. Makes known
- 60. Stew ingredient
- 61. Bedwear, informally
- 63. Steak sauce brand
- 66. Opp. of "prescription"
- 67. Brazilian city with Paulo

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# What's happening Claremont?

BY ANDREW ALONZO

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## AAAAA 12/23

• Today is the final day to donate to Children's Foundation of America's **holiday heroes gift drive**. Donors can shop from CFA's gift list at [childrensfoundationofamerica.org](http://childrensfoundationofamerica.org) and drop gifts at collection sites in Claremont, Rancho Cucamonga, or Ontario. Visit [childrensfoundationofamerica.org](http://childrensfoundationofamerica.org) for more information and drop-off sites.



## AAAAAAA 12/24

• The **Kiwanis Club of Claremont's holiday See's Candy store**, at 191 S. Indian Hill Blvd., will close up shop for the season after being open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today. For details visit [claremontkiwanis.org](http://claremontkiwanis.org).

• A sing-along screening of "**Fiddler on the Roof**" (1971) with Temple Beth Israel cantor Paul Buch, will be held at 7 p.m. tonight, the seventh night of

Chanukah, at the Laemmle Claremont 5 Theater, 450 W. Second St. Tickets begin at \$18 at the door. For more info visit [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) and search "Laemmle Claremont."

(909) 399-5488.

• Claremont city offices will be **closed** December 26 to December 30 and will reopen for normal business hours Monday, January 2. The Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont, will remain open through the

## AAAAAAA 12/25

• **Merry Christmas from the COURIER!**



• In observance of the holiday, the **Claremont Farmer's and Artisan market** will be closed today. The market will return next Sunday, January 1, 2023.



## A AAAAA 12/26

• Senior classes at the **Joslyn Center**, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont, will shut down today and reopen Tuesday, January 3. The center will be open over the break for its senior nutrition program from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. For details call

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The application packet is available for download at [www.cusd.claremont.edu/boardvacancy](http://www.cusd.claremont.edu/boardvacancy)

**Please submit completed application by email to:**  
Superintendent@CUSD.Claremont.edu  
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Superintendent  
Claremont Unified School District  
170 W. San Jose Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711

**Deadline to submit applications:**  
Friday, January 13, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

The application becomes a public record and must be made available for public inspection and copies provided upon request in compliance with the Public Records Act (Govt. Code 6250 et seq.)

#### Eligibility:

Who is eligible to serve on a school board? School boards are nonpartisan and candidates for boards are not required to belong to a political party. In accordance with Education Code Section 35107, to be eligible as a member of the governing board of a school district, an interested party must be: 18 years of age or older; a citizen of the state, a Claremont resident residing within the boundaries of Trustee Area 4 of the Claremont Unified School District; a registered voter; and not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office.

An employee of a school district may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of that school district's governing board unless and until he or she resigns as an employee. If the employee does not resign, the employment automatically terminates upon being sworn into office.

If selected as the Provisional Appointee, Tuberculosis testing (TB) as well as a background check, including fingerprints, with the Department of Justice and FBI, will be conducted prior to taking the Oath of Office.

Interviews of qualified candidates will be held in Open Session during a Special Meeting at the District Office on January 18, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. It is expected that the successful candidate will take the seat at the February 2, 2023, board meeting pending fingerprints/DOJ criminal background check.

If further information is needed, please contact the Superintendent's Office at (909) 398-0691.

Website: [www.cusd.claremont.edu](http://www.cusd.claremont.edu)

break for its senior nutrition program. Regular classes at the Blaisdell and Joslyn centers will also resume on Monday, January 2. To view the class list, visit [ci.claremont.ca.us](http://ci.claremont.ca.us) and search "senior activities." Claremont Unified School District classes will resume classes Monday, January 9. The Claremont Colleges will be back Tuesday, January 17, and Keck Graduate Institute will begin its spring semester January 3. For more information visit [ci.claremont.ca.us](http://ci.claremont.ca.us) or [cusd.claremont.edu](http://cusd.claremont.edu).

## TUESDAY 12/27

- Inland Valley Hope Partner's Sova Program, located at 904 E. California St., Ontario, takes **donations** of non-perishable food and hygiene products from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Donors should call (909) 622-3806 before heading over to ensure someone is available to receive their donation.

## WEDNESDAY 12/28

- The Pomona Red Cross Blood, Platelet and Plasma Donation Center, 100 Red Cross Circle, hosts a blood, power red and AB plasma donation drive from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ap-

pointments can be made online at the American Red Cross website, [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). For more info call (909) 859-7070.

