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Anti-Asian hate crime report had inaccurate numbers

Original L.A. County report stated 44 incidents, new map shows just over 30

By Caleb Lunetta
Signal Senior Staff Writer

The 2020 Anti-Asian hate crime report released by L.A. County inaccurately reported an incident in the Santa Clarita Valley, according to officials familiar with the report.

Released last week, the report stated that anti-Asian hate crime had seen a 76% increase between 2019 and 2020 countywide, with 44 anti-Asian hate crimes being reported in the last calendar year.

Although two incidents had been reported in the SCV area — according to a map that was included with the report — only one had occurred in 2020, with the other having occurred in 2016, according to Monica Lomeli, the Hate Crime Database manager for the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services.

“So unfortunately, I did go back to our (geographical information system) analyst, and he had made an error,” said Lomeli. “It was supposed to be showing only 2020 hate crimes, and the map that we provided for the report displayed hate crimes for the last five years.”

Presently, the report listed online still shows the 2016-2020 map.

The incident that had occurred in the Santa Clarita Valley — as previously reported by The Signal — was on Aug. 20, 2020, at a Starbucks on Valencia Boulevard.

“The victim was targeted for appearing to be Asian and the suspects were two Latino males,” according to Lomeli. “The suspects were upset the victim was not wearing a mask and used derogatory, anti-Asian language along with a verbal threat, that escalated into an assault with a deadly weapon.”

The new map given to The Signal shows just over 30 anti-Asian hate crimes in L.A. County in 2020. According to Lomeli, the remaining anti-Asian hate crimes were not charted in order to maintain anonymity for the victims’ privacy and residences.



Auctioneer Eric Ross, left, and Jenny Castruita Striplin take bids from the audience as Striplin wears the bra representing Italy during the live bra auction at the 18th annual Bras for a Cause fundraiser held at the Hyatt Regency Valencia on Saturday.

Bras offer more than support

Bras for a Cause features runway models, gift baskets, silent auction

By Jose Herrera
Signal Staff Writer

More than a hundred years ago a group of women decided to start a service organization because they weren’t allowed to join clubs that were men-only.

These women took matters in their own hands and founded Soroptimist International, a nonprofit dedicated to helping women and girls all over the world. Since then, women across the world have begun chapters in their local communities, according to Laura Chesler, president-elect of Soroptimist International of Valencia.

“Soroptimist is loosely translated from Greek and means best



See BRAS, A2 Jenny Ketchepaw dances on stage as she wears the bra representing Poland.

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Castaic Dam contruction moves forward

Department of Water Resources makes seismic improvements on bridge

By Emily Alvarenga
Signal Senior Staff Writer

Construction is underway at Castaic Lake, as officials from the California Department of Water Resources work to make seismic improvements on Castaic Dam’s tower access bridge.

Castaic Lake is one of many State Water Project facilities that supply water to the state, specifically providing water for the greater Los Angeles area and more than 5.2 million Californians in 2019, according to DWR.

DWR is modernizing

its SWP facilities as it works to identify and proactively address any issues that could impact water supplies across the state.

“We’re moving forward on some of these projects to increase the resiliency of the facilities, and this was one of

the projects that we’re doing to increase the seismic capacity of this bridge so that it doesn’t fail in a very large earthquake,” added Jason Brabec, DWR supervising engineer for the Castaic Dam Modernization Program.

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Today in history

Today is the 301st day of 2021 and the 37th day of autumn.

Today’s history: In 1886, President Grover Cleveland dedicated the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

■ In 1919, Congress passed the Volstead Act over President Woodrow Wilson’s veto, providing for enforcement of alcohol prohibition to take effect on Jan. 17, 1920.

■ In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev agreed to remove his country’s nuclear missiles from Cuba, bringing an end to the Cuban Missile Crisis.

■ In 2005, Lewis “Scooter” Libby, chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, resigned following his indictment on charges related to the leaking of a CIA agent’s name.

Today’s fact: Despite the agreement that ended the Cuban Missile Crisis on this day in 1962, U.S. forces worldwide remained at DEFCON 3 until Nov. 20.

Today’s sports: In 2007, the Boston Red Sox completed a four-game sweep of the Colorado Rockies to win their second World Series championship in four seasons.

Today’s quote: “In that city [New York] there is neurosis in the air which the inhabitants mistake for energy.” -- Evelyn Waugh, “Brideshead Revisited”

Today’s number: 354 -- steps from the pedestal to the head of the Statue of Liberty.

Today’s moon: Last quarter moon (Oct. 28).

Birthdays

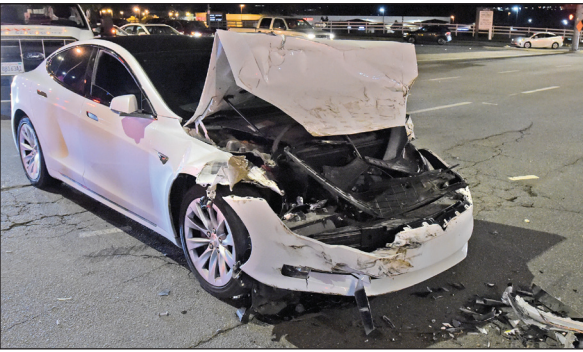
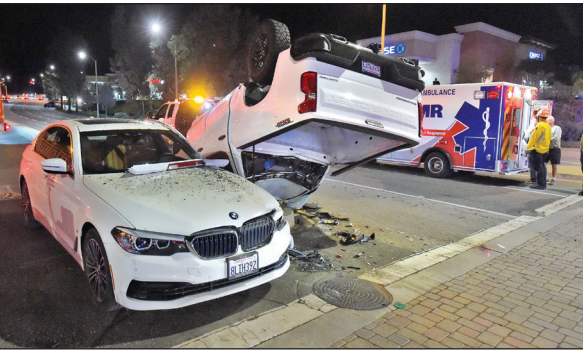
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Lottery

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3-vehicle crash sends 1 to hospital, leaves truck flipped



Emergency responders transported one person to a nearby hospital after a three-vehicle collision left one vehicle overturned Tuesday evening. Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station deputies received a call at approximately 7:04 p.m. about a three-vehicle crash at Copper Hill Drive and Newhall Ranch Road. Soon after, firefighters dispatched an ambulance to the site, according to Supervisor Michael Pittman of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. “One vehicle did roll over,” Pittman said. “One person was transported to a nearby hospital, but the ambulance was canceled as the individual received non-critical injuries.”



(Above) Hundreds of attendees look on as Jennifer Abbott-Aston dances on stage as she wears the bra representing England during the 18th annual Bras For a Cause fundraiser held at the Hyatt Regency Valencia on Saturday. (Below) Amanda LaGrotta takes bids on stage as she wears the bra representing Scotland.

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for women,” Chesler said. “The soroptimists are here for the betterment of women and girls. We have a bunch of different programs and our breast cancer awareness event is our biggest event.”

Soroptimist International of Valencia hosted its annual Bras for a Cause – Wanderlust on Saturday at the Hyatt Regency Valencia. The money raised from the event goes back into the local community, whether it’s hospitals, women going through chemotherapy, or supporting survivors of breast cancer.

“Sometimes it’s overwhelming because you feel alone or that you may be overtaxing your loved ones,” Chesler said. “That’s not true. Everyone deserves the chance to get aid. We really want women to not feel alone, and to take that step and reach out because your story is meaningful and important to you and your health just as the next person.”

