



The Leonard family, left, takes a selfie as bubbles fall like snow on families in the 'snow patch' during the Snowtacular event held at Real Life Church in Valencia on Wednesday.

Snow place like the SCV

Real Life Church brings snow and Santa Claus in Snowtacular event

By Jose Herrera
Signal Staff Writer

A Christmas miracle happened in the Santa Clarita Valley – fresh snow. Children laughed in the snow, slid down on a hill, and the Grinch and Santa Claus made a special appearance. Hundreds of people came out to participate in Real Life Church's Snowtacular on Wednesday afternoon.

"Our vision was wanting to have something great for our community," said Kevin Finkbinder, campus pastor at Real Life Church Valencia. "At the end of a long year, we felt like any way we could bless our city of Santa Clarita, we wanted to do that."

"What better than to bring some snow down to Southern California," Finkbinder added.



Bradley Edgar, 4, smiles for photos with Santa during the Snowtacular event.

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D.A. program gives youth offenders new leniency

Restorative Enhanced Diversion for Youth will give offenders a chance to enroll in new program

By Caleb Lunetta
Signal Senior Staff Writer

Some robbery, assault and sexual battery youth offenders will be given increased leniency following the announced expansion of a new District Attorney's Office program last week.

The program, entitled Restorative Enhanced Diversion for Youth (REDY), will give youth arrested for less severe felony-level cases a chance to enroll in diversion programs.

"Eligible candidates may avoid criminal charges by agreeing to participate in an individually tailored program designed to address the underlying issues that contribute to criminal behavior, such as mental health needs or substance use," read a statement from District Attorney George Gascón's office, distributed last month for the launch of the pilot program.

The move has brought on the ire of a number of Gascón's opponents, who criticized the new policy, saying the new program and its policies are too vague and/or do not support public safety.

In a memo distributed Thursday to all juvenile division personnel at the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Sharon Woo, the chief deputy district attorney, informed staff that the program would be formally launched and "will expand the types of cases eligible for diversion."

Thursday's list for eligible candidates to enroll in the program includes those charged with felonious burglary, assaults (without firearms or extensive injuries), vehicle theft, robbery (without firearms, strong arming or great bodily injury), grand theft person, sexual battery or arson.

The charges excluded from the REDY pathway include the most severe felonies, which include homicide or attempted homicide, or any offense where someone was seriously harmed or a gun was used.

In addition to providing them with tailored programs geared toward their social-emotional health, the programs will provide youth offenders with "restorative justice conferences" with crime victims.

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Child abduction suspect arrested

By Emily Alvarenga
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A man suspected of abducting a 2-year-old was taken into custody in Stevenson Ranch Friday afternoon.

The search began after an AMBER Alert was issued for a 23-month-old

girl who was last seen with her father, who was considered armed and dangerous, around 10:45 p.m. Thursday in the city of Los Angeles, according to the alert.

On Friday, L.A. Police Department personnel were reportedly searching the Santa Clarita Valley for

the suspect, according to Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station Sgt. Dmitry Barkon.

Around 1:45 p.m., LAPD officers were able to locate the suspect at an apartment complex near the intersection of The Old and Pico Canyon roads, detaining two men at gunpoint.

The suspect was taken into custody and the 2-year-old was located, according to LAPD Officer Norma Eisenman.

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Officers arrest a man suspected of abducting a 2-year-old in Stevenson Ranch on Friday.



COVID-19 winter surge continues

L.A. County Department of Public Health reports 10,000 cases Friday

By Emily Alvarenga
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As COVID-19 cases continue their steep increase amid a winter surge and the emergence of the Omicron variant, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials reports nearly 10,000 cases Friday.

The county's daily case rate has continued its progressive increase this week, nearly tripling the figures reported last Friday and nearly nine

times the 1,123 cases reported on Dec. 13.

The news comes as Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital reported an additional COVID-19 death Friday, bringing the hospital's total to 191 since the onset of the pandemic, according to spokesman Patrick Moody.

Hospitalizations and deaths have remained relatively stable through the climb in cases, however, Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer noted during a

Wednesday media briefing that both are known to be lagging indicators, as most patients don't experience severe illness until a few days after testing positive.

"The staggeringly fast rise and a health care system strain that has followed similarly steep increases elsewhere in the world is the cause of our alarm," Ferrer said Wednesday. "As we know from our past, as planned efforts don't succeed in keeping the hospitals stable, we will

need to institute additional community mitigation measures where appropriate."

Moreover, Public Health continues to emphasize the importance of getting vaccinated and boosted, which is effective at preventing hospitalization and death, as well as wearing masks and getting tested.

However, across the Santa Clarita Valley and well into L.A. County, many drug stores were reportedly sold out of

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Today in history

Today is the 359th day of 2021 and the fifth day of winter.

Today's history: In 1868, President Andrew Johnson unconditionally pardoned all those who had participated in the Southern rebellion that came to be known as the Civil War.

■ In 1974, 25-year-old Marshall Fields crashed his car through a White House gate and threatened to detonate a bomb; he surrendered after a four-hour standoff.

■ In 1990, Tim Berners-Lee launched the first World Wide Web server.

■ In 1991, Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as Soviet president. The Soviet Union was officially dissolved the next day.

Today's fact: Americans spent \$188.2 billion shopping online during the holiday season in 2020.

Today's sports: In 1989, former New York Yankees player and manager Billy Martin died in an automobile accident.

Today's quote: "If survival calls for the bearing of arms, bear them you must. But the most important part of the challenge is for you to find another means that does not come with the killing of your fellow man." -- Rod Serling

Today's number: 50 million -- units sold of Bing Crosby's "White Christmas," making it the best-selling single of all time, according to Guinness World Records. The song debuted on Crosby's weekly radio program, "The Kraft Music Hall," on this day in 1941.

Today's moon: Between full moon (Dec. 18) and last quarter moon (Dec. 26).

Birthdays

Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727), scientist; Clara Barton (1821-1912), American Red Cross founder; Humphrey Bogart (1899-1957), actor; Cab Calloway (1907-1994), bandleader/singer; Anwar Sadat (1918-1981), Egyptian president; Rod Serling (1924-1975), screenwriter/producer; Jimmy Buffett (1946-), singer-songwriter; Sissy Spacek (1949-), actress; Karl Rove (1950-), political strategist; Annie Lennox (1954-), singer; Rickey Henderson (1958-), baseball player; Justin Trudeau (1971-), prime minister of Canada.

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A 2021 Christmas ride into SCV history

Merry Darn Christmas, dear saddlepals. Gifts, chow and rushing hither and yon, trust today is a peaceful one, as it should be. Can't think of a better way to drop any cares and woes than to head out on a horseback ride.

Dress warmly. And cowboy fashionable. We'll be moseying back to SCV Christmases past where snow covers the back canyons. We'll show you how your hometown newspaper, The Mighty Signal, helped build William S. Hart's castle. Then, there's the usual squadron of scalawags, crooks and colorful souls that helped make us what we are today.

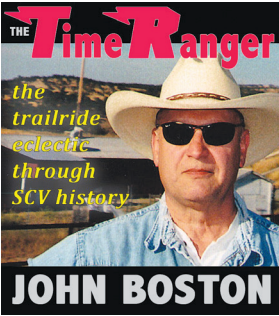
Quirky. Raising a thermos of hot cocoa as a Christmas Day toast to you dear friends and neighbors. Shall we mosey into the mystic?

WAY BACK WHEN & THEN SOME
TOMMY WAS A CHRISTMAS BABY — Day before Christmas, in 1827, Thomas F. Mitchell was born in Tennessee. He would later move out West and become one of the founding fathers of the Soledad Canyon area. Interesting, Mitchell came out here to be alone and quiet. An epic gold and mineral rush boomed around him from Canyon Country to Acton.

