

Right as rain



A fast-moving storm dumped nearly an inch of rain in Southern California Thursday, more in the foothills, and snow above 6,500 feet. The storm, which made the roads slick for both cars and pedestrians on College Avenue in Claremont, moved out as fast as it arrived, with sunny skies and a high of 60 degrees on tap for Friday. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger

City receives grant for habitat restoration at Wilderness Park

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Claremont Hills Wilderness Park, seen here in a drone photo from Wednesday, recently received a \$734,764 grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to help facilitate habitat restoration and make other improvements to the 3,000-acre hillside recreation area. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger



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A bill currently moving through the state legislature would make it easier for religious institutions to develop underutilized land. The southernmost portion of Claremont United Methodist Church, seen above, is one of the sites that could be developed. COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff

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Finding a new life, along with the old

Wait. Is it okay for me to be doing this? Is it okay for me to be out here on this nice, crisp fall day? Am I supposed to be this far from home, on my own, in my wheelchair? Am I supposed to be going home from the colleges by myself, going along with all the students walking and skateboarding by, instead of getting a ride back?

I kept hearing all this, all these questions and precautions, in my head this fall. I would get dropped off at a lunchtime talk at the Athenaeum at Claremont McKenna College or a Friday noon concert at Balch Auditorium at Scripps College and say I would get home on my own when it was over. As much as I loved this, this freedom, these questions kept coming up. Something was wrong.

This wasn't part of the plan. This wasn't supposed to be part of my new life, the new life I set out to find after a spinal surgery left me much more disabled, now almost six years ago. Yes, I was up in my wheelchair, getting out and about a bit on my own, definitely no longer bedridden, but there was also no way I could get around all over town and beyond in my chair on my own like I used to.

So what was I doing, doing what I did in my old life, before the surgery?

I had told myself after the surgery, after a year of recovery and getting back up into my wheelchair (actually a new one, designed for my new limitations), that I could-



OBSERVER

by JOHN PIXLEY

n't do what I did before and had to find, had to embrace, "my new life." This meant going a few blocks around my house in my wheelchair, occasionally to the Village if I felt up to it. More than that, it entailed seeing how often I could handle going out to concerts, plays, talks, movies — all the stuff I had always loved doing.

I was just getting into this venturing out when the pandemic hit. Suddenly, in March 2020, I was back stuck at home, more or less. I wasn't bedridden again, and, thankfully, I could go out for strolls in the neighborhood on my own (masked, as most of us did outdoors then), but otherwise, no more venturing out for me — and for everyone else. This time, this strange, most unusual time, I wasn't alone in being stuck at home. We were all in the same lockdown, if not forced, convalescence boat.

I confess that I secretly enjoyed it. I didn't feel so alone.

And now perhaps people would get an idea of what I went through or was going through.

Now, as we literally stumble our way out of Covid as it's unclear even that it's time to do so, I'm picking up, ever so carefully, sometimes the only one with a mask on, where I left off, continuing venturing out into my new life. And again, I'm not the only one in this venturing out, figuring out how far is too far, how much is too much.

These last few years have been a time of reassessment, welcomed or not. Many of us have drawn new lines, marking off what we want and don't want in life, what we are and are not willing to do. (Hence, the "great resignation," etc.)

I'm finding out that while, to my dismay, it hurts too much to wear my high-tops and it's too difficult to wear my overalls every day, I can wear my cool wool hats after having my hair cut very short and the headrest on my wheelchair, which I discovered I don't need, removed. Not only do I enjoy wearing these almost forgotten hats, it turns out they enable me to go out in my wheelchair on cooler days, on the beautiful fall days that I love.

Yes, things have changed and I have changed, like we all have. But that doesn't mean everything has to change. Yes, I have a new life, a new life that, as I'm learning, can include parts of my "old life" if I take care and, in so doing, be all the richer.

CITY NEWS

City receives grant for habitat restoration at Wilderness Park

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The popular Claremont Hills Wilderness Park has received a generous grant to help facilitate habitat restoration and make other improvements to the 3,000-acre hillside recreation area.

Claremont received \$734,764 from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The conservancy is one of 10 agencies that distribute state funding for projects to promote conservation in California by protecting open spaces and wildlife habitat, while also giving the public opportunities for low impact recreation.

The city plans to use the money to accomplish three goals: clearing brush and removing high fire risk invasive and non-native plants; purchasing tools and equipment for volunteers and staff to provide ongoing brush removal and trail maintenance; and placing signs at the park entrance to educate visitors about wildlife preservation.

As part of the project, the city will thin out highly flammable plants that are within 100 to 300 feet of housing, particularly in the Claraboya neighborhood, in an effort to create defensible space around those homes. Workers will also restore 100 to 250 acres by replacing invasive plant species with those that are native to Claremont's ecosystem.

"The City will retain an expert consultant to develop a habitat restoration plan which will focus on replacing non-native and highly flammable species such as Tree of Heaven, mustards, and thistles with plants native to the park primarily in the Johnson's Pasture area," Claremont Public Information Officer Bevin Handel wrote in an email.

The work will take place over a two-year period



The City of Claremont recently received a \$730,000 grant to use for habitat rehabilitation and maintenance for the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park. COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff

beginning in July and will be supplemented with an additional \$240,000 from "community partners," including CALFire.

The Wilderness Park, which first opened in 1996, has grown in size and popularity over the years and

now averages 500,000 visitors annually.

The grant, and proposed restoration work, received support from The Friends of the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park as well as the Claremont Wildlands Conservancy, according to the city.

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Law would streamline housing construction at churches

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The vast parking lots and other underutilized land at many of Claremont's religious institutions have long been viewed as potential locations for badly needed affordable housing, and a new bill working its way through the state legislature could make it easier to make it happen.

As church attendance rates have dropped over the years, religious institutions statewide have sought ways to develop their land, but face tremendous obstacles including the high costs of construction. Now, many are hoping Senate Bill 4 will help them break ground, turning "NIMBY," or "not in my backyard," into "yes, in God's backyard."

Senate Bill 4 would allow 100% affordable housing to be built "by right" at religious institutions and certain non-profit schools as long as projects meet established objective building standards. In addition, the approval process could be managed completely by the host city's planning staff, avoiding the lengthy cycle of commission and council meetings. The housing projects would not be required to conform with existing zoning and could not be derailed by environmental impact lawsuits.

Introduced in December by housing advocate Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), SB 4 is the latest attempt to get a religious institution carve out from existing state housing law. Similar bills were killed during the previous two legislative sessions, in part due to opposition from construction trade unions that wanted guarantees that union labor would be a requirement for any project that sidestepped local zoning and established land use rules. This bill may be the golden ticket, however, because the California



St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, seen above, is among the religious institutions that have been identified by the City of Claremont and the state as prime locations for affordable housing. Senate Bill 4 would streamline the approval process for building on church property. COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff

Council of Carpenters is a co-author even as other powerful labor councils continue to oppose the law.

A May 2020 policy brief from the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at the University of California Berkeley estimated 38,800 acres of land at the state's religious institutions could potentially support new housing development, including in some of the state's highest-cost counties. Much of that land, including sites in Claremont, is considered "high opportunity neighborhoods" because of low poverty rates as well as being close to jobs, good schools, public transportation, and shopping.

"The research shows there are opportunities to support the goals of faith-based organizations as they grapple with the best use for their underutilized land and make progress towards California's goals in building more housing, expanding access to opportunity, and reducing commute-related greenhouse gas emissions," according to the Turner

Center brief.

"Building affordable housing on our property has been a dream on the table for several years at St. Ambrose," said Jessie Smith, pastor of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church. "We are in the early stages of working with a developer, and with the proposed Senate Bill 4 we are thrilled that this process may get even more streamlined."

Smith said the church plans to offer affordable housing to seniors and families, not permanent supportive housing like at Larkin Place, which has been proposed for a site nearby on Harrison Avenue. The project would be constructed south of the existing church buildings and adjacent to existing apartment complexes, including one for seniors.

Providing housing aligns with St. Ambrose's strong commitment to working with the unhoused community while simultaneously putting a valuable asset — its land — to better use, Smith

said.

The project could help Claremont reach its housing targets set by the state. The city is currently in the process of updating its housing element, including demonstrating a plan to build 1,711 housing units, of which 556 must be for very low income, 310 for low income and 287 moderate income residents. The draft housing element document, available on the city's website, identifies the 1.43 acres at the back of the St. Ambrose property as a potential site for new construction.

The city has identified 40 properties as "opportunity sites" as part of the draft housing element, six of which are religious institutions. This includes a .86 acre portion of the Claremont Methodist Church located off the frontage road along Foothill Boulevard. This plot of land is currently lightly landscaped and many residents will recognize it as the spot where the church erects its sometimes controversial Nativity displays.

The site is located close to shopping and services at the Old School House development and is close to transportation at the busy corner of Foothill and Indian Hill boulevards.

"The church has indicated to the city an interest in developing an affordable housing project on this vacant underutilized portion of their property in keeping with the church's mission," according to a city planning staff report.

"[Senate Bill 4] will offer immediate help streamlining badly needed affordable housing," said Claremont City Council member Jed Leano, who is a strong advocate for building more of such housing in Claremont. "The Turner Center estimates that SB4 can unlock almost 40,000 acres of land for affordable housing. I look forward to us saying 'Yes, in God's backyard,'" Leano said.

LATEST

Hamlin incident sparks local dialog on athlete safety

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With five minutes, 58 seconds left in the first quarter of Monday's National Football League clash between the Buffalo Bills and Cincinnati Bengals, spectators were stunned when Bill's safety Damar Hamlin collapsed on the field after he collided with Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins.

Hamlin sprang up after the play but crumpled seconds later. Onsite medical teams quickly administered to the fallen player.

In a statement on Tuesday the Buffalo Bills said Hamlin suffered a cardiac arrest. His heartbeat was restored on the field before he was transferred to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. At press time Thursday, Hamlin remained in critical condition.

It's still unclear what caused Hamlin's collapse. For a heart arrhythmia to occur, there has to be "a perfect storm" of factors, the New York Times reported this week. "The chest must be struck in a precise place at a precise



Claremont High School head varsity football coach Shane Hile outside his Upland residence on Wednesday. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

moment while the heart is relaxing after squeezing out blood, and with the right amount of force."

The gruesome incident has sparked discussion among local high school coaches and the California Interscholastic Federation.

Claremont High School head varsity football coach Shane Hile said having appropriate medical staff at events is one key to ensuring athletes' safety.

"We have our athletic trainers, we have doctors at the games, we have everything just like I saw in the game last night," Hile said Tuesday. "Those are things that you want to have when you have a sporting event like that. I think they did a lot of good things last night."

California Interscholastic Federation bylaw 2122.2 states "a licensed medical doctor or the primary health provider designated by the home team as team physician or team doctor shall be in attendance at all playoff games."

Hile also said in order to prevent such horrific occurrences in the future, football basics like tackling must be instilled correctly at all levels.

