



Viva Las Vegas Young pianist wins Rotary music competition

Every year, talented local high school musicians compete in the Dan Stover Memorial Instrumental Music Competition, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Claremont. This year's winner was Sebastian Quadrini, a CHS junior, seen here playing piano behind cellist Phineus Choi, also an 11th grader at CHS, during the January 28 competition. Quadrini will represent the Rotary Club of Claremont in Rotary's District 5300 competition in Las Vegas on May 6, where the winner will receive a \$2,500 prize. Please check out a video from the competition on our website and social media. Courier photo/Peter Weinberger



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Claremont High forward Matteo Quadrini, in black, is in a footrace with senior Ayala defender Andre Simicic during the Pack's 1-0 win on Tuesday, which boosted the team's league record to 6-0-3. Courier photo/Andrew Alonzo

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The Mt. Baldy summit is 10,064 feet and is covered with four to six feet of snow from recent storms. Courier photo/Peter Weinberger

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Let the people speak ... in November 2024



Going There

by Mick Rhodes

Claremonters are lining up on both sides of the debate over the January 18 appointment of Hilary LaConte to serve out the remainder of Steven Llanusa's term as the Trustee Area 4 representative on the Claremont Unified School District Board of Education.

LaConte, a resident of Trustee Area 4, was due to be sworn in after press time at Thursday's board meeting. If confirmed she is scheduled to serve through November 2024.

Some opponents of her appointment contend the board showed disregard for the will of the people, and that it should have selected Aaron Peterson, Llanusa's runner-up in the November 2022 election. Others have gone so far as to say it was undemocratic for the board to have made the appointment at all, and that voters in Trustee Area 4 should be allowed to select their board of education representative through a special election.

Some of those folks have begun circulating a petition among Trustee Area 4 voters in an effort to collect the 99 signatures necessary to compel CUSD to hold a special election to fill the seat. That petition must be in L.A. County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo's office by Tuesday, February 21.

The Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorders Office estimates the proposed election would cost CUSD and taxpayers \$273,000.

"That estimate is based on review of previous election costs and available data regarding the proposed election," said Michael Sanchez, a spokesperson for the registrar/recorder's office. "The key piece in that is that it is an estimate."

Proponents of LaConte's appointment say why spend \$273,000 on a special election for a relatively short term in office when those funds would be better spent on CUSD students. They also tout LaConte's 13 years of previous board service as a valuable, steadying asset on a five-person body that includes four extremely capable but still relatively inexperienced newcomers.

I see merit in many of the arguments. I agree \$273k is a lot of money. I also agree Aaron Peterson has a legitimate gripe in being passed over.

But there's a third scenario here that should be considered: LaConte may just run if CUSD is required to hold a special election.

"I've been asked by many of my neighbors as well as other Trustee Area 4 residents to do so," LaConte told me. "The same factors that initially motivated me to seek appointment still apply, so while I hope that the taxpayers and district will not have to spend \$273,000, I am seriously considering running if there is a special election."

So, taxpayers, it could very well come to pass that the district is forced to pony up more than a quarter million dollars only to be back in the exact same spot it was prior to a special election. That would be an expensive exercise.



The Claremont Unified School District offices at the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center. Courier photo/Andrew Alonzo

Let's talk about the money: as of December, CUSD had \$9,686,053 in its general fund. Of that, \$5m was "committed" to textbooks, Title IX expenditures, and HVAC upgrades, \$3,549,030 was set aside for the state-mandated "legal reserve for economic uncertainty," and \$1,118,023 was "unassigned/unappropriated." Should the special election go forward, the estimated \$273k cost would come from the "unassigned/unappropriated" portion of the general fund.

Many have asked what impact such an expenditure would have on CUSD.

"Our general fund revenues support operational costs which include things such as utilities, student transportation, materials, books, supplies, salaries, and health and welfare benefits," said CUSD Superintendent Jim Elsasser. "An unanticipated expenditure of \$273,000 for a special election would require us to reexamine our priorities and make decisions on what may or may not be able to be funded."

Some of those mobilizing to petition CUSD to hold an election — and I'm paraphrasing here — say the price tag is the unfortunate cost of upholding the democratic process. Now, characterizing this push as "defending democracy" may be a bit hyperbolic, but still it's a tough ideal to line up against, especially as a journalist. But I must agree that in this instance, the price is too high.

It's possible, of course, that those pushing for an election will be successful, and a new school board member more to their liking will be installed. But the risk of a complete boondoggle, with \$273k up in smoke — not to mention the time and money spent by potential candidates to campaign for a special election that would have to take place sometime before July 29 — is too real to ignore.

There is also real value in stability, and the CUSD Board of Education could really use some right now. The

Llanusa spectacle seems to be behind it now, but it has certainly left a bad taste in the mouths of many constituents. The last thing this board needs is more drama. A drawn-out, expensive special election — which could result in no change at all — just does not fare well in the cost/benefit analysis. That \$273,000 buys a lot of iPads.

Should their effort fall short, the good news for special election proponents is they will have a pre-energized base from which to launch a campaign for whichever Trustee Area 4 candidate they support — say Peterson for instance — in the months leading up to the November 2024 election. LaConte made it clear to me she is not going to run in that election, so the field will be wide open, likely with a full slate of new to the board candidates.

Isn't that a more sensible approach to this thing?

Another interesting wrinkle in this debate is last spring the district spent more than \$300,000 of general fund money to pay its former superintendent Jeff Wilson to walk away from the last two years of his three-year contract. Now some are questioning why the board was so willing to spend that chunk of change then, but is balking at a similarly-sized expenditure now.

Unfortunately it's doubtful we will ever be able to compare the two because public employees' personnel matters are confidential. We will likely never know what compelled the district to go to such extreme financial measures to separate itself from Wilson. Even if someone were to come forward and provide the information, the Courier runs the risk of being sued if we report on it.

This is nowhere near a perfect arrangement; I think we'd all prefer an election for the Trustee Area 4 seat if it weren't so prohibitively expensive, and the next one wasn't less than two years away. But in this instance, with the risk of a very costly folly quite possible, with this board, at this time, letting LaConte's appointment stand is the right call.

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In a hyperpartisan media environment, the Courier's letters to the editor strive to share ideas and opinions across the spectrum.

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NEWSROOM

Another hiker rescued at Mt. Baldy

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A 71-year-old hiker who slipped on ice and slid more than 50 feet into dangerous terrain at Mt. Baldy on Saturday was rescued quickly by helicopter, thanks in large part to a commercially available satellite communication device.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Helicopter Air Rescue 306 hoisted injured Del Mar resident Abdollah Katbab, above the 8,000-foot level of Ice House Canyon Saturday morning after the hiker slipped while negotiating the area between Timber Mountain and Ice House Saddle.

The best-case outcome was aided by Katbab's use of a Garmin InReach satellite communicator, which can send out SOS alerts, location information, and two-way messages regardless of whether a cell signal is available.

"The trail was extremely slippery from the icy conditions," read a S.B. County Sheriff's Department press release. "At some point while Katbab was on the trail, he slipped and fell approximately 50 feet. When Katbab came to a stop, the terrain was steep and icy and he did not feel he would be able to get back to the trail safely. He had a Garmin InReach device and activated it. Through communication on the InReach device, Katbab stated he received minor injuries to his arms."

The California Office of Emergency Services then notified the sheriff's department's volunteer forces unit to request a search and rescue. "Sheriff's dispatch along with Sheriff's Helicopter 40-KING-4, was notified of the incident," read the release. "The crew of 40-KING-4 arrived in the area and began their search. Sheriff's Helicopter Air Rescue 306 and crew,



A view of Baldy Bowl to the north directly below the Mt. Baldy summit on Wednesday, January 31. The Devil's Backbone trail follows the top edge of the mountain about 1,000 feet above the bowl, the site of several accidents and two fatalities involving hikers this winter. Courier photo/Peter Weinberger

was at their hangar conducting training with technical ice rescue members. Due to the icy conditions on Mt. Baldy, the crew of Air Rescue 306 decided to head to the location as well, for a potential hoist rescue.

"As Air Rescue 306 arrived in the area, the crew of 40-KING-4 located Katbab at the 8,000' level and confirmed that a hoist rescue would be needed. The crew of 40-KING-4 relayed to Air Rescue 306 that Katbab was still sliding from time-to-time

but it appeared he was able to stop himself. Air Rescue 306 hovered above Katbab and lowered Technical Rescuer Lucy Durfee down to Katbab. Durfee was able to get stable footing with her crampons and other technical gear. Durfee made her way to Katbab and placed him into a rescue harness. Katbab was hoisted to the helicopter, followed by Durfee, then flown to San Antonio Dam, where paramedics took over medical treatment."

Saturday's dramatics follow last week's rescue of Jin Chung, a 75-year-old North Hollywood man who was reported missing at Mt. Baldy at 6 a.m. Sunday, January 22. He was found safe the afternoon of Tuesday, January 24.

Meanwhile, the search continues for British actor Julian Sands, 65, who disappeared at Mt. Baldy on January 13, and Hawthorne resident Bob Gregory, 61, missing from the Crystal Lake area since January 16.

"Numerous ground and air search efforts have taken place," the sheriff's department said last week. "As of this time, Mr. Sands has not been found and no evidence of his current location has been dis-

covered. The search will continue, weather and ground conditions permitting."

Over the last six weeks S.B. County Sheriff's search and rescue teams have responded to more than a dozen emergency calls at Mt. Baldy and the surrounding area for lost, stranded, and injured hikers. Two of those people did not survive. The Courier reported on the most recent death, of Crystal Paula Gonzalez-Landas, on January 10. Gonzalez-Landas died after falling down the more than 8,000-foot in elevation Baldy Bowl.

According to the sheriff's office, "exposure to the elements and falls contribute to Mt. Baldy's growing mortality rate and the risk of avalanches prolongs rescue efforts."

"From 2017-2022, search and rescue teams conducted 233 missions on Mt. Baldy, with eight fatalities. Within that time frame, volunteers have searched 27,277 hours on Mt. Baldy, which equates to \$775,578 estimated value, determined by the Office of Emergency Services. From 2017-2022, sworn personnel and aviation support totaled 2,548 hours in service and \$1.4 million in cost for Mt. Baldy rescue missions."

Strong winds to continue in mountain areas

by Peter Weinberger
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It seems every week the Courier reports on a hiker getting lost, injured, or worse while hiking in the Mt. Baldy area. That continued with the helicopter rescue of Del Mar resident Abdollah Katbab, above the 8,000-foot level of Ice House Canyon on Saturday.

Because there's little to no snow in Mt. Baldy Village (4,000 feet) leading all the way up to the ski lifts at 6,400 feet, it easy to underestimate the three to six feet of snow along the Devil's Backbone, Baldy Bowl, Ice House Saddle leading to Ontario and Cucamonga Peaks, and of course, Mt Baldy's summit.

It may be 65 degrees in Claremont, but the weather is bitter cold in these high elevations, with gale force wind chills dropping temper-

atures to around 5 degrees. This can cause serious whiteout conditions for which most are simply not prepared. Given this environment, the only advisable high elevation location for the public are the ski facilities at the 7,800-foot Baldy Notch.

Many of us enjoy the outdoors, including mountain snow in the winter. But the conditions at the higher elevations at Mt. Baldy are seriously treacherous for all but the most experienced, fit, and a well-prepared hikers. If you choose to visit Baldy Notch, take plenty of water, be sure to let someone know exactly where you are, hike in pairs or groups with fully-charged cell phones and/or satellite communication devices, and dress for freezing temperatures, strong winds and snow, as weather can change quickly.