DECEMBER 25, 1921
NOT WHAT YOU'D CALL HAPPY MATRIMONY — These were really the good old days. William S. Hart showed up to spend a few days in Newhall at his newly purchased Horseshoe Ranch. Hart was accompanied by his teen bride, Winifred Westover, and her mother. They would divorce in a few months but the acrimony would go long on after Hart's death in 1946. Westover would claim they had never been legally divorced and would try to claim the Hart fortune and Newhall mansion. She lost several rounds of litigation, which lasted for nearly a decade and that's why we have Hart Park today. By the way, The Harts didn't stay in the castle. It wasn't built yet. The famed silent star always had a connection to The Mighty Signal. In fact, he took a stack of Signals to map out where the road would go to his future epic home. Hart would tear off a Signal sheet, lay one on the ground every few feet, then place a rock on it as a guide.

YOU GOTTA HAVE HART — A small valley of only 500 souls and we had two Harts. There was the world-famous actor and the rancher, Ed. Not related.

MOISTURIZING — Speaking of ranchers, those who lived off the soil were pretty happy. A drought-ending storm fell in three days, filling up irrigation ponds and raising the well levels.



NOT EXACTLY A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THE RIDGE ROUTE — The storm washed out several dozen places, stranding Dodges, Essexes and Studebakers a yard-deep in mud. According to train station manager John Gifford, up to that point in history, this three-day storm was the heaviest one-time storm since they kept records in 1875. (In January of 1943, we would record around 14 inches in 36 hours.)

YOU DON'T LOOK A DAY OVER 140 — Judge John Powell held a birthday party this week 100 years back and a who's who of pioneers were there: the John Giffords, the Zieglers, the Mentrys, the Needhams. The famed jurist turned 82 and boasted his goal was to make it to 150. As the local historian, I assure you, he didn't make it. Not even close.

WANTED. DEAD OR ALIVE. — Rancher Frank LaSalle was famous for his ranch — both for its use as a movie site and as a bootlegging operation. (We're not saying Frank was involved in bootlegging; just that his ranch was used as a moonshine factory over the years.) On this date, Frank put up a rather hefty reward of \$500 (enough to buy a house in those days!). By the end of 1921, Frank had lost 18 head of cattle to rustlers, including one prize bull. (Frank's brand, in case any of you saddlepals see a steer wandering around this morning, was "X.L.A.") Frank also put up \$50 to anyone seeing a stranger "...trespassing on my property with a horse and saddle." Hmm. Wonder if Frank reneged on the reward if someone just spotted a cattle rustler riding bareback?

DECEMBER 25, 1931
CROWLAND — Two huge lighted and live Christmas trees brought oohs and aahs from the locals. Mrs. Tom Frew and Charlie Mack set up some spectacular displays that illuminated the night and gave Santa good bearings for Newhall. Mack, by the way, was the world-famous and now retired vaudevillian who retired here. He built those fabled rock houses on 8th Street that are still sitting today. Mack had intended to build an entire big neighborhood of rock houses for artists and actors on Wayman, Arcadia and 8th streets. The place was then called "Crowland" after Mack's famous Two Black Crows blackface act.

NOT A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR THE MCKOWN FAMILY — The McKowns' 14-year-old son, Bill, picked up a loaded and cocked shotgun to go hunting. It went off, tearing his hand completely off and sending a charge into his vitals. Poor kid died.

THE DOWNSIDE OF AUTOMOBILES — A cold rain fell in the valley and a pretty good dumping of snow decorated Agua Dulce. Ranchers were stranded. Well. The ones who drove cars.

LOCAL CAVEMEN — A visitor went to the old Cruzan mine in Texas Canyon and found a cave that went back 150 feet into the planet. He also found a box of ancient dynamite.

DECEMBER 25, 1941
GOING POSTAL — With our new entry into World War II coupled with Christmas, this was the busiest day in the history of the local post office up to this date, according to Postmaster Opal Houghton Duchene. Guess she'd know.

I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU — Fielding Wood swore this one was true. He reported a Newhall boy went to the Selective Service office to report for the draft. He said he had to be excused from military duty because of a severe vision problem. He was granted a 4-F for his eyes. The sergeant then noticed the boy walk across the street and into the movie house. He sat next to the teen, who noticed the gruff triplestriper glowering at him in the dark. Said the 4-F, looking in the sergeant's general direction: "Excuse me. Can you tell me if this is the bus back to Newhall?"

DECEMBER 25, 1951
WHOLE LOTTA SHAKING GOING ON — A pretty good size earthquake hit the Gorman area and was felt here in Newhall. It was initially estimated between a 5.5 and 6 on the Richter Scale. Burglar alarms went off, dishes rattled, and Christmas trees shimmied, but there was hardly any damage. For one thing, there was hardly anything out here...

NOT LIKE THEY TEACH SMARTS IN COLLEGE — You didn't want to be a pledge at Phi Beta Nu fraternity at Los Angeles City College. Tom Forbes of Agua Dulce was awakened at 4 a.m. by a weak knock at his ranch house door. Three odd beings were standing on his porch, covered from head to foot with molasses, feathers, paint, shoe polish, eggs and airplane glue. Old draperies were wrapped around them and two were barefoot. Some initiation prank, being left out in Agua Dulce in the snow.

A total of 11 of the pledges had been abandoned in the wilds of Agua Dulce. The kind ranchers supplied soap, turpentine, hot coffee, blankets and other essentials for the 11 freezing freshmen. All the kids reported how surprised they were about the kindness of the Agua Dulce folks, but said no ill word against the bozos at Phi Beta Nu who stranded them to freeze.

THE SPIRIT, NOT NECESSARILY THE LETTER — After nine years on the bench, Judge Art Miller retired. C.M. MacDougall took over as the local jurist. The interesting thing about "Mac" was that he was a businessman (who owned the Saugus Cafe) and had not passed the bar exam yet. In fact, he flunked it many times before finally passing.

DECEMBER 25, 1961
HMMMM. WONDER IF AL HAD A PENSION — Al Jennings, desperado, retired, of Newhall passed away on this date. In his youth, he had been a train, stage and bank robber in the Wild West days of Santa Clarita.

BIG CAT TROUBLE — There had been a serious bout of cattle rustling in the valley. Rancher and businesswoman, Sylvia Gonzales, 72, had her Honby spread struck by cattle thieves. Rising at dawn, Christmas Eve morning, her foreman found one steer with a broken back and another dying pitifully from a crushed skull. Their detecting deduced it wasn't a two-headed desperado but rather, a four-legged one. A massive set of puma tracks were found around the carcass.

DECEMBER 25, 1971
QUIT CLOWNING AROUND? — Clown Hobo Kelley and Santa Claus were the grand marshals of the Downtown Newhall Christmas Parade.

THE MAN BEHIND CALARTS — Roy Disney, brother of Walt and one of the founding fathers of Valencia's CalArts, died 50 years back.

DECEMBER 25, 1981
TREAT FOR RUBBERNECKERS — An Army convoy stopped in town for a bite to eat. When they came back, they couldn't turn around one of their giant trucks and had to unload a tank in the middle of town.

BATTLE OF NUMBERS — Not too long ago, we were in the 805 area code. There was a minor war between locals to switch area codes in 1981. Some local business folk wanted us to be switched over to the 818 area with the San Fernando Valley. Others wanted us to stay 805. The 805ers won out.

HERD THEM OVER TO THE SALAD BAR — We were in the middle of the drought and most of the Yuppies in town didn't pay it any mind. Bob Braley did. Bob was head of cattle operations for Newhall Land & Farming and had to move 3,500 head of cattle to greener pastures. There just wasn't any grass to be nibbled on The Farm.