Cory Peterson, the director of Soroptimist Empowering Women, was one of five co-chairs organizing the event. She said tickets sold out less than a month after they announced Bras for a Cause.

“We don’t have a final net revenue,” Chesler said. “We’ll be announcing our donations to the Shelia R. Veloz Breast Center of the Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital and another nonprofit dedicated to helping cancer patients in a month or two while we finish counting all the money made from the night.”

Both Chesler and Peterson agreed they had a successful night as they sold out on tickets and had approximately 320 attendees who came to support Bras for a Cause.

Peterson said they decided on a

wanderlust theme for the night’s event because of how COVID-19 prevented them hosting their annual event last year as they had to do an online-fundraiser.

“We’ve been all cooped up for the last year and a half and we had this idea that if we could go anywhere, wherever, where would you like to go,” Peterson said. “So, each of our models wore handmaid bras which represented a different destination.”

Organizers had more than 15 models walk their runway. Each model represented a different destination and represented a silent auction gift basket. Attendees could bid on these baskets, which also included the hand-made bras modeled by the women.

Rep. Mike Garcia, R-Santa Clarita, attended Bras for a Cause with his wife. He added that charity events like this are an excellent way to help the community.

“It’s important that we support these events,” Garcia said. “There are so many people who are fighting cancer, and many of them are dying. Santa Clarita is one of the best cities because we have community offering aid to those in need.”

Guest speakers Dortha Chu, a surgical oncologist with the City of Hope, and Michelle Geifbauer talked about the importance of early detection. Geifbauer shared that she was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a double mastectomy.

Peterson and Chesler said that early detection was their main message for Bras for a Cause. They said they want women to reach out for anything.

“To me as long as you have hope, you’ve got everything,” Peterson said, after sharing she is a cancer survivor. “Let’s just get through today. Just win the day.”



COC prepares for stargazing

Science Talk Star Party is free, open to the public

News Release

After a year of online celebrations and Zoom meetings with friends and family, the only zooming at College of the Canyons’ fall 2021 Science Talk Star Party will be through telescopes.

COC is scheduled to host the event Friday, Oct. 29, for a night of stargazing and learning about the galaxy from 7-9:30 p.m. at the upper plaza adjacent to the new Don Takeda Science Center.

“The Science Talk series has become a beloved campus tradition, providing fascinating opportunities to learn and discuss the

latest insights from notable scientists, in addition to engaging with campus faculty, staff and COC programs,” Ryan Theule, vice president of COC, said in a prepared statement.

Camilo Mejia Prada, manager of the High Contrast Imaging Facility at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, will present a 45-minute presentation called “NASA’s Search for Planets, Habitability and Life in our Galaxy.” Prada will present research from NASA’s Exoplanet Exploration Program, which will focus on NASA’s plans for the discovery and understanding of planetary systems around

nearby stars.

The star party will also feature telescopes for attendees to observe the stars. The COC Aerospace and Sciences Team will also discuss astronomy updates, and organizers will also have activity tables and demonstrations for people to enjoy.

The event is free and open to the public.

College of the Canyons is scheduled to host its fall 2021 Science Talk Star Party on Friday, Oct. 29, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the upper plaza adjacent to the new Don Takeda Science Center, located at 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita.

3 arrested on litany of charges

Deputies: observed cut pipes, drug paraphernalia

By Caleb Lunetta

Signal Senior Staff Writer

Two men and one woman were arrested Monday on a litany of charges in Saugus, following a report of a suspicious vehicle.

The call for service to the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station located the vehicle on the 26900 block of Avenida Terraza, according to Deputy Natalie Arriaga, a spokeswoman for the station.

“Upon arrival, deputies

identified a vehicle matching the description provided in the call for service,” said Arriaga in a statement sent to The Signal. “As deputies contacted the occupants of a vehicle, they observed several cut pipes and drug paraphernalia inside the vehicle, within reach of the suspects.”

“A further search into the vehicle resulted in the recovery of several cut pieces of copper and metal piping, drug

paraphernalia, and tools commonly used for theft,” Arriaga added.

The 42-year-old man was also reportedly out on parole and the 33-year-old man was reportedly out on felony probation.

Both men were arrested on suspicion of grand theft, possession of burglary tools and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The 39-year-old was arrested on suspicion of possession of drug paraphernalia.



Photo courtesy of Andrew Innerarity/DWR

(Above) Scaffolding surrounds a partially completed column during the Castaic Dam Modernization Project. The goal is to allow the facility to better withstand earthquakes’ effects among other things. (Below) California Department of Water Resources Engineer Angela Hall, left, and DWR Project Manager Jason Brabec, right, walk along the tower access bridge during the Castaic Dam Modernization Project on Oct. 4. (Bottom) Fred Robledo, associate safety engineer with the CDWR, left, and Brabec visit the modernization project.

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As part of the Castaic project, the tower access bridge’s piers are being strengthened with a reinforced fiber wrap, among other improvements being completed on the superstructure, Brabec said.

However, before work could begin on the bridge, DWR worked to lower the water level of Castaic Lake to access the submerged bridge piers.

“This has been a project we’ve been working on with our stakeholders for at least two and a half years, because drawing down the lake is a big endeavor,” Brabec said, adding that the temporary drawdown began in May.

DWR has also worked in conjunction with the L.A. County Department of Water and Recreation



to minimize the impact on the community, notifying boaters and other lake users of the lower lake levels.

Through the drawdown, the upper lake remains fully accessible to the public, and water deliveries have continued to the state water contractors, while the lower lagoon’s water levels have not been impacted, according to Brabec.

DWR is also continuing to do further investigations to see what additional infrastructure rehabilitation work is needed, if any, so the facility continues to meet DWR standards

for continued operation, Brabec added.

DWR is set to operate construction equipment in all phases of the modernization program, with some localized noise and increased activity expected, particularly during rehabilitation construction efforts.

DWR’s project continues to be on schedule, both in the drawdown and the construction work, with the project expected to wrap up in early 2022.

For more information on the Castaic Dam Modernization Program, visit water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/SWP-Facilities/Southern/Castaic-Dam-Modernization.



Wilk demands halt of auto-renew contract for Valencia COVID-19 lab

By Emily Alvarenga

Signal Senior Staff Writer

Ahead of an Oct. 31 automatic renewal scheduled for the PerkinElmer COVID-19 laboratory’s \$1.7 billion contract, state Sen. Scott Wilk, R-Santa Clarita, is continuing to put pressure on the California Health and Human Services Agency to ensure accountability on the Valencia lab.

PerkinElmer, a Massachusetts-based diagnostics company, was tasked with increasing California’s daily COVID-19 testing numbers by 150,000 via a no-bid contract with the state at the 134,287-square-foot industrial building on Livingston Avenue.

A review of the lab was conducted by the California Department of Public Health’s Laboratory Field Services earlier this year following allegations of poor management, with results of the report

scheduled to be released by mid-March.

PerkinElmer deferred comment to the California Department of Public Health, whose officials were unavailable for comment as of the publication of this story.

The LFS investigation conducted late last year uncovered thousands of inconclusive or erroneous test results coming out of the Valencia lab, Wilk noted in his letter to CHHS Secretary Mark Ghaly, citing reporting conducted by TV station CBS13 in Sacramento, which indicated that fewer than 20,000 tests had been conducted per day as of February — which were billed to the state at a rate of more than 100,000 daily.