OUR TOWN

Genealogical society welcomes Thomas MacEntee

This month's Pomona Valley Genealogical Society meeting will be held via Zoom at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 11.

Thomas MacEntee, a nationally recognized figure in genealogical research, will present "City Directories: No Town Too Small, No Clue

Too Little," a video meant to teach viewers how to understand directories and use the family, associates, and neighbors (F.A.N.) club approach.

Meetings are free and open to all. Email raulncal@aol.com for a link to the presentation.

Storms may bring relief to drought-stricken state

by Steven Felschundneff
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A definite silver lining emerged from the destructive storms that pummeled California, when the state's top water regulator took the first step last week toward easing tough water conservation measures brought on by years of drought.

On Thursday, the California Department of Water Resources announced its intention to boost water allocated to member agencies from the State Water Project, which moves water south from Northern California. The increased supplies will affect 27 million people, most of whom live in Southern California and have been under mandatory water use restrictions since last spring. The announcement is also good news for many of California's farmers.

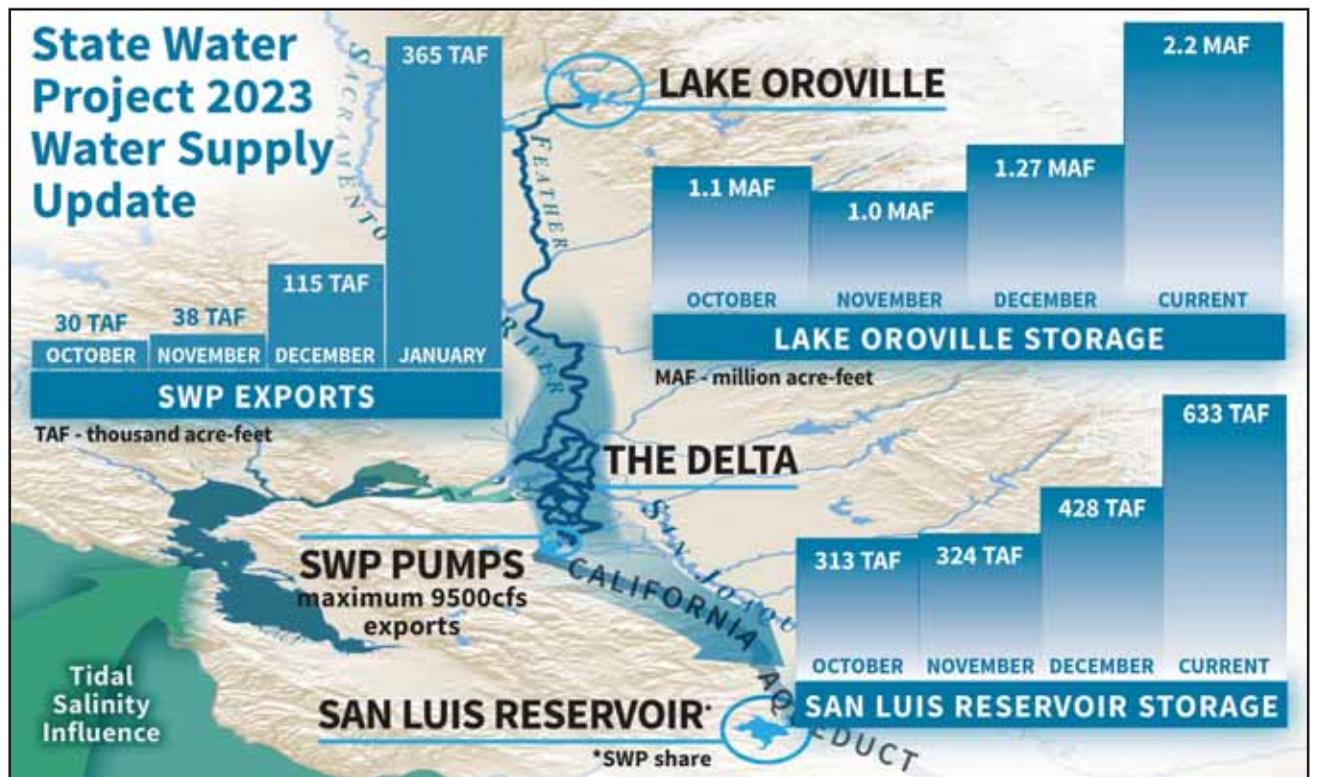
The Department of Water Resources now expects to deliver 30% of requested water supplies — 1.27 million acre-feet — in 2023, up from the initial projection of just 5% announced on December 1. The boost in deliveries will affect 29 public water agencies including Three Valleys Municipal Water District, which supplies Claremont.

"The allocation increase is the direct result of extreme weather in late December and nine atmospheric rivers in early January that helped fill reservoirs and dramatically increase the Sierra Nevada snowpack," read a news release from the Department of Water Resources. "The SWP's two largest reservoirs (Oroville and San Luis) have gained a combined 1.62 million acre-feet of water in storage — roughly enough to provide water to 5.6 million households for a year."

Last May, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California declared a water emergency and the Three Valleys' board responded by implementing a "level five" water contingency plan urging a 50% reduction in water use for areas dependent on the State Water Project. In response, Golden State Water asked its customers in Claremont to cut total water use by 20% and limited outdoor irrigation to once per week.

This fall, the Metropolitan Water District, which serves 19 million people in six counties, warned its customers that another dry winter could result in a total ban on outdoor watering.

"After the three driest years the state has ever seen, we are finally getting some relief. Depleted state reservoirs are starting to recover from record lows, and this increased allocation will certainly help communities hit hardest by this drought recover as well," Adel Hagekhalil, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District said in a statement. "But make no mistake, while the recent storms will help alleviate the acute emergency in areas dependent on supplies from the State Water Project, Southern California's water challenges are far from over. We continue to draw down our largest local reservoir, Di-



The California Department of Water Resources announced this week it was increasing its allocation from the State Water Project due to recent storms. The above graphic shows water levels at state reservoirs and the amount of water that is being pumped into the aqueduct. Illustration/courtesy of CDWR

among Valley Lake, to meet demands. Likewise, conditions on our other source of imported supplies, the Colorado River, remain uncertain."

Also, MWD will continue its efforts to reduce reliance on imported water through its Pure Water Southern California recycling project and by developing new storage capacity throughout the region. Conservation remains a critical tool and MWD encourages all its customers to keep using water as efficiently as possible.

"In no way do these recent storms erode our commitment to continue investing in an equitable and reliable water supply to all of our member agencies. We must be prepared for the next drought, or if dry conditions return in this current one," Hagekhalil said.

The updated delivery forecast is based on a conservative runoff forecast and current reservoir storage, according to state water officials. It does not include the current Sierra Nevada snowpack, which the Department of Water Resources will monitor monthly through May. The Sierra snowpack is currently at 174% of normal for this date and further allocation updates may occur as that long-term outlook becomes clearer.

"This is super good news, to go from five to 30 percent is hugely important, but we're not out of woods yet," said Jeff Hanlon, who represents Claremont and the sur-

rounding area on the Three Valleys Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

Predicting the future is tricky. The state agency will reevaluate reservoir levels in April and make a final determination about the allocation through summer at that time. Our local providers, including Three Valleys and the MWD, will decide in April if the strict conservation measures are still warranted. Hanlon pointed out that we received a fair amount of rain last December and then nothing for three months, which prompted the current water emergency.

Claremonters eager to get back to irrigating their lawns will also have to keep an eye on the snowpack in the Rocky Mountains, because reservoirs along the Colorado River are currently at 20-year low points and if that water system doesn't get a similar boost, MWD could ask all agencies under its purview to continue with mandatory restrictions.

Bevin Handel, public information officer at the City of Claremont said Golden State Water Company will make its decision about lifting water restrictions on the recommendations from Three Valleys after the Department of Water Resources finalizes the allocations this spring.

"I believe this cautious approach stems from last year's very wet December followed by the two driest months on record," Handel said.



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POLICE BLOTTER

By Steven Felschundneff

Wednesday, January 25

At 1:23 a.m. Claremont Police Department dispatch received a 911 call from a woman who reported she had been assaulted by her husband. Officers responded to a residence in the 2300 block of La Sierra Way where they made contact with the couple. Police said the woman had visible injuries to her head, and through their investigation determined she was an alleged victim of domestic violence. The 42-year-old husband was arrested for felony assault on a cohabitant or spouse and an additional charge of felony child abuse, because the attack was witnessed by the couple's 5-year-old son. A records check revealed the man also had two San Bernardino County misdemeanor warrants. He was arrested, taken to the Claremont Police Station, booked, and later posted bail.

Thursday, January 26

A food delivery worker was heading

north on Indian Hill Boulevard near the 10 Freeway about 11:38 p.m. when he heard a loud popping noise and looked back see that his rear window had shattered. He then saw a grey Jeep SUV pass by as it headed north on Indian Hill and then turned east on San Jose Avenue. The victim called 911, but the call was routed to Pomona police who then called CPD. Following an investigation, police confirmed the suspect, identified as a bald white male, had shot a gun at the victim's car. Anyone with information about the incident please call the Claremont Police Department at (909) 399-5411.

Saturday, January 28

At 12:59 a.m. an officer patrolling near the Claremont Police Station reported seeing a car with its headlights off run the stop sign at Bonita and Berkeley avenues. The officer pulled over Claremont resident Lena Farley, 20, at Bonita and Cambridge and said she displayed the signs of being intoxicated. Police administered field sobriety tests which they say showed Farley was driving under the influence. She was arrested for misdemeanor DUI,

transported to CPD, booked, held for detoxification, and later released with a citation to appear in court.

Police received a call at 2:04 a.m. from a driver on the 210 Freeway who reported seeing a white Dodge truck swerving in its lane and then leave the freeway at the Towne Avenue exit. The witness was also able to provide a license plate number for the truck. Responding officers spotted the Dodge on Towne Avenue near Scripps Drive parked at the curb with its emergency lights on. When officers pulled up behind the truck, the driver, later identified as Perris resident Alejandro Guerrero, 49, drove away. Police made a traffic stop on Guerrero a short distance away. Officers reported Guerrero showed objective signs of alcohol intoxication, and field sobriety tests allegedly showed he was driving under the influence. He was arrested for misdemeanor DUI. Police said his passenger, 32-year-old Manuel Zacarias, from Lake Elsinore, had a large bulge in his pocket that officers thought might be a

weapon. A search turned up a baggie of methamphetamine. Both men were arrested, transported to the CPD jail and booked. Zacarias was released with a citation to appear at Pomona Superior Court. Guerrero was held for detoxification and later released with his own citation to appear in court.

Sunday, January 29

An off-duty Claremont police officer called 911 at 1:25 a.m. after he reportedly saw a vehicle heading south on Indian Hill Boulevard near American Avenue while speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road to pass other cars. An officer that just happened to be in the area caught up with the driver, later identified as 23-year-old Adrian Contreras of Duarte, at Indian Hill and Kingsley Avenue in Pomona. Police say Contreras showed the signs of being intoxicated and was arrested after failing field sobriety tests. He was transported to CPD jail, booked, held for detoxification, and later released with a citation to appear in court.

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CITY NEWS

State rejects funding light rail extension to Claremont

by Steven Felschundneff

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The latest attempt to secure the money needed to bring light rail service to Claremont did not make the cut when the state doled out transportation funding this week.

In an announcement on Tuesday, the California State Transportation Agency awarded grants to a number of key mass transit projects in Southern California, but the two-station extension of the L line through Claremont and Montclair received nothing.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board had placed the final 3.2 miles of the L line as its second most important priority for Los Angeles County, but the state chose to fund Metro's top priority, a new light rail system in the San Fernando Valley and a people mover project called the Inglewood Transit Connector.