## THURSDAY 12/29

- Last Name Brewing, 2120 Porterfield Way, Upland, hosts rising indie band **Chase Petra and a trio of openers** at 7 p.m. The Long Beach band's debut album, "Liminal," features quarter-life-crisis pop rock tunes rooted in early 2000s pop punk and indie rock. Opening the show are Don Luxe, VERUM, and The Offtrax. Tickets are \$20 at [lastnamebrewing.com](http://lastnamebrewing.com), or \$25 at the door. This is an all-ages show.

## FRIDAY 12/30

- Build up your toddler's pre-literacy and cognitive skills with the **baby band** music class at the Claremont Helen Renwick Library, 208 N. Harvard Ave., Claremont. The course, open to newborns and baby's up to two years old, begins at 10:30 a.m. Register online at [visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/7-466792](http://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/7-466792).

- Artist **Baz Francis**, accompanied by **Hillary Burton and Andre Tusques of Honeychain**, will perform

at Ophelia Jump Productions music lounge, 2009 Porterfield Way, suite H, in Upland at 8 p.m. General admission is \$20. Attendees must be 21 or over to purchase alcohol. To buy tickets or learn more, visit [opheliasjump.org](http://opheliasjump.org).

- Roots rockers Mick Rhodes and the Hard Eight — led by COURIER editor Mick Rhodes — play a free **pre-New Year's Eve show** from 8 p.m. to midnight at the new Hi Brow Pub, 1667 N. Mountain Ave., Upland. The show is 21+. More info is at [www.mickrhodes.com](http://www.mickrhodes.com) or [www.thehibrowpub.com](http://www.thehibrowpub.com).



## SATURDAY 12/31

- **Walter's Restaurant**, 310 Yale Ave., Claremont, hosts a New Year's Eve bash from 8 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Entertainment will include a DJ, a special buffet, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts until midnight, after which just the bar will remain open. Presale

tickets are \$125, or \$150 at the door. Call (208) 946-3318 for tickets. Visit [waltersrestaurant.com](http://waltersrestaurant.com) for more details.

- **Casa 425**, 425 W. First St., Claremont, invites guests to toast the New Year with discounted room rates that include a bottle of sparkling wine. Details are at [casa425.com/toast-the-new-year](http://casa425.com/toast-the-new-year), or by calling (909) 624-2272.

- **The Canyon**, 5060 E. Montclair Plaza Ln., Unit 2020, Montclair, will ring in the New Year with live music and dancing until 2 a.m. General admission ranges from \$20 to \$36. Tickets with table reservations must purchase dinner and arrive by 7 p.m. Doors open at 10 p.m. for all other attendees. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. For more details, visit [wheremusicmeetsthesoul.com](http://wheremusicmeetsthesoul.com).

- **Kahramana Restaurant**, 345 W. Foothill Blvd., Upland, has New Year's Eve festivities beginning at 9:30 p.m. Entertainment includes performances by Ammar Alobaidi, Senan Maryoosh, Sufyan, and John Maalouf. Tickets are \$125. For reservations call (909) 932-0006.

- As we countdown to 2023 tonight, the COURIER reminds all to please **refrain from driving under the influence**. Don't start the year on the wrong foot, in the Police Blotter. Uber, Lyft or a taxi will happily get you home safe.

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# Webb girls soccer team on record win streak

by Andrew Alonzo

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When the California Inter-scholastic Federation Southern Section updates its record books in 2023, the Vivian Webb School's girls varsity soccer team will see its name appear twice: once next to its 2022 Division VI CIF-SS title, and another among the longest winning streaks of all time.

Webb is in the midst of a 28-game win streak and moved into fifth place in CIF-SS history with its most recent 3-0 win over Glendora on December 15.

Sixth year VWS varsity head coach Malick Mbengue said it's a "mind boggling" stat.

"It doesn't happen that often to even the greatest teams at any level, not just high school sports," he said. "But even professionally it's a little unheard of for any team to go that long without losing a game or even tying a game. It's an incredible achievement for the girls."

The streak began at the end of the 2020-21 campaign as the Gauls finished the year with a 3-1 win at Pacifica Christian to cap a disappointing 3-5-1 season.

The next year Webb turned red hot, going 20-0 and scooping up the San Joaquin League, Division VI CIF-SS and Division V CIF-Southern Regional titles.