On Thursday, Wilk delivered a second letter to the state, calling for a halt of the auto-renewal of the total \$1.7 billion no-bid contract until the final

investigative report of the lab is released to the public, as state officials were unable to provide a definitive date on when the final report would be released following Wilk’s first letter delivered on Oct. 11.

“I believe it would be irresponsible to let any contract auto-renew when serious allegations remain unanswered and the report out of public reach,” Wilk stated in his Oct. 21 letter.

Wilk noted the state Public Health’s Turnaround Time Dashboard, which reports testing turnaround times for all the state’s labs, shows that more than half, or 60%, of the Valencia lab’s tests take two or more days to complete, whereas a majority of other labs are making a 24-hour turnaround, according to most recent data from Oct. 10-16.

To read Wilk’s letter, visit bit.ly/3Cexp0J.

Hart Rampage tournament returns

By Emily Alvarenga

Signal Senior Staff Writer

Hart Rampage, hosted by Hart High School’s Regiment Band and Color Guard, is set to return for its 37th annual tournament Saturday.

The marching band and field show tournament is one of the largest events of its kind in Southern California, featuring hundreds of musicians and dancers, including those from local Santa Clarita Valley high schools, according to organizers.

The day-long competition, with nearly

two dozen performing schools, is set to culminate with a mass drumline and awards ceremony.

In addition to the field show performances, the event is scheduled to include food vendors, merchandise booths and prizes to be raffled.

Gates are scheduled to open at noon on Saturday for the 37th annual Hart Rampage, with performances set to begin at 1 p.m., at College of the Canyons Cougar Stadium, located at 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road in Valencia.



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Students perform at the 2019 tournament.

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Reflections on Lessons from Irja

Today I write about my grandmother Irja. She passed away in 2004. She was my mom’s birth mother, and she lived to be 91. My mom only lived to be 65, and ironically, Irja died about a year and three months after my mom’s passing.

That’s an awkward way to say it, “passing.” I suppose it could have a metaphysical meaning of passing through this life as we know it and into the next life that we will know one day. And if you really think about it, passing sounds so temporary, so I guess it does really make sense because if the physicality of life on Earth really is temporary then the next place must allow for the more permanent spirituality of the soul.

As I’ve mentioned in a previous article, in my late teenage years and until the day she died I had the great fortune of having a fabulous friendship with Irja, which included many visits up north to Berkeley where she lived. I always brought my mom with us when we visited, and sometimes she would fly up on her own and drive home with us in my “Beverly Hillbillies Green Minivan.” I don’t know why Mom called it that. She once said, “You never know what you’re going to sit on when you get in Jen’s Jalopy.”

Our visits with Irja would consist of lunch and chatter. Two intellectuals and one wannabe — me — all the while as my son chased Irja’s cat around the apartment. My daughter would sit in on our conversations and relish in the opportunity to be privy to mature-speak amongst ladies. The topics usually revolved around the self-imposed liberalism of a former bohemian, my mom; a not-so-left, not-so-right middle-of-the-pack, me; and a socialist Berkeley-ite, Irja. My husband — ever so patient — would wait until a break in the debate and excuse himself to go to the horse races at Golden Gate Fields — conveniently located 15 minutes from Irja’s apartment.

Irja was a free thinker, and her apartment had so many incredible memories of her life. Her poetry adorned the walls, along with newspaper clippings of her acting in the theater, or a photo of her in costume. In the 1980s she was asked to be in a documentary called, “Acting Our Age.” She and her fellow senior citizens talked about some of the issues they faced as they grew older.

She knew my fondness for literature and she gave me a first edition of the book “Ship Of Fools” by Katherine Anne Porter. She also knew that I collected glass bottles so she gave me a beautiful vintage Liberty bottle, which I have to this day. One time she and I discussed at great length Isaac Asimov’s “Guide To The Bible” and by the time we got to “Deuteronomy” I realized I was no match to her intellectual insight.

The last time I saw Irja alive was in the summer of 2003. That visit was hard because it was the first time I had seen her since my mom died. I promised myself I wouldn’t lose it, so of course as I walked in and hugged her, I started crying. I couldn’t control my tears, and my makeup ran down my face. Such is life. My family was with me and we decorated her room with some photographs and pictures that the kids had drawn. By that time she had moved to an assisted-living house that had four residents. Her attendant asked if I could go to the local drugstore and get a few toiletries, which it was my pleasure to do. While I was at the store I noticed a beautiful potted orchid plant. Coincidentally a huge, magnificent orchid plant had been sent to my mother’s memorial so this smaller version had symbolic meaning to me. I purchased it in the hope that it would brighten Irja’s spirit and so she could see the flowers bloom and be reminded of us. It was to be our last visit; three months later I received a phone call that she had died.

The orchids from my mother’s memorial lived in my entryway until late spring of 2003 when I decided to try my hand at having a green thumb and plant them in the front walkway of my house. I dug the hole deep enough according to the directions, and I fed them the requisite orchid food.

I decorated the area around them with various things that my mother would’ve liked. To the left I put an iron dragonfly, in the center I placed a porcelain turtle and I had an antique angel statue that could double as a birdfeeder. Behind the orchid plant peeking through the leaves was another angel; a child accompanied this one. It reminded me of my mother and any one of her children or grandchildren having a splendid time in the garden.

For many years my orchids bloomed, and one day I was outside and a praying mantis was sitting on the wall near the orchids. Let me preface this first: What I’m about to say is a true story. I talked to the praying mantis, thinking it was a gift or a messenger from mom. I told it I didn’t want to solve my brother’s issues anymore, that his addiction and financial problems were not mine to solve. I said that it wasn’t my job to take care of, that she was the mother and I was the older sister. I swear the praying mantis looked at me and shook its head.

OK, I admit, I videoed it and showed it to my dad. I said, “Papa, look at this, what do you think?”

He told me to stop “‘expletive’ talking to praying mantises.”

After that the orchids never bloomed again.

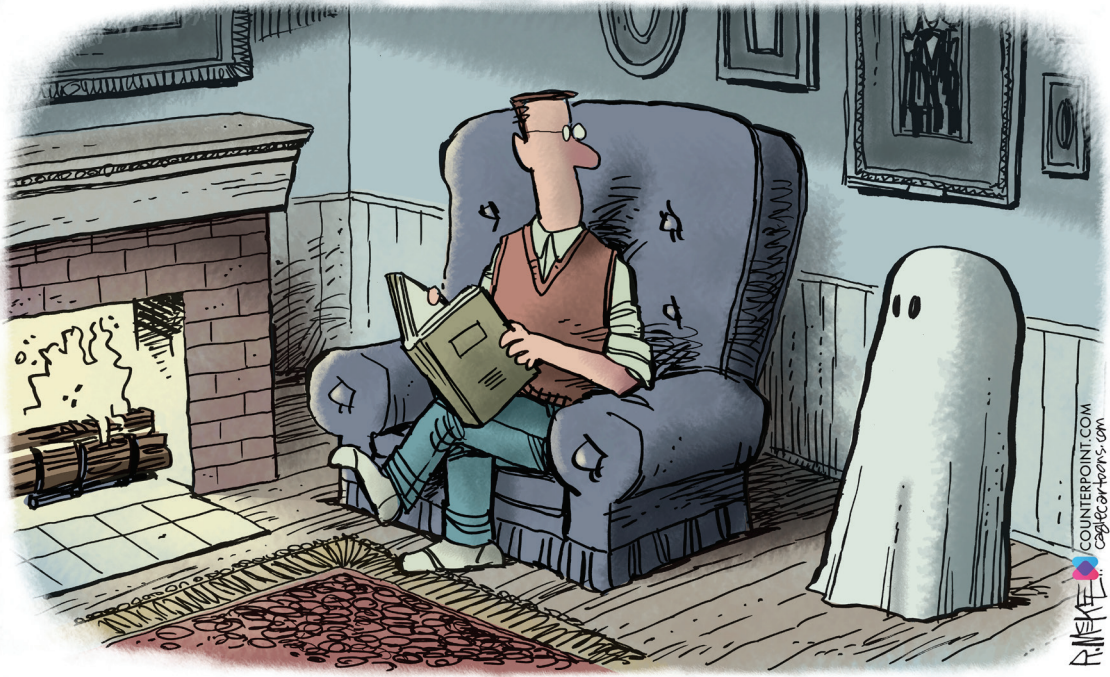
Shortly after Irja died I received a package in the mail. It was from her son Dan. It was another Liberty bottle. Inside the bottle was a little piece of paper that had the name “Jennifer” on it. He told me prior to her dying Irja started to write the names of the people who were to get her keepsakes. This Liberty bottle was green and to this day sits next to the one she had given me prior.