As the old joke goes, won't see you for another year. We'll get back together in 2022 for another exciting Time Ranger adventure. Cripes. Hopefully, come yonder, John Boston Books will be spurting out volumes. Whelp. Until then — ¡Feliz Navidad y vayan con Dios, amigos!"

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Reflecting on the True Gift of Christmas

Christmas is a season, not just a day. And it only begins on Dec. 25. The Rockefeller Center tree and elves on shelves and all the rest can be deceiving. We were merely preparing for Christmas, and are now celebrating it, at least until the Epiphany. Others will celebrate until the feast of the Presentation in early February. It's a season that renews Christians' faith and hope, and reminds them of their capacity for joy.

Kathryn Jean
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COMMENTARY

"There is no reason to lose heart or give up and be depressed," Jesuit priest Alfred Delp wrote from a Nazi prison cell in 1944. (I quote from the collection "Advent of the Heart: Seasonal Sermons and Prison Writings, 1941-1944" from Ignatius Press.) "Instead this is a time for confidence and for tirelessly calling on God. We must unite ourselves with God against our distress."

Delp writes that because of Christmas "[M]an is no longer alone."

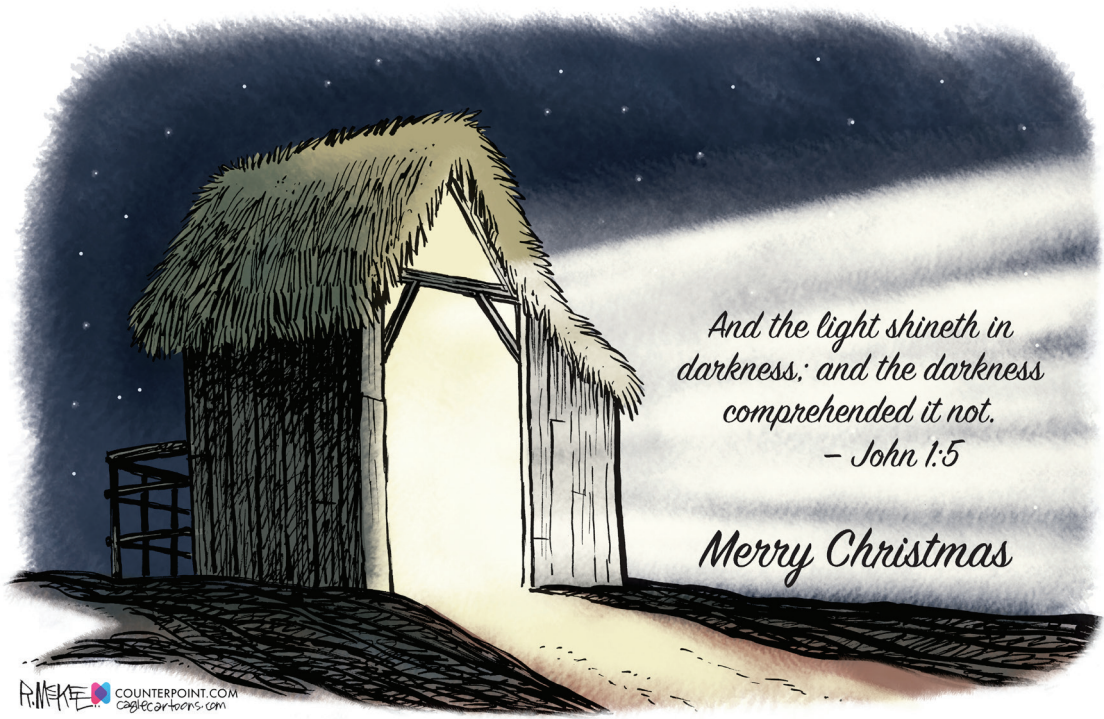
Christmas comes to us annually to remind us of not only something more, but Someone more, whose example, no small part of which involves suffering, gives all the rest meaning.

Because of Christmas, he writes: "Now there is no more night without light, no prison cell without genuine conversation, no solitary mountain path or dangerous ravine without accompaniment and guidance." Delp was known for his clear and bold preaching, but his words were lent additional authority because he knew that the Christmas on which he wrote them could be his last, as he was facing execution by the Nazis. (He was tried and hung for treason in February of 1945.)

His only hope was that everything he believed as a Christian was true and more powerful than any evil force on Earth. One of modern society's downfalls is its need to avoid suffering. But suffering is unavoidable. It's built into the very fabric of life. And, if we let it, it's there to teach us something. Christmas comes to us annually to remind us of not only something more, but Someone more, whose example, no small part of which involves suffering, gives all the rest meaning. This is how Delp put it: "God becomes man. Man does not become God. The human order remains and continues to be our duty, but it is consecrated. And man has become something more, something mightier. Let us trust life because this night must lead to light. Let us trust life because we do not have to live it alone. God lives it with us." There is great hope in Delp's words, and there is a challenge, too. "How much of what we are living through today cannot stand in the presence of the (Christ) Child! How would our own lives, and life in general, be different if we remembered that life's greatest hour was when God became man, a child? We would not approach one another, stand before one another so demandingly, and violently, and greedily. Children do not inflict such wounds. We want to be so great and mighty, so grown up and competent. We ourselves, and the heap of rubble that is left to us, are the outcome of this attitude." In Christmas, God summons us to a childlike trust that requires humility and gratitude and makes for a tenderness that our lives and world so need. Reading Delp, one encounters true Christian faith and its transformative power: To not fear evil that man does to man, but to persevere, knowing that God is more powerful and is with us, even in the darkest days. Because even in the direst times, God is near, because of Christmas, which is so intimately linked to the rest of the story of salvation and the Resurrection. Christmas itself is the greatest gift that could ever be given. To receive it well is to love well with trusting hope in the truth of it, which changes everything. Again and again, day after day, year after year.

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Drawing Conclusions — Rick McKee



Virginia, SCV and Santa Claus

Many years ago, there was a famous letter to the editor of the New York Sun by an 8-year-old girl named Virginia. In this letter she explained that her friends told her that there was no Santa Claus and she was writing the paper, and asking for the truth.

The editor told her that, indeed, Santa Claus is real, because he exists as a spirit in us all. A spirit of good deeds and common good. A spirit of happiness and joy to fellow man, and a good spirit and optimism that even though this may have been a good year, next year, which is only a week away, will be even better.

As we are here on Christmas Day 2021, this has been a year of us trying to get back to a "normal" place.

We are doing a good job of it for the most part, with a few minor setbacks coming in the form of variances. Most of us will be celebrating in person with our families and friends, which is a giant step forward from last year.

As I write this Friday morning, I am self-quarantined, having been exposed to COVID-19 along with several members of my staff. Since I am experiencing some signs of a cold, I have taken a COVID test with the results due back in 48 hours.

For the vast majority of us, we now have a common bond.... Surviving COVID together. We all have someone we knew who did not survive



Richard
BUDMAN
MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER

and we mourn their loss. The loss of life is catastrophic and tragic, but for most of us we will survive and with the vaccine, hopefully, return to normal lives soon. We must all rejoice in the fact that we have started to overcome the pandemic. We must all pitch in together to help our fellow people across the globe get back to normal and return to a normal life.

It's the time of year when we celebrate joy, peace and good will toward all, especially in such a dreadful couple of years filled with so much pain.

In these very difficult times, we have seen the goodness in people, the spirit of Christmas coming out and a willingness to give in a spirit of love to one another. All over the world people have reached out to help people in need in their communities.