The team began this season with a lopsided 10-0 shutout over Azusa on December 3, then added six more victories to get to 28 straight.

Mbengue said the team's driving force is a mix of factors.

"I think it's the desire to play and also the joy that they get from playing the game and being with each other," he said. "It's nice to be winning and to have the positive results, but winning



Standout Webb forward Abbey Cook swings in a cross during last year's 3-2 victory over Arrowhead Christian in the Division V CIF-Southern Section Regional title game. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo



Sixth year Webb Schools girls varsity soccer head coach Malick Mbengue has guided his team to a 28-game win streak, the fifth longest in CIF-Southern Section history. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

each game and play our best soccer. Ultimately, it's not about the streak because it eventually is going to end. I just think keeping our focus and taking it one game at a time, that's how you win championships. I don't want to shoot for going undefeated, I just want to shoot for the long run and getting better as a team."

After last year's two CIF-SS title wins — both 3-2 home victories over Arrowhead Christian Academy — the team jumped to Division III and as such are facing stiffer opposition this year. The team has clearly risen to the challenge, and Mbengue said it can continue winning as long as the girls keep playing with passion and focus.

"At the beginning of the season I told them, 'Let's relax. No pressure on us. We already accomplished history. Anything else that comes in will be a bonus,'" Mbengue said.

Confident in the team's abilities, Mbengue and Abbey said it's possible to repeat the success of 2021-22. The team's maturity — with seven seniors on the squad — and chemistry have only intensified over the last two seasons. Both have proven invaluable as Webb faces tougher opponents.

"It's going to be harder now that a lot of the teams know who we are and know our records," Mbengue said. "They will be preparing. I think it's going to be a lot more challenging than going under the radar the way we did last year. But it's soccer: anything can happen."

The four teams above Webb in the all-time winning streak record books are Torrance, in fourth place with a 29-game run from 1983 to 1985, Buena, with 35 from 1999-2000, Agoura, with 46 from 1987-1990, and Torrance again, with 48 from 1990 to 1992. With nine games left in the campaign before postseason play, the team could leap over Torrance and Buena if it keeps winning.

To view all CIF-SS records, visit [cif-ss.org/record-book-2](http://cif-ss.org/record-book-2).

The Gauls are currently on hiatus for the holiday break and will return to action in the new year. The team will host Providence Burbank at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, January 5 at Faculty Field, 4669 Webb Canyon Rd., Claremont.

Webb will then make the quick trip down Indian Hill Boulevard to play a nonleague match against Claremont High at 5 p.m. Saturday, January 7.

can get old if you're not enjoying it anymore, if you are not having fun with the people you are with, if you don't enjoy what you're doing.

"I think all those just come together. They love being together, they love the game, and they love playing. So, win or lose, they always enjoy being there. But winning helps."

Captain and standout senior forward Abbey Cook, who has an incredible 123 goals over three seasons and was last season's CIF-SS Division VI girls soccer player of the year, said the streak is a team achievement.

"The streak ... it's not really something we talk about as a team," Abbey said. "We honestly just stay focused on



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From December 26 to December 30, the City of Claremont will go dark for a holiday break. Claremont City Hall, 207 N. Harvard Ave., the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd., and Blaisdell Senior Center, 440 S. College Ave., will be closed during this time. Normal business hours will resume Monday, January 2, 2023.

The Joslyn Senior Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., will remain open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for its nutrition program only. Routine senior classes here and at other locations will be suspended until the new year.

The Claremont Police Department will not ticket overnight parking offenders between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Saturday, December 24, Sunday, December 25, Monday, December 26, January 1, or January 2. To request an overnight parking exemption on any other day, call CPD at (909) 399-5411.

The Youth Activity Center, 1717 N. Indian Hill Blvd., and TRACKS Activity Center, inside El Roble Intermediate School at 665 N. Mountain Ave., will be closed December 23 through January 6.

Both centers will reopen once the Claremont Unified School District's academic year resumes January 9.

All Los Angeles County Library locations, including Claremont Helen Renwick Library, 208 N. Harvard Ave., will close at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Libraries will be closed Christmas day and December 26 as well as New Year's Day and January 2. Normal hours will resume January 3, 2023.

For more details, visit [ci.claremont.ca.us/living/holiday-closure-schedule](http://ci.claremont.ca.us/living/holiday-closure-schedule).

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# High school sports roundup: December 23, 2022

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## CLAREMONT HIGH

### Boys basketball

Claremont lost 78-43 at Rialto on December 20. The team's December 22 Palomares League kickoff game against Glendora took place after press time.