And if per chance I’m home in the late afternoon when the sun shines through the kitchen window, the path of the light beams through the green bottle as if to say, “Hello.”



Jennifer DANNY
SCV VOICES

Drawing Conclusions — Rick McKee



"SORRY, YOUR REGULAR GHOST JUST UP AND QUIT AND I WAS ASKED TO FILL IN."

Biden, Brandon and F-Word Politics

Byron YORK

COMMENTARY

Recently, The Washington Post published a news article, “Biden’s critics hurl increasingly vulgar taunts,” exploring what the paper says is a growing phenomenon of people around the country directing raw insults at the president.

As an example, the paper pointed to President Joe Biden’s recent visit to his hometown of Scranton, Pennsylvania, where a woman stood on the street with a sign that said, “F--- Joe Biden.” At other times, Biden detractors say simply, “FJB,” which stands for you-know-what.

The Post also noted the “Let’s go Brandon” phenomenon. If anyone doesn’t know what that is, it stemmed from an NBC sportscast of an October race at Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama in which a crowd chanted, “F--- Joe Biden.” The chants were clearly audible while NBC was interviewing NASCAR driver Brandon Brown. Trying to smooth things over and make it appear to viewers that all was well, the interviewer said, “You can hear the chants from the crowd, ‘Let’s go Brandon!’”

So then, as fast as things happen on the internet, people began saying “Let’s go Brandon” as a snarky — and cleaner — way to say “F--- Joe Biden.”

All this derision directed toward the president has disturbed some in the media. Biden “is increasingly becoming an object of hatred to many Trump supporters,” the Post reported. Conceding that “boos, jeers and insults are nothing new for politicians,” the paper nevertheless declared that “The current eruption of anti-Biden

signs and changes, however, is on another level, far more vulgar and widespread.”

To which anyone who was awake from 2016 to 2020 might ask: “What???”

In case you have forgotten, the level of hostility directed at President Donald Trump — and the prominence of those attacking the president — far exceeded anything seen so far in the Biden administration. To illustrate the point, just focus specifically on the phrase “F--- Trump.”

In June 2018, actor Robert De Niro appeared at the Tony Awards ceremony in New York. His role was to introduce a performance by Bruce Springsteen, but he started with this: “I’m gonna say one thing, F--- Trump.” The audience gave De Niro a standing ovation. As they cheered, De Niro said, “It’s no longer down with Trump. It’s f--- Trump.” Now, this was not some woman standing on a street corner in Scranton, Pennsylvania. It was the most celebrated and honored actor of his generation, appearing before the entertainment elite in a nationally televised event, saying, with great pride, “F--- Trump.”

In June 2020, an L.A. art gallery organized a “hybrid virtual exhibition and protest where the works read ‘F--- Trump,’” according to Los Angeles magazine. That article went on to say that, “Also integral to the campaign is the logo, with a middle finger thrust up in

the center of the ‘u’ in Trump.”

In August 2017, the rapper Eminem appeared at a music festival in England. During his set, he launched into an anti-Trump diatribe. “The audience cheered and began chanting ‘F--- Donald Trump’ unprompted,” Billboard reported, “while Eminem then said he had a request of the audience: ‘When I say ‘F---,’ you say ‘Trump!’”

These are just three examples of a very widespread phenomenon. Anyone paying any attention during that time will remember them. But now, The Washington Post says, there is a new phenomenon, one that is “on another level, far more vulgar and widespread” than the insults directed at Trump.

Does anyone really believe that? It might be more accurate to say that “F--- Trump” prepared the way for the age of “FJB.” But that is not entirely true — while some are indeed saying “F--- Joe Biden,” it’s worth recognizing that the “Let’s go Brandon” phenomenon is all about suggestion rather than explicitness, about creating a new euphemism that avoids the F-word altogether. Surely that’s worth something.

As the Post suggested, insulting the president has a long history. But it’s fair to say that the “F--- Trump” years were a pretty robust time for presidential insults. In some circles, the events of that period served to normalize saying f--- the president.

So why should anyone be surprised by what is happening now?

Byron York is chief political correspondent for The Washington Examiner.



Letters to the EDITOR

Thoughts on Secular Humanism

I was very appreciative of Norma Lindemann’s response (Sept. 5) to my “answers” to Pastor David Hegg’s question and I admire her open honesty. Aside from her degree of certainty that people like Jesus and Moses existed, which is in actuality immaterial to me (no offense intended), and her feeling that it is essential for we as humans to have faith in someone or something greater than ourselves, Ms. Lindemann concluded by describing something called secular humanism — morality without the belief in God. If I may be so bold as to make a personal claim, that is how I see myself. I’m not always nice but I am usually kind and considerate, and yet the thought of something like God never enters into my reasoning. My need for things like God faded away when I learned how to connect directly with myself as well as with others and my fear of both disappeared.

Spirituality without the supernatural. Communion without the confusion.

Do you think people can do it, Ms. Lindemann? Is such a thing possible? Like Dr. Elaine Pagels at my Getty Museum book signing, “I would like to think so.” That, to me, is the superior way. Not today, but hopefully someday.

Arthur Saginian
Santa Clarita

Districts Would Be Divisive

The following is a copy of a letter sent to Santa Clarita Mayor Bill Miranda.

As an original member of the cityhood formation committee, I am terribly dismayed at the crisis that the City Council faces with the threatened lawsuit.

Changing the city into districts that can only elect one representative will have a declining, destructive effect on the city. It will become a divisive act with two immediate consequences.

First, as a citizen of Santa Clarita, I currently have five representatives. If I have a grievance or concern, I can bring it to your attention. If I find you unwilling or insensitive to my plea, I can immediately pursue

my cause with another council member and another until I find a sympathetic ear. Each council member must consider my issue as an equal constituent, so I have five viewpoints and opinions to consider my concerns. If another council member feels my concern has merit, they can discuss it with you or the others as peers. Two outcomes are possible: Another council member may convince you that my concern is legitimate and deserves action. Or, you may point out to the other council members the lack of merit in my position. In either case, I am able to seek a plurality of decision-making.