The transportation projects will be funded with surplus dollars allocated in last year's state budget.

The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority and L.A. Metro submitted a joint application to CalSTA in December requesting \$798 million to complete the light rail system formerly known as the Gold Line. Construction authority officials were hopeful this would be the magic moment that they would finally

secure the funding, in part because the project is construction-ready, provides public transportation opportunities to disadvantaged communities, maintains or leverages local or federal funding sources, and could meet a June 2027 deadline to expend the funds.

"Late yesterday, CalSTA released the TIRCP grant award announcement, and unfortunately the Foothill Gold Line was not awarded any funding," Foothill Gold Line CEO Habib Balian said in a statement. "This is very disappointing news, as we believe the shovel-ready project was very competitive and could have utilized the funding quickly to create jobs and economic output for our region in the short-term and significant mobility and environmental benefits in the long-term."

Balian said the construction authority will continue to work with its regional and state partners to identify and secure funding in the future to finally complete the entire 25-mile extension of the light rail system.

The good news is the 9.1-mile Glendora to Pomona portion of the L Line is two-thirds complete and is on schedule to be finished by January 2025.

This week work crews are building the platform at the future Pomona Station, just south of the Bonita and Garey

CRIME

Police arrest 16 men in sex work 'sting'

by Courier staff

A dual agency sex work enforcement detail netted 16 solicitation arrests along Indian Hill Boulevard near the 10 Freeway on Friday, January 27.

From 3 to 11 p.m. Claremont police and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation conducted the "sting" along Indian Hill Boulevard near the 10 Freeway, adjacent to the three hotels which have become magnets for sex work.

"The Claremont Police Department has received multiple complaints from residents, business owners, and passerby's regarding prostitution in the immediate area," according to a CPD news release.

In the sting, four female undercover officers posing as sex workers were allegedly solicited by the men who sought to engage in sexual acts. The 16 were subsequently arrested by additional undercover

officers and charged with a misdemeanor solicitation. They were booked and later released with a citations to appear at Pomona Superior Court.

Claremont police identified the 16 men as: Arnulfo Amaro, 44, of Pomona; Pabitra Sardar, 30 of Pomona; Carlos Guadarram Dominguez, 22, of Upland; Otto Angel Perez, 49, of San Bernardino; Michael Reyes, 44, of Upland; Austin Kindred, 34 of Hesperia; Matthew Munoz, 26 of Huntington Beach; Jose Saldana, 22, of Chino; Narciso Garcia Vasquez, 35, of La Puente, Osmin Zelaya Rivera, 26, of Pomona; Gordon Nichols, 41, of Rancho Cucamonga; Giovanni Velasco Mendoza, 31, of Riverside; Benito Yanez, 74, of Las Vegas; Apolinar Escobar Roblero, 40, of Pomona; Rigoberto Castro, 33, of West Covina; and Victor Gonzalez, 31, of Baldwin Park.

avenues intersection. On Tuesday construction began on the grade crossing at Garey, which will require the street to be closed between Arrow Highway and Bonita for 45 days. This is the last of the project's 21 at-grade crossings to require a long-term street closure, according to a news release from the construction authority.

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SCE tree removal offer in conflict with city, state**Dear editor:**

Returning home from errands last Friday I looked in my mailbox and was happy to see the Courier, but I also found a notice on my doorknob from an "authorized agent" of Southern California Edison.

The Courier had a photo of City Council members planting trees to mark the anniversary of the big windstorm of January 21, 2022. Good for them, I thought. This is the "City of Trees," after all.

The door hanger offered "free removal of my ash and elm trees." It said "maintaining vegetation" near power lines is needed for access and public safety.

The Shamel ash and Chinese elm in my backyard are the tallest and widest trees on my block. I often see passersby raising their eyes to admire them. The trees need pruning periodically, and by sheer luck I had them pruned just before the storm. That night my trees withstood the wind and so did the power lines that run alongside them.

The power lines have been there for around 75 years and so have the ash and the elm. Edison contractors do a little trimming now and then, but removal was never mentioned. Why now? How many other Claremont homeowners got the same message and may have misunderstood that "free removal" was required?

The California Air Resources Board sets out reasons for preserving and planting urban trees on its website coolcalifornia.org. Claremont's Sustainable City Plan calls for increasing our urban forest. Edison, a state-regulated utility, is working at cross-purposes with state and city policies. I'll tell Edison not to destroy my own trees, and I'll also ask state officials to look into the

READERS' COMMENTS

company's practices.

I'd like the Claremont City Council to do the same.

**Ted Trzyna
Claremont**

Trustee Area 4 special election supporters should sign petition**Dear editor:**

I am a proponent for the CUSD special election petition. I "found" the law permits an election and have done some research and organizational work. Many people tend not to read the fine print or start controversial things. For better or worse, I tend to be the opposite.

Having spent some time engaging on this topic I am shocked at the frantic vitriol and ad hominem moral attacks with which this has been met. This is how the comfortable privileged react when they sense that change is afoot. I feel like Shrek when he was chased out of town by town-folk with pitchforks.

The main attacks have been about the exorbitant election price tag of \$273,000. This number was given to me by Allison Deegan at L.A. County Office of Education and originated from "someone at the Registrar's office" with no other details. Why neither the LACOE nor the registrar will provide additional information is beyond me. Perhaps they feel we aren't owed further explanation.

It is also not clear how this cost would impact the education of our children. Luckily, we should be able to get this an-

swer from our superintendent's office, and I call on them to provide it. By way of example (and not to dig up dead bodies or break confidentiality) they might specify how the similarly sized and unbudgeted payment to former Superintendent Jeff Wilson has impacted services.

The petition forms are ready and everyone 18 and over has the right to collect and submit signatures. Contact me at CUSDSpecialElection2023@gmail.com to get one. They are due February 21 in L.A. County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo's office. Also, visit www.change.org/CUSDSpecialElection.

**Joshua Rogers
Trustee Area 4, Claremont**

LaConte is the right choice for CUSD board**Dear editor:**

The Courier has kept us well informed about the Claremont School Board's unanimous January 18 interim appointment of Hilary LaConte to fill former member Steven Llanusa's vacated seat through 2024. It's hard to imagine a more qualified candidate. Hilary LaConte helped lead the board for 13 years (2007 to 2020) and served three terms as its president. As a former teacher and advocate for later start times, I have admired her as a local and regional education professional for more than 20 years. She is recognized by all as an exceptional leader.

Holding a new special election to fill the 23-month vacancy is being suggested by some, but this would be expensive, time-consuming, and distracting for our district. Estimated cost: \$273,000. Claremont Unified School District has lots of challenges ahead as it emerges from Covid, hires staff, and delivers quality education to Claremont students and families. Clear-

ADVENTURES IN HAIKU

*proud looming branches
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lurk within your roots?*

— **Stephanie Logan**

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ly, Hilary LaConte is the right choice to unite and help lead the board for the next 23 months.

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**Mel Boynton
Claremont**



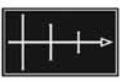
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Pro vs. con: should CUSD hold a special election for vacated board seat?

PRO

CUSD special election is necessary

by Ludd A. Trozpek
Special to the Courier

The voters of Claremont Unified School District Trustee Area 4 have the opportunity and responsibility to petition for an election to fill the vacancy created by the resignation in December of disgraced school board member Steven Llanusa. The school board took action a scant week after the resignation to avoid an election and to fill the vacancy itself, and followed on that a month later by provisionally appointing Hilary LaConte, a close friend of at least two of the board members.

The entire process was a charade. Put simply: the fix was in. Though at least eight other community members applied, they were given short shrift. Ms. LaConte had been going around town for weeks beforehand saying she was probably going to be appointed, and after scarcely 10 minutes of “deliberation” where the names or qualifications of most of the applicants were neither mentioned nor weighed, her appointment was railroaded through.

Fortunately, state law gives the voters of Trustee Area 4 an opportunity to contest this decision by petitioning for an election. This effort is already underway. Let the replacement trustee be elected by the voters rather than crowned by her privy council.

Much high dudgeon is being expressed by the usual suspects at the estimated cost of a special election but, you know, in a democracy elections are just the cost of doing business. Why, in this time of voter empowerment, should the

board members from other trustee areas usurp the prerogatives of the voters of Trustee Area 4?

In a nearby opinion piece, a former school board member makes a breathtaking suggestion that is intended to guilt potential signers and suppress the right to freely petition our government. She urges that petitioners pay nearly \$3,000 each to a local school support group to “make up” for the costs the district might incur to conduct an election. I wonder, did then-school board members Llanusa, Tresor Osgood, Nemer, Fass, and Archer contribute \$60,000 each to “make up” the unnecessary \$300,000 cost to the district for buying off former Superintendent Jeff Wilson not even a year ago after his summary and inexplicable firing?

I didn’t think so.

It was clear to anyone watching this process that it was a well-orchestrated sham, involving (at least) a couple of board members, a couple of former board members, and very probably senior district staff. The other applicants, their applications, their “interviews” were merely eye-wash. The board leadership had made its decision more than a month before and had not been honest enough to say so.

Make no mistake. If an election is called it will be because of the duplicitous actions of the board, not because the voters are exercising their rights. We all have to follow the law. When the board and its cronies do it, it’s a sacrament; when the voters do it, it’s a sin.

Ludd Trozpek is a resident of and voter in CUSD Trustee Area 4.

CON

CUSD special election is misguided, too costly

by Nancy Treser Osgood
Special to the Courier

There is a movement afoot to collect the 99 required signatures of residents of Claremont Unified School District’s Trustee Area 4 to force a special election to fill the vacant school board seat. That special election will cost CUSD \$273,000. That’s right, the school district foots the bill for that special election.

The recent decision by the board to appoint Ms. Hilary LaConte (an experienced and well-respected former school board member who was elected twice in at-large elections — which included voters from Trustee Area 4 — and is due to be sworn in at this week’s board meeting) has led to hyperbolic rhetoric on social media about threats to democracy and disenfranchised voters. Accusations are flying that the school board is a club that only “members” can join, or that you have to be “friends” with board members to be appointed. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Unfortunately, CUSD now finds itself on the precipice of having to spend \$273,000 of taxpayer money to hold a special election. Since there exists no legal option to submit a petition opposing this special election, only 99 residents of Trustee Area 4 will get to decide for all the rest of us district taxpayers whether \$273,000 will be spent on this election. That doesn’t sound very democratic to me.

Let’s do the math on the cost of this special election: despite being the “city of trees and Ph.Ds.,” Claremont is not a wealthy school district. The neighboring districts of Pomona and Ontario/Montclair both receive more per-pupil funding than Claremont. Claremont is in the bottom 25% of state funding. That is a fact. And until the state funding formula changes, Claremont will remain in the bottom quartile of state funding. Couple that fact with the reality of declining enrollment in our Claremont schools (a trend occurring throughout the state), and CUSD’s future financial health will be challenging to maintain.

If we spend \$273,000 of our taxpayer money on this special election, that will have a direct impact on our 6,700 students. If we divide that \$273,000 by

6,700 students, it equates to \$40.75 for each student in our district. Let’s consider some of the options \$40.75 could buy for one of our students:

- 15 Breakfasts
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- Four Sets of PE clothes

As a member of the CUSD Board of Education for nine years, I was faced with many difficult financial decisions. I trusted that my board colleagues and I were always making decisions that were best for our CUSD students, faculty, staff, and taxpayers. And although school board meetings are open to the public, our closed session discussions (on legally mandated topics such as student discipline, personnel matters, and real estate sales) are private and confidential. That is the law, and each board member takes an oath of office to uphold that law.