Next week the Wolfpack will participate in the Damien Tournament. Its first game is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 26 against Charter Oak.

### Girls basketball

Claremont traveled to Corona Del Mar on December 16 and won, 39-22, for the team's 11th consecutive victory. The Pack began Palomares League play at Glendora after press time December 22.

The team plays in the Edison Tournament at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 27 against Newport Harbor.

### Boys soccer

On December 16 the boys beat Chino Hills 2-1. The varsity team will play CHS alumni on Friday, December 23 at home for the inaugural Fred Bruce-Oliver alumni classic. Kick-off is set for 4 p.m.

Claremont will close out the year at the San Geronio Tournament at the San Bernardino Soccer Complex. Claremont played its first game against Redlands at 11:10 a.m. December 22, with the final results coming in after press time.

### Girls soccer

Results from the Claremont Holiday Classic: the girls began with a 3-2 win over Rancho Cucamonga on December 10 and followed it up with another victory, 1-0 over Western Christian. On December 17 Claremont lost to Upland, 1-0, before bouncing back against Bishop Amat with a 3-2 win to take third place in the tournament.

The Wolfpack welcomed the Huskies of South Hills December 15 and won, 1-



Claremont junior Eduard Libunao attempts to pin his Glendora opponent during the Pack's December 20 Sierra League opening home meet against Glendora. The Tartans won, 66-18. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

0. Claremont beat Bloomington 2-0 on December 20.

The girls will also close out 2022 at the San Geronio Tournament at the San Bernardino Soccer Complex, with their first game set for 11:10 a.m. December 22 against Rialto.

### Girls water polo

The Pack will open up the new year with Palomares League action at Glendora on January 4. The match is set for 4 p.m.

### Boys and girls wrestling

Both teams hosted Glendora December 20 to begin Sierra League action. The girls tied 12-12 while the boys were dealt a 66-18 loss.

## THE WEBB SCHOOLS

### Boys basketball

On December 15, Webb hosted Pomona and were dealt a 76-35 loss.

### Girls basketball

The Gauls began Academy League play at home against Avalon on December 15 and lost, 59-17.

### Girls soccer

The red hot Webb girls soccer team (see the COURIER's feature story on page 12) kept their winning streak alive with a December 13, 3-0 win at Glendora. The team has now moved into fifth place in the all-time CIF record book for consecutive wins

with 28.

### Girls water polo

The Gauls won big, 13-7, at Paramount on December 15.

### Boys wrestling

The boys lost to California School for the Deaf, 60-24, then beat host Calvary Chapel Christian, 36-33, on December 15.

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## OUR TOWN

### County library's winter reading club begins

The Los Angeles County Library system's winter reading club began on December 15 and will conclude January 15.

Readers of all ages are invited to enjoy books for at least 400 minutes in the monthlong timeframe for a chance to win prizes. The county library is also aiming to share a total reading goal of 1,000,000 minutes.

To participate, register for an online Beanstack account at [lacountylibrary.beanstack.com/reader365](http://lacountylibrary.beanstack.com/reader365). Once

the account is created, participants will be directed to a new profile page and can then begin reading.

Participants can read any genre of book. To log minutes, click the "log reading" button at the top of the page and include the book title, author, and approximately how much time you spent reading for the day.

For more info, call the Claremont Helen Renwick Library at (909) 621-4902 or go to [lacountylibrary.org](http://lacountylibrary.org).

# Thomas Michael Thornstrom

Beloved son, brother, grandson, cousin, nephew, uncle, 'man about town'

Thomas Michael Thornstrom died unexpectedly on December 14 of complications from a stroke he had in July. He was surrounded by his mother, brothers and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Thomas was born September 18, 1985, to Rob and Lynn Thornstrom, following the births of his older brothers Todd and Tyler. He resided his entire life in Claremont, attending Mountain View Elementary School, El Roble Intermediate School, and Claremont High School. He also attended Citrus College. He lived with his mother and brother Todd at the time of his death.

In 1996, while in the fifth grade, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor, followed by chemotherapy, radiation, and two brain surgeries. His last surgery, in 1999, left him with vision difficulties and psychological and behavioral abnormalities associated with dysfunction of the brain.

He attended several summer camps through Camp Ronald McDonald and appeared in a television commercial for the camp in the late 1990s.