Secondly, should districts be adopted, that plurality of representation is absent. Now, I will only have one elected representative. The odds of that person being responsive to my needs has been reduced to 20% — and I have little other recourse. It is inevitable that creating districts will become divisive as each council member no longer has to consider the welfare of the entire city, but only their individual districts.

Has anyone provided an example of a city that has been improved by the adoption of districts? This is why California statutes prevented us from creating districts when we adopted cityhood. When all elected officials are kept accountable to all the electorate, they are most effective and responsive to the people.

I strongly urge the City Council to resist Mr. Scott Rafferty’s threats. His interests are his own, not for the betterment of Santa Clarita. His cause for minorities and under-represented communities is a false premise and has ZERO evidence of success. It is my hope that the City Council will stand up to this bully and expose the false merits of his threatened lawsuit.

Thank you for your consideration and I wish you courage in the battle for what is best for Santa Clarita!

Jim Scott
Santa Clarita

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A new home for art, community services

Two! This is the number of days remaining until the new Canyon Country Community Center officially opens to the public. The much-anticipated facility settled along Soledad Canyon Road and Sierra Highway provides a beautifully and thoughtfully crafted building and outdoor space for the Santa Clarita community to enjoy.

Residents and visitors of all ages will have the opportunity to take advantage of the facility by participating in youth and adult sports leagues, enjoying mouthwatering culinary workshops, renting the space for events, browsing art galleries and more. There are truly countless ways to enjoy art, culture and community services in the Canyon Country Community Center and I urge each of you to make time to visit.

If you have driven down Sierra Highway in Canyon Country within the past few months, you are likely to have caught a glimpse of the expertly crafted Community Center. One might regard the building as art itself! The modern architecture coupled with large glass windows adds to the beauty of the community that the facility is housed within. In addition to the picturesque building, visitors can find instances of public art on nearly every corner of the Community Center site.

In the Gateway Plaza, for example, visitors will stroll around the “Communitree.” Constructed by CJR Design and standing at approximately 25 feet in height, the art installation is a metal sculpture of an oak tree with a mixture of colorful acrylic glass oak leaves and happy human forms that make up the canopy, symbolizing the strength of Santa Clarita. In addition to the “Communitree,” visitors will also encounter a sculpturally designed bike rack by Mike Burke, which incorporates a gas pump and nozzles into the unique installation. Other featured artwork includes sidewalk poetry embedded along the facility’s walkways, Katy Krantz’s “Circle Song”



Bill Miranda

ceramic tile wall mural, maintenance hole cover artwork in the Mercado parking lot and other colorful nature-themed sculptures throughout the property.

Another aspect of the new Community Center that I am excited

about is the wide variety of community services that residents of Santa Clarita have come to know and love. Children will be able to run and play in the playground onsite, use their imagination in various craft activities, participate in fun after-school programming, make new friends during summer camp events and more. Teens and adults will have the chance to get involved in programming and specialty classes, too, in areas such as art, fitness, recreation, cooking and others. These programs and services for all ages will take place in the nearly 25,000 square feet of indoor space and the 9 acres of active parkland surrounding the building.

The city’s engaging and educational community services offerings will invite individuals to explore the culinary arts in the demo kitchen, pick up a new hobby in the fitness and activity room or enjoy musical performances on the large outdoor stage. The new Canyon Country Community Center was developed with the needs of our diverse and growing community in mind, and I am excited for residents to begin filling the halls, rooms and grounds of the facility in the coming weeks.

I hope you will join the Santa Clarita City Council in celebrating the new Canyon Country Community Center on Saturday at 10 a.m. I am proud of the years of hard work and outstanding care put into this city facility and I know that Santa Clarita residents will be amazed at the results. Bring your family, friends and loved ones for a morning of music, crafts and fun at the city’s newest facility. See you there.

Bill Miranda is a member of the Santa Clarita City Council and can be reached at bmiranda@santa-clarita.com.

Good sport for Halloween



Courtesy photo

Valencia resident Trish Wiggins says the family dog, William, is a good sport about wearing his Halloween costumes, as demonstrated in the photo she submitted. She says of William, “We rescued him 10 years ago, but the truth is he rescued us.”

Zonta offering empowerment workshop

Life Forward program offers monthly events for women of all ages

News release

The Life Forward program, presented by the Zonta Club of the Santa Clarita Valley, offers monthly skill-building workshops that concentrate on topics useful to women of varying ages and interests. These include job search and application topics, parenting, self-care and financial education. Subject matter experts

provide their expertise, knowledge and skills to promote empowerment and self-sufficiency.

The next workshop, featuring Tracy Taris, a licensed marriage and family therapist, is scheduled 10 a.m. Saturday via Zoom. To register in advance, visit bit.ly/2XQDDFc.

Taris is president and owner of Healing the Mind & Spirit Inc., where she leads a team

of counselors. Her group practice is located here in the SCV where psychotherapy services are provided in the form of couples, family, individual, adolescent and child therapy as well as coaching services that cover a variety of topics including creative blocks, nutritional problems and women’s issues.

Taris is also a contract therapist for College of The Canyons’ Student

Health and Wellness Center, providing therapy to students at COC.

In this workshop you will learn about personal and relationship boundaries, tools to develop them and to address boundary violations, and how to honor yourself with self-care in relationships.

For more information, visit scvzonta.org/LifeForward or call 661-252-9351.

Sierra Hillbillies to celebrate veterans

News release

The Sierra Hillbillies Square Dance Club plans to celebrate veterans with a “social square dance 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7,

at the Valencia United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 25718 McBean Parkway in Santa Clarita.

Phil Farmer will call the squares for this dance.

Proof of vaccination and masks are required; casual attire is always welcome. Dancer donation is \$10.

The Sierra Hillbillies will sponsor social square dance lessons

for American folkdance through the Santa Clarita Parks and Recreation program beginning in January. For information, call 661-262-9525 or visit www.sierrahillbillies.org.

Local In Brief

Baylor University celebrates 2020-21 graduates

Baylor University celebrated more than 7,500 graduates of the classes of 2020 and 2021 during six in-person commencement ceremonies May 6-8 at McLane Stadium on the banks of the Brazos River. The following local students were among those earning degrees:

■Chace Michelle Holmes, of Canyon Country, bachelor of science in nursing, Louise Herrington School of Nursing, May 2020.

■Julianne Heather Marshall, of Newhall, bachelor of science in nursing, Louise Herrington School of Nursing, May 2021.

■Margaret Qiu Han Chang, of Santa Clarita, bachelor of science in education, health science studies, Robbins College of Health & Human Sciences, May 2021.

■Marlissa Barbara Jean Frey, of Santa Clarita, master of science, nutrition sciences, Graduate School, May 2021.

■Shelby Rae Boswell, of Saugus, bachelor of arts, political science, College of Arts & Sciences, May 2020.

■Jacob Cuevas, of Stevenson Ranch, bachelor of science, biology, College of Arts & Sciences, December 2020.

■Brianna J. Coleman, of Valencia, bachelor of arts, communication, August 2020.

■Leslie Christina Valera, of Valencia, bachelor of business administration, management, cum laude, Hankamer School of Business, May 2021.

■Kat Waschak, of Valencia, master of science in education, higher education and student affairs, Graduate School, May 2021.