The current board of education consists of talented and committed members who are willing to take on the often thankless job of leading our district. The current four board members collectively have a little over four years total of CUSD Board experience. Some community members are calling for “new voices” to be added to the board. I would argue that Claremont residents have already elected new voices to the board, and that any of the 10 people who applied for the appointed position can (and should) run in the regularly scheduled school board election in 2024 (which will not cost the district \$273,000).

So, if you are one of the 99 people who chooses to sign the petition that forces this special election, I invite each of you signers to pledge \$2,758 to the Claremont Educational Foundation. I arrived at that figure by dividing \$273,000 by 99. This nonprofit supports art, music, technology, and teacher innovation grants at every school in our district. By making that pledge to CEF, you will protect the integrity of district funding and make certain the taxpayer money you have chosen to spend on this unnecessary election will get back to our CUSD students, where it rightly belongs.

Nancy Treser Osgood was a member of CUSD’s Board of Education from 2013 to 2022 and served as its president in 2016 and 2021.

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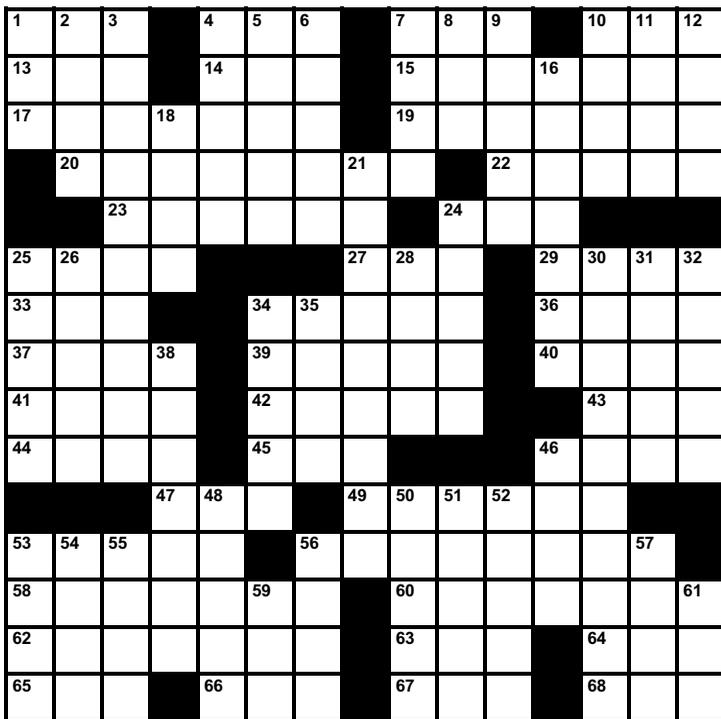
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Puzzle #711 by Myles Mellor



Across

- 1. PC port for a flash drive
- 4. Hotel driveway sight
- 7. Internet addresses
- 10. Police alert
- 13. Maglie or Mineo
- 14. Med. care provider
- 15. Calm in a difficult time
- 17. More sadistic
- 19. CHS theatre director, Mohammed _____
- 20. Some exercise classes
- 22. Opposite of active
- 23. Violation
- 24. Junior high subj.
- 25. Ark groupings
- 27. Warbler Yoko
- 29. Follow, as a suspect
- 33. Morsel of food
- 34. Neighbor of Hong Kong
- 36. Austen character
- 37. Travel packages
- 39. French for love
- 40. Reach across
- 41. Ratings website
- 42. Pro team with a horseshoe logo

- 5. Tiny organism
- 6. Type of acid
- 7. Ideology suffixes
- 8. Pupils' support org.
- 9. Like some booms
- 10. Plot
- 11. Tabloid topic
- 12. Bad mark
- 16. Sparks
- 18. Makes a boo-boo
- 21. Kind of mousse or cake
- 24. Turns
- 25. Japanese city
- 26. More twisted, as humor
- 28. Seagoing, abbr.
- 30. Unit of magnetomotive force, 2 words
- 31. Illustration
- 32. Oscar winner for "Tootsie" and "Blue Sky"
- 34. Scottish court officer
- 35. Love, Spanish-style
- 38. Bad-tempered
- 46. H.S. class, abbr.
- 48. Implored
- 50. Ridiculous
- 51. Moral attitudes

- 43. It may be poached
- 44. City south of Moscow
- 45. Diamond stat
- 46. Shade giver
- 47. Where It.'s at
- 49. Sound quality
- 53. Yellow shade
- 56. Spanish miss
- 58. Vivian Webb School varisty head coach, Malick _____
- 60. Member of the mustard family
- 62. "Happy ___!"
- 63. Hockey target
- 64. Dinosaur's last name
- 65. Kind of agent
- 66. Ball honoree
- 67. Compass direction, abbr.
- 68. Born name

Down

- 1. Pac-12 member
- 2. First name in baking
- 3. Cornflower
- 4. Paris fashion house

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Puzzle #24 by Gerald Gornik

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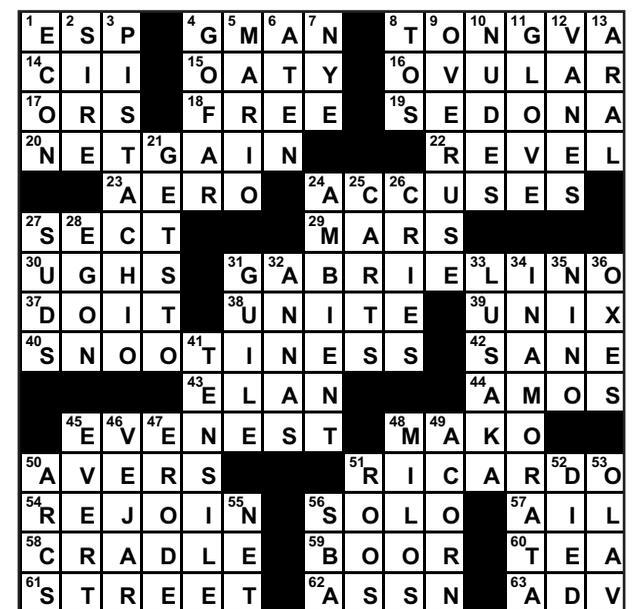


Answers to Puzzle #23

CLASSIC BROADWAY MUSICAL; IN DAYS OF OLD, WHERE A BEDOUIN MIGHT PURCHASE TRANSPORTATION

CAMELOT; CAMEL LOT

Answers to Puzzle #710



- 52. Nasty guy
- 53. Hotel chain
- 54. "Good buddy"
- 55. Cuts
- 56. Macedonian's neighbor
- 57. Not aweather
- 59. Emirates, for short
- 61. Sharp feller

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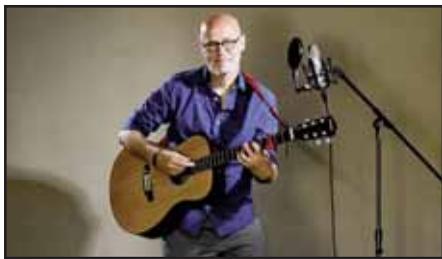
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FRIDAY 2/3

• The Con Gioia Early Music Ensemble will hold a free and open to the public noon concert, **"Inspired by Goethe,"** at Scripps College's Balch Auditorium, 1030 Columbia Ave., Claremont. Attendees are required to wear masks. For information call (909) 624-0638 or visit congioia.org.

• A beginners **iPhone photography course** will take place at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont, from 3 to 5 p.m. Call (909) 399-5488 for details on this free and open to the public class.



Pierre Englebert. Photo/courtesy of Ophelia's Jump Productions

• **Pierre Englebert**, aka Not a Moment Too Soon, performs at 7 p.m. tonight and 8 p.m. Saturday at Ophelia's Jump Production's Music Lounge, 2009 Porterfield Way, Suite H, Upland. Tickets are \$10 and are available at opheliasjump.org/ojp-music-lounge or by calling (909) 734-6565.

• Special Olympics coach Janine Williams is **seeking college student volunteers** to spend time with Special Olympic athletes from 9 to 10:30 a.m. each Saturday at Mendoza Elementary School, 851 S. Hamilton Blvd., Pomona. Call (909) 518-1496 for more details.

SATURDAY 2/4

• Donate to **Sycamore Elementary School's** Outdoor Science School by stopping by at 225 W. Eighth St., Claremont, from 8 a.m. to noon for a **secondhand swap sale**. Rev'd Up Coffee will be served. Call the school at (909) 398-0324 for more details.

• The **Foothill Philharmonic Committee** holds a free and open to the public multimedia presentation at 2 p.m. in Claremont United Methodist Church, 211 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont, featuring Alan Chapman, teacher, producer and host at KUSC 91.5 FM. For more information, visit foothillphilharmoniccommittee.org.

SUNDAY 2/5

• **Katharine Hayhoe**, author of 2021's "Saving Us: a Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World," speaks from 5:15 to 7 p.m. as part of Harvey Mudd College's 2022-23 Nelson speaker series at the Shanahan Center Auditorium, 320 E. Foothill Blvd., Claremont. For details visit hmc.edu/calendar.

• **Stephen Pyne**, a scholar on the history of human civilization and fire, will join with Pomona College's Environmental Analysis Department at 7 p.m. in the Smith Campus Center, 170 E. Sixth St., Claremont, for its free Philip Rundel Speaker Series. Visit pomona.edu/events for more details.

MONDAY 2/6



Katharine Hayhoe. Photo/courtesy of HMC

• New York-based comedian and actress **Emily Wilson** performs her one woman show, **"FIXED,"** as part of Scripps Presents, Laughing Matters! The free show begins at 7 p.m. at Garrison Theater, 231 E. 10th St., Claremont. Reserve a spot at eventbrite.com, search "Emily Wilson." For more info, visit scrippscollege.edu/events.

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• The Pomona College Program in Environmental Analysis | Philip Rundel Lecture Series

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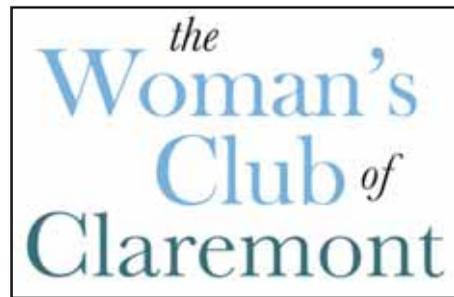
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WEDNESDAY 2/8



• Members of the **Woman's Club of Claremont** meet at 343 W. 12th St. for an 11:30 a.m. lunch featuring a representative from The Economy Shop thrift store. Reservations are required via email to womansclubofclaremont@gmail.com or at womansclubofclaremont.com/special-offers. Admission is \$10 for non-members. Questions? Call (909) 621-7064.

• The City of Claremont will host a 6 p.m. **tenant protection ordinance and eviction moratorium listening session** at the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd. Residents can submit comments via email to kwand@ci.claremont.ca.us. Email kwand@ci.claremont.ca.us for details or visit ci.claremont.ca.us.

• **Johanna Larios** will speak on spring vegetable gardening during the Claremont Garden Club's 7 p.m. meeting in the Louise Roberts Room at Claremont United Church of Christ, 233 Harrison Ave. For more details visit claremontgardenclub.org.

• In the 2023-24 school year, Claremont High School will move from honors courses to the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, a curriculum designed to help students make practical connections between their studies and the real world. To ease the transition and answer student questions, a **virtual MYP information session** will take place via Zoom at 7 p.m. Visit cusd.claremont.edu for details.

THURSDAY 2/9

• **Tax aid volunteers** from AARP will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday to assist low- to moderate-income persons at the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont. The free service runs through mid-April by appointment only. For more information visit tinyurl.com/TA-Claremont or call (909) 399-5488.