Santa Clarita is no exception. The amount of giving here is wonderful and amazing. We are a community filled with loving, giving and caring people. We come together to help "our own" like no community we've ever seen.

People dropping off meals to the hospital, giving food to people who are hungry, and countless other acts of kindness. Perhaps the hardships we've all endured together have helped to bring us a renewed meaning and purpose to this Christmas. This Christmas we should all be reminded that faith, hope and love shall always remain no matter what — no matter how much we endure and how much pain we all have seen.

We can have faith in the good people in our community who have performed all these acts of kindness, hope that our hardships and this pandemic will soon pass. And love for our family, friends and neighbors, especially those who are suffering.

We should all look for ways to help our neighbors in need. This is what we all can do right now.

I would like to extend my season's greetings to my Signal family, to our loyal advertisers, and above all to you, our readers. The entire Signal staff joins me in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please celebrate Christmas today with your family and friends. Show them love and show them you care.

And yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

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8mm Memories in a Digital Age

In an interview promoting his new movie "Being the Ricardos," about the beloved sitcom "I Love Lucy," writer-director Aaron Sorkin referred to Lucy's "Friday audience taping." I suppose even a media maven like Sorkin should be forgiven for bollixing terminology about motion pictures. We all do it.

"Lucy" was never taped. In fact, videotape was not in use in 1952 when the story takes place. Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz were actually pioneers in developing a three-camera set-up using 35mm film, not tape.

This time of year, most of us shoot a lot of digital cell-phone video, and we might call it "taping" or "filming" but it's not. To appreciate the distinction, you had to grow up back when people really did shoot film.

The Kodak camera my parents owned in the 1950s used 8mm film and had to be cranked before each use, sort of like a child's wind-up toy. A small reel of film was good for about 3 minutes. Once exposed, the precious footage was given to the local drug store for processing, which usually took about a week because they had to send it out to a lab.

When the film came back, on another tiny reel, Dad carefully set-up his projector to display the glorious, bouncy, scratchy, silent moving pictures on the



living room wall. Since there was never adequate indoor light during photography, color images were almost too dark to identify. Lighting was better outdoors — except that sun flares often obliterated the picture.

Still, the family watched in rapt attention, with the kids yelping about how goofy we looked. As for my parents and grandparents, whenever the camera was pointed their way they waved. They didn't smile much back then, but they really knew how to wave.

True horror came when the film jammed. The projector's bulb required so much wattage that it became red hot, causing the film catch fire. We'd watch an eerie image on the wall of a still frame burning from the center outward until it melted away.

Home-moviemaking became simpler when videotape reached the consumer market in the 1970s. Technically, we were no longer "filming," we were "taping." I owned a bulky Panasonic camcorder that used full-sized VHS tapes and was so heavy I had to balance it on my shoulder.

Most of us quickly discarded our movie projectors, leaving many 8mm reels of

unwatchable family memories. I sent my film to a company that transferred the content to VHS so it would "last forever," which turned out to be roughly 15 years.

VHS tapes wore out, especially during furious fast-forwarding and rewinding, with hours of material on a single tape. I had Christmas celebrations, followed by baseball games, followed by an old episode of "Saturday Night Live," followed by another Christmas gathering.

When digital formats came along, I sent my VHS tapes to be digitized so they would, you know, "last forever." That's when I started reading about something called "digital rot." It refers to the fact that when our phones stop functioning, or online storage sites disappear, video memories are lost.

Nowadays I'm using a fancy iPhone to shoot "high dynamic range" video (HDR). I'll be thrilled if the images last as long as episodes of "I Love Lucy."

Peter Funt's new memoir, "Self-Amused," is now available at CandidCamera.com. His column is distributed by Cagle Cartoons newspaper syndicate.

SCV Corvette Club gathers donations for SCV Food Pantry



(Clockwise from top left) Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club member Ron Nolan takes food from shoppers at Sam's Club as they donate to the SCV Food Pantry in Santa Clarita on Dec. 11. SCV Food Pantry Executive Director James Espinoza loads donated food. Club member Chuck Negri loads donated food in shopping carts.



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Wet roads continue to hinder drivers

One person transported to hospital in two-vehicle morning collision

By Emily Alvarenga
Signal Senior Staff Writer

While much of the rain had dissipated by Friday morning, wet roads continued to provide delays to holiday commuters.

Around 9:15 a.m., a two-vehicle traffic collision was reported near the intersection of Valencia Boulevard and Goldcrest Drive, backing up traffic for about a mile as first responders worked to clear the scene, according to Los Angeles County Fire Department supervisor Bernard Peters.

One person was transported as a result of this incident, Peters said.

In the afternoon, firefighters were called to another crash on the southbound lanes of Interstate



Chris Torres/The Signal

A two-vehicle collision backed up traffic for about a mile on Friday.

5, north of Valencia Boulevard, around 3:45 p.m., according to Peters.

Upon arrival, firefighters found a three-vehicle crash with one overturned, and at least one person was transported as a result of the incident.

Low temps prompt cold weather alert

Temperatures to drop below 32 degrees, scattered showers to continue

By Emily Alvarenga
Signal Senior Staff Writer

As rain continues to fall across the Santa Clarita Valley, temperatures are set to remain low through the weekend, as the Los Angeles County Health Officer issued a cold weather alert for parts of the county, including the SCV.

The alert was issued for the SCV Saturday through Monday, with wind chill temperatures expected to drop below 32 degrees.

National Weather Service meteorologist Kristan Lund said while the rain is gone for now, the SCV should expect scattered showers on and off through the weekend and into next week.

More rain is expected Saturday afternoon through the night, then again Sunday night into Monday and Tuesday night into Wednesday.

While none of the storms in the early morning are expected to be as heavy as the rain seen

the past couple of days, a more significant storm is expected to develop later next week, Lund said.

Due to the intermittent rain showers, temperatures are expected to remain cool through next week, staying in the 60s to mid 50s range until the next storm hits, Lund added.

L.A. County Public Health Department officials suggest residents in affected areas dress warm, limit time outside, bring pets indoors and

check on elderly friends, family and neighbors.

Prolonged exposure to the cold could lead to hypothermia, while extreme cold could lead to frostbite. Public Health advises those who show signs of either to seek immediate medical care.

The L.A. Homeless Services Authority has a winter shelter program available for those who need shelter. For more information, visit lahsa.org or call 2-1-1 from any landline or cell phone.

CHP to conduct holiday max enforcement

38 killed in CA last year during holiday enforcement period

News release

The California Highway Patrol is reminding everyone to put safety first and follow the rules of the road while traveling California's roadways this holiday weekend.

According to data from the CHP's Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, at least 38 people were killed in crashes in California throughout the Christmas holiday enforcement period last year and CHP officers made 573 arrests for driving under the influence.

"The CHP will be out on California's roadways while the public travels to join friends and family this weekend," CHP Commissioner Amanda

Ray said in a prepared statement. "Our goal is the same as yours, to make certain you arrive safely at your destination. From our family to yours, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday."

The CHP is scheduled to begin its maximum enforcement period 6:01 p.m. Friday and continue it through 11:59 p.m. Sunday.

During that time, all available officers are set to be on the road for enhanced enforcement and to assist any motorists or pedestrians in need of help.

The CHP asks that, wherever your holiday travels take you, remember to plan ahead, buckle up, avoid distractions and never drive while impaired.

Hill's COVID-19 symptoms still mild

By Caleb Lunetta
Signal Senior Staff Writer

Former Rep. Katie Hill announced via her social media over the weekend that she had tested positive for COVID-19, despite being up to date on her vaccine doses and booster.

Hill, who represented the 25th Congressional District in 2019 before resigning, received her positive test results while almost eight months pregnant, she confirmed via a tweet posted on Saturday.