Never really acknowledging he had a deficit, he embraced being different. He was a dichotomy; although fiercely independent, he would not hesitate to ask for help, even for things that he was more than capable of doing for himself. "He loved the attention," his family shared. "He loved interacting with people. Odds are if you ever met Thomas, you would never forget him. Actually, he would not let you forget him with his daily telephone calls and emails."

While looking through his computer, his mother found several pictures of characters he identified with: one pictured a yellow M&M, and said, "People think I'm crazy. But I think of myself as normal with a twist of AWESOME." The others included Disney's Goofy and the dwarf Happy from Snow White. The sayings he saved were, "Only do what your heart tells you," "Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile," and "How sweet it is to be Loved by You."



"Thomas was a loving soul and never hesitated to greet a stranger and start up a conversation," his family said. "Once, after a young man visited Thomas in his home, his mother asked where did you meet him? Thomas replied, 'In line at the ATM.'"

His brother Tyler spoke of his love of the 1990s. He watched daily reruns of "Friends," "Fresh Prince of Bel Air," and "Saved by the Bell." He also loved the music of the '90s and often posted songs on Facebook. He also loved to dance and was often the first one on the dance floor. No

partner needed, but always welcomed. Unable to drive, he used Get About and Claremont Dial-a-Ride to travel around Claremont. Several years ago, he purchased an adult tricycle and became "man about town." "You've probably seen him travel along Foothill Blvd. from Trader Joe's to La Paloma restaurant, stopping at Sprouts, Stater Bros, and CVS along the way," his family added.

He loved to shop, especially if he had a coupon or there was a sale, and would make purchases, whether or not he needed the item. His mother said this was possibly an inherited trait. His cupboard was unintentionally well stocked in case of an emergency. He once dyed his hair because he got a coupon from Supercuts.

One of his favorite places was Trader Joe's, where he was befriended by the staff. He would visit them frequently on his tricycle and speak by phone with some of them on a daily basis. Several of the staff members visited him while he was recovering from his stroke at Casa Colina.

He also loved La Paloma. Many of his aunts and uncles worked there in their youth, and most of his younger birthdays were celebrated there with his family. He considered the staff family, and once said that although he liked the food, especially the pizzadilla, he loved to socialize there.

More than anything else, he loved his family. "His father, Rob Thornstrom, passed away in 2007," his family shared.

"Prior to his death, Thomas was his constant companion and best friend, a blessing for them both."

He was especially proud of being the oldest of the 13 Sturgis cousins, behind his two brothers. Even more special was being uncle Thomas to his niece and nephew, Georgie, and Miles.

"All those who knew Thomas would have to agree, he was a little crazy with a twist of AWESOME, and how sweet it was to love and be loved by Thomas," his family said.

Thomas was preceded in death by his father Rob Thornstrom and his grandparents, Mandy and Don Sturgis.

He is survived by his mother Lynn Thornstrom; brothers Todd Thornstrom and Tyler (Jess) Thornstrom; aunts and uncles Steve Sturgis (Stacey), Nancy Sturgis, Mark Sturgis (Sheila), Todd Sturgis, Doug Sturgis (Cheryl), Tom Sturgis, Linda Bradley, Terry (Buck) James and Don Vandegriff; cousins, Brittany (Andy Scrape), Sarah, Matthew and Michael Sturgis, Aubrey and Brennen Biewener, Brian (Kaitlyn) Sturgis-Jensen, Sean (Megan) Sturgis, Leah (John) Davis, Lauren (Jared) Haston, Paul Sturgis, Ashleigh (Dennis) Sturgis/Perry, Alina Sturgis and Maddie Keehn, Jennifer (Jimmy) Friend and Cathy Corkrum; niece and nephew Georgie and Miles Thornstrom; and second cousins, Ben Scrape, Elias and Emma Sturgis, Cooper Davis, Hadley, Cody and Conner Haston, Jameson Perry and Kinsley Keehn.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to the City of Hope at [cityofhope.org/giving](http://cityofhope.org/giving).

A celebration of life will be scheduled in the new year.

# Bernice (Bunny) Spanier

Great grandmother, married 70 years, realtor, volunteer

Bernice (Bunny) Spanier died peacefully in Irvine, California recently after a long battle with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and complications from pneumonia.

Bunny was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The family lived in Mobridge where her father owned and operated the town's only general store. His customers were mostly Native Americans who lived on reservations at Standing Rock and Cheyenne River.