• Adults ages 18 to 25 are invited to a free **substance abuse awareness and support lecture** hosted by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and Los Angeles County Public

Library at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Register at visit.lacountylibrary.org/event.

FRIDAY 2/10

• Seniors are invited to the Joslyn Center, 660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont, from 3 to 4 p.m. for the new free **Joslyn Dance Club**. Participants are asked to wear comfortable closed-toe shoes. Pre-registration is required at (909) 399-5488.

• The City of La Verne is throwing a Valentine's Day **dance party** for those with special needs from 5 to 8 p.m. at the La Verne Community Center, 3680 D St. Presale tickets are \$6, or \$7 at the door. Call (909) 596-8700 or visit city-of-laverne.org for more info.



SATURDAY 2/11

• Ophelia's Jump kicks off its 10th season at 8 p.m. with "**Well-Behaved Women**," a musical by Carmel Dean. Shows take place Thursday-Sunday through March 12. Admission is \$42, college students with I.D. and children under 10 are \$32. Thursdays are pay what you can, with a \$20 minimum. For info visit opheliasjump.org.

OUR TOWN

Kiwanis to hold bingo fundraiser

The Kiwanis Club of Claremont will host a bingo fundraiser from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, February 25 at Ability First, 480 S. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the first game begins at 5.

Presale tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at claremontkiwanis.org. Admission at the door is \$50. Admission includes 10 games, refreshments, and prizes. Additional games are \$2 each.

All proceeds will benefit local programs for children and seniors. For more information, email pleef@aol.com or nicolle@nicolledavis.net.

OUR TOWN

Casa Colina welcomes new president and CEO

Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare, 255 E. Bonita Ave., Pomona, recently announced the appointment of its new President and Chief Executive Officer, Kelly Linden, effective February 6.

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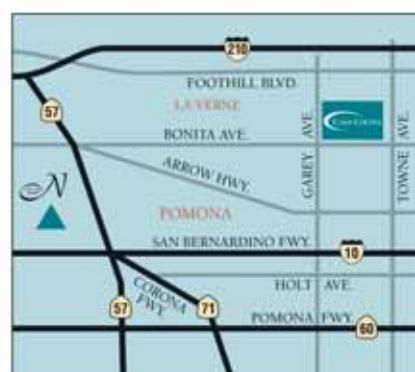
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New member brings diverse background to Courier board

by Steven Felschundneff

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Everything Claremont resident Valerie Martinez does, each new engagement or project she adds to her busy life, furthers her goal of promoting equity and social justice.

That commitment, combined with her finely honed business acumen, makes Martinez a perfect fit for the Claremont Courier's board of directors, an appointment recently announced by the paper's President and Publisher Peter Weinberger.

Martinez joins Weinberger and Jay Griffin, CEO, CMO and co-founder of the internet services company Culture Cube, to round out the current membership of the board.

Her tasks include helping guide Claremont's local newspaper through its new path as a nonprofit enterprise.

"An important Courier mission in 2023 is to increase local news readership, and Valerie brings a wealth of marketing and communications expertise to our board," Weinberger said.

"Her business, VMA Communications, focuses on helping organizations increase community awareness. Needless to say, our goals to contribute to the community are aligned. And she has been doing that in Claremont for over



Claremont Courier publisher Peter Weinberger has selected Valerie Martinez to join the paper's board of directors. "An important Courier mission in 2023 is to increase local news readership, and Valerie brings a wealth of marketing and communications expertise to our board," Weinberger said. Courier photo/Steven Felschundneff

27 years. We are happy to welcome her to the Courier family."

Her appointment began with a number of long conversations with Weinberger about the news industry and the future of local newspapers. Specifically, they discussed how important this hyper-local coverage is for cities like Claremont and its residents. Through

those conversations Weinberger decided she would be a good fit for the board.

"I appreciate the opportunity to be a thought partner and figure out whatever I can to help him strengthen the business aspect of the Courier," Martinez said. "I have been running a business doing community outreach and public

affairs for 27 years and I think that is where he and I have had those interesting conversations about the business of journalism."

Martinez brings both business and journalism knowledge to running an operation like the Courier. She graduated from the University of Southern California with dual bachelor's degrees in journalism and political science. She started her career writing and producing editorials at KHJ-TV but quickly moved to a reporter job at the long gone Los Angeles Herald Examiner.

"Newspapers were my passion," Martinez said.

From there she moved south to the Long Beach Press-Telegram, and by 1992 made another significant transition when she began working at the state legislature as the chief consultant to the California Latino Legislative Caucus.

In 1996 Martinez launched VMA Communications. Her first office was on her grandmother's dining room table in Montebello. The business moved a handful of times after that, including into the Spring Street Center in Claremont, until it found its current home in a newly constructed Craftsman-style office on Oberlin Avenue in the Village.

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The species usually attack stressed, dying, or freshly cut trees and some can kill healthy pines in large numbers. If a tree becomes home to the beetles, remove the affected branches or limbs and dispose of them properly. Once beetles have attacked the trunk of the tree, a full removal is required.

The best way to prevent beetle infestation is by properly watering pine trees and reducing the stress on the tree. When stressed, trees become more susceptible to infestations as they cannot adequately protect themselves. Fresh cut trees in the warmer months also attract bark beetles.

If you suspect a city pine tree is infested with bark beetles, please call (909) 399-5431 or email trees@ci.claremont.ca.us.

Mosquitoes

Due to recent weather, residents are asked to check for standing water surrounding their home. Cans, buckets, discarded tires, bird baths, clogged rain gutters, unmaintained swimming pools, spas, and decorative fountains are prime breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Property owners are also asked to keep pools, ponds, or fountains in good condition and free of algae growth since unfiltered bodies of water can also cause an insect influx.

Standing water locations can be reported to the community improvement division at (909) 399-5449 or the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District at (626) 814-9466. To submit a request for mosquito treatment, visit sangabrielvalley.leateamapps.com.

Gold Line construction closes portion of Garey Ave.

On Wednesday construction crews began rebuilding a portion of Garey Avenue in Pomona in order to complete work on the

at-grade crossing of the former Foothill Gold Line, now known as the L line, just south of Bonita Avenue. Garey will remain closed at the crossing for 45 days.

Work hours will be from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Pedestrian and vehicle traffic as well as the entrance to the Metrolink Pomona North Station will be halted. Towne Avenue, Arrow Highway, and Bonita Avenue will remain open.

"Access to homes and businesses on Garey Ave. within the closure area north and south of the railroad crossing will be maintained at all times, as well as access to the Metrolink Pomona North Station from Arrow Hwy. and Fulton Rd. or Pine St.," a news release read.

Overnight work and Sunday shifts could be required. More info is at construction.foothillgoldline.org.

Bus stops may be temporarily relocated. For information on Foothill Transit buses, call (800) 743-3463 or visit foothilltransit.org. For Metro buses, call (323) 466-3876 or visit metro.net.

Balagia joins Shoes That Fit board

On January 11, Shoes That Fit welcomed Goldman Sachs investment advisor G. Terence Balagia Jr. to its board of directors. He will serve on the non-profit's finance committee.

Balagia advises select non-profit organizations and "ultra-high net worth families," according to a news release. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs in 2011, he worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers, advising institutions on strategies to manage foreign exchange, commodity and interest rate risk.

Balagia is a founding member of the University of Texas' Wall Street for McCombs leadership program and a member of the Wealth Management Advisory Board for the Chartered Financial Analyst Society of Los Angeles.

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New Courier board member

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range of communications services, including handling public affairs for school districts, cities, and water agencies. The work primarily involves "connecting communities with their government."

The community outreach side of the business works with high-impact large infrastructure developments, ensuring clear communication with communities impacted by these projects through the environmental review processes and into the construction itself.

Her company has a contract with Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority, which has just completed its draft environmental impact report and public comment period. The project, when completed, will significantly increase the amount of

water the state siphons off of the Sacramento River Delta into the State Water Project.

"It's a great project," Martinez said. "There has been a lot of great work to try [and] figure out how to create community benefits. And frankly, we need the water."

Other clients include Metrolink, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and California High-Speed Rail.

"My other passion is high speed rail and I have been working on it since 2003," Martinez said. "It's a tough project. Any large construction in California is difficult because of the environmental components, because of [the California Environmental Quality Act] and because of the desire to take the time to get

it right, and to address impacts to communities."

Martinez moved to Claremont in 1996, where she raised two children, Antonio Ayala, 25, who is a software engineer in Los Angeles, and Isela Ayala, 22, a civil engineer in Boulder, Colorado.

She loves hiking in the local mountains and spending time with her three dogs, a wire haired terrier/Jack Russell mix named Osito, a beagle named Bernie, and a golden retriever, Hamilton. She said Osito and Hamilton like to go on walks but Bernie prefers naps.

This summer she plans to take a hiking vacation to Glacier National Park in Montana.

She loves art and in her free time writes short stories and poetry, some of which has been published. She has written a few obituaries for friends, several of which have been published in the Courier.

"I am a true believer in equity and social justice, and I will say our community is focused on trying to get it right. And I like to think of myself as one of those people who's trying to help our community get it right," Martinez said.

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Claremont Manor writing class reveals deep joys, sorrows

by Mel Opotowsky
Special to the Courier

Martha Stephenson, 88, wrote about her cat and their relationship. Jeanine Mooneyham, 79, talked about learning of the attack on Pearl Harbor when she was 10. And, 80-year-old Steve Trott, explained how he moved from drums to guitar. They were among the seven seniors from a creative writing class at Claremont Manor retirement community who presented their short stories recently for an audience of about 60.

The readings, accompanied by nostalgic music, included both the expected and unexpected; one woman lost her place while reading her story and another was briefly affected by a cognitive challenge.

The piece by Trott, a retired judge from the U.S. Court of Appeals' for the 9th Circuit, was paced with dialogue and rhetoric. When his family moved to Mexico City, he was told that the drum sticks he had used to practice regularly and with vigor so he could play like his idol Gene Krupa, were lost in shipping. His mother later told him they weren't lost at all, but that his loud drumming, which had been reverberating from the basement to the cellar, was driving his family crazy. So, in Mexico, he switched to guitar.

A practiced name dropper (but with ample justification), Trott described playing



(L-R) Jeanine Mooneyham, Alicia Hernandez, Millie Hinkle, Richard Mooneyham, Steve Trott, Martha Stephenson, Marti Gartlett. Photo/courtesy of Phyllis Horn

with the well-known 1960s folk band The Highwaymen (not to be confused with the 1980s country supergroup of the same name) on the Ed Sullivan Show and Johnny Carson's Tonight Show, where they sang the group's #1 hit version of the African-American spiritual, "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore," with its iconic whistle opener.

Millie Hinkle, 77, taught the writing class and is the author of several books.

She talked about how after a major family trauma she made a pie that led to an event that made everybody laugh and overcame the weightiness of the ordeal.

One of the presenters had the unlikely surname of Richard Mooneyham. He read a poem about "The wonder of memory" that touched a sensitive nerve with this particular audience. His wife, 79-year-old Jeanine, talked about when she was 10

and another child told her on a quiet Sunday, "The [Japanese] bombed Pearl Harbor." She discussed how World War II was marked by sacrifice and patriotism. Her one complaint was they had to add coloring to margarine to make it look like butter.

Marti Gartlett, 77, spelled out details and commonality of two intimate friendships.

Another writer, 79-year-old Alicia Hernandez, told of the time she spent at a branch of the New York Public Library near Bryant Park watching people eat their lunches on the green amid the city's steel and concrete.