"I'm boosted and got COVID and am now quarantined for Christmas while almost eight months pregnant," Hill said in her tweet, "and though my symptoms are mild, I really wish I'd canceled my plans for the couple weeks before this."

Hill reaffirmed via a statement sent to The Signal on Monday that her symptoms remained mild over the weekend, and described her experience with the virus as the feeling of a "minor cold."

"Who knows how much worse it might have been if I weren't vaccinated and boosted," Hill said on Monday. "My partner and I are very

grateful to have had that protection for both of us and for our baby."

"We're quarantined together binge-watching TV and Christmas movies, and looking forward to reuniting with family before the New Year," Hill added.

The Centers for Disease Control said as recently as Dec. 17 that while the overall risks are low, people who are pregnant or were recently pregnant have an "increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 when compared to people who are not pregnant."

"People who have COVID-19 during pregnancy are also at increased risk for pre-term birth (delivering the baby earlier than 37 weeks) and stillbirth and might be at increased risk for other pregnancy complications," the CDC's website reads.

"Having certain underlying medical conditions, and other factors, including age, can further increase the risk for developing severe COVID-19 illness during or recently after pregnancy (for at least 42 days following end of pregnancy)."

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at-home rapid COVID-19 tests, while long lines could be seen at drive-thru testing sites through the

week leading up to the Christmas holiday.

To find a COVID-19 vaccine site near you, visit VaccinateLA-County.com, or to find a testing site, visit covid19.lacounty.gov/testing.

Members of the Alliklik Chapter honor vets with wreaths



Jose Herrera/The Signal

Members of the Alliklik Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, put on display ceremonial wreaths to honor military veterans as part of Wreaths Across America at the Santa Clarita's Veteran's Historical Plaza.

Public Health officials released the following updated COVID-19 statistics Friday:

Countywide COVID-19 cases reported in the past 24 hours: 9,988
Total COVID-19 cases in L.A. County: 1,595,239
New deaths related to COVID-19 reported in the past 24 hours: 21
Total COVID-19 deaths in L.A. County: 27,533
Hospitalizations countywide: 801
Hospitalizations at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital as of Dec. 24: 19, with 1,702 discharged since the onset of the pandemic.
COVID-19 cases reported in the Santa Clarita Valley in the past 24 hours: 271, 210 of which came from the city of Santa Clarita.
Total COVID-19 cases in the SCV: 40,991
Total COVID-19 deaths in the SCV as of Dec. 23: 372
Percentage of vaccinated people (at least one dose) in the city of Santa Clarita as of Dec. 19: 78.2%*
Percentage of vaccinated people (at least one dose) in the SCV as of Dec. 19: 74.7%*
*These figures now include all eligible Los Angeles County residents ages 5 and older.

Why are the LED lights flickering?

Question:

Hi Robert, I live in Canyon Country and recently needed to change light bulbs so was directed to install LED style. Since I put these in, I've been having light flickering, intermittently where there is a dimmer switch. I thought perhaps the bulbs were bad so I returned

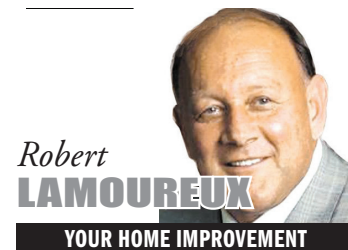
them and replaced but the new bulbs are doing the same thing. Can you possibly identify what the issue is just by this description? Richard R.

Answer:

Richard, yes I can tell you with certainty that you now need to change the dimmer

switch to a new one that is compatible with LED bulbs. Be sure to cross check information with the type of bulbs you purchased, to be sure that they are, in fact, compatible. Once you make this change, you should see that there are no issues with flickering lights. Since the inception of the LED bulbs, I've

seen a wide array of symptoms caused by incompatibility, but the overall savings is well worth the minor issues that are fixable. Use caution when changing the switch — be sure to shut off the breaker and test for power prior to commencing work, for maximum efficiency. Good Luck.



Robert LAMOUREUX
YOUR HOME IMPROVEMENT

Pros and cons to open-concept homes

Open-concept homes have become increasingly popular in recent years. An open-concept home is one in which the rooms flow into one another with limited obstruction from walls or other barriers. According to the National Association of Home Builders, 84 percent of new single-family homes have fully or partially open layouts.

While they may seem like a new trend, open floor plans are anything but. Early American homes featured open, often one- or two-room units built around the central kitchen/hearth. This maximized warmth and functionality. Homes evolved as incomes grew, and soon homes had several smaller rooms with specialized functions.

What's old has become new again. However, before diving head first into a new home purchase or a big renovation to realize an open-concept dream, consider the pros and cons of this type of setup to determine if it's really right for you.

Advantages of open floor plans

Open floor plans facilitate the flow of natural light throughout a space and can promote air flow, helping to reduce warm or cool pockets of air in otherwise



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Open-concept homes, which have both pros and cons, are increasing in popularity again.

closed-off rooms.

Open homes make socializing easier, even when people are doing different things. While someone is cooking dinner in the kitchen, he or she can still interact with someone else playing video games in the family room or paying bills in the home office. Entertaining also is easier, as mingling with guests is much more convenient

when walls are not getting in the way.

A smaller home can feel much larger if it employs an open concept. The square footage is not divided into smaller quarters, which sometimes are rooms (such as formal dining rooms) that are only used a few times per year. This eliminates underused spaces and opens up sight lines in the layout.

The value of real estate has risen dramatically since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and prospective buyers may prefer an open-concept plan because it can help them minimize building costs.

Disadvantages of open floor plans

Open layouts are not for

everyone. The same sense of space that occurs when walls are taken down may make rooms feel cavernous and less cozy, particularly in homes with ample square footage. In addition, privacy can be hard to come by when all rooms feed into one another.

When the kitchen is not separate from the family room space, that makes it easy for noise to compromise the area's comfort levels. There is no hiding from noise in an open floor plan, as sounds from voices, television shows and appliances tend to echo and blend together. And if the home is a single-story layout, those noises from the main living areas also may carry to adjacent bedrooms.

Smoke and smells are another thing to consider. When something on the stove spills over, a small range hood will not be practical for clearing smoke from a large space. Though the aroma of freshly cooked food is enticing, it can make it hard for cooks to keep guests out of the kitchen.

Open-concept homes are popular, but homeowners should weigh the pluses and minuses to see if this trend is truly right for them.

-MC

Budget-friendly ways to brighten up your home

Home improvement projects require substantial financial investment. But just because a homeowner wants to bring a fresh look indoors doesn't mean he or she has to break the bank along the way.

Living rooms are some of the most frequently used spaces in a home, and they can use an update from time to time to stay on trend or to make

the area more functional for a changing family dynamic. Here are some budget-friendly ideas for breathing new life into living room designs.

- Establish the budget. Homeowners should figure out how many dollars they can designate to a living room makeover before purchasing supplies or hiring out the work. Figure out the scope of the

remodel, visit stores or suppliers to price out materials, get estimates from contractors, and then plan for some unforeseen circumstances along the way to determine if this type of renovation is affordable. If not, scale things back until the project more closely aligns with your budget.

- Change the paint color. Lighter and brighter colors are on trend. A can or two

of paint can do wonders for updating a space without a large financial commitment. Pair that new paint color with new window coverings and complementary throw pillows to pull the theme together with minimal expense.

- Update the flooring. Tired, outdated carpeting or other flooring can use an overhaul. While solid hardwood flooring may be

preferable, there are many types of laminate flooring that mimic the looks of popular wood colors and styles for a fraction of the cost. Plus, many are sold at home improvement retailers and even at warehouse clubs or online for reasonable prices. Laminate flooring also may be a potential DIY job for a skilled homeowner, saving even more money.