When she was born, she was showered with beautiful (mostly handmade) gifts from the Natives, who were quite taken with the "little princess." Later, the family, which included her brother Martin (Sonny) Hoffman, who was two years older than her, moved to St. Paul, Minnesota to gain access to the city's superior schools. Later they moved to Minneapolis, where her father began a successful partnership with his brother, Sam Hoffman, manufacturing and selling Twin Cities souvenirs.

"She was an extremely popular young woman with dark hair, dark eyes and a

warm personality," her family shared. "She would light up any room she walked into with her beautiful smile and sparkling personality."

She met her husband-to-be, Jerome (Jerry) Spanier at the University of Minnesota. They married in the summer of 1952 and moved to Chicago, where Jerry was a graduate student at the University of Chicago.

She enrolled in the education department at the university to pursue her interest in teaching elementary school. Her husband's goal was to teach mathematics at the graduate school level, and she gladly postponed her teaching ambitions to help support his graduate studies, working in the chancellor's office at the University of Chicago as receptionist and administrative assistant while he studied mathematics and physics.

After earning a PhD in mathematics in 1955, he also deferred his teaching ambition to learn about real-world applications of mathematics and accepted in-

dustrial research positions at Westinghouse Electric Corporation in suburban Pittsburgh and Rockwell International in Thousand Oaks, California. Following 17 years in applied industrial research, he accepted a teaching position at Claremont Graduate School (now Claremont Graduate University).

In Claremont she was a successful realtor with Coldwell Banker. She also volunteered as a teacher/mentor in the Claremont schools that offered special classes to high-achieving young students.

Throughout her life she enjoyed making new friends through volunteer work in the Claremont schools and at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, where she initiated the hospital's cancer library, building it from scratch to its present extensive holdings.

The couple travelled extensively while they lived in Claremont as Mr. Spanier took advantage of sabbatical appointments at many foreign universities.

"Theirs was a happy and loving 70-year marriage built upon a foundation of mutual respect, unselfishness, and a deep and



abiding love for each other," her family added.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry; children, Steve, and twin daughters Ruth and Adrienne; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

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If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 19, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001144-22-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT <https://www.servicelinkauction.com/> FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: ServiceLink Auction | Hudson and Marshall at (866) 539-4173 PUBLISH: December 23 and 30 and January 6, 2022

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ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 07/01/2005 as Document No.: 05 1556479, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: LUIS MORENO AND CANDIDA BEYSI H. MORENO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 01/12/2023 at 9:00 AM Sale Location: Vineyard Ballroom Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1090 INDIAN HILL BOULEVARD, POMONA, CA 91767 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$229,115.81 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-280-2832 or visit this internet website, [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com), using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9462-5550. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 855-976-3916, or visit this internet website <https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079/>, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9462-5550 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NBS Default Services, LLC 14841 Dallas Parkway, Suite 425 Dallas, TX 75254 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) or Call: 1-800-280-2832. NBS Default Services, LLC, James Aranda, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0418757 To: CLAREMONT COURIER 12/09/2022, 12/16/2022, 12/23/2022

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
Escrow No.: L-040537-MK  
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)

- Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
- The name and business addresses of the seller are SPOTLESS BURGERS LLC, 3560 W. Temple Ave. Ste C, Pomona, CA 91768
- The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is Same as above
- The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are Devie Andriani and Heuw Antonius, 12829 Benson Ave, Chino, CA 91710
- The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: Furniture, Fixture, and Equipment, Goodwill, Lease, and Leasehold Improvements, of that certain business located at: 3560 W. Temple Ave., Ste C, Pomona, CA 91768.
- The business name used by their seller(s) at said location is: HOT CHIK'N LOVE.
- The anticipated date of the bulk sale is 01/12/23 at the office of Tower Escrow Inc., 3400 W. Olympic Blvd. Suite 201 Los Angeles, CA 90019, ESCROW NO. L-040537-MK, Escrow Officer: Martha Kim
- Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.
- The last date for filing claims is 01/11/23.
- This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
- As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: "NONE".