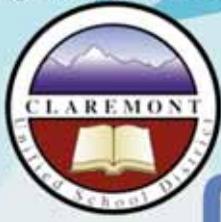
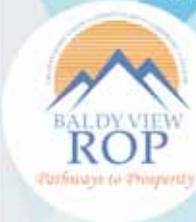
Martha Stephenson, 88, described her relationship with her cat. She made it a toy out of a silk rose with a stick on it, which the cat hid during the day and brought out at night, putting it on a pillow for her.

A visitor, 77-year-old Phyllis Horn, remarked about how intense and focused the audience was at the reading.

At the end of Trott's presentation he stood and sang "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore" with its iconic whistle. When the audience finished singing it with him his eyes glowed with moisture.

Mel Opotowsky, 91, was a journalist for more than 60 years. He retired as managing editor of the Press-Enterprise, Riverside, in 1999. He lives at Claremont Manor with his wife, Bonnie. They have four children, 11 grandchildren, and "nine or 10" great-grandchildren.

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High school sports roundup: February 3, 2023

by Andrew Alonzo

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CLAREMONT HIGH

Boys basketball

Bonita dealt Claremont its 23rd loss of the season, 51-32, on January 27. Ayala compounded the misery Tuesday when it downed the Pack, 80-37. The team is 3-24 overall, 0-9 in league, and finished sixth in Palomares League play.

Claremont capped its season after press time Thursday against Alta Loma.

Girls basketball

The Pack fell 41-27 January 27 at Bonita, but rebounded against Ayala with a 51-47 win Tuesday. The team is 23-4 overall, 7-2 in league, and is tied for first place with both Glendora and Bonita, each also at 7-2.

With a title to play for, Claremont welcomed Alta Loma after press time Thursday. The team will learn its postseason fate once the CIF-Southern Section Division III-AA playoff brackets are released at cifss.org at noon Sunday, February 5.

Boys soccer

Claremont drew 2-2 with Bonita on January 26. On Tuesday, senior defender Nathan Giles notched a late stoppage time winner to elevate the Pack over Ayala, 1-0, on senior night. Tuesday's win brings the boys' record to 13-1-6 overall, 6-0-3 in league, and puts them in first place of the Palomares League ahead of Thursday's Alta Loma game, played after press time.

The Pack's postseason berth will be determined at 9 a.m. Saturday, February 4 when CIF-Southern Section Division IV playoff brackets are posted at cifss.org.

Girls soccer

Bonita notched a 1-0 victory over Claremont on January 26 but the Pack bounced back Tuesday, defeating Ayala, 1-0. CHS's record is 17-3-2, 7-1-1 in league.

The first place Wolfpack hosted second place Alta Loma for the Palomares League title after press time Thursday. CIF-Southern Section Division I postseason play will be determined by 10 a.m. Saturday, February 4 at cifss.org.

Girls water polo

The Pack celebrated senior night with a 13-7 win over Whittier on January 26. The La Verne Aquatic Center was Wednesday's destination for the third place Palomares Carousel match between Claremont and Ayala. The Pack came out on top, 10-8, and is at 15-13 overall and 3-5 in league following Wednesday.

The team will learn its postseason fate once CIF-Southern Section Division III playoff brackets are released at 9 a.m. Saturday, February 4 at cifss.org.

Boys and girls wrestling

The boys wrapped their season last week. Results from the Esperanza Girls Tournament on January 26: senior Frida Palafox placed highest for the Pack, third, at 170. The girls, 5-1 overall, 4-1 in



After scoring the game winning goal Tuesday, Claremont High defender Nathan Giles, number 11, celebrates the 1-0 win over Ayala with his teammates. The Pack is now 6-0-3 in league play. Courier photo/Andrew Alonzo

league, head to Bonita Friday for the Palomares League finals.

THE WEBB SCHOOLS

Boys basketball

On January 26, Webb fell to Fairmont San Juan Capistrano, 84-37, then edged Newport Christian, 59-58, on Monday. The Gauls lost a close home game, 33-31, against Santa Ana Valley on Wednesday, leaving the team 6-14 overall, 2-6 in league, and fourth in the Academy League.

Webb caps its season at 6:30 p.m. Friday at AGBU Canoga Park.

Girls basketball

Webb lost, 43-28, to Avalon January 28 before stumbling against Newport Christian, 60-32 on Monday. The results took the Gauls' record to 6-14 overall, 2-6 in league, and left them in fourth place in the Academy League.

The team hosted Immaculate Heart after press time Thursday to end its season.

Boys soccer

Webb bested Tarbut V'Torah, 2-1, on January 26, and Avalon, 3-0, on January 28. Momentum ran out Monday when Fairmont Prep beat the Gauls, 2-1. On

Wednesday, Webb snagged a 3-0 victory over Western Christian, locking them into second place overall in the San Joaquin League standings. Its overall record now stands at 9-6-2, 7-2-1 in league.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, February 4, CIF-Southern Section Division VII playoff brackets will be posted at cifss.org.

Girls soccer

On January 27, the Gauls dispatched Pacifica Christian, 2-1, then gave Fairmont Prep a 4-1 beat down on Monday. Webb wrapped up league play with a 2-1 win at Western Christian on Wednesday.

Regardless of Wednesday's result, the team was due to be crowned San Joaquin League champs with its overall record now at 14-1-2 and a 7-0-1 in league. By 10 a.m. Saturday, February 4, CIF-Southern Section Division III postseason brackets will be uploaded at cifss.org.

Girls water polo

West Covina handed Webb a 17-6 loss on January 26 but the Gauls bounced back against Edgewood with a 15-9 victory Monday. On Tuesday, San Dimas dealt the team a 15-3 loss. Webb's record stands at 6-14 overall, 0-8 in league. The team finished fourth in Valle Vista League stand-

ings.

The Gauls wrapped up the season after press time Thursday against Charter Oak.

Boys wrestling

Scores from the January 25 Montview League cluster against Sierra Vista were not made available to the Courier. The team finished second in league, behind Sierra Vista, with an overall record of 8-4, 4-1 in league.

Webb will send athletes to the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Individual wrestling competition on Friday and Saturday, February 10 and 11, including freshman Ben Madanski in the 120-weight class, sophomore Armen Xue in the 106 class, sophomore Eric Luo, 152, sophomore Hanbo Xu, 160, junior Pui Fong, 170, senior Conrad Poon, 126, senior Alfonso Alvarez-Seara, heavyweight, and senior Leo Levitin-Shilman, the Montview League's 220-weight class champion, also in heavyweight. The first match is set for 11 a.m. Friday, February 10.

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Donald Theodore “Ted” Sheldon, Jr.

Avid reader, fisherman, outdoorsman, traveler, beloved husband, dog daddy

Donald Theodore “Ted” Sheldon, Jr. died January 23 at home in Claremont.

Ted was born in 1945 to Dr. Donald T. Sheldon, M.D., and Mary Andrews in Salinas, California. His brother Greg was born two years later. He attended elementary school in Los Angeles, and when he was in eighth grade his family moved to Claremont.

He attended Claremont Junior High and Claremont High School, graduating in 1963. He continued his education at San Diego and San Jose state colleges. His avid reading and interest in history led to a lifelong interest in traveling and learning about places and things. While in the San Jose area he started and headed a circuit board company for several years while also traveling extensively in Northern California.

He was then lured to the culinary field, where he worked a number of years in Santa Barbara, then later back in Claremont as a chef at Pomona College. He

most enjoyed Oldenborg Dining Hall, where he was able to interact with international students and cuisine.

While he was growing up his family spent time at Southern California beaches, deserts and mountains, stoking his love for surf fishing and out-of-the-way rivers and lakes. He was proud of the fact that he had traveled nearly all of California’s highways and many byways as well, often camping along the way. Upon his return to Claremont he bought his brother’s home on Olive Street, where he lived until his death. He had lifelong friends and many happy memories in Claremont.

In 1990 he married Linda Dyson, CHS class of 1966. They were married 33 years, during which time they traveled, enjoyed assorted cuisine, reading, and visiting Alaska, Hawaii, California, and Europe. They were also longtime parishioners at Claremont United Methodist Church.

He leaves his four-legged buddy, Chip;



wife Linda; brother Greg Sheldon (Kathy); niece Poppy (Julie) and their daughter, Avery; nephew Gabe; brother-in-law Jerry Dyson (Davonna); nieces and nephews Courtney (Mike), Blythe, Dominic, and Aayla; and several cousins and other family members.

He will also be missed by the Olive Street group, Claremont High class of 1963, his friends, and many others.

A simple graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 9 at Oak Park Cemetery, 410 Sycamore Ave., Claremont, CA 91711.

In lieu of donations the family asks that you consider the message in this poem, “Epitaph,” by Merritt Mallory:

“When I die, if you need to weep,
Cry for someone walking beside you.
And when you need me,
Put your arms around others,
And give them what you need to give me.
You can love me most by letting
Hands touch hands, and souls touch souls.

You can love me most by sharing your goodness

And multiplying your good deeds.

You can love me most by
Letting me live in your eyes.

And when you say prayers for me,
Remember what our faith teaches:

Love doesn’t die. People do.

So when all that’s left of me is love,
Give me away.”

Marcia M. (McGuff) Jenkins

Beloved great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, volunteer

Marcia McGuff Jenkins, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and a former resident of Claremont, died peacefully on November 27, 2022.

Born in Norwood, Massachusetts on March 28, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Thomas J. and Lydia (Manley) McGuff.

Marcia (aka “Mike”) was the beloved wife of the late Robert Edward Jenkins (aka Bob, aka Bobby, aka “the Bob”), and devoted mother to Eric and his wife, Terah, of Temecula, California, Mark and his wife, Jennifer of Marblehead, Massachusetts, Kara of Playa del Rey, California, and the late Kristine Jenkins. She cherished her grandchildren Katie, Chris, Thomas, Quincie, Colin, and Elliot Jenkins, Tyler Nutting, Natalie and Todd Oldroyd, Makenzie and Peyton Raab, and Trevor Nutting, and great-granddaughter, Cassie Oldroyd.

The youngest of seven siblings, she was the devoted sister of Elizabeth Ann Cur-



ran and her late husband Joseph of Norwood, Massachusetts, Patricia Hall and her late husband Raymond of Harwich, Massachusetts, Sheila Barnett and her late hus-

band Jack of Attleboro, Massachusetts, and predeceased by Thomas J. McGuff, Kathleen Kenney, and Mary Lou Foley and her husband James. She was the dear sister-in-law of Irma McGuff of Somers, Connecticut, June Vetter of Whispering Pines, North Carolina, Thomas Kenney of Quincy, Massachusetts, and the late Olga Onasch and Paul Jenkins. She is also survived by many wonderful nieces and nephews, and her forever friends from first grade at St. Catherine’s school.

She was a graduate of Norwood High School and Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts, and — together with her family — explored much of the USA, creating homes and lasting friendships in New Hampshire, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, and California.

During their many years living in Claremont, her children, Eric, Mark, Kristine, and Kara, attended Claremont public schools and Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church and school

while she worked as a substitute teacher and librarian at the Claremont School of Theology. She later pursued a Master of Library Science degree while working in the subscription services industry for Faxon and Ovid. She was a consultant for Wolters Kluwer for many years, retiring in 2019.

She was passionate about helping others and enjoyed volunteering in both her church and community. She loved reading (especially mysteries) and spending time with family and friends playing games, working on puzzles, going on adventures, or just being together.

Her funeral took place in Norwood, Massachusetts on December 7.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pine Street Inn at pinestreetinn.org, or by check to 444 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118, or the Parkinson’s Foundation at parkinson.org, or by check to 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

OUR TOWN

Grant helps Casa Colina complete musical playground

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians recently awarded Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare a \$450,000 grant to fund an onsite interactive musical playground for children with disabilities.