- Introduce a fireplace. Fireplaces were once hot commodities, but that popularity waned in the 1970s and 1980s. Homeowners with chimneys may discover a fireplace was boarded over and the bare bones still exist that can be renovated to bring back character. There also are ventless freestanding units that are quite affordable that can mimic the look of a built-in fireplace.

- Reupholster instead of replace furniture. There's no need to throw away

quality furniture if the fabric is the only thing impeding design. New upholstery or even a slipcover can update designs.

- Conquer clutter. Rather than adding something to the living room, remove clutter to give the room a more airy feel. This can instantly change the look of the room. Use cord covers to tame plugs for electronics and remove unnecessary furniture from the room.

- Improve lighting. Another easy and often inexpensive fix is to change lighting fixtures, including using brighter, more energy efficient LED bulbs, and to assess lighting needs to eliminate dark corners of rooms that can make the space seem drab.

Living room spaces in need of an update often can benefit from improvements that go easy on the wallet.

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Living rooms are some of the most commonly used spaces and updating them on a regular basis is important.



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Cintas sponsored 50 individuals with gifts during its annual day of giving.

Day of giving

Cinta, Single Mothers Outreach give gifts to families

By Signal Staff

Valencia-based company Cintas teamed up with the Single Mothers Outreach for its third annual Cintas Day of Giving.

Each year, the company has adopted an increasing number of families. In 2019, Cintas sponsored 14 family members. In 2020, it raised to 21, and in 2021,

the company gifted 50 individuals.

“This event is so important to our local community. The look on these much-deserving children’s faces is why we keep coming back year after year,” said head elf and top business professional Zoe Shaw.

As a whole, through private and business contributions, the event helped more than 85

families this holiday season.

“We look forward to this event all year,” said Market Sales Manager Nick Amaro. “As a local company, we feel it is our duty to give back to our community. I often say that it’s sales and results, etc., that will make a company good, but it’s all the other things, such as this event, that make a company great.”



Photo courtesy of CBRE

The Saugus Station Industrial Center is located at 5530-25765 Springbrook Avenue.

Industrial station acquired

Covington Group purchases 24 buildings, 69.5 acres

News release

Covington Group Inc., along with an institutional capital partner, recently announced the acquisition of the 24-building Saugus Station Industrial Center.

The portfolio of buildings, located at 25530-25765 Springbrook Ave., sits on 69.5 acres and totals approximately 1 million square feet, with varying clear heights up to 39 feet and units ranging in size from 8,000 to 133,000 square feet.

The purchase also included a separate 24-acre fully horizontally improved land site.

The center has often been used by tenants in the entertainment industry, as it offers easily accessible space in close proximity to many movie and television studios and sound stages, according to a Covington news release.

Of its tenants, 70% are in the entertainment or entertainment-servicing industry, while other users include companies in the assembly, light manufacturing, moving and storage, and transportation sectors, according to a CBRE release.

For the better part of a decade, the project had been 100% occupied by a variety of tenants due to its ability to offer a desirable in-fill location, along with exclusive outdoor storage yards, per the release.

“We feel this property provides an opportunity to create a ‘best-in-class’ entertainment-focused

location that will almost be one-of-a-kind in what we are able to offer tenants,” Ken Sheer, CEO and founding partner of Covington, said in a prepared statement.

The Texas-based, privately held commercial real estate company focuses on industrial investment and development and plans to implement a robust property and asset management strategy, focusing on tenant retention and aesthetic improvements to the property to increase curb appeal, according to Covington.

CBRE’s Craig Peters and Doug Sonderegger represented both the buyer, Covington, and seller, New Jersey-based TMC Properties LLC, in the transaction, per the release.

“Saugus Station Industrial Center has maintained near full occupancy for the past decade, including during the height of the global pandemic,” Peters said in the statement. “The property is well-known in the entertainment industry with many major service providers housing support operations here.”

UVDI-360 room sanitizer available on defense contract

News release

UltraViolet Devices Inc. announced recently that the UVDI-360 Room Sanitizer is now available on CME Corp.’s \$49.5 million Defense Logistics Agency Department of Defense contract.

The Electronic Catalog contract streamlines procurement of the UVDI-360 Room Sanitizer, which works to reduce health-care-associated infections and eliminate 99.99% of SARS-CoV-2 from surfaces, by a wide range of military services, including the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, as well as the Veterans Health Administration and Indian Health Services.

The contract was secured on behalf of UVDI by CME Corp., America’s largest equipment-only distributor of medical products, and currently runs through 2025.

DLA’s Troop Support’s Medical Supply Chain developed ECAT to streamline DLA’s business practices and procurements.

The UVDI-360 Room Sanitizer can disinfect an average-sized hospital patient room in five to 10 minutes and has been proven to reduce health-care-associated infections and inactivate high-risk pathogens in more than 15 published, clinical



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UVDI-360 Room Sanitizer eliminates 99.99% of COVID-19 from surfaces and reduces health-care-associated infections.

studies, according to a UVDI news release.

In addition, the UVDI-360 has been proven in independent laboratory testing to inactivate 99.99% of 35 pathogens in five minutes at 8 feet distance — and SARS-CoV-2 at 12 feet distance, per the release.

“As the COVID-19 pandemic surges on, the brave men and women of our armed forces

deserve the highest levels of protection,”

Richard Hayes, president of UVDI and a retired Navy veteran, said in a prepared statement. “Thanks to the ECAT purchasing program, the UVDI-360 Room Sanitizer can be rapidly deployed to beat COVID-19 and health-care-associated infections in Veterans Affairs hospitals and clinics nationwide.”

Business owners: We want your news

The Santa Clarita Valley Business Journal, a monthly business-to-business publication of The Signal, is inviting local businesses to submit their news for publication. Opening a new location? Just promoted someone to a new position? Making a big donation to a nonprofit? Unveiling a new product or service? The SCV Business Journal is interested in your news, and you are invited to submit your updates and information by emailing to: share@signalscv.com.

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Compassionate friends remembers those lost

By Victor Corral Martinez
Signal Staff Writer

The Santa Clarita Valley chapter of The Compassionate Friends participated in a worldwide candlelight remembrance for those grieving over the loss of family and friends. The candle lighting was organized by chapter leaders Diane Briones and Alice Renolds, who have previously lost children. Additionally, Jeff Moog volunteered and created the slideshow, Linda Stout arranged the music, and The New Life Assembly of God provided the venue and equipment to produce the event. The event was attended by more than 60 people, who came together to honor the memory of their loved ones by lighting a candle, reflecting and sharing poems dedicated to those they lost. “The ceremony commemorate siblings and grandchildren of all ages who have died from any cause, and transcends all ethnic, cultural, religious and political boundaries,” Briones said. “The holiday season is one of the most difficult times of the year for bereaved families and the worldwide candle lighting is one way in which we show we are all united with bereaved families everywhere.” A member of The Compassionate Friends, Steve Berry, read the creed to attendees and



Chris Torres/The Signal

Diane Briones, left, and Alice Renolds, right, speak to the attendees at the 20th annual Candle Lighting Remembrance Program at the New Life Assembly of God church on Dec. 12.

said, “We need compassionate friends who reach out to each other with love and understanding.” Additionally, Berry said children have died in all age groups from many different causes, and the love for their children unites the grieving family members together. The candle lighting featured a slideshow of the loved ones who have passed with accompanying music. Some of the songs played were “In the Arms of an Angel” by Sarah McLachlan, “To Where You Are” by Josh Groban and “Light a Candle” by Paul Alexander. Briones and Renolds read the purpose of every candle lit, and as the attendees held their illuminated candles, they said the names of those loved ones who have passed. “This candle is the light of hope, Renolds said. “It reminds us of the love and memories of you that are

forever.” The local chapter was founded 24 years ago when Briones lost her 20-year-old daughter in a crash, Renolds would join two years later, and the candle lighting ceremony began 21 years ago. “This is our 20th year of doing our candle lighting. Because of COVID-19, we didn’t do it last year,” Renolds said. Hundreds of people often attend the lighting in the past, but COVID-19 has affected the number of people attending, according to Renolds. For Renolds and Briones, the candle lighting is a way for the bereaved to honor their children, share their love and start the holiday positively. Santa Clarita’s chapter is part of the virtual lighting worldwide, with families lighting candles at 7 p.m. in their time zones on the second Sunday in December.