DATED: December 9, 2022  
TRANSFEREES:  
/s/ Devie Andriani  
/s/ Heuw Antonius  
12/23/22  
CNS-3653732#  
CLAREMONT COURIER

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE**  
(U.C.C. 6101 et seq.  
and B & P 24074 et seq.)  
Escrow No. 22-39032-DP

Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller that a Bulk Sale is about to be made of hte assets described below:  
The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) are:  
Pong's Ramen & Burger, a California Corporation, 697 East Foothill Boulevard, Unit A, Claremont, CA 91711  
The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: Same as above  
The name(s) and business address(es) of the buyer(s) are:  
Stevela LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, 250 W. 1st Street, Ste 256, Claremont, CA 91711  
The anticipated date of the bulk sale is 1/12/23 at: 140 S. Euclid Ave., Suite A, Upland, CA 91786 Escrow No. 22-39032-DP, Escrow Officer, Douglas Price  
Claims may be filed with same as above. CLAIMS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL ESCROW HOLDER IS NOTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL OF THE TRANSFER OF THE PERMANENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE TO THE BUYER.  
This bulk sale is not subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2, but is subject to Section 24074 of the Business and Professions Code  
Listed by the Seller, all other business names and address used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are:  
None  
Pong's Ramen & Burger, a California Corporation  
By: /s/ Tee Tak Pong, President  
By: /s/ Ho Yan Tam, Vice-President/Secretary  
Strevela LLC, a California Limited Liability Company  
By: /s/ Pablo Velasco, Member  
12/23/22  
CNS-3654066#  
CLAREMONT COURIER

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
File No. 2022252526

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) NIGHTBLOOMING JAZZMEN 2.) NIGHT BLOOMING JAZZMEN 21026 Nashville St, Chatsworth, CA 91311, Los Angeles County. Registrant(s): Karen Deutsch, 21026 Nashville St, Chatsworth, CA 91311 and Leslie Deutsch, 21026 Nashville St, Chatsworth, CA 91311. This business is conducted by a Married Couple.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 11/22. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.  
/s/ Leslie Deutsch Title: Husband  
This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/18/22. 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: December 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2022



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will call at Public Auction, pursuant to Chapter 10, Section 21700 of the Business and Professional Code, the property listed below.

Sale will be by open bid starting 2 weeks prior to the final date of WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11, 2023 at 2:00 pm, ending the sale, on the Website of: [StorageAuctions.net](http://StorageAuctions.net)

Property located at All American Mini Storage, 711 S Mills Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711, Los Angeles County. To be auctioned by American Auctioneers, 1800 838-7653, California bond number BLA6401723

The units below contain household goods and furnishings, appliances, electronics, tools and Unknown goods. The landlord reserves the right to bid at the sale. Purchases must be made with Cash only. Purchases must be paid at the time of the sale. All purchased goods are sold as is and must be removed the day of the sale. Sale is subject to prior cancellation in the event of a settlement between the Landlord and obligated party.

3-179 Gutierrez, C; 3-40, 3-41 Oak Park Manor LP; 2-12 Portillo, L  
Publish dates: 12-23-2022, 12-30-2022

T.S. No.: 2022-00266-CA. A.P.N.: 4270-005-043 Property Address: 2260 30TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.** NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACIÓN DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LUU Y: KEM THEO ĐÂY LÀ BẢN TRÌNH BÀY TÓM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/23/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Trustor: VANITA LEE HANSON, A Single Woman Duly Appointed Trustee; Western Progressive, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 03/30/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0676034 in book —, page — and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 02/09/2023 at 09:00 AM Place of Sale: Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 239,487.52 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:** All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as: More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 2260 30TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 A.P.N.: 4270-005-043 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 239,487.52. Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. **If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.** The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant

to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2022-00266-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855)-976-3916, or visit this internet website <https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079>, using the file number assigned to this case 2022-00266-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 12, 2022 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 238 Ventura, CA 93003 Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx>

**Trustee Sale Assistant WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** PUBLISH: December 16, 23 and 30, 2022

APN: 8339-030-003 TS No: CA05000856-19-1 TO No: 191153396-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 15, 2002. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 12, 2023 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on September 3, 2002 as Instrument No. 02 2052899, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by JOZSEF S. FEKETE, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for ALLIANCE MORTGAGE COMPANY DBA BNY MORTGAGE as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1272 NORTH PARK AVE, POMONA, CA 91768 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$68,868.00 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of

the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05000856-19-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com), using the file number assigned to this case CA05000856-19-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 2, 2022 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05000856-19-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 By: Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 Order Number 87725, Pub Dates: 12/9/2022, 12/16/2022, 12/23/2022, CLAREMONT COURIER

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
File No. 2022259206**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. **INTELLIC TECHNOLOGIES** 159 E. San Jose Ave, Claremont, CA 91711, Los Angeles County, Registrant(s): Becker Support Services, LLC, 159 E. San Jose Ave, Claremont, CA 91711. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. 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/ Ryan A. Becker Title: CEO This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/30/22. 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: December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2022