The structure, expected in late 2023, is under construction and will include objects that patients can utilize as instruments such as pebbles, a water harp, a staircase, and

more. The grounds will be used to work with children on speech, motor, and social skills and features instruments, sculptures and tactile pieces with sensors that provide audio-visual queues for users. The hardware is designed with input from Casa Colina’s team of licensed physical, occupational, and speech therapists.

“The overarching goal of the Musical Playground is to enhance our ability to pro-

vide pediatric therapies while increasing access to music for children with disabilities — a historically marginalized population,” Michele Alaniz, an occupational therapist and director of Casa Colina’s Children’s Services Center, said in a statement. “By adding this first-of-its-kind clinical tool, we not only improve our ability to keep young clients engaged and having fun during therapies, but we now have

a customizable clinical tool that can be adjusted to meet each child’s unique needs and preferences.”

In addition to the playground, the grant also supports clinician training on the new software.

Casa Colina is at 255 E Bonita Ave., Pomona. Visit casacolina.org to learn more.

Daniel Achilles Gould

Beloved son, brother, stepson was 2009 CHS grad

Daniel Gould, beloved son of Donald Gould and Pamela Gould of Claremont, brother of Julia Gould, and stepson of Rhonda Raider Gould, died unexpectedly on August 1, 2022. He was 31.

A service honoring Daniel was held at Temple Beth Israel in Pomona on August 9, 2022, preceded by a graveside service at Oak Park Cemetery in Claremont.

He was born in Pomona in 1990. His family moved to Claremont in 1993. Daniel attended Condit Elementary, El Roble Intermediate, and Claremont High School, graduating in 2009. He became a bar mitzvah at Temple Beth Israel in 2004.

A brilliant student and writer, he attended Oberlin College in Ohio, where he earned his B.A. in history in 2013 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After college, he returned to Los Angeles and built a successful career in writing and business communications. At global real estate companies Cushman & Wakefield and Colliers International, he led teams of researchers, designers, and writers in developing business proposals for major clients across the U.S.

“Daniel loved and embraced life,” his family shared. “An early and avid reader and writer with boundless curiosity, Daniel quickly gained an expansive grasp of geography and world history and how they formed the basis for all storytelling. Favorite authors included Philip Pullman and Ursula K. Le Guin. Daniel talked knowledgeably and engagingly on seemingly any subject, but always with humility and a keen ability to listen. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of music spanning six decades, spinning off an eight-hour playlist with ease. From an early age, he was a graceful and original dancer. He was a lifelong advocate for environmental, economic, and racial justice.

“For all his many accomplishments,



Daniel is most remembered as a remarkable son, brother, and friend.”

In the words of some who knew him best:

Friend Violet: “Daniel was a good man. A gentleman. A leader and protector among his friends. When Daniel was there, I knew everything was going to be ok. Leaves fell more softly in his presence. He had a way of bringing out life’s beauty, excitement, and joy. Dance floors were created when he shook his hips. Yes, he was the smartest man I knew, but he was also wildly creative, musical, and capable of the most compassionate acts of kindness and care. He understood the masks we wear in mundane life and how to love what was underneath.”

Friend Melody: “Danny was simply charming. His broody dark eyes with soft features. He’d come with meaningful compliments. His booming laughter that filled your heart and a deep voice. A brilliant writer and avid reader, a phenomenal dancer. He was ever evolving and supportive of everyone’s individual growth.

Danny inspired me to read. Danny was passionate and informed about social justice issues. With Danny, there was never any pressure to perform or say the right thing. If he liked you, he loved you and accepted you. His hugs spoke a 1,000 I love you’s.”

College friend Lizzie: “Danny approached the intricacies of the world with such empathy, curiosity, intellect, discernment, and humor. He moved through life with sensitivity but also resilience. He was such an incredible, wise, sensitive, and radiant being.”

College roommate Jake: “He was always generous, gentle, compassionate, but also strong. I don’t know of anybody who better embodied loving kindness.”

Co-workers: “Daniel — a poster child for how a beautiful, smart, dignified, regal, kind, empathetic, thoughtful, humble, joyful human should be. Always there for you, panic or not, writer’s block or not, deadline or not.” “Calm, level-headed, and positive at every turn... effortlessly funny, a remarkable writer and a friend to all.” “A comforting, kind, and humorous presence ... the essence of a patient teacher, a trusted colleague, an impressive intellectual, a gifted writer, a warm and welcoming person I will forever feel lucky to call a friend.”

Cousin Greta: “Daniel had such a sense of justice and creativity; how much love and joy he gave to everyone he met, how much he inspired others.”

Stepsister Sarah: “The rare young man today who is a natural empath ... an unfailingly excellent listener ... adventurous and confident in social settings, but he showed vulnerability candidly ... smart and insightful but unpretentious.”

Mother of a high school friend: “I love Daniel for many intrinsic reasons, his beautiful, brilliant self ... and I especially love and honor how he helped his

friends.”

Elementary school teachers: “On the playground at age 7 ... endlessly fascinating and brilliant, kind and wholehearted. Always with a 3-inch book and a joke to share ... a teacher’s soul ... the smartest kid/person I have ever met.” “One of my favorite students of all time and I have thought of him often through the years ... brilliant and witty.”

Sister Julia: “Daniel personified everything that is good in this world. He cared deeply about his family, his friends, the suffering of others, and our planet. He was effortlessly brilliant, witty, had the coolest taste in music and art, and was an absolute joy to be around. He was more than a sibling — he was my best friend, protector, and mentor.”

Father Donald: “Daniel lifted those around him, both teaching and demonstrating self-acceptance and self-love. Daniel was always the friend that each one of his friends needed, and he is truly loved by everyone who knew him. I think that is the ultimate tribute to Daniel and how he lived his life on earth. Daniel lives on in the hearts of the many whose lives he touched so meaningfully.”

Mother Pamela: “Daniel was a wonderful, loving son and a beautiful human being. And so, his laugh still makes us laugh with him. His kind and gentle spirit is still with us. And we will always light the candles for our Daniel.”

Donations in honor of Daniel Gould may be made to Sunrise Movement (LA Chapter) and Environmental Defense Fund.

A note from his family: “Opioids have killed more than 50,000 Americans since Daniel passed on August 1, 2022. So many of these deaths were the result of unintended ingestion of fentanyl — increasingly, street drugs are poisoned with this lethal substance. Please be careful.”

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Thomas Michael Thornstrom

A casual celebration of life and open house for Thomas Michael Thornstrom, who died December 14, will take place from

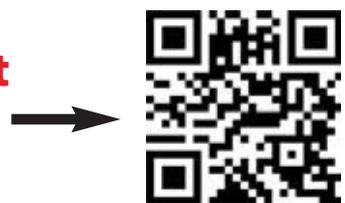
noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, February 18 at 1180 Morningside Dr., Claremont, CA 91711. Lunch will be served.



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Grand National Roadster Show at Fairplex this weekend

The 73rd Grand National Roadster Show returns this weekend to the Pomona Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave. The show runs Friday from noon to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, February 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

More than 500 vehicles will occupy

the fairground's expo halls and compete for awards like America's most beautiful roadster. An additional 400 to 800 vehicles will be shown at the 17th annual "granddaddy drive-in" adjacent to the halls.

A pinstriper charity fundraiser is new this year, with pinstripers onsite to

stripe items for a nominal cost, with funds donated to Haynes Family of Programs, a La Verne nonprofit that provides treatment and educational services to children with special needs.

Admission for those 13 and up is \$30. It's \$10 for children 6 to 12, and kids 5 and under are free. Parking is

\$17 at Gate 9 off White Avenue and can be pre-purchased at etix.com. There is no tram service at the parking lots.

For more information visit rodshows.com/grand-national or fairplex.com.

Meet the Benton's new curatorial assistant

Li Machado joined Pomona College's Benton Museum of Art staff this week as a curatorial assistant, a position made possible through the Getty Foundation's Getty Marrow Emerging Professionals pilot program.

The program's goal is to "diversify arts museums and nonprofits through meaningful entry level employment and mentoring that are crucial to building lasting

arts careers for aspiring professionals from underrepresented groups," according to the initiative's webpage.

Machado, a Ph.D. candidate in art history at Temple University with an emphasis on memory art and memorials, presence, and absence, is currently working to build on histories of queer art, queer worldmaking, youth culture, and transnational identity formation in the U.S.-

Mexico borderlands, according to a Benton news release.

Machado is a recognized Temple University Future Faculty Fellow, a recipient of the inaugural Marcia Hall Research Award, and a former Getty Marrow Undergraduate Intern. As president of the Art History Graduate Organization at Temple,

Machado was involved in pushing for an overhauled undergraduate curriculum, anti-racist teaching and improved teaching assistant training.

To learn more, call (909) 621-8283 or email benton@pomona.edu. The museum, at 120 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 6 p.m., with extended hours to 10 p.m. on Thursday.

'Spirit Voyager' to open at CLMA

Andrée M. Mahoney's exhibition, "Spirit Voyager," opens Friday, February 17, at Claremont Lewis Museum of Art, 200 W. First St.

An opening reception takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, February 18. The show will remain on view through April

23.

The show is curated by the artist's daughter Monica Lynne Mahoney. It celebrates Mahoney's 70th year of "exploring of the richness of life through mixed-media painting and ceramic sculpture," according to a CLMA news release. "A vi-

sual storyteller, Mahoney seeks to strike a balance between color and form, intuition and meaning. The exhibition weaves together her journey of inquiry, and the visionary impulse to manifest life's sensuality in built form throughout the arc of her life."

Mahoney was a professor of art at Chaffey College for more than three decades and was named artist of the year by the Chaffey Community Museum of Art in 2009. She has exhibited throughout South-

ern California and is represented in private collections from California to New York. Mahoney is also a member of The Ravens, a small Claremont poetry group.

The museum is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. General admission is \$5. CLMA members, children under 18 and students are free.

The exhibition is sponsored by Gould Asset Management LLC. For more information visit clmoa.org.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

February Art Walk features wide array of work

The Claremont Art Walk takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, February 4. Here are the featured artists:

- Ahmad Shariff Art Gallery, 107 Harvard Ave., hosts owner Ahmad Shariff's exhibition, "The Kiss Collection," which explores the different meanings behind kisses in various cultures and situations.
- Bunny Gunner, 230 W. Bonita Ave., and Studio C, 260 W. Bonita Ave., unite to host "Winged Creatures," a showcase from a local art group.
- The Button Box Museum, in Bunny Gunner's west side walkway, 230 W. Bonita Ave., will feature "Wings: Our Fine Feathered Friends in Fashion."
- Claremont Chamber of Commerce, 205 Yale Ave., exhibits Gorman Bentley's "Portals," which "contain elements that reflect the past but look toward the future," according to a news release.
- Crescent Tree Corp, 206 W. Bonita Ave., Suite G, will display "Flow

State," works by Los Angeles-based abstract painter Sarah J. Schwartz.

"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.

• Square I, 110 Harvard Ave., mounts "Red on Red," a group showcase in honor of Valentine's Day.

• The Claremont Lewis Museum of Art, 200 W. First St., in the Claremont Depot, will wrap "Transformations in Glass: Vitreous Funk, Fantasy, and Light," on Sunday, February 5. The show includes works from Claremont-influenced glass artists Kéké Cribbs, Richard Marquis, and David Svenson.

• Pomona Valley Art Association, 317 W. First St., showcases "Black and White," an exhibit featuring Carol Bourland, Su Cheatham, and Susan Perry.