President Linda A. Livingstone presided over the outdoor ceremonies that honored nearly 2,800 spring 2021 Baylor graduates, as well as more than 4,700 May, August and December 2020 graduates, whose ceremonies were canceled or held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The commencement ceremonies also were the first held outdoors at Baylor since May 27, 1955, when graduation was held in what was then called Baylor Stadium (later renamed

Floyd Casey Stadium).

“Amidst all the change in our students’ lives, one thing hasn’t changed. They are all Baylor Bears. They are united by that shared experience, and they have something to celebrate together,” Livingstone said. “It’s a unique time of life, and one worth celebrating our graduates’ hard work and accomplishments to the fullest—even if that celebration was delayed for a year.”

Baylor University is a private Christian university and a nationally ranked research institution. Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas through the efforts of Baptist pioneers, Baylor is the oldest continually operating university in Texas. Located in Waco, Baylor welcomes students from all 50

states and more than 90 countries.

Aaron Gelberg named to Centre College dean’s list

Aaron Gelberg of Santa Clarita has been named to the dean’s list for the winter/spring term at Centre College, an honor reserved for students who maintain at least a 3.60 grade point average.

A graduate of Academy Of The Canyons, Gelberg’s parents are Graham and Carroll Gelberg of Santa Clarita.

Centre College, founded in 1819, has been named a Forbes top-15 college/university in the South seven years in a row, and is included in Colleges That Change Lives. It is located in Danville, Kentucky.



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Cougars stay focused and unbeaten

Football roundup: Trinity picks up victory via forfeit; Santa Clarita Christian remains winless in shootout

By Ryan Menzie
Signal Sports Writer

The regular season nears its end as the Santa Clarita Valley high schools have just one more week to go before heading into the playoffs. College of the Canyons still has three more regular season games before playoffs, but has yet to drop a game.

The Signal covered West Ranch vs. Saugus, Hart vs. Canyon and Valencia vs. Golden Valley. Here are the results for more SCV teams from the past weekend's action:

College of the Canyons beats Allan Hancock 34-14

The College of the Canyons Cougars (7-0, 2-0) beat the Allan Hancock Bulldogs (4-2, 1-1) on Saturday. The Cougars are coming off a 9-3 season, which included a loss in the championship game to Riverside (the Cougars beat Riverside this season) and look to continue their redemption season heading into the end of the



College of the Canyons' Trevon Elliott (9) fends off an attempt to tackle him by a Hancock player during Saturday's game.

regular season.

The Cougars were led by quarterback Colton Doyle, who finished the game with

157 passing yards and two passing touchdowns with one interception while also rushing six times for 28 yards. Wide receiver Tiquan Gilmore finished the game with three catches for a team-high 59 yards and two touchdowns. Linebacker Cole Bullock led the team with nine tackles, including a forced fumble and fumble recovery returned for 33 yards.

Trinity wins by forfeit to The Webb Schools

The Trinity Classical Academy Knights (7-2, 3-1) were scheduled to play The Webb Schools (1-6, 1-3) on Saturday but the game was forfeited by The Webb Schools due to COVID-19, resulting in a win for the Knights. Knights head coach Mike Parrinello was disappointed they found out so late the game was canceled, but now the focus is shifted to Riverside Prep.

"Riverside Prep is going to be a big game for us," said Parrinello. "It will decide second place in the league and No. 2 seed in playoffs. It's going to be a tough game on a long road trip against a school that has been very good the past couple of times we played them, but we'll be ready for them."

Santa Clarita Christian loses to St. Joseph Academy 64-56

The Santa Clarita Christian School Cardinals (0-8) lost to

the St. Joseph Academy Crusaders (7-3, 4-2) on Saturday. The Cardinals remained winless, but Cardinals head coach Austin Fry sees a team that refuses to give up despite being shorthanded.

"We went into the game

shorthanded especially on the front line. It was tough to keep up with the ground and pound," said Fry. "I felt like our guys continued to battle back despite being down 22 at one point in the game. The biggest thing I told them is that I see the core of a great team. Once we learn to put everything together and continue to develop in terms of age and physicality, the team is going to show itself more and more."

The Cardinals were led by quarterback Cadden Rappleye, who finished with 193 passing yards and four touchdowns with one interception, while also rushing seven times for 55 yards. Running back Cooper Duhm had himself a game, finishing with 190 rushing yards on 18 carries to go along with his four touchdowns while also hauling in two catches for 31 yards and one touchdown. Duhm and Rappleye each also hauled in one interception. Wide receiver Eli Duhm finished with five catches for 103 yards and two touchdowns. Defensive back and wide receiver Timothy Tadler finished with one catch for 16 yards and a touchdown while also leading the team with 15 tackles.



College of the Canyons' Colton Doyle (4) runs ahead of pursuing Hancock players.



(Left) College of the Canyons' Tiquan Gilmore (17) jumps to catch a pass. (Right) COCs' Gilmore (17) celebrates with teammate Zyon Slade (88) after scoring a touchdown.



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College of the Canyons' Tiquan Gilmore (17) scores a touchdown as a Hancock player pursues. (Bottom) College of the Canyon's Trevon Elliott (9) runs ahead of pursuing Hancock players.



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License - A

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DENNIS DAN O'BRIAN AKA DENNIS D. O'BRIAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LEWIS LEINER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LEWIS LEINER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 11/17/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

In Pro Per Petitioner LEWIS LEINER
10001 VALJEAN AVENUE
SEPULVEDA CA 91343
10/28, 10/29, 11/4/21
CNS-3523504#
THE SIGNAL (SANTA CLARITA)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Notice is given that proposals for the On-Call Geotechnical Professional and Technical Services for Federally-Funded Projects (BR0000289) will be received by the County of Los Angeles Public Works as specified in the solicitation. DBE participation is encouraged to meet contract DBE goal of 14%. Virtual Preproposal Meeting will be held on November 8, 2021, at 10 a.m. To access RFP documents visit link at <https://dpw.lacounty.gov/contracts/opportunities.aspx>. For additional information, call (626) 458-2180.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

Fictitious Business Name Statement

File No. 2021 205187
First Filing
The following person(s) ABERNETHY CREATIVE THREADWORKS, AC THREADWORKS, 11429 FRASCATI ST. AGUA DULCE, CA 91390
This business is conducted by a married couple.
The registrant(s) has/have commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 01/2021
Married Couple
BRANDY L. ABERNETHY (WIFE)
JAMES S. ABERNETHY (HUSBAND) - OWNERS
11429 FRASCATI ST. AGUA DULCE, CA 91390
Signature(s)
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/14/2021
NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. 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 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code)
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Fictitious Business Name Statement

File No. 2021 212105
First Filing
The following person(s) ABEL SYSTEMS, VALENCIA HI-FI, 25574 RYE CANYON ROAD SUITE F, VALENCIA CA 91355
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant(s) has/have commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above in 08/2011
CHARLES A. ABEL - OWNER
25574 RYE CANYON ROAD SUITE F, VALENCIA CA 91355
Signature(s)
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/24/2021
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Fictitious Business Name Statement

File No. 2021 213406
First Filing
The following person(s) THE TRUCKMOUNT SPECIALIST, 25845 RAILROAD AVENUE SUITE 5, SANTA CLARITA CA 91350

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant(s) has/have not commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above N/A
KAREN S. STUART - OWNER
2928 TUMBLEWEED DRIVE, PALMDALE CA 93550

Signature(s)
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 09/27/2021
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Fictitious Business Name Statement

File No. 2021 213408
First Filing
The following person(s) JIMENEZ UPHOLSTERY, 25848 SPRINGBROOK AVE UNIT 4, SAUGUS, CA 91350
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant(s) has/have not commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above. N/A
EDWARD JIMENEZ - OWNER
28172 SMYTH DR #201, VALENCIA CA 91355

Bridge

Always assume a bad break

By Phillip Alder

G.K. Chesterton wrote, "A good novel tells us the truth about its hero, but a bad novel tells us the truth about its author."