Due to an early holiday deadline, lottery results will be in Tuesday’s issue of The Signal.

Obituaries & Memories

Nancy Anne O’Neil
1947-2021



Nancy Anne O’Neil passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side in Santa Clarita, California on October 28,

2021 at the age of 74. Nancy was born on March 4, 1947 in Los Angeles, California to John and Martha Nogle. She spent her childhood in Woodland Hills, California graduating from William Howard Taft High School. She married Robert “Bob” O’Neil, the love of her life, in 1965. Bob and Nancy moved to Valencia in 1969 where Nancy cared for her family and spent time playing softball, bunco, and drinking wine on the front lawn with the Bocina Bunch.

As her children grew older, Nancy attended several accounting classes at College of the Canyons. She used her bookkeeping skills and strong-willed nature to go on to start her own business in HOA management partnering with her parents and Pat and Carol Quinlan. Crown Management managed over 40 homeowners associations over a 30-year period. Nancy thrived on problem-solving many of the complicated aspects of HOA property management. She loved working with her board members and went on to become friends with many of them. Nancy had a passion for many things... pigs, Waterford crystal, card games and rummy tiles, traveling, scrapbooking, Longaberger baskets, the Department 56 Dickens’ Village, Byers Carolers, the Republican party and FOX News, Downton Abbey, and especially cooking but

mostly all of those dogs that passed through her life – Moochi, Sammy, Zach I, Freddie, Ollie, Zach II, Jett, Max and Cooper. Another passion was entertaining in her home. Over the years Nancy and Bob had literally hundreds of family and holiday parties bringing together people from all walks of life. This was both in Valencia and their home in Talking Rock, Prescott Arizona. Nancy is survived by her devoted husband of 56 years, Robert “Bob” O’Neil; her daughter, Jennifer O’Neil; her son Jeffrey O’Neil(Deanna); her granddaughters Caitlin Miller(Shawn) and Emily Greene. She is also survived by her siblings Jane Benchener (Brian), Doug Nogle (Kathy), Susan Winters (Tim) and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday, December 27, 2021 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 23045 Lyons Ave, Santa Clarita. Reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to ASPCA Memorial Gifts (ASPCA.org) because she loved all her furry friends.

We would also like to thank Father Vivian Ben Lima and Chaplin Margery Link for their spiritual guidance in bringing Nancy into the arms of the Lord. The family would also like to thank Home Instead Healthcare, especially Charlene Perrone, Trisha Colescott, Sandy Fulton and the amazing staff with Assisted Home Health and Hospice Foundation. We are eternally grateful that you helped us bring her home for her final days to be surrounded by her loving family.

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According to Finkbiner, they contracted with a business based in L.A. that specializes in transporting snow. The company came up with a huge truck with blocks of ice, and they blew 25 tons of snow for the event. Real Life Church Valencia set up a couple of bounce areas, two different snow areas, three food trucks, and photo opportunity areas with the Grinch and Santa Claus. Gracie Bicol, of River Village in Newhall, came to the Snowtacular event with her two kids and husband. They were on their way to see Santa Claus. “We love it. It feels normal,” Bicol said. “(Last year) It was horrible and it was quiet. So, it’s nice to have everybody back out here, like its normal (no pandemic) and having fun.”

Justin Losey, of Valencia, took his family to the event and they have been members of Real Life Church for two years. They had just arrived at the event and were eager to start their fun. “We’re hoping that we can find some snow for our three kids,” Losey said. “We’re hoping to play in some snow and eat some food.” Finkbiner said the Real Life Church Valencia hosts community events throughout the year. “We try to do multiple things a year,” Finkbiner added, “Last year with COVID, we did a big drive-thru where we had more than 2,000 people come through. We collected food with Santa Clarita Grocery and we were able to fill homes with food.” The Snowtacular event was free for the community. “We just felt like the church really needs to be there for our city,” Finkbiner said. “We want our city to know that we really care about the people who



Dan Watson/The Signal

(Above) Jackson Downey, 6, throws snowballs in the ‘snow patch’ during the Snowtacular event held at Real Life Church in Valencia on Wednesday. (Below) Randall Edrosa, and his daughter Sadie, 2, slide down the ‘snow run.’



live here.”

Sean Costello, the adult ministry director for the church, said they want to create events in a place where people can come and have a great time. Costello leads a team of pastors and his responsibilities entail creating a community for adults.

“We’re always trying to think of ways to connect with our community, Costello said. “We’re a church that cares for our community, and we’re here for you.” *Real Life Church Valencia will host five Christmas services throughout the day until 7 p.m.*



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Hundreds of kids and families attend the Snowtacular event.

PROGRAM

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“This program will help repair the immense harm that criminal behavior inflicts on our community by giving crime victims the opportunity to actively participate in the restorative justice process,” Gascón said in his November statement. No new

statement on the expansion of REDY program was given upon The Signal’s request Tuesday. Voicing opposition to the program, the L.A. County Association of Assistant District Attorneys criticized the universal nature of the program, as opposed to it taking a more nuanced approach as it had in years past. “Suitability is no longer

the standard under Gascón’s approach. Rather there’s a blanket approach regardless of the crime,” said Eric Siddall, vice president of the LAAD-DA. “With Gascón’s policy, you can sexually batter someone, and you may never see the inside of a courtroom. You can rob someone and may never be held accountable.” Deputy District Attorney Jon Hatami, a longtime critic of Gascón’s and Santa Clarita Valley resident, concurred with Siddall. “Implementing smart and safe alternatives to incarceration for juveniles, like the LASD VIDA (or Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives) program, is so important to our communities,” said Hatami. “But, Gascón’s policy not only endangers the public, it actually endangers the juvenile offender as well because older gang members will try to use juveniles to commit their violent crimes, telling them, ‘Look George Gascón is DA, you really won’t get into that much trouble.’” Applicants to the program will need to be under the age of 18 and meet all requirements of the REDY criteria form, and the program is set to be run in conjunction with the Office of Youth Diversion and Development.

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Vikings aim for Indians' crown

Boys soccer outlook: Valencia leads league at 4-0; defending Foothill champions Hart one game back

By Ryan Menzie
 Signal Sports Writer

The always-competitive Foothill League once again shows a high level of intensity with three league games in the books before the winter break.

The Hart Indians and the Valencia Vikings currently lead the way, but with more than half the season left to play, the Foothill League title remains up for grabs.

Here is a look at how the Foothill League has panned out so far:

All records are according to the CIF website and MaxPreps from the day this story was published.

Valencia High School

The Vikings are off to a quick 4-0 start (5-3-1 overall) to sit on top of the Foothill League and look to dethrone the reigning Foothill League champion Indians. The Vikings came up short in the 2021 season but are confident they can earn the top spot this season.

"The expectations are to continue to get better as we continue to complement our program and our systems together," said Vikings head coach Ken Claborn. "We were implementing a new system last year with all new coaches and playing styles. The goals now are to remain focused and competitive at all times."

Hart High School

The 2021 Foothill League champion Indians currently hold a 3-0 league record (3-0-1 overall) and are sitting right behind the Vikings. The Indians are starting off strong but head coach Gio Salinas believes there is still some chemistry missing to take them to



Bobby Block/The Signal

Hart is currently in second place in the Foothill League standings with a 3-0 record. Valencia currently leads at 4-0.

the next level.

"Going through the season we're going to get more chemistry between each other," said Salinas. "The group of boys we have this year is a good group. Last year being my first season, the boys had to learn how to understand how I wanted them to play. They now have a better understanding and are hungry to compete in the CIF finals."

The Indians are led by junior Trent Rickard and senior Sebastian Ramirez. Rickard models his game after Erling Haaland and sees that hard work in practice has paid off for them so far, so he looks to keep the momentum going.

"We have good players individually," said Rickard. "Once we learn to play

as a team we should be solid. We had a good run last year so we hopefully do the same, if not better, this year."

Ramirez looks to get better each day and be the best version of himself as possible.

"We want to play as a team to the best of our ability," said Ramirez. "When we play together, I feel like we can compete with anybody. Hopefully we can win league and go far in the CIF playoffs."

Saugus High School

The Saugus Centurions finished fifth in the Foothill League standings in the 2021 season and look to turn their luck around and

currently are third in the Foothill League with a 2-2 league record (3-2 overall).

Golden Valley High School

The Golden Valley Grizzlies were similar to the Centurions last season, finishing at the bottom of the Foothill League, but now hold the fourth spot in the Foothill League with a 1-2-1 league record (3-3-1 overall).

Injuries have plagued the Grizzlies but it doesn't slow down the Grizzlies in reaching their ultimate goal at the end of the season.

"We started with 21 players and of those 21, we got 14 that can play," said Grizzlies head coach Stephen Evison. "We will be

replacing players' minutes but you will still see us fully competing and fighting for a playoff spot. As long as the team can find energy in themselves and see it through, we will be in good shape."

West Ranch High School

The West Ranch Wildcats found success in the 2021 season, finishing third overall, but now hold the fifth spot in the standings with an 0-2-1 league record (1-1-2 overall).

"The expectations are to try to keep getting better and to improve each game," said Wildcats head coach Mike Kane. "The fact that we played in the playoffs last year means

we want to try to repeat and do a little bit better. They really put in the work and train hard so there's nothing they don't do."

Canyon High School

The Canyon Cowboys find themselves in the sixth spot of the league standings after finishing fourth overall in 2021. The Cowboys hold an 0-1-2 league record (1-1-2 overall).

Cowboys head coach Robert Benavidez still expects the team to compete at the highest level and hopefully compete for a championship.

"That's what we're striving for. We want to continue to get better each game out," said Benavidez. "Hopefully by the end of the season we're in the discussion for playoffs and hopefully the league championship. We need to stay together and work hard as a team."

Castaic High School

Last but not least, the newest member of the Foothill League, the Castaic Coyotes, enter their first season and currently sit at the bottom of the league. Nothing for a new program to be ashamed about, especially in as tough a league as the Foothill League.

"Our expectations are to have a team that competes and demonstrates growth over the course of the season," said Coyotes head coach Adam Yassaman. "This year we are looking at results as a secondary outcome of the process that we've been looking from year one. We want to have a successful first year on varsity. We know what we are capable of when we have success on the field."

Wildcats roll through holiday classic tourney

Girls soccer: West Ranch reels off four straight wins

By Ryan Menzie
 Signal Sports Writer

The West Ranch Wildcats girls' soccer team rolled through the Thousand Oaks Holiday Classic with four consecutive wins beginning Tuesday.

In their first match on Tuesday, the Wildcats beat El Camino Real 3-1 with goals from Cassidy Imperial Pham, Olivia Suarez and Olivia Becerra, with assists coming from Pham, Summer Hahn and Isabella Truong.

The second game on Tuesday was an 11-0 win against Dominguez with goals from Mikayla

Toliver, Naliya Montebon, Suarez (2), Pham, Abby Gugler, Reiss Burke, Ava Magana (3), Nikki Gutierrez and assists by Suarez (2), Pham, Becerra, Adaobi Ogbuagu (2), Truong (2), Josephine Dulce, Hahn and Kamrin Schultz.

On Wednesday, West Ranch beat La Salle in the semifinal game 6-0. Goals were scored by Pham (2), Truong (2), Toliver and Ogbuagu, with assists by Pham (2), Truong, Toliver, Montebon and Magana.

In a hard-fought battle with Notre Dame, the Wildcats won the championship with a 1-0 victory. The winning goal

came off the head of Suarez from a perfect corner kick by Kaelin Pierzchalski. West Ranch is now 4-2-1 on the season.

"Through the first three league games, we only had one goal and that was from our first game of the season," said Wildcats head coach Jared White. "We had been shut out two games prior to the tournament so the priority was to get the offense clicking. I think it's safe to say we accomplished that with our 21 goals in four games by moving some people around and we found a nice rhythm that worked well."

Local talent dominates All-League selections

By Ryan Menzie
 Signal Sports Writer

A girls' golf season that didn't finish until the middle of November ended with all of the first-team All-League selections coming from two of the Foothill League's teams.

The West Ranch Wildcats and the Valencia Vikings, who finished in first and second place in the Foothill League, earned all of the spots on the All-League first team. The Wildcats were led by Golfer of the Year Eunice Yi, who advanced to the third round of the individual playoffs and beat out Vikings' Jillian Leh by two strokes in the regular season to win Player of the Year honors.

"We have a bright future ahead of us and a young team," said Wildcats head coach Jeff Holen after the team's final match of the season.

Of the six open spots for the rest of the first team, the Wildcats took four.



Dan Watson/The Signal

West Ranch's Eunice Yi was named the Foothill League's Golfer of the Year.

Rori Fanning, Ashmita Goel, Kate Yi and Allison Hwang were all named to the first team.

The final two spots would be taken by Player of the Year runner-up Jillian Leh, who qualified for the first round of individual playoffs but was unable to advance, and her teammate Been Yoo.



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LEGAL NOTICES

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name

Case Number 21CHCP00438

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1.) Petitioner, SHEA M. RANDALL SBN: 306846 for a decree changing names as follows:

a.) (Present name) JANICE MAGARET THORP to (Proposed name) JANIECE MAGARET THORP

2.) THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name change described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: 02/03/2022
TIME: 8:30 am.

DEPT: F49

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, Santa Clarita Valley Signal, 26330 Diamond Place, Santa Clarita, CA 91311.

DATED: DEC. 01, 2021.

Stephan P. Pfahler/Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles 9425 Penfield Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311.

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Order to Show Cause for Change of Name

Case Number 21CHCP00450

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1.) Petitioner, HANIN MOHAMMAD EID for a decree changing names as follows:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

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File No. 2021 250675

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This business is conducted by a CORPORATION

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

File No. 2021 262892

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ANNA KATHARINA SIEBENTHAL, - GENERAL PARTNER

25643 RAMADA DR. VALENCIA CA 91355

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POTENTIA SYSTEMS - OWNER

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Friday low	Friday high
48° at 4:57 a.m.	51° at 10:57 a.m.

TEMPERATURE HISTORY December 23

	Today	Normal	Record	12/23/20
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Aquarium
5 Big burger
8 Unsightly
12 Small bird
13 Future fish
14 Piped up
15 Ess molding
16 Hardened, as cement
17 Make like a snake
18 Unwritten tests
20 Whiff
22 24-hour period
23 Duffer's goal
24 — -craftsy
27 Rescue price, maybe
30 Settle up
31 Stun
32