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

CITATION FOR FREEDOM FROM PARENTAL CUSTODY AND CONTROL CASE NUMBER: 21CCAD00453 (Abandonment) (Re: ADOPTION) SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE MATTER OF JAMESON RICHARD ROMERO

Minor(s) A person(s) who should be declared free from the custody and control of his/her (their) parent, or parents. TO: ROBERT KRING WHEATLEY and to all persons claiming to be the father or mother of said minor or person(s) above named. By order of this Court you are hereby cited and (required to)(may) appear before the Judge Presiding in Department 419 of the above entitled court, located at Children's Court 201 Centre Plaza Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91754 on MARCH 7, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why said person should not be declared free from the control of his/her (their) parents according to the petition on file herein. You are hereby notified of the provisions of Family code 7860 which provide the judge shall advise the minor and the parents, if present, of the right to have counsel present. The court may appoint counsel to represent the minor whether or not the minor is able to afford counsel, and if they are unable to afford counsel, shall appoint counsel to represent the parents. The petition filed herein is for the purpose of freeing the subject child for placement for adoption. Dated: January 19, 2023. SHERRI R. CARTER Executive Officer/Clerk of Court By: T. HERNANDEZ, Deputy Notice to the Person Served. You are served as an individual Citee. The time when a citation is deemed served on a party may vary depending on the method of service. For example see Code of Civil Procedure Sections 413.10 through 415.40. Persons having custody or control or with whom said child is, are required to appear, others cited may appear. A published citation requires appearance of all persons cited. (7882).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2023010431

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) INSIDE & OUT AESTHETICS 370 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711. Los Angeles County. Registrant(s): BEYOND LIFE WELLNESS & HEALTH COACHING L.L.C. 2148 N Apple Ave, Rialto, CA 92377. Mailing Address: 2148 N Apple Ave, Rialto, CA 92377. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company #CA 202108410568 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 01/23. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

/s/ Jessica Chavez Title: Manager This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/17/23. 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: January 27 and February 3, 10 and 17, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2022278452

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) J&I FLORAL CONCEPTS LLC. 2.) XAVIER'S FLORIST 1135 Grand Ave, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, Los Angeles County. Mailing Address: 226 Princeton Ave, Claremont, CA 91711 Registrant(s): J&I FLORAL CONCEPTS LLC. 226 Princeton Ave, Claremont, CA 91711. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company #CA 202252810722 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 10/22. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. /s/ Irene Munatones Title: CEO This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/28/22. NOTICE- In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five (5) years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit Of Identity Form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). PUBLISH: January 27 and February 3, 10 and 17, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2023027845

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) ERNEST MARTIN STUDIO 3310 N. Mills Ave, Claremont, CA 91711, Los Angeles County. Registrant(s): Marilyn J Adelstein, 3310 N. Mills Ave, Claremont, CA 91711. This business is conducted by an Individual Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 01/23. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. /s/ Marilyn J Adelstein Title: Owner This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/23/23. 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: January 13, 20 and 27 and February 3, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2023026004

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) KSR STAGING & DESIGN 4124 Dixie Canyon Avenue, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423, Los Angeles County. Registrant(s): Kira Reed, 4124 Dixie Canyon Avenue, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 01/22. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. /s/ Kira Reed Title: Owner This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/31/23. 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: January 13, 20 and 27 and February 3, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2023022161

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2023020941

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) LETTS TEACH 1731 W. Holt Ave Unit 204, Pomona, CA 91768, Los Angeles County. Registrant(s): Lisha Kay Lett, 1731 W. Holt Ave, Pomona, CA 91768. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. /s/ Lisha Kay Lett Title: Owner This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/27/22. NOTICE- In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five (5) years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit Of Identity Form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). PUBLISH: February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2023020977

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 2023020601

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1.) OLD SCHOOL HOUSE GARDEN CONDOMINIUM APARTMENTS 2.) OLD SCHOOL HOUSE GARDEN APARTMENTS 415 West Foothill Boulevard, Suite 108, Claremont, CA 91711, Los Angeles County. Registrant(s): H.W. All Stars, Inc. 415 West Foothill Boulevard, Suite 108, Claremont, CA 91711. Harry Wu, 3550 San Pasqual, Pasadena, CA 91107. Shawn Chen, 400 Armada Rd, Arcadia, CA 91007. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Partnership #CA 201810100013 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 01/23. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. /s/ Harry Wu Title: General Partner This statement was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/27/22. NOTICE- In Accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five (5) years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit Of Identity Form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). PUBLISH: February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2023



NOTICE OF ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION REVIEW OF PROPOSED HISTORICAL PROPERTY (MILLS ACT) AGREEMENT AT 353 WEST SIXTH STREET

Project Description: Historical Property Agreement (Mills Act) for the residence at 353 West Sixth Street (File #22-MA03)

Meeting Location: This meeting will take place in City Council Chamber, 225 Second Street and via Zoom at the date and time listed below. Instructions on how to participate will be detailed on the Agenda, which will be posted on the City Website six days prior to the meeting.

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.

At this meeting, the Architectural Commission will consider a request for a proposed Historical Property Agreement (Mills Act) for the property at 353 West Sixth Street (File #22-MA03). The proposed Historical Property (Mills Act) Agreement is between the City of Claremont and the owners (Emilie and Dan Reagan) of the historic residence located at 353 West Sixth Street. If approved, the agreement will ensure the long-term preservation of both exterior and interior character-defining features of the property by providing a tax reduction to the property owner in exchange for funding and completing restoration and renovation work on the historic property.

The Architectural Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed agreement. The City Council is the final decision-making body on Historical Property Agreements. Notice of the City Council meeting on this matter will be given at a later date.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed scheduled improvements within the contract are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15331 in that these improvements are for the restoration and rehabilitation of a historical resource, will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards of the Office of Historic Preservation of the Department of Parks and Recreation, United States Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties, and the State Historical Building Code and will be subject to applicable City permitting requirements. Therefore, no further environmental review is necessary.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: The proposed agreement is on file with the Community Development Department and can be emailed to interested parties to review. For more information on the proposal, please contact Assistant Planner, Daniel Kim at (909) 399-5353 or via email at dkim@ci.claremont.ca.us. Written comments may be emailed or mailed to Daniel Kim 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.

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NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL REVIEW PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTHWEST SAN JOSE SPECIFIC PLAN

Project Description: Amendment to Southwest San Jose Specific Plan to reduce setback for proposed hotel located at 721 South Indian Hill Boulevard

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: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

The Claremont City Council will consider a proposed amendment to the Southwest San Jose Specific Plan (SP12) (#16-SP02 AMD1). If approved by the City Council, the proposed Specific Plan Amendment will reduce the front setback requirement from 60' to an average of 15' in Planning Area 1 of the Specific Plan. The change is intended to accommodate the development of a new 120-room Residence Inn by Marriott to replace the existing 56-room motel located at 721 South Indian Hill Boulevard (formerly Knights Inn).

The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed Specific Plan Amendment. All persons either favoring or opposing the proposed Ordinance are invited to present their views at this hearing. It is requested that any written response and all supporting documents be submitted to the City Hall office or via email to cpower@interwestgrp.com by 3:00 p.m. on February 14, 2023. If you challenge the action taken on this proposal in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk's Office by the end of the public hearing. Instructions on how to provide verbal public comment will be detailed on the Agenda, which will be posted on the City Website five days prior to the meeting. The City Council is the decision-making body for the proposed Specific Plan Amendment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed Specific Plan Amendment, a reduction in the front setback for one of three planning areas in the Specific Plan with no change in the anticipated buildout of the project, is within the scope of the previously-approved Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Southwest San Jose Specific Plan (SP12). Under Section 21166 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15162 of the Guidelines to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), there is no basis for subsequent or supplemental environmental review. In addition, the proposed Specific Plan Amendment is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15305(a) of the CEQA Guidelines (Minor Land Use Limitations), which exempts setback variances that do not result in the creation of a new parcel from environmental review.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Copies of the proposed Specific Plan Amendment are available at Claremont City Hall, Planning Division, and 207 Harvard Avenue. Persons are invited to comment on the proposed Code Amendment by contacting Contract Planner, Chantal Power, AICP via email at cpower@interwestgrp.com, or via telephone at (909) 754-1653, or by sending written comments to P.O. Box 880, Claremont, CA 91711-0880.

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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: Keith Harris, Keith A Harris, Tracy Jenkins, Tracy D Jenkins, Astasia Rivera, Christopher Franklin. 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 February 18, 2023. Goods must be paid in

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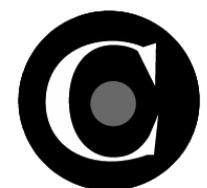
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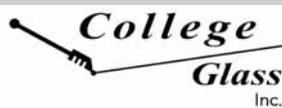
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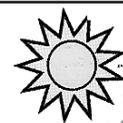
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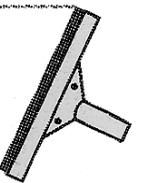
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APN: 8426-040-006 TS No: CA08001151-22-1 TO No: 2196354CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 1, 2005. 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 February 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM, behind the fountain located in the Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc, dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on January 11, 2005 as Instrument No. 05 0072259, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by CHANG DANO WEISBERG AND PILAR MARISSA WEISBERG, HUSBAND AND WIFE OF JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for AMERICAN GOLD MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION CRML #4130351 as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1853 NEWCASTLE LANE, SAN DIMAS, CA 91773 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 \$65,909.04 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at

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APN: 8671-041-042 TS No.: 22-04824CA TSG Order No.: 2210286CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MAY 22, 2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded June 2, 2015 as Document No.: 20150639825 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Diego A Palma and Angelica Isaac Palma, husband and wife as joint tenants, as Trustor, will be sold AT

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Beautiful 4-bedroom home has been loved by the same family for years and is finally available for a new owner. Find a bright, open layout and updated kitchen featuring newer cabinets, appliances & granite countertops. Huge backyard has lots of room to add a pool! Close to Chaparral Elementary, Wilderness Park & Thompson Creek Trail. \$749,000 Laura Dandoy 909-228-4383 (M1662)



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Fantastic find in the Deane Homes Community HOA features a great layout with formal areas for special occasions and casual areas for family moments. Family room is perfect for parties with the large bar area that lends itself to preparing cocktails or setting out snacks. Great location near the 60 & 57 freeways making commuting a breeze. \$834,999 Laura Dandoy 909-228-4383 (S23819)



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Amazing home in a lovely neighborhood is move-in ready. Remodeled kitchen and bathrooms are completed in neutral tones. Find new laminate flooring and newer windows that bring in an abundance of light. Make memories in the large yard, the perfect gathering place with a built-in BBQ. Less than 20 miles from downtown L.A., come discover this hidden gem. \$710,000 Laura Dandoy 909-228-4383 (B6502)



CREEKSIDE BY THE LAKE

Located across the street from the lake, you will love this home with vaulted ceilings and cozy fireplace. Upstairs is the primary suite that opens up to an ample sized balcony that overlooks your backyard. The yard features a spacious covered patio. Community amenities include 2 pools, tennis courts, BBQ areas, walking trails and dog parks! \$585,000 Laura Dandoy 909-228-4383 (A3228)



SIERRA CREST

Beautiful home is just 2 years new, offering a modern floorplan with a full bedroom and bath downstairs. Enjoy cooking in the cheerful kitchen featuring upgraded cabinets & appliances, finished with granite countertops. There is drought-resistant landscaping and fully paid solar and Tesla charger! Don't miss out on this great home in its lovely community. \$651,000 Laura Dandoy 909-228-4383 (R17019)



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