A good trump split often makes life easy for the deal's hero, the declarer; but a bad split tells us the truth about the declarer's skill level.

In today's deal, how should South play in four spades? West leads the club ace, under which East plays the queen, showing the jack as well. (Here, he could not have a singleton.) West continues with the club king and another club.

South's two-club opening was strong, artificial and forcing. North's three-club rebid was the double negative showing a very bad hand. Regardless, South wasn't going to stay out of game with one of the best hands he had ever held.

"I did warn you, partner," said the dummy as he tabled his cards.

After ruffing the third club, the declarer could have entered the dummy and taken a trump finesse, but he saw that there was little

advantage in this play. It would be of benefit only if East had king-doubleton. A greater risk was a bad trump break.

South led the spade queen from his hand at trick four. If East had won with his king and played his last club, declarer would have ruffed with dummy's spade eight. Therefore, East ducked. But now South entered the dummy with a heart to the jack and took a trump finesse. When it won, he cashed the spade ace. The king didn't drop, but declarer claimed, stating that he would play his red-suit winners until East opted to ruff.

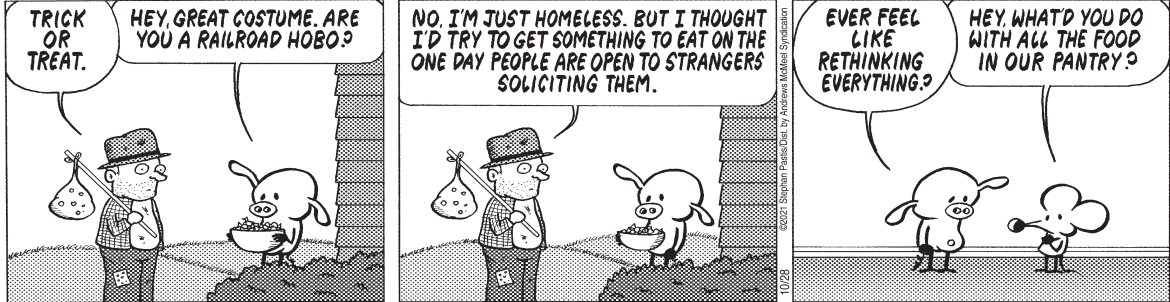
North 10-27-21			
♠ 7			
♥ 8 5			
♦ J 10 9 8			
♣ A J 9 8 5 4			
West	East		
	♠ 10 6 5	♥ 9 2	
	♥ J 10 9 4 3 2	♦ A K Q 7 6	
	♦ Q 2	♣ K 6 3	
♣ 7 3		♣ Q 6 2	
South			
♠ A K Q J 8 4 3			
♥ —			
♦ A 7 5 4			
♣ K 10			
Dealer: East			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
			1♥
Dbl.	4♥	5♣	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ J			

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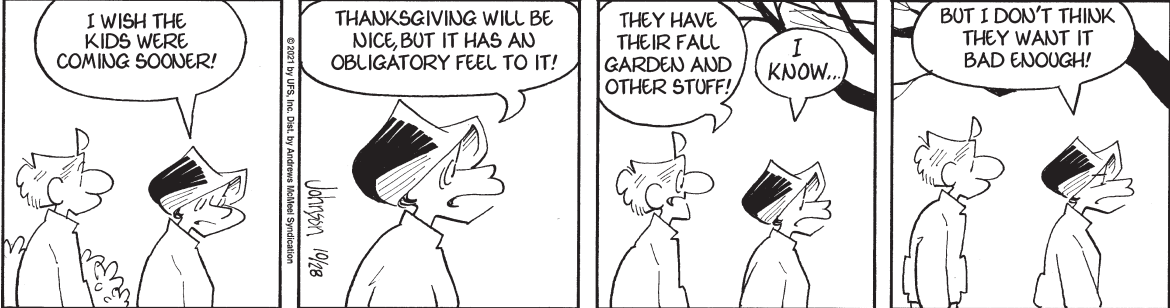
Morning Break

Pearls Before Swine



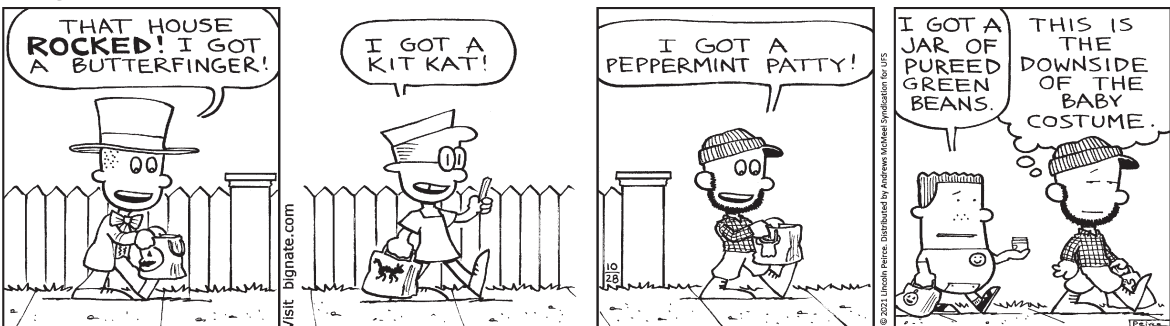
Stephan Pastis

Arlo & Janis



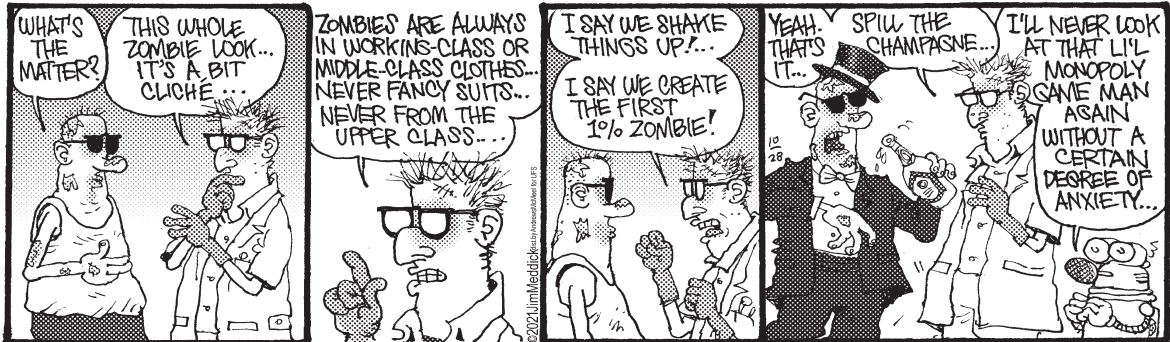
Jimmy Johnson

Big Nate



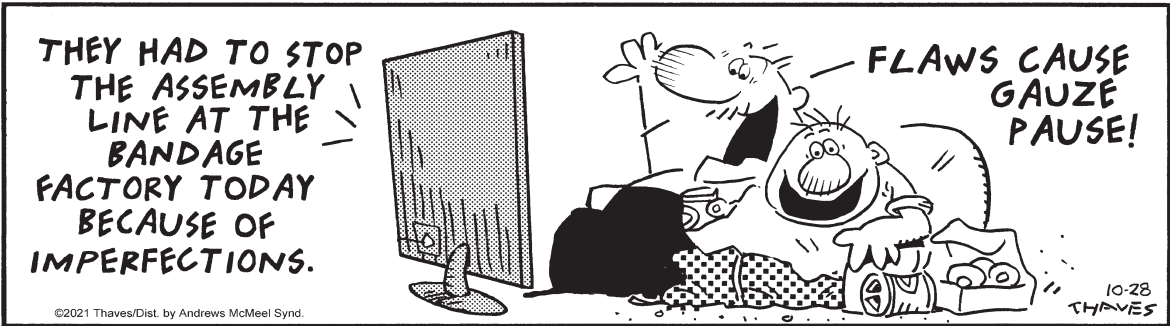
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Monty