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE NUMBER: 22SMCP00575**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioners: YOLANDA JOHNSON Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: YOLANDA JOHNSON To Proposed name: RENEE AUTUMN SPENCER THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. **NOTICE OF HEARING** Date: February 17, 2023 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.: K Room: 203, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published

at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: CLAREMONT COURIER, 114 Olive Street, Claremont, CA 91711 /s/ Hon. Lawrence Cho Dated: December 1, 2022 Judge of the Superior Court. Petitioners: YOLANDA JOHNSON, 10573 W. Pico Blvd #356 Los Angeles, CA 90064 Ph.# (213) 220-0721 PUBLISH: December 9, 16, 23 and 30, 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: 775 S. Mills Ave, Claremont Ca, 91711 January 11, 2023 12:15 PM. Tawanna Higgins, Description of Goods: Totes; Aliyah Siddiqi, Description of Goods: Couch; Jeremy Delacruz, Description of Goods: Safe, mattress, box spring, tv, totes, hand tools, table, bean bag chair, coffee table. The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://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. CN992745 01-11-2023 Dec 23,30, 2022

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**Notice of Petition to Administer estate of  
Norma Jean Harris Brissette**

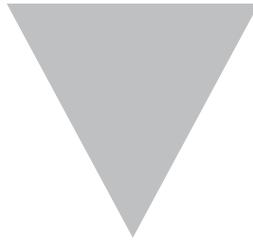
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Norma Jean Harris Brissette. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Shirley Reed in the Superior Court in the County of Los Angeles. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

- a. Date: 02/02/2023 Time: 8:30AM
- Dept: 5
- b. Address of court: 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles CA 90012

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person, or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general representative, as defined in section 58(b) if the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable on California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner: Shirely Reed (Address): 1460 N. Towne Ave. Claremont, CA 91711 (Telephone): 909 630-4166 PUBLISH: December 23 and 30, 2022 and January 6, 2023

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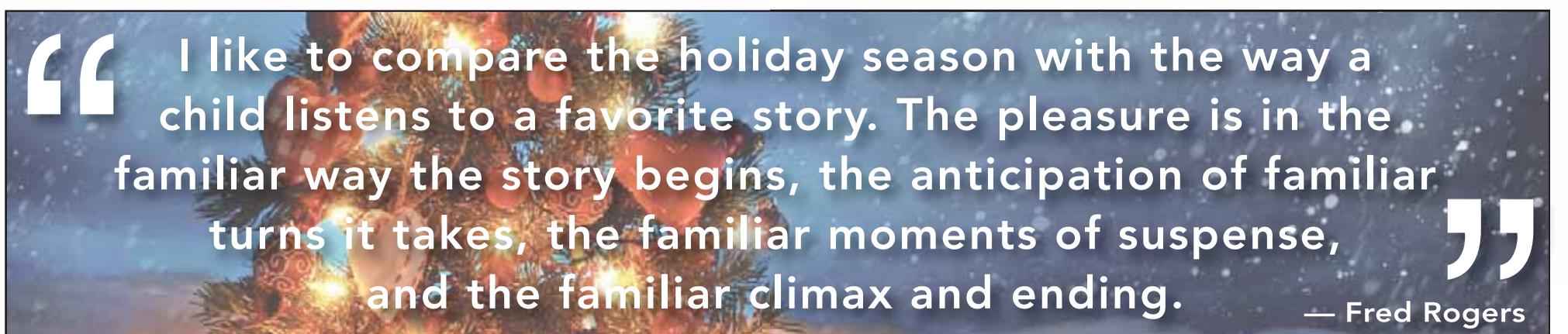
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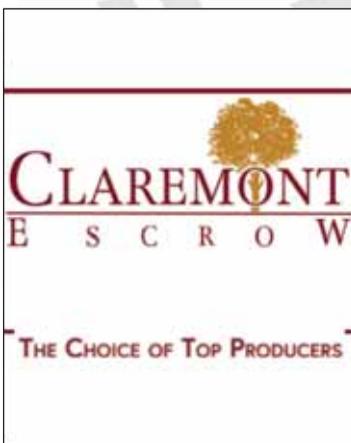
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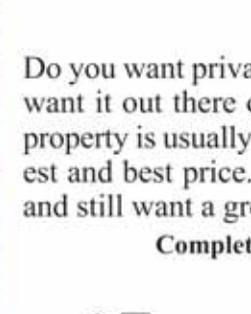
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