"Invest the time teaching those fundamentals, especially with a sport like football," Hile said. "Before we even get in the pads, we actually teach a lot about tackling, without contact. Once we get into pads, we teach the protocols on how to do it safely."

"One of the main things you stress is keep your head

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Hike to Baldy Bowl suited for skilled trekkers

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With beautiful vistas and mountain peaks all around, the hike up to Baldy Bowl has long been a popular destination for those who want a challenging trek during the winter months. The bowl sits southeast right below the Mt. Baldy peak, forming a small yet steep canyon. There is also a small Sierra Club ski hut that usually remains closed but does have a bathroom and running water.

At approximately 8,500 feet, Baldy Bowl is snowed in for much of winter. And even though there is a lightly marked trail on the west side that leads to the Mt. Baldy

summit at 10,064 feet, this can be a dangerous place for the inexperienced hiker. People do attempt to summit the mountain in the winter with snow gear and a plan to reach the top, but from my perspective it is not advised. In fact, the trail from the ski hut to the top of Mt. Baldy is no longer listed as an option to reach the top.

Because of the high elevation, one strong winter storm can add several feet of snow, as well as strong winds and severe cold. Over the years there have been numerous rescues — some by helicopter — of injured hikers stuck in the bowl or higher. There even have been deaths from people falling off the cliffs above.

All these warnings, however, should not stop experienced hikers from taking the steep 2.5-mile Baldy Bowl

trail to the ski hut. It's a well-marked trail that starts off the service road to the Mt. Baldy Notch, then veers north right up the mountain for a 2,000-foot elevation gain.

Don't be surprised to find significantly more snow on the trail during the climb. With the current storms we are experiencing, access is impossible. It's important for melting to begin to clear the trail. And remember, this hike is also beautiful, and safer, in the summer months.

Hiking to the Baldy Bowl can be a wonderful outdoor experience. The key is to prepare and plan for changing scenery that will likely make the trip more challenging than expected.

Editor's note: These pictures were taken with a drone far below the mountain and ski hut.



San Antonio Ski Hut

COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger

Hamlin incident sparks local dialog

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up, you don't want neck injuries. [Tackling] is just something that always needs to be taught year in, year out. I don't care how much experience a player has, we're still going to teach them tackling like it's their first time putting on pads. That's the most you can do."

Vivian Webb School's varsity soccer coach Malick Mbengue said Monday's incident reminded him that injuries can happen anywhere, anytime, and to anyone, adding coaches should be trained how to stabilize an individual when such emergencies occur.

"It's super important that as coaches we are trained in dealing with situations like that when they happen," Mbengue said. "They can literally happen anywhere. Just having somebody who's there, trained and can jump in and help and do what's necessary until professionals arrive, those few seconds of someone who knows what they're doing can save somebody's life."

Claremont High School varsity cross country coach Chris Ramirez said Monday's incident looked "really frightening," and took him back to the start of the 2022 cross country season at the Cool Breeze Invitational.

"One of our athletes took a fall in the very beginning of the varsity boys race and was trampled by quite a few runners in a really large race," Ramirez said. The runner got up and finished the race, but later learned he had suffered a concussion. It was the first time Ramirez had seen a CHS cross country athlete suffer a concussion during a race.

When it was time to ease the runner back into competition, Ramirez worked with CHS athletic trainer Jonathan Snapp to tailor its concussion protocol for cross-



Claremont High School varsity cross country coach Chris Ramirez outside his Ontario residence on Wednesday. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

country runners. The plan involved easing the athlete back slowly using increasingly progressive timed intervals and plenty of oversight from Ramirez and Snapp.

"It was over a three-week period that he was able to return back to running in full training mode again," Ramirez said.

While cross-country is viewed as a non-contact sport, recent events have prompted Ramirez to create new safety practices. Toward the end of this season when bigger invitationals began, the boys and girls teams practiced how to safely get out from the starting line since runners get physical there to get a good position.

"We're going to put ourselves into these mock situations so that we are better able to react," he said. "Of course, in a hit that went on last night, you can't always react to that. It's a different scenario but ... something like that should drive coaches to look at how this might

happen in their own sport and take proper measures to prevent it.

"Any sport can be scary like that. Even in track I've seen when they break in from their lanes people running into each other, and you're running as fast as you can, so when you go down, you go down hard."

According to the California Interscholastic Federation, sudden cardiac arrest is the number one killer of student athletes in the state. The CIF's guidelines cover several sports medicine topics, including sudden cardiac arrest, and are viewable at cifstate.org/sports-medicine.

Other CIF bylaws that address student-athlete safety include 503 G - Physical examination; 503 H - Concussion protocol; 503 I - Steroid prohibition; 503 J - Sudden cardiac arrest protocol; 503 K - Heat illness protocol; 503 L - Emergency action plans and automated external defibrillator protocol; and 506 - Practice allowance. To view each bylaw in depth, visit the online version of this story at claremont-courier.com.

In 2017, the Eric Paredes Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act went into effect in California. The bill added SCA training to coaching certification, among other requirements.

Absent a concrete medical diagnosis as to why Hamlin collapsed, Monday's incident left Ramirez with questions.

"You just don't know what's going on in that moment," he said. "What is this type of injury? It's just super scary and I would say it should make all coaches in sports think of how something like that may come about in their own sport and go ahead and practice new protocols."

POLICE BLOTTER

By Steven Felschundneff

Monday, December 19

At 3:40 p.m. a Claremont police officer returning to town from Pomona Superior Court saw Pomona resident Alex Alanis, 56, whom she recognized from previous encounters, dancing and flailing his arms about. He then allegedly threw a large dirt clot at her patrol car causing minor damage. The officer made a U-turn to confront him, at which point he began to walk away. The officer steered her vehicle into an alley in the 300 block of E. Mission Street in Pomona where she attempted to detain Alanis. When the officer attempted to place handcuffs on him, he allegedly pulled away and a struggle began, during which both the officer and suspect fell to the ground. The officer called for emergency backup, a Pomona police unit arrived in less than a minute, and Alanis was arrested for misdemeanor resisting arrest. He was then transported to the Claremont jail, where a records check showed he was on probation for vandalism. Alanis was issued citation for the resisting charge and after a call to the L.A. County Probation Department was transported to the Inmate Reception Center in Los Angeles, where he remains in custody.

Police responded to a residence on Mt. Carmel Drive at 7:57 p.m. after a woman called to report a domestic altercation. Officers noticed the female had a small laceration on her lower lip, while a male had abrasions on his right and left cheeks. Neither required medical attention. The couple stated they were driving when a verbal fight began, at which point the woman asked to be let out of the car and began walking home. The man then drove home and waited in the driveway for the woman to arrive. When she reached the house she allegedly screamed at the man and struck him on the side of his face with her hand. She then reportedly head-butted him on the other cheek and both people fell to ground. The woman then went inside to call police. Police determined the woman was the primary aggressor and she was arrested for felony assault on a spouse or cohabitant, transported to the CPD jail, booked, and later posted bail. She is due in court on January 12.

Tuesday, December 20

An officer patrolling the parking lot at Denny's restaurant, 820 S. Indian Hill Blvd. at 12:37 a.m., spotted a silver 2006 BMW X5 that had been reported stolen in Inglewood. The driver, Lancaster resident Eric Burch, 43, parked the car and opened the door, at which

point police initiated a high-risk traffic stop, holding Burch at gunpoint until additional officers responded. Burch was detained without further incident. A records check showed he had a L.A. County Sheriff's Department vandalism warrant with \$51,000 bail. He was arrested for the warrant and felony possession of the stolen vehicle. During a search police say they found a methamphetamine pipe on the front passenger seat and methamphetamine in the center console. Burch was transported to jail, booked and held for court.

Officers patrolling near Foothill Boulevard and Towne Avenue saw a blue 2008 Toyota Tacoma heading west on Foothill with several equipment violations. As they began to follow the vehicle, driven by Pomona resident Joseph Fairfield, 37, it allegedly began weaving, nearly colliding with the center median several times. Police stopped Fairfield for the equipment violations and during questioning reported smelling a strong odor of alcohol, that he exhibited symptoms of being intoxicated, and seeing a bottle of Sauza tequila in the car. Officers conducted field sobriety tests using a "preliminary alcohol screening device," which allegedly showed Fairfield was approximately three times the .08 legal limit to drive. He was arrested for misdemeanor DUI, held for detoxification and later released with citation.

At 2:30 a.m. officers spotted a white 2011 Chevrolet HHR with expired temporary dealer plates and conducted a traffic stop at the Chevron/McDonalds, 860 S. Indian Hill Blvd.

A records check showed the driver, Vance Eubanks, 60, of Ontario, had two parole violation warrants, including one for battery on a police officer causing injury. A search allegedly produced a methamphetamine pipe in a jacket pocket and a switchblade knife in a pants pocket. During a search of Eubanks' car police say they found a baggie of methamphetamine on the front passenger seat. He was arrested on the misdemeanor possession charges and for the knife, taken to the CPD jail, booked, issued a citation and transported to West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga for a parole hold.

Thursday, December 22

Pomona police called Claremont police at 1:31 a.m. about a catalytic converter theft that had occurred near the city limits, asking CPD to be on the lookout for the suspect's vehicle, an older model light colored minivan. Claremont officers patrolling the south part of town saw a grey 2001 Dodge Caravan heading west on American Av-

enue and attempted a traffic stop. The van's driver, later identified as Erick Diego, 28, of Los Angeles, refused to stop and fled at a high rate of speed eastbound on the 10 Freeway. A pursuit was initiated with two Claremont patrol vehicles. The van left the freeway at Vineyard Avenue in Ontario where police say Diego ran a red light before getting back on the freeway. Diego exited the 10 again at Archibald, running another red light, driving on the wrong side of the roadway before returning to the freeway, this time heading west.

At Central Avenue in Montclair the lead patrol car was able to get close enough to the van that an officer was able to see the faces of the two occupants. Diego pulled into the Costco parking lot at 9404 Central, where police say he and his passenger Carlos Yahir Ramirez, 18, of L.A. bailed out and began to run. Diego was immediately taken into custody but Ramirez fled into the Metro Honda auto complex. Officers from the California Highway Patrol and the Montclair Police Department as well as an L.A. County Sheriff's helicopter assisted in the search for Ramirez, who was caught running through the dealership. A search of the van allegedly turned up four catalytic converters, along with a floor jack and a handheld cutting device. A records check showed Diego had two felony warrants, \$75,000 for grand theft and vandalism in Burbank and \$30,000 for auto theft in Los Angeles. Both men were arrested for felony possession of stolen property, misdemeanor resisting arrest and misdemeanor possession of burglary tools. Diego was also arrested for his warrants and felony pursuit. They were transported to CPD jail and booked and Diego was held for court. Ramirez was released with a citation by the order of a L.A. Superior Court judge. Both men were due in court on December 27 where Diego pled no contest and was given two years probation. Ramirez failed to appear and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Friday, December 23

A witness called 911 at 2:32 p.m. to report that he was chasing a man who etched something into one of the windows at the Claremont Depot, causing an unknown amount of damage. The witness told police he saw the suspect, later identified as 25-year-old Rialto resident Jose Melendez, fleeing south on College Avenue on a skateboard and entering Blaisdell Park. When officers arrived, they spotted Melendez hiding in some shrubbery and ordered him to come out. Police searched Melendez and reportedly felt a knife in his front pants pocket. Melendez said it was a pocket knife but police say it was a weapon referred to as a "shank." The witness said Melendez had a backpack

and a search of the bushes revealed a satchel which allegedly contained a 9 mm semi automatic handgun with a fully loaded 30-round magazine and one bullet in the chamber, as well as two additional fully loaded 12-round magazines. The pack also contained psilocybin mushrooms and police say Melendez appeared to be under the influence of the psychedelic. He was arrested for three felonies: possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon and for the high-capacity magazine. He was also charged with three misdemeanors: vandalism, possession of a dirk or dagger and a controlled substance. Melendez was transported to CPD jail where he was booked, but due to a medical condition was transported to a local hospital. A day later the hospital called CPD because Melendez was being released. He was arrested again and brought back to CPD jail and later transferred to the Inmate Reception Center in L.A.

Thursday, December 29

At 11:50 p.m. police spotted a white 1999 Ford Ranger driving with inoperable tail lights east on Bonita Avenue at Indian Hill Boulevard. Officers say the truck then ran the stop sign at Yale Avenue, traveling at 25 to 30 mph along Bonita. Police conducted a traffic stop at College Avenue for the stop sign violation and allegedly saw an approximately four-year-old boy in the truck's cab standing on the passenger seat looking out at officers. They say the boy was not in car seat or secured by a seat belt. While speaking with the driver, a 34-year-old Moreno Valley man, police say they smelled a strong odor of alcohol and that he showed symptoms of being under the influence. He reportedly told officers he had picked up his son in Beaumont and was driving home, and that he was in Moreno Valley, not 35 miles west in Claremont. A field sobriety test allegedly showed he was in excess of three times the legal limit to drive. A search of the car turned up three empty 24-ounce cans of King Cobra and a half full container of VooDoo Ranger IPA. He was arrested for felony child endangerment and DUI, transported to CPD jail where he allegedly became argumentative and refused a chemical blood sample.

Because of the felony charge, a L.A. County Superior Court judge signed a blood draw search warrant and a blood sample was obtained for evidence. A records check revealed that he also had a \$15,000 warrant for theft in San Fernando. Los Angeles County Child Protective Services provided a phone number for the child's mother and she came to Claremont in the early morning hours to pick up her son. The suspect was issued a citation for the warrant and held for court on Wednesday.

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Van Sistine's cartoons remind us of what is simple, good

Dear editor:

I lived in Claremont for 20 years and was involved in many activities supporting our community. I moved to my hometown six years ago, but Claremont, my adopted hometown, is still near and dear to my heart.

I continue to subscribe to the COURIER, which arrives 5-8 days after publication date. I really appreciate the updates on my friends and community events and issues. I love receiving the paper about a week after the publication date. Although I often think about writing in response to stories, I have not, though I've personally communicated with reporters and columnists.

Today I want to compliment you on featuring the clever holiday dog park cartoon by Sophie Willard Van Sistine. With so much negative news in communities and around the world, I found Sophie's creativity a welcome reminder of what is simple and good in our communities. Thank you for reminding me of this.

**Tracey Stoll
Ames, Iowa**

A 'dog day' at Wilderness Park?

Dear editor:

I wish to suggest that days in the Wilderness Park be set aside as "no mountain biking days." Numerous times me and my poor dogs have been nearly crushed by bikers hurtling downhill at speed.

Makes me nostalgic for bygone days when we intrepid few would chat with the horses at the stable then trespass past the improvement association's gates.

**David ("the dog man") Null
Pomona**

Llanusa column, letter, help broaden perspectives

Dear editor:

Thank you for publishing the article by

READERS' COMMENTS

Mick Rhodes and the letter by Janice Hoffmann about former Claremont Unified School District Board of Education President Steven Llanusa. Together they broaden our perspective of the circumstances and perhaps, attitudes, surrounding his resignation. They reminded us to avoid snap judgements based on few facts. It was another time that I breathed a sigh of relief that we have a local paper that keeps us informed and calls us to be more open minded and generous neighbors.

**Nan Cooney
Claremont**

Let's stay on topic about Llanusa

Dear editor:

I am a parent of a young person who performed at the Christmas party held by Steven Llanusa, and I'd like to add a personal perspective in addition to Mr. Rhodes' excellent commentary.

The negative comments from individuals regarding Mr. Llanusa's sexuality were uncalled for, hateful, and had absolutely no part in the problems that occurred at the event. The problems were egotism, arrogance, and abuse of power. These are what led to incredibly poor choices regarding the timing of the young people coming in and the timing of the entertainers'/servers' participation. My child was terribly uncomfortable, as were their friends. Comments by one of the entertainers, by the "Santa," offers of alcoholic beverages, and inappropriate touching might never had happened had the singers kicked off the party and then left on time.

Homophobia and unjust accusations of Mr. Llanusa have no place here. Let's stay on topic and manage the situation for what

it is. Mr. Llanusa has resigned, I feel appropriately so. Further investigation regarding the alleged inappropriate behavior of others there is taking place, and I feel it's important for these young people to see adults listening and caring. Hopefully we can move on and regain the trust of our young people, and we parents can again trust the officials who are there to help support our children's education.

**Anonymous
Claremont**

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Eastman compromised Claremont Institute standards

Dear editor:

Now that a criminal referral of felony charges of obstruction of an official proceeding and conspiracy to defraud the United States, together with conspiracy to make a false statement and inciting, assisting, or aiding or comforting an insurrection have been made against John Charles Eastman, founding director of the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence and Claremont senior fellow, it is my fondest hope that Claremont Institute Board of Directors Chairman Thomas Klingenstein and President Ryan Williams raise the standards that govern the Claremont Institute. Its standards are clearly compromised, if not ironic, in identifying Eastman's name with anything associated with constitutional jurisprudence. This is a critical opportunity to note that something is terribly wrong in the governance and moral conduct of the Claremont Institute.

The Claremont Institute is now John Charles Eastman — with identical values, morality, and disregard for the United States Constitution. The January 3 memo authored by Eastman is chilling. It would be valuable for everyone to read it and recognize the character of founding director Eastman as revealed in that memo.

The Claremont Institute shares the shame and stench of alleged criminal conduct that now befalls John Charles Eastman. After all, the Claremont Institute ex-

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*Thirty years ago
This sort of storm was common.
Now remarkable!*

— **Steve Harrison**

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ended the one-time legitimacy of its institution to him — and he summarily squandered it with his conduct, considered by numerous conservatives to be contemptible. That conduct is not in dispute and was reported through sworn testimony of witnesses to his actions in connection with the attempt to overturn a legitimate election of the President of the United States of America. Many people would consider his actions as a conspiracy to affect a coup, while others would consider this to be outright treason.

History is laid at the doorstep of the Claremont Institute. John Charles Eastman remains in the leadership of the Claremont Institute.

**Tom Peterson
Rancho Mirage**



Claremont Kiwanis Foundation Now Accepting Grant Applications

The Kiwanis Club of Claremont Foundation's grant program awards funds to Claremont-based and surrounding area non-profits to assist them in serving the Claremont area in two mission areas: Youth Services and Senior Services. The Foundation will award a total of \$25,000 to successful applicants in 2023.

The Foundation is now accepting applications. The application portal is open on the Claremont Kiwanis website (www.claremontkiwanis.org). Applicants can download the fillable PDF application form that must be completed in its entirety. Deadline for submission is Friday, February 10, 2023.

More details and complete instructions are on the application form.

For any questions, please contact the Grants Committee at claremontkiwanisgrants@gmail.com

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A student's unique journey of self-discovery

by Jenny Wang
Special to the COURIER

“Hello, my name is Jenny, and I am from Claremont, California.”

Prior to attending the annual Student Diversity Leadership Conference, this short introduction sufficed in making a stranger understand partially who I am, a driven high school girl who's eager to dive deeper into her academic passions and get involved in her community.

However, when I boarded the plane with five fellow students and 15 faculty members and flew off to San Antonio, Texas, I unknowingly embarked on a transformative journey that would allow me to, for the first time, examine each facet of my identity with a compassionate and grateful lens.

At 6 a.m. Texas time, when my Californian body was still indulging in sweet dreams, thinking it was 4, I was hauled out of my hotel room bed to get ready for the first day of SDLC.

The day began with an incredible keynote speaker — Amanda Nygwen. As a second-generation immigrant, Amanda talked about her mom's tumultuous escape from the Vietnam War to the United States. She then shared how she discovered the brokenness of the American criminal justice system when she became a victim of rape while studying at Harvard Law School.

“I realized at that point that I had a choice,” Amanda said. “I could accept injustice or rewrite the law, and one of these things is a lot better than the other, so I rewrote it.”

While she made it sound easy, I could not help but picture the enormous difficulties she must have had to overcome to persuade lawmakers as a Vietnamese woman in a polarized political environment. To me, Amanda represented more than a 2019 Nobel Peace Prize nominee or feminist activist, but a second-generation Asian American who tackled the oppressive system to affect change. Despite the pervasive stereotypes spread against people who look like us — submissive, exotic, sexual — Amanda became a success-

ful social entrepreneur who not only passed her own laws but helped jumpstart other social movements as well. Seeing how far she had come shattered my imaginary glass ceiling.

Following the keynote speaker, we transitioned into randomized family groups where we shared various aspects of our identities, from which one conversation stood out to me: socio-economic status. Because we were only together for three days and would likely never see each other again, people were extremely open and vulnerable. The first group shared their economic hardships and pressing need for scholarships; the second lowered their heads at not being able to qualify for enough financial aid, and shared guilt at having to put their families in debt to pursue higher education; the third pledged they would use their privilege to transform society for the better. All three groups had their own burdens to carry. From these conversations, I became more aware of how America operates as a capitalist democracy.

Then I attended the Asian affinity group meetings. As soon as I walked into the room I noticed people had already formed into cliques, most unwilling to open up to a new person. This environment presented a drastic contrast between Asian affinity and the Black and “Latinx” affinity spaces. We were divided by cultures and nationalities whereas the Black and “Latinx” groups were unified by a sense of mutual camaraderie. While the Asian affinity group was holding passive introductions, the Black and “Latinx” groups had already begun singing the Black national anthem and dancing to salsa music. However unwilling I was to admit that we fit perfectly into the stereotype, the evening continued.

Eventually we realized that in spite of our different upbringings and cultural familiarity, we were united in many aspects; we all grapple with the model minority myth, high parental expectations, and hesitancy when it comes to Asians' role in social justice movements. For so long we remained separate and secluded in our bubbles, but the Stop Asian Hate movement in 2021 brought us back together. I realized although our different cultures may at times be dissenting, they

are simultaneously our greatest strength. We can better combat orientalism because of our varying backgrounds and perspectives. When I glanced around the room and made eye contact with different people, I sensed our generation was standing on the shoulders of giants — that our parents faced many of the same challenges Amanda's mom did in bringing us to the land of democracy — and it is now up to us to make it count.

When we returned to the family groups, we were asked where we were from, where we were really from, and where we were actually from. I paused to reflect on how I usually answer this question. “Claremont, California,” I would usually say, to avoid having to explain my immigration journey. However, the more I shy away from my Chinese identity, the more I am discounting my cultural heritage.

I thought back to the exhilaration I felt at reading Li Bai's poetry while viewing the waterfall at Mount Lu, the peace of trekking through Yunnan's tea plantation amidst heavy fog, the pure happiness of seeing the Mogao Grottoes murals with my grandpa. Each one of these experiences shaped my character. Who am I to just toss them away after assuming an American identity?

We concluded the conference with a talent show, an event I will forever treasure. It was a moment of cross-racial solidarity, where students with various talents brought their truest self to the stage. Every recited poem was greeted with a thunderstorm of applause. The ballet dancers received standing ovations, and the audience waved their flashlights along with each singer's performance. Two and-a-half hours passed while feeling like 30 minutes. As the lights dimmed in the theater, I realized there is something magical in gathering more than 1,000 students from all over the country — all longing for diversity — in the same space.

Jenny Wang, 16, is a junior at The Webb Schools, where she is the copy editor of the Webb Canyon Chronicle. Jenny plans to study international relations and journalism in college, hopefully at Stanford University.

VIEWPOINT

Would you like to help Claremont?

Sustainability committee seeks volunteers

by Sue Schenk
Special to the COURIER

Would you like to help Claremont? You can by volunteering to become a member of the City of Claremont's Sustainability Committee. There are several openings at the moment and we hope you will consider applying.

So, what is the sustainability committee? A short history: In 2006, Claremont adopted a revised general plan focused on sustainability. The city formed a task force of citizen volunteers and city staff who worked for quite a while to put together a document that would list our goals and the actions needed to achieve them. The first sustainable city plan was approved in 2008. The seven goal areas are: resource allocation of water, energy, and waste; environmental public health and local agriculture; transportation; sustainable built environment; open space and biodiversity; housing and economic development; and public outreach and education.

Each goal area has a number of individual goals, along with targets to help us determine if we are meeting the goals, and proposed actions to help us reach the targets. There have been two updates to the plan, one in 2013 and a major one in 2021. The plan calls for annual reports and the format for those was also revised in 2022.

So, what does the sustainability committee do? The committee works with city staff to consider new additions to our sustainability efforts, updates the plan as needed, and helps to collect data for the annual report. It also recommends Claremont City Council support for items such as entering into a three-year agreement with clean energy fuels for renewable natural gas for the fueling station at the city yard, and directing staff to work with Ways2H to advance a pilot project at the yard to convert waste to hydrogen.

The committee has four regular meetings per year, with additional gatherings if needed. At the meetings we discuss areas where our goals and actions might need to be updated, for instance those related to improving conditions for bike use, increasing affordable housing, or helping to maintain local biodiversity. We also help to collect information for the annual report about the targets related to citizen efforts.

Claremont needs to know what to do in order to achieve its goals, and this is where you can help. If you are interested in helping the city move forward in any area of sustainability, please call (909) 399-5460 and ask how to apply for the committee. The current members have interests in different goals and bring a variety of ideas to our discussions. Please consider adding your own!



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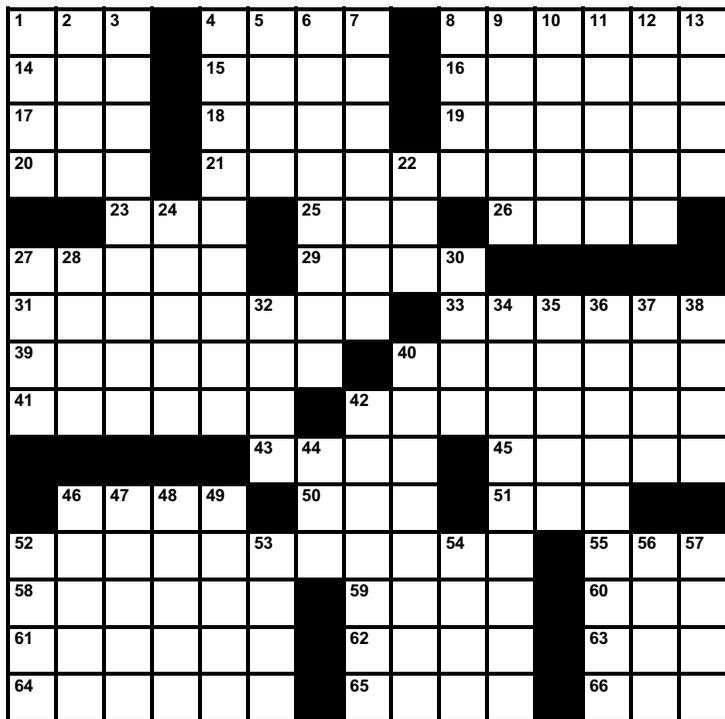
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Puzzle #707 by Myles Mellor



Across

- 1. Ship title word
- 4. Fermented soybean paste
- 8. Brand of allergic reaction treatment
- 14. Chum
- 15. Right away
- 16. Butterfly, e.g.
- 17. In times past
- 18. One reason for an R rating
- 19. Home of Venezia
- 20. Children's game
- 21. To sum it up
- 23. Cable inits.
- 25. Mushroom you can eat
- 26. Old
- 27. First name in legendary golfers
- 29. Formerly, once
- 31. Former Claremont mayor, recently passed
- 33. Steals
- 39. Breakfast fare
- 40. This could _____! (bargain)
- 41. Slightest
- 42. Becomes foolishly enthusiastic (over)
- 43. Middle-eastern kingdom

- 6. Crusader opponents
- 7. Cork screw, church key, etc.
- 8. Throw off
- 9. Stooge
- 10. State whose license plate says "Famous Potatoes"
- 11. More faint
- 12. French writer, Zola
- 13. Broten of hockey fame
- 22. Emotional highs
- 24. Thousand, in France
- 27. "This is ___ for Superman!"
- 28. Kind of tomato
- 30. Way too precious
- 32. Maestro Klemperer
- 34. Danish explorer
- 35. Finishes, as a lawn
- 36. They spice things up
- 37. Badges
- 38. Delight at the comedy club
- 40. Friendliness
- 42. San Diego district
- 44. Bien's opposite
- 46. Of musical sound
- 47. Japanese seaport

- 45. Pig-like
- 46. Drink too much
- 50. Volcanic spew
- 51. Support gp. for the troops
- 52. Claremont resident Lani Fox's specialty
- 55. Fishing equipment
- 58. Lined up
- 59. Writer Kingsley
- 60. Attention
- 61. Place name with North or South
- 62. "The Green ___" Tom Hanks movie
- 63. Way, abbr.
- 64. Granite colored
- 65. Hammer part
- 66. Compass point

Down

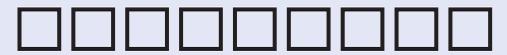
- 1. ___ the crack of dawn
- 2. Tale
- 3. One whose work may be catchy
- 4. They may be used for detection or identification
- 5. "Help ___ the way!"

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Puzzle #20 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.

MOVIE STUDIO



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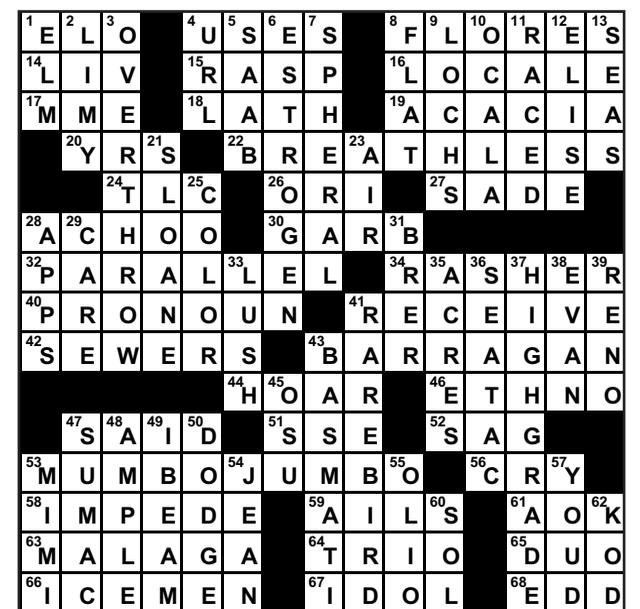


Answers to Puzzle #19

DEVICE THAT KEEPS TIME; GARDEN STATUE THAT LIKES THE OCCASIONAL MANI-PEDI

**METRONOME;
METRO-GNOME**

Answers to Puzzle #706



- 48. Candidate of the '90s
- 49. Be theatrical
- 52. Frees (of)
- 53. Not at home
- 54. Artifice
- 56. Dines
- 57. Larch, e.g.

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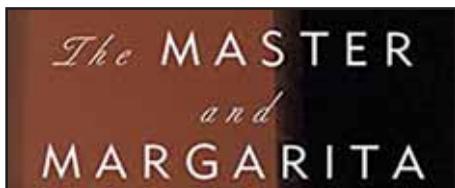
BY ANDREW ALONZO

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FRIDAY 1/6

• Claremont's **holiday tree recycling program** continues through Thursday, January 12. Leave your holiday tree at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regular collection day and the city will take the tree. All ornaments, lights, tinsel, stands, etc., must be removed prior to pick up and trees over six feet tall must be cut in half. Flocked trees will not be accepted and should be placed in the black trash container. For information call (909) 399-5431.

• The Claremont Senior Computer Club hosts a free **technology assistance lab** from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont. The course is open to seniors who need help with their laptops, tablets, phones, or other devices. Computers will also be available. For details, visit ci.claremont.ca.us.



• The **war and existentialism** book club meets the first Friday of every month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont. January's book of discussion is "The Master and Margarita," by Mikhail Bulgakov. Attendance is free but pre-registration is required by calling (909) 399-5488.

SATURDAY 1/7

• The Los Angeles County Public Library will hold a free **virtual author talk** featuring New York Times best-selling author Namina Forna, author of "The Gilded Ones," at 11 a.m. Forna will discuss her second installment in the series, "The Merciless Ones." For more info or to RSVP, go to visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/7725463.

• Stop by the Claremont Helen Renwick Library, 208 N. Harvard Ave., at 2 p.m. for the first **On the Same Page** event of the new year, "**When Wildfires Hit Home: The Personal Accounts**." Three Claremont residents: Susan Kullman, Penny Garris, and Judith Favor, will share stories of their neighborhoods and homes going up in

flames. Attendees can ask questions and tell a story of their own on a similar topic. For more info, visit claremontlibrary.org.

• Browse artwork around the city as businesses participate in the **Claremont Art Walk**, held the first Saturday of every month between 6 and 9 p.m. Details about this month's walk appear on page 13. Email claremontartwalkinfo@gmail.com for more info.

SUNDAY 1/8

• Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 435 Berkeley Ave., Claremont, will host a **blood and power red drive** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in support of the American Red Cross. To make an appointment call (800) 733-2767, (909) 626-3596, or visit redcrossblood.org.

• **Homero Chavez and Una Noche** play a free three-hour concert beginning at 2 p.m. at College Center, 665 E. Foothill Blvd., Claremont. To view the monthly lineup and information, visit jazzatcollegecenter.com.

• At 4 p.m., the Southland Symphony Orchestra and Chorus along with the Repertory Opera Company will perform "**Amahl and the Night Visitors**" at Bethel Congregational Church, 536 N. Euclid Ave., Ontario. Tickets, \$20, are at southlandssymphony.com.

• Witness **14-year-old piano artist Nina Wu** in a free and open to the public concert at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1700 N. Towne Ave., Claremont, today at 6 p.m. The performance is part of the Adventures in Music concert series. For details, call (909) 626-2714.

MONDAY 1/9



• **Claremont Unified School District** returns to class today to begin the second half of the 2022-2023 academic year. For information on CUSD happenings, visit cusd.claremont.edu.

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conversations with residents during a free and open to the public **current events discussion group** that meets at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont, from 1 to 2 p.m. every Monday. No pre-registration is required. Call (909) 399-5490 for info.

• The **Shakespeare Club of Pomona Valley** will hold its first meeting of the year at 2 p.m. at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave. Led by Dr. Miranda Johnson-Haddad, the meeting will include a discussion, "Preview of A Noise Within's upcoming production of 'Much Ado About Nothing.'" For more information, call (909) 717-1109 or email lucylynch@aol.com.

TUESDAY 1/10

• Discuss your mental well-being and get connected with necessary resources while enjoying a free cup of coffee at the Pomona Public Library, 625 S. Garey Ave., Pomona, during **cafecito** hour from 2 to 3 p.m. Also starting at 2 p.m., a **drug and alcohol support clinic** for English speaking residents will take place until 6 p.m. at the library. For information about the groups, call (909) 620-2043.

See more events online at claremont-courier.com

WEDNESDAY 1/11



• **Beginning and intermediate line dancing classes**, at 9:15 and 10:30 a.m., respectively, meet at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont every Wednesday. For those dropping in for the first time, the course fee is \$50 for Claremont residents and \$55 for non-residents. Call (909) 399-5488 for info.

THURSDAY 1/12

• Today is the final day residents can take part in the city's **holiday tree recycling program**. Leave your holiday tree at the curb by 6 a.m. on your regular collection day and the collectors will take the tree. All ornaments, lights, tinsel, stands, etc., must be removed prior to pick up and trees over six feet tall must be cut in half. Flocked trees will not be accepted and should be placed in

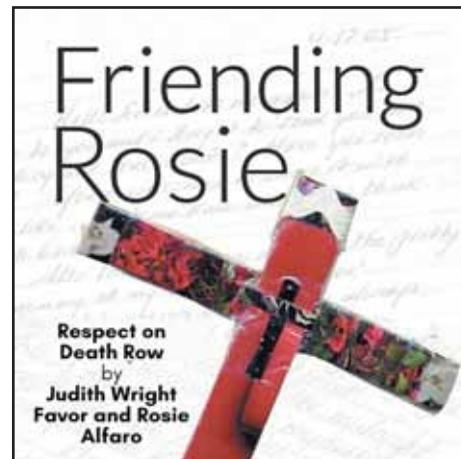
the black trash container. For information call (909) 399-5431.

FRIDAY 1/13

• This week's **movie matinee** at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., is "Respect" (2021), a biopic that follows the rise of Aretha Franklin's career from a child singing in her father's church's choir to international superstardom. The film begins at 12:30 p.m. and free popcorn will be available. Masks are encouraged for this indoor event. Call (909) 399-5488 for info.

SATURDAY 1/14

• The Claremont Helen Renwick Library, 208 N. Harvard Ave., will hold a free **Chinese paper cutting course** today from 2 to 3 p.m. ahead of the Chinese New Year, which is Sunday, January 22. The course is for children ages 8 and up and will be led by Emmy Lam. For details or to register go to it.lacountylibrary.org/event/7529570.



• At 4 p.m. local author **Judith Wright Favor** will read excerpts from her 2021 book, "Friending Rosie: Re-

OUR TOWN

Mudd joins nationwide STEM alliance

Last month, Harvey Mudd College announced that it joined the STEM Opportunity Alliance. The initiative, led by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, is a "new initiative to make equity in science fields a national priority and transform the American STEM ecosystem," according to a news release.

The alliance's President Maria Klawe spoke about Mudd's efforts to increase diversity in STEM at the launch of the alliance at the December 12 White House Summit on STEM Equity and Excellence in Washington, D.C. Klawe was one of four panelists invited to highlight promising practices underway at their institutions.

Harvey Mudd has made progress in the various STEM fields over the past 15 years, moving from 30% female students in 2006 to 50% in 2022, and graduating majority female classes in computer science, engineering and physics during that time. The college has also gone from under 1% Black or African American students to 7%; and from 5% Hispanic to over 20%.

To learn more about HMC and the alliance, visit hmc.edu.

spect on Death Row," at a free and open to the public reading at the Claremont Forum Bookshop, 586 W. First St. The book explores Favor's friendship with death row inmate Rosie Alfaro. Forum volunteers will also read from letters to the Prison Library Project from over the years. Pre-registration is required at claremontforum.org/forumevents.

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High school sports roundup: January 6, 2023

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CLAREMONT HIGH

Boys basketball

On December 22, the Pack began Palomares League play with a lopsided 72-31 home loss to Glendora.

Results from the Damien Tournament: on December 26 the team began play with a 57-51 loss to Charter Oak but bounced back December 27 with a 61-40 win over Bell Gardens. On December 28, Claremont lost big to Western Christian, 67-35. The team capped play with a 51-37 win

over La Sierra (Riverside) on December 29.

On Friday, January 6 the boys traveled to Colony to continue Palomares League play. League play continues on Tuesday, January 10 at home versus Bonita at 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

The Wolfpack's 11-game win streak was snapped December 22 when Glendora won a thrilling 45-41 Palomares League opener at Claremont.

Results from the Edison Tournament: the team opened with a commanding 61-14 win over Tustin on December 27. On December 28, the Pack beat Trabuco Hills 54-35. On December 29 Claremont dis-



Claremont High School girls water polo center Alimarie Deprez, left, winds up a shot during Wednesday's 19-14 Palomares League loss at Glendora. Alimarie finished with six goals. COURIER/photo Andrew Alonzo

patched hosts Edison, 51-28. The girls capped 2022 on December 30 with a 36-21 win against Portola.

On Friday, January 6 the Pack travels to Colony to continue Palomares League. On Saturday, January 7 the team will begin play in the Northview Showcase against Orangewood Academy at 8:30 p.m. League play picks up again at home at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 10 versus Bonita.

Boys soccer

Results from the San Geronio Tournament: Claremont beat both Redlands and Serrano by identical 2-0 scores to open up play on December 22. The team then tied Granite Hills of Apple Valley, 1-1, before falling to Hesperia 3-1 on December 27.

The boys opened Palomares League play on Tuesday with a big 7-1 win at Glendora. League play continued after press time Thursday when the team hosted Colony. Claremont travels to play Bonita at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, January 10.

Girls soccer

Results from the San Geronio Tournament: on December 22, the Wolfpack began by thumping Rialto, 6-1, then shut out Barstow, 3-0. On December 27, the Pack lost to Yucaipa, 1-0, but then shut out Martin Luther King High, again by a score of 3-0. On December 28, the team reached a scoreless tie with Brea Olinda.

Claremont began Palomares League play at home Tuesday with a tight 1-0 win over Glendora. The team traveled to Colony after press time Thursday.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, January 7, Claremont will host the red hot Vivian Webb Schools, which in the midst of a 28-game winning streak, in a nonleague matchup.

League play resumes at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, January 10 when CHS hosts Bonita.

Girls water polo

The Pack began Palomares League action Wednesday with a 19-14 loss at Glendora. League play continues Monday, January 9 at home against Colony at 4 p.m.

and at 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 11 at home versus Bonita.

Boys and girls wrestling

The teams continued Sierra League action after press time Thursday with a home meet against Colony.

The boys will participate in the upcoming Nogales Tournament against TBA opposition. The first match is set for 10 a.m. Friday, January 6.

THE WEBB SCHOOLS

Boys basketball

The Gauls host Fairmont Friday, January 6 to begin Academy League play. Webb travels to El Rancho at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 7 for a nonleague game, then resumes Academy League play at Western Christian at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 10.

Girls basketball

The team travels to Ramona Convent Secondary School on Saturday, January 7 for a 4 p.m. nonleague game. The Gauls will begin Academy League play on Tuesday, January 10 at Western Christian. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

Boys soccer

The Gauls will host Providence Burbank Friday, January 6. Next Tuesday, January 10, the team begins San Joaquin League play at Tarbut V'Torah at 3:15 p.m.

Girls soccer

The red hot Vivian Webb Schools girls soccer team, which in the midst of a 28-game winning streak, was back in action after press time Thursday against Providence Burbank. At 5 p.m. Saturday, the team will travel to Claremont for a nonleague match.

Next Tuesday, January 10, the Gauls will host Pacifica Christian at 3:15 p.m. to begin San Joaquin League play.

Girls water polo

The Gauls began Valle Vista League

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Art Walk returns for the month of January

The first Claremont Art Walk of 2023 takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, January 7. Here are the featured artists:

- Ahmad Shariff Art Gallery, 107 Harvard Ave., Claremont, will showcase “Ringing in the New Year,” which features paintings and visual arts by Victor Anthony, Elisa Arancibia, Gorman Bentley, Sandy Garcia, Quincey Grace, John Woodcock, and Ernest J.T. Martin.

- Bunny Gunner, 230 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, will feature John Sollom’s series “Iconic Portraits of the Fantastic, Foolish and Famous.”

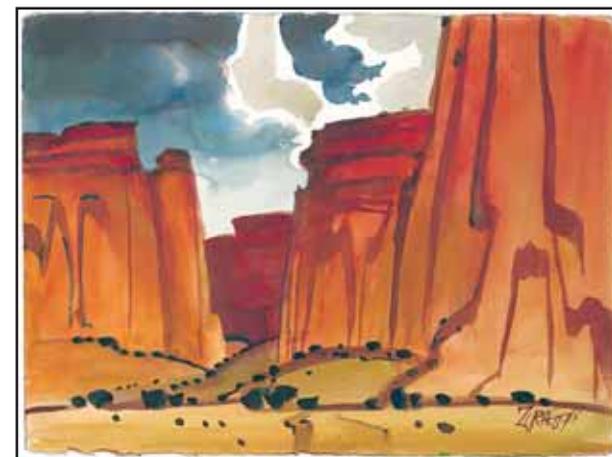
- The Button Box Museum, located in the Bunny Gunner westside walkway, 230 W. Bonita Ave.,

Claremont, will feature an untitled piece by Krys Munzing.

- Claremont Chamber of Commerce, 205 Yale Ave., Claremont, will show works by Los Angeles-based artist Atilio Pernisco.

- The Claremont Lewis Museum of Art, 200 W. First St., in the Claremont Depot, continues its exhibit, “Transformations in Glass: Vitreous Funk, Fantasy, and Light,” through February 5. Works are from Claremont-influenced glass artists Kéké Cribbs, Richard Marquis, and David Svenson.

- Crescent Tree Corp, 206 W. Bonita Ave., suite G, Claremont, will display “Flow State,” works by Los Angeles-based abstract painter Sarah J. Schwartz.



Zornes, Milford. “In Canyon De Chelly.” (2008). Photo courtesy/Art Net One

“Her practice is concerned with duality and dialogue, engaging and pushing the boundaries of various materials and techniques and investigating their capacities for expression,” read a news release.

- Studio C, 260 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, will showcase Elizabeth Carr’s exhibit, “Resolve.”

- Square I, 110 Harvard Ave., Claremont, will feature “Milford Zornes and Friends.”

The exhibit will celebrate Zornes’ birthday while also showing some of the work of artists that he knew and worked with, including Henry Fukuhara, Don O’Neill, Don Andrews, Christopher Schink, Sylvia Megerdichian, Gerald Brommer, James Fuller, and Patric Dooley.

- Pomona Valley Art Association, 317 W. First St., Claremont, hosts the exhibit, “A New Year,” which will feature Andre Ford, Kathy Gysin, and Noe Reyes.

For more info visit claremontvillage.com/claremont-art-walk.

OUR TOWN

Senior AARP driving course offered

The American Association of Retired Persons will host a two-daylong driver’s safety course at the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd., Claremont, beginning Wednesday, January 11 and concluding Thursday, January 12.

The two 9:30 a.m. courses are meant for drivers 50 and older who want to improve their defensive driving skills. A certificate from the Department of Motor Vehicles will be issued which grants participants a discount on their automobile insurance at the conclusion of the course.

A materials fee of \$25 (\$20 for AARP members) is required.

To register or learn more, visit anc.apm.activecommunities.com.

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play versus West Covina on Friday, January 6.

The team is back in action on Monday, January 9 at Edgewood for a nonleague match. League play continues at San Dimas on Tuesday, January 10. Both games are set for 3:30 p.m.

Boys wrestling

Webb will participate in a Montview League cluster at Duarte on Wednesday, January 11. The Gaul’s first match is set for noon.

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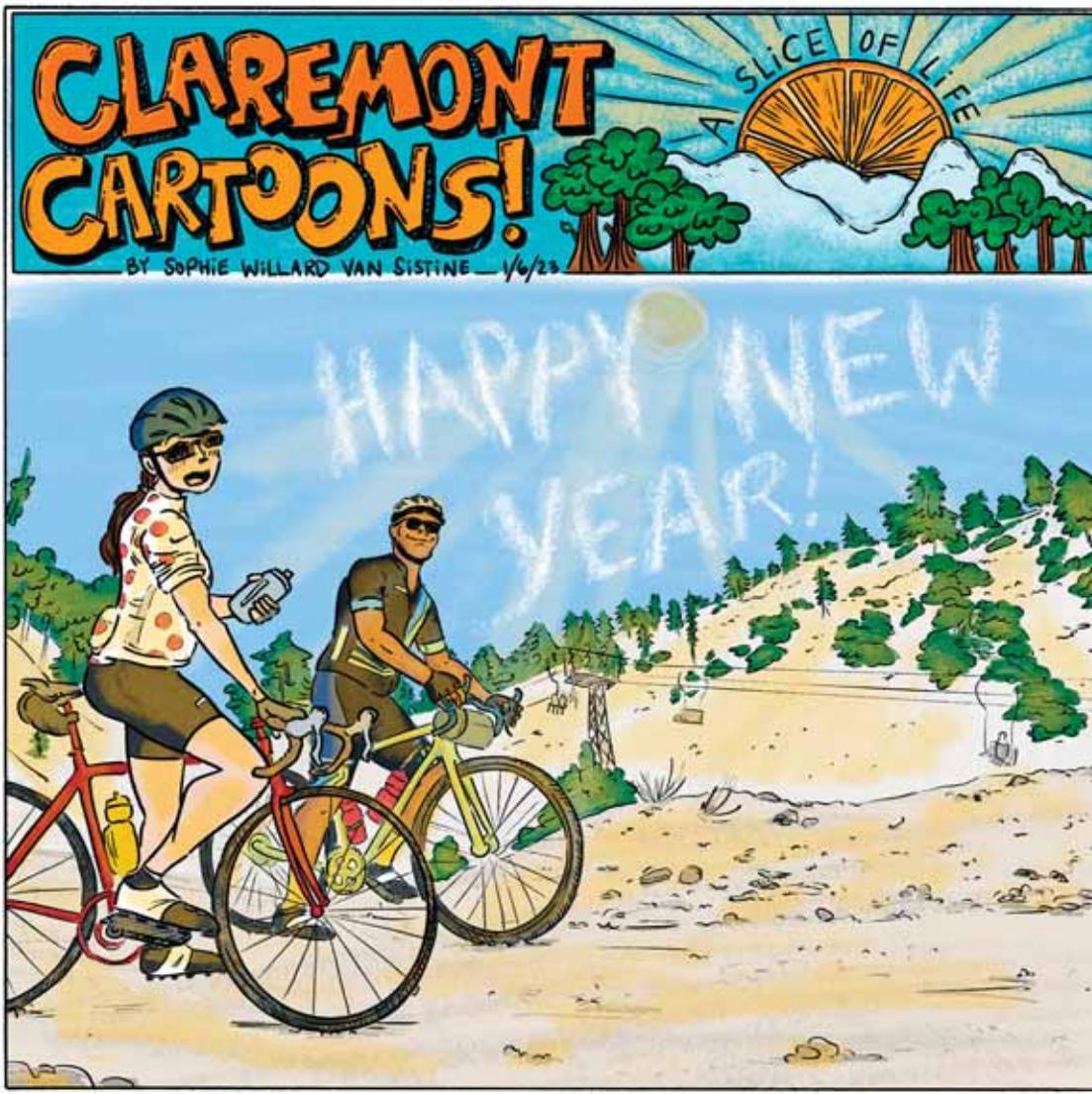
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The American Red Cross will host blood drives across Claremont throughout the month of January, which is national blood donor month.

Those who donate blood in the month of January will be entered for chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVII at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. Go to rcblood.org/superbowl for prize details.

On Sunday, January 8, Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 435 Berkeley Ave., Claremont, will hold a blood and power red drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Power red transfusions refer to the transference of a concentrated dose of red cells and typically take about an hour. Call (909) 626-3596 for info.

Claremont St. Luke's Church, 2050 N. Indian Hill Blvd., hosts blood and power red drives from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, January 9, 16, and 23. Call (909) 624-8898 for details.

Claremont Graduate University's Stauffer Hall, 925 N. Dartmouth Ave., is the site of a blood and power red drive between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 24. For information call (909) 621-8000.

Finally on Sunday, January 29, North Hills Church of Seventh-day Adventists, 1717 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont, will hold a blood and power red drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (909) 621-3079 for info.

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John Blair Cenicerros

Grandfather, revered college professor, environmentalist, author

John Blair Cenicerros died peacefully, surrounded by his children, on Thanksgiving day, 2022 at the age of 89.

Blair was born in Los Angeles in 1933 and grew up in Redlands, graduating from Redlands High School, and then attending Occidental College in Los Angeles. He left college to serve in the U.S. Army for two years, posting in Germany. In 1957 he returned to Occidental College to complete his Bachelor of Arts degree. He went on to earn his master's degree at the University of Redlands.

Blair launched his teaching career at Beaumont High School before joining the faculty at Mount San Jacinto College in 1965 during the construction of its earliest buildings at the current main campus. He taught there until his retirement in 1994.

Blair taught many subjects including English literature, Shakespeare, writing, and film studies. He was known for creatively presenting classical themes in modern contexts, such as the mythology of the Star Wars film series. He developed a reputation as a tough teacher who expected a lot from his students, yet had an exceptional talent



for engaging them and offering as much support as needed to turn a poor grade on a paper into an A. It was common for former students to approach him years later to thank him for turning around their academic careers or inspiring them to go into teaching.

Blair served as president of the college's academic senate, led negotiations of contracts between faculty and the administration and, after retiring, wrote a book to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the

founding of MSJC that documented its early history.

While in college, Blair met the love of his life, Kay McPherson, through a shared passion for music and opera. They considered "La Boheme" by Puccini to be "their opera." They shared much joy watching the ascent of the careers of Blair's sister, Lorna, and her husband Enrico Di Giuseppe, as they became noteworthy opera singers.

The couple were married for almost 61 years and shared a romance of epic depth and duration. Anyone who spent more than five minutes with Blair received a dissertation on how wonderful, intelligent, and beautiful Kay was, and that he didn't know how he had been so lucky to share this life together. Blair was proud of her accomplishments as a Riverside County Supervisor, yet she credited Blair with providing her with the loving support and encouragement that propelled her to realize her potential.

They were active in their communities, acting in community theater together in Beaumont and Hemet, helping to start the first recycling center in the Hemet-San Jacinto Valley, and participating in local politics and environmental causes. They shared their pas-

sion for California's beautiful natural resources with their three children from an early age, including going on long family camping excursions in their 1968 VW camper van through the state's mountains, forests, and beaches.

After retiring to Idyllwild, California, Blair helped found and served as president of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, which became a national model of effective fire prevention for communities in high fire-risk areas.

Blair is survived by his three children and their spouses, Kevin and his wife Melissa, Bruce and his wife Andrea, Lara and her husband Joe; and grandchildren Eric, Evan, Jordan, Cameron, Annika, and Kira.

A memorial service will be presented at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at Claremont Manor, 650 Harrison Ave., Claremont, CA 91711.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council at mcfsc.org/donate, or by check to P.O. Box 507, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

Leilani June Scheetz

Loving wife of 62 years, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, volunteer

Longtime Claremont resident, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Leilani June Scheetz died peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on December 15 at the age of 85.

"Throughout her life she was an anchor for her family and an inspiration to those around her," her family shared. "She absolutely loved life."

Leilani was born in Los Angeles on May 31, 1937, the second of four children. She spent her youth in Highland Park where she would often take the little red Pacific Electric trains into Los Angeles with her cousin Gale and her grandma June. When she was nine years old her family moved to Alhambra. She attended Saint Therese Carmelite School during her elementary years, then San Gabriel Mission High, graduating in 1955.

After high school she pursued interests in business administration, swimming, modeling, and volunteer work. In November 1959 she met Larry Scheetz, the love of her life, at a Catholic youth dance

in South Pasadena. They were married one year later in Saint Therese Roman Catholic Church in Alhambra. The couple later moved to Claremont, where they raised their four children, Mark, Steve, Dean, and Lisa.

"Leilani was the heart of the family," her family said. "She always took time to ensure they knew she loved them and was proud of them. For many years she held elaborate parties to celebrate holidays and milestones in the lives of her family and friends. She maintained an extensive calendar to keep track of all the important dates for her loved ones, always remembering them with good wishes and thoughtful, personalized gifts. Throughout her life, she maintained a profound interest in understanding everyone around her in a deep and caring way.

"Leilani's zest for life was contagious to all who knew her."

In the early family years, she often spent summer weekends in the California deserts where she rode motorcycles with her husband, sons and their "desert rat"

community. Later she enjoyed extended family camping trips at the beach where she would show off her swimming skills during the day and be the life of the party at night.

As her children grew older, she became heavily involved with her local community. She generously volunteered her time and received several awards for her outstanding work in youth counseling. "She had many friends and was there for everyone, especially when the chips were down," her family added.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Lisa Valerie Cleveland, and her sister Connie Schnell.

She is survived by Larry Scheetz, her loving husband of 62 years; sons Mark, Steve, and Dean; siblings Donna and Dean; grandchildren Laura, Krista, David, Riley, Skyler, Berklee; and great-grandchildren Madison, Caden, Kylee, and Latham.

The Scheetz family gives all of her care-



givers their warmest gratitude for their loving care over the last 10 years.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 7 at Todd Memorial Chapel, 325 N. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711.

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Clara Berg Zink

Gemologist, equestrian, career woman, great-grandmother

Clara Berg Zink, age 87, died peacefully at her Claremont home in the early morning of November 27. Her ashes were scattered at sea.

The first child of Eastern European immigrants Samuel and Sophie Naliboff, Clara was born in El Centro, California on March 16, 1935. Her formative years were shared between the family home in El Centro and a working ranch in Julian. During the sweltering summers at the Julian ranch, she and her beloved brother David would rest in the shade of an oak tree and read the encyclopedia from A to Z. This undoubtedly formed the foundation of her lifelong love of learning and explains the amazing depth and breadth of her knowledge.

A stellar student and debate team champion, she graduated El Centro High School in 1953, then attended San Diego State College (now San Diego State University). Based on her experience and love of caring for livestock, her goal was to become a large animal veterinarian. However, typical of the rigid gender roles of the 1950s, she was told that women could not become veterinarians and was directed toward classes intended specifically for women. During her first year at San Diego State, she met and married Selwyn "Sel" Berg.

From San Diego, they moved to Seattle, Washington, then Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and then to Ithaca, New York, where Selwyn completed his

graduate studies and PhD. In addition to having three children, she worked throughout these years to support her family financially. In 1963 the family returned to sunny Southern California and chose Claremont as the place to raise their children because of the academically focused environment and highly rated public schools. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1979.

A skilled seamstress, she became manager and co-owner of Claremont's Expres-Sew fabric store on Foothill Boulevard. She is remembered fondly as a patient sewing instructor and was the first employer for many high school students and work-at-home moms. She had a knack for adapting sewing patterns to customize clothes and used this skill to help breast cancer survivors and other uniquely shaped individuals create fashionable clothing, swimwear, and lingerie they could wear with confidence.

Always polished and poised, she was an expert in style and professional appearance. She taught women to enhance their natural beauty with flattering colors and clothing styles so they could present their best professional self. She was the ghost writer of "The Magic of Color and Line," one of the first books dedicated to improving personal style. Her guidance provided inspiration to women as they entered the workforce and developed their careers.

Ironically, as more women entered



the workforce in the 1960s and '70s, fewer had time or interest in sewing clothing for their families. Subsequently, her fabric store, and others like hers, went out of business. Adapting to the changing times, she became a successful saleswoman at a local jewelry store. There she learned everything she could about jewelry and gemstones while on the job. In 1987, in keeping with her drive for excellence, she enrolled in the gemologist certification program at the Gemological Institute of America in Santa Monica. While still a student, GIA quickly recognized her academic and instructional talents, and after earning her certification, she was hired to join the teaching staff. Thus began her career of nearly three decades as a gemologist and a key member of the GIA leadership staff and course development program. While there, she formed long lasting friendships with colleagues and the international gemology community.

She met her second husband Robert "Bob" Zink in an encounter group. In 1982 they married in the hayloft of a rustic barn in Claremont. When GIA moved its headquarters from Santa Monica to Carlsbad, she and Bob moved to Vista so she could be closer to her work. They shared a love of animals and travel, and toured broadly, from Central America to Britain and broader Europe, as well as to Africa and the Near East. They also made frequent trips to visit friends and grandchildren.

They were supporting members of the San Diego Wild Animal Park and loved bringing guests to revel in the wildlife experience. Not surprisingly, she encouraged her husband to learn to

ride, and together, they had many amazing adventures on horseback. They were married for over 30 years, until his passing in 2012.

Retiring from GIA at the remarkable of age 80, she returned to her hometown of Claremont, where she lived from 2014 until her passing. She continued her love of learning in her retirement by auditing courses at the Claremont Colleges and in the community. Never forgetting her passion for horses, she continued to hone her skills as an equestrian through participating in lessons, trail rides, and horse shows. Despite difficulty walking during her final years, she continued to ride, with the help of the skilled staff at Leaps and Bounds, until just two months before her passing.

"Clara approached life's many challenges with calmness and resolve," her family shared. "She considered herself to be a lucky person, successfully seeking satisfying career and lifestyle opportunities and encouraged her family, friends, and colleagues to do the same."

She was preceded in death by her brother, Dr. David Naliboff, and her husband, Bob.

She is survived by her children, Dr. Carrie Knoll (Paul) of Claremont; Sue Berg (Jack Lim) of Alameda, California; and Marc Berg (Julie) of St. Louis Park, Minnesota; stepdaughter Terry Stegman of Goodyear, Arizona; nephew and niece John and Lesley Naliboff; granddaughter Gabrielle Knoll; grandsons Nate Knoll, Chet Lim, Cyrus Lim, Charlie Berg, Benjamin Berg, and Cody Stegman; two great-nephews; and three great-grandchildren.

"A multitasking career woman and trailblazer, Clara was an inspiration to all who knew her," her family said. "May her memory be a blessing."

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, February 19 at the Temple Beth Israel Social Hall, 3033 N. Towne Avenue, Pomona, CA. Please RSVP via email to friendsofclarazink@gmail.com.

Remembrances may be expressed at obituaries.neptunesociety.com, by typing "Clara Zink" into "Search Obituaries."

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to Friends of Leaps and Bounds at leapsandboundspediatrictherapy.org/friends-leaps, or the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance at sandiegozoowildlifealliance.org.

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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
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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

NOTICE OF \$20,000 REWARD OFFERED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has extended the \$20,000 reward offered in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the heinous and suspicious disappearance of 27-year-old Gloria Huerta, also known as "Jessica," who was reported missing on August 3, 2020, and was last seen on the 14700 block of East Avenue Q-14 in the City of Palmdale. Si no entendi esta noticia o necessita mas informacion, favor de llamar al (213) 974-1579. Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Sergeant Chris Maurizi and Detective Mark Perez at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500 or Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477 and refer to Report No. 020-11863-2664-400. The terms of the reward provide that: The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than June 19, 2023. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no later than August 18, 2023. The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$20,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes. The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate. Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than August 18, 2023, with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012, Attention: Gloria Huerta Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1579. CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CN992691 03987 Dec 30, 2022, Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar 3, 2023

APN: 8360-014-026 TS No: CA08001144-22-1 TO No: 2224992 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 April 1, 2020. 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 23, 2023 at 11:00 AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on April 3, 2020 as Instrument No. 20200383044, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by LAURA JEWELL, A MARRIED WOMAN as Trustor(s), in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: PARCEL 1: ALL OF LOT 110 AND THAT PORTION OF LOT 109 OF TRACT NO 9687, IN THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 136, PAGES 67 TO 70 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 110, THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 37 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 109, A DISTANCE OF 82.30 FEET TO THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 109, THENCE SOUTHERLY IN A DIRECT LINE TO THE SOUTHERLY TERMINUS OF THAT COURSE IN THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 109, AS SHOWN AS "SOUTH 62 DEGREES 23 MINUTES WEST 130.90 FEET" ON THE MAP OF SAID TRACT NO. 9687, THENCE NORTH 62 DEGREES 23 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 130.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL 2: ALL OF LOT 108 OF TRACT NO 9687, IN THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 136, PAGES 67 TO 70 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

EXCEPT THEREFROM THAT PORTION THEREOF LYING NORTHWESTERLY OF A LINE PROLONGED TO THE LOT LINES RUNNING PARALLEL WITH A DISTANT NORTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES 25 FEET FROM THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 108. PARCEL 3: ALL THAT PORTION OF LOT 109 IN SAID TRACT 9687, IN THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 136, PAGES 67 TO 70 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, LYING SOUTHEASTERLY OF A LINE PROLONGED TO LOT LINES RUNNING PARALLEL WITH AND DISTANT NORTHWESTERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES 25 FEET FROM A LINE DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE COMMON CORNER OF LOTS 108, 109 AND 110 OF SAID TRACT NO. 9687, THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF HILLCREST DRIVE, SAID POINT BEING DISTANT SOUTH 62 DEGREES 23 MINUTES WEST 130.90 FEET FROM THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 110 OF SAID TRACT NO. 9687. EXCEPT THEREFROM THAT PORTION OF SAID LOT 109, INCLUDED WITHIN THE LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED TO WALLACE A. PEARSALLE, ET UX, RECORDED NOVEMBER 29, 1955, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 217, IN BOOK 49653, PAGE 236, OFFICIAL RECORDS, PARCEL 4:

AN EASEMENT FOR PRIVATE DRIVEWAY PURPOSES TO BE USED IN COMMON WITH THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF LOT 111 OF TRACT NO 9687, RECORDED IN BOOK 136, PAGE 67 OF MAPS, OVER A STRIP OF LAND 16 FEET IN WIDTH, LYING WITHIN THE LINES OF LOTS 109, 110 AND 111 OF SAID TRACT NO. 9687, THE CENTER LINE THEREOF BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 109, DISTANT THEREON SOUTH 62 DEGREES 23 MINUTES WEST 60.52 FEET FROM THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 109, SAID POINT BEING THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST HAVING A RADIUS OF 83.19 FEET; THENCE TANGENT TO A SAID CURVE BEARING NORTH 23 DEGREES 21 MINUTES EAST; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 44 DEGREES 34 MINUTES, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 14.71 FEET; THENCE TANGENT TO SAID CURVE, 67 DEGREES 55 MINUTES EAST 95.46 FEET TO A POINT IN COMMON BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN SAID LOTS 110 AND 111, SAID POINT BEING HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS POINT "A"; THENCE ALONG SAID COMMON BOUNDARY LINE NORTH 22 DEGREES 48 MINUTES EAST 33.34 FEET, THE SIDE LINE OF SAID 16 FOOT STRIP TO BE PROLONGED OR SHORTENED TO INTERSECT AT RIGHT ANGLES POINTS AND TO TERMINATE NORTHERLY IN A LINE AT RIGHT ANGLES TO SAID CENTRAL LINE OF SAID LOT 109, THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF SAID WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 109, THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF SAID WESTERLY LINE OF SAID STRIP BEING PARALLEL WITH THE TANGENT TO THE CENTER LINE CURVE RECITED ABOVE. EXCEPT THEREFROM THAT PORTION THEREOF WITHIN THE LINES OF PARCEL 1 ABOVE. 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: 879 HILLCREST DR, POMONA, CA 91768-1617. 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 \$684,864.92 (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, 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 ServiceLink Auction | Hudson and Marshall at (866) 539-4173 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address <https://www.servicelinkauction.com/> for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001144-22-1. 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 (866) 539-4173, or visit this internet website <https://www.servicelinkauction.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001144-22-1 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 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, 2022 and January 6, 2023

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

(U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.)
Escrow No. 110671-CB
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names and addresses of the Seller/Licensee are: NPS Enterprises, Inc. dba Ranch Town Market, Parambir Keith, Rajwant Keith, 1112 N. San Dimas Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773
The Business is known as: Ranch Town Market
The names and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: Ranch Town Liquor Inc., 17671 Bryan Place Granada Hills, CA 91344
Gholwan Bshara Mechammil, Fakher Hadichahla and Daniel Joseph Rizko,
As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: None
The assets to be sold are described in general as: Furniture, fixtures, Goodwill, ABC license and are located at: 1112 N. San Dimas Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773.
The kind of license to be transferred is: OFF-SALE GENERAL (license #372623) now issued for the premises located at: 1112 N. San Dimas Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773
The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is January 25, 2023 at the office of Route 66 Escrow, Inc., 10737 Laurel Street, Ste. 105 Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$750,000.00, which consists of the following:

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CITY OF CLAREMONT'S PROPOSED FY 2023-24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET

Meeting Description: Public Hearing for purposes of approving the proposed FY 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant Program budget.

Meeting Location: This meeting will take place in City Council Chamber, 225 West Second Street, Claremont, CA 91711 and via Zoom. Instructions on how to participate will be detailed on the Agenda, which will be posted on the City Website five days prior to the meeting.

Date & Time of Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 – no earlier than 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to attend an upcoming meeting of the Claremont City Council to review and consider the proposed FY 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant Program budget.

The FY 2023-2024 budget is proposed as follows:

Project/Program	Budget
Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$ 70,358
Senior Case Management Program	\$ 23,840
Job Creation & Business Incentive Program	\$ 25,000
Total	\$119,198

Environmental Determination: This matter is covered by the general rule that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment in accordance with Section 15061 (b)(3) of the Guidelines.

The approval of the annual CDBG budget will not in itself have a significant effect on the environment because the action will not result in or lead to a significant physical change in Claremont. Any projects receiving assistance through the CDBG programs will be evaluated independently to determine whether they are subject to environmental review.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information on the program, please contact Management Analyst, Alex Cousins at (909) 399-5323, or via email at acousins@ci.claremont.ca.us. Written comments may be emailed or mailed to Alex Cousins at P.O. Box 880, Claremont, CA 91711-0880. If you would like to be notified electronically about this project in the future, please provide your email address and you will be added to our project file.

Finally, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), any person with a disability who requires modification or accommodation to participate in a City meeting should contact the City Clerk at (909) 399-5461 "VOICE" or 1-800-735-2929 "TT/TTY" at least (3) working days prior to the meeting, if possible.

PUBLISH: January 6, 2023

Initial CASH Deposit in escrow \$10,000.00
Cash to be Deposited \$740,000.00
It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
DATED: December 28, 2022
BUYERS:
Gholwan Bshara Mechammil
Fakher Hadichahla
Daniel Joseph Rizko
SELLERS:
Parambir Keith
Rajwant Keith
1/6/23 CNS-3657487# CLAREMONT COURIER

NOTICE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at 1960 S. San Dimas Canyon Rd., La Verne, CA, 91750 on 1/25/2023 at 11:00 am. Justin Sykes, items include: Sound equipment, boxes, totes, shelving, and a large tool box; Erik Swanson, items include: Lamps, small space heater, chairs, mattress, books, and boxes. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
CN992913 01-25-2023 Jan 6, 13, 2023

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: 919 W Gladstone St San Dimas, CA 91773 on 1/24/2023 @ 12:00 pm. Mark Aviles-furniture and boxes. Alicia Ruiz-1 bedroom, fridge, dresser and other items. Richard Ortega- laptops, boxes, clothes. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
CN992931 01-24-2023 Jan 6, 13, 2023

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 25, 2023 12:15 PM. Michael Yanez, Description of Goods: Bikes, surfboard, golf clubs, baseball bat, frames, chairs, ice chest, bags, rug, bin, piano keyboard, toys, fishing pole, clothes, wall decor, backpack; Nathan Croughan, Description of Goods: Paper, magazines, bin, cords, wires, misc.; Maurice King, Description of Goods: Basketball backboard, rolling cart, boxes of Dj equipment, couch, totes, shelves; Deric Lynch, Description of Goods: Washer, dryer, piano, vintage lamps, wall decor, holiday decor, boxes, bins, cabinet. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
CN992316 01-25-2023 Jan 6, 13, 2023

NOTICE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 601 Ridgeway Street, Pomona, CA 91768, January 24, 2023 at 10:00 am. William Blaylock-tubs, holiday decorations, personal items, clothes; Perla Acosta-Furniture, boxes, misc items.; Kellie Bawcum-boxes, household items, table; Amber King-Clothing, Bed Frame, bike, tools, misc items; Margarita Martinez-misc items, bags; Jesse Hernandez-house hold items, table, chairs, boxes; Sandra Lopez-Restaurant Kitchen Appliances, boxes; Jamiqua Johnson-clothing, toys, personal items; Claudia Valdivia-bags of clothing, misc items. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
CN992337 01-24-2023 Jan 6, 13, 2023

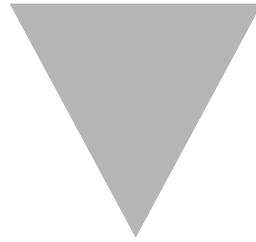
NOTICE OF LIEN SALE StorQuest - Claremont / Baseline

Notice is hereby given, StorQuest Self Storage - 454 W. Baseline Road, Claremont, CA 91711, will sell at public sale by competitive bidding the personal property of: Samuel Martinez, Hector Briseno, Tritia Black, Property to be sold: Misc. household goods, furniture, tools, clothes, boxes, & personal contents. Auctioneer Company: www.storage-treasures.com. The Sale will conclude at 12 PM on Jan 21, 2022. Goods must be paid in CASH and removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
Publish on 1/06/2023 and 1/13/2023

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, CA-201932510340 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 1/13/2022. 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

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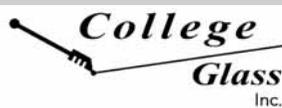
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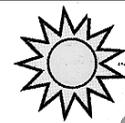
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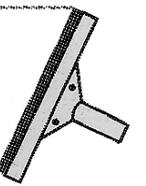
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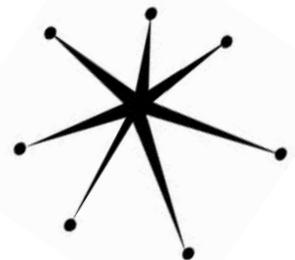


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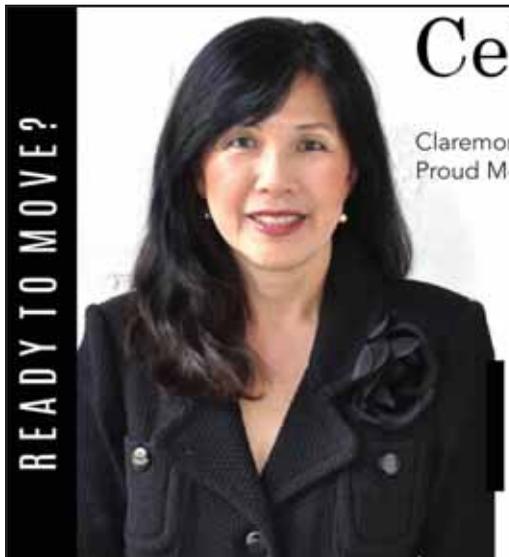
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4th Quarter 2022	2022	2021	Change from Previous Year
Total Number of Homes Sold	59	79	-25%
Number Sold > \$800,000	40	45	-11%
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Number of Short Sales/REO	2	0	-
Highest Sale Price	\$2,550,000	\$3,000,000	-15%
Lowest Sale Price	\$430,000	\$480,000	-10%
Avg. List Price of Homes Sold	\$1,043,705	\$945,555	10.4%
Avg. Sold Price	\$1,011,375	\$959,925	5.4%
Median Sold Price	\$882,300	\$850,000	4%
Avg. Days on Market of Homes Sold	23	21	10%
Median Days on Market of Homes Sold	22	9	144%
Approx. Number of Homes Currently for Sale	33		

Q4 of 2022 marked a noticeable decrease in the market, both in activity and home prices. With the drastic and fast-paced rise in interest rates, buyers pumped the brakes, waiting to see how things might shake out and settle down. Fortunately, interest rates backed off from their peak in the mid 7% range, and seemed to settle closer to 6%. This is still a stark increase over the mid 3% range, where rates hovered through the end of spring, and has had a huge impact on home affordability and buyer purchase power.

For example, the median price of a home in Claremont between Q3 and Q4 was approximately \$900,000. For a buyer seeking a typical loan on such a property six months ago, the monthly payment would have been about \$4,041. Just a few months later rates peaked at 7.5%, meaning that payment soared to approximately \$5,987 — a nearly \$2,000 increase. For most buyers, that was too much of an increase to bear, and for many, it made the difference between being able to buy a home or not. For those still able to buy, many had to look at homes in the \$600,000 range, which is like comparing apples and oranges in regard to home differences in those price ranges.

However, home prices are still quite high when compared with those from even a year ago, and most certainly 2+ years ago. With the holidays over, and with what many hope will be more stabilized interest rates, it is possible that things may pick back up and prices recover a bit by end of Q1. We shall see. Stay tuned for a more in-depth analysis in the Claremont Real Estate Market — Year in Review. Coming soon.

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