Jim Meddick

Frank & Ernest



Thaves

WuMo



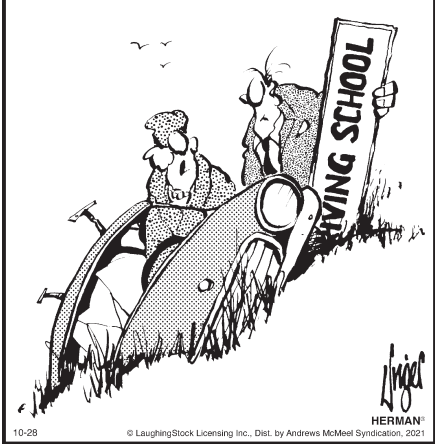
Wulff & Morgenthaler

Marmaduke

Brad Anderson

Herman

Jim Unger



Moderately Confused

Jeff Stahler



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

						5	4	
	1			2	4			
7				9			8	6
	5	1	8					
	7			6			3	
					9	7	5	
8	9			3				5
			7	8			2	
	6	3						

HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

1	4	5	3	8	2	7	6	9
9	7	3	6	5	4	2	8	1
8	2	6	9	7	1	5	4	3
4	9	7	5	2	8	3	1	6
3	6	1	7	4	9	8	5	2
5	8	2	1	6	3	4	9	7
7	5	8	2	9	6	1	3	4
2	3	9	4	1	5	6	7	8
6	1	4	8	3	7	9	2	5

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Intone
- 6 Failure
- 10 Pineapple source
- 12 Disagrees
- 14 Bails out
- 15 Door knocker
- 16 Ophelia's love
- 18 Round stopper
- 19 Hired muscle
- 21 Hideous
- 23 Congeal
- 24 Jazz instrument
- 26 Billions of years
- 29 Call it quits
- 30 Young grizzly
- 32 Stubborn beast
- 34 Timid
- 36 — Star Pictures
- 37 Fled
- 38 Obstacle
- 40 Small business mag
- 42 Sault — Marie

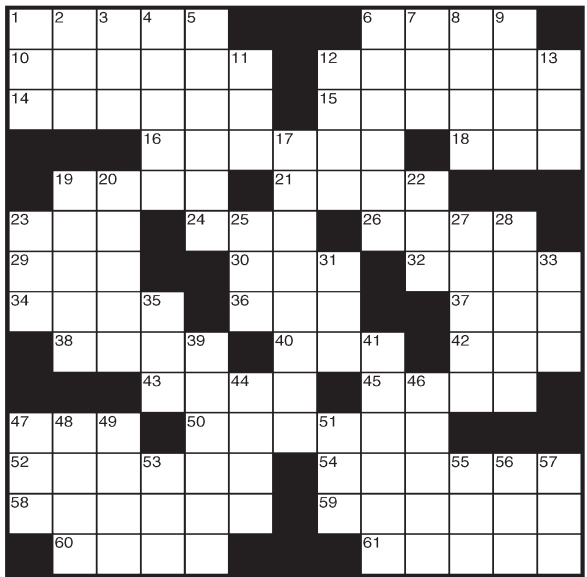
DOWN

- 1 Ernesto Guevara
- 2 Mecca pilgrimage
- 3 Impress deeply
- 4 Tortilla chip snack
- 5 Giant gods
- 6 Fab Four member
- 7 Ballpark fig.
- 8 Bldg. manager
- 9 Expedition
- 11 Dogma

Answer to Previous Puzzle

JAW	KYRA	LAMA
USA	EROS	AHEM
MIL	ASCENDANT	
PAEAN	AIL	
	FUN	CEDE
FORA	URGE	OKS
IGOR	MAR	VIE
ADD	BYE	SENT
TEE	PSST	ORGS
NODE	AAH	
	URL	WORMY
ANASTASIA	OLE	
KEPT	CORK	ALL
AWRY	KLEE	MEL

- 12 Remnant
- 13 Sellout
- 15 notice, for short
- 17 Nonessentials
- 19 They may be spliced
- 20 Like days of yore
- 22 — Kippur
- 23 Ring thing
- 25 Not
- 27 Hospital worker
- 28 Shutter parts
- 31 Place for laundry
- 33 Compass dir.
- 35 Kendall or Starr
- 39 Applied gold leaf
- 41 Invented a word
- 44 Gone by
- 46 Make cloth
- 47 CD predecessors
- 48 Splotch
- 49 Mentally fit
- 51 California's Big —
- 53 Motel of yore
- 55 Honey maker
- 56 Flee hastily
- 57 Loop trains



Astrograph

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021

Organize your thoughts. It's important to understand the ramifications of every move or decision you make. Take a positive approach to life, love and happiness, and it will help you avoid wasting your time and energy. Gaining experience and knowledge will give you hope for a better future. Leave nothing to chance; protect your health and money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A debate will disrupt a friendship or cause a family feud. Think before you share your point of view. Be a good listener, and you'll be able to sidestep an unfavorable situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Tighten up your finances to save for something unique. Build your future on concrete plans, and you'll make an impression on someone who recognizes your

experience and values your input.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The request of an associate will not line up with your vision. Take the high road and find a way to incorporate the old with the new. Your insight and adaptability will win favors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Keep your eye on the ball and be willing to accommodate someone you need in your corner. A change may not be welcome, but with a bit of finagling, you'll find a way to get what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Emotions will surface over shared expenses and responsibilities. Take care of your fair share, then move on to more enjoyable tasks. Connect with someone who can make a difference in your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Rest, rejuvenate and start all over again. How you handle physically

challenging events and activities will affect your emotional well-being. Do things to put your mind at ease.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't throw caution to the wind. Know what you are up against and do whatever it takes to stay on top of your game. Stability, consistency and sensible adjustments will pay off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Leave nothing to chance or undone. Trust in yourself and the work that you do. Your dedication and loyalty will help you advance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's up to you to get the ball rolling. Don't wait for someone to beat you at your own game. Take a lead position, follow through with your plans and pursue what makes you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Keep the peace at home and when dealing with peers. A change someone makes may not align with your plans, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't follow the path that suits you. Do your own thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Money matters will escalate if someone pressures you to donate to something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Take the initiative and decline. Put your money into something that will benefit you directly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be tactful when handling situations that deal with colleagues or someone who can put a dent in your reputation, status or position. Offer a positive, upbeat attitude and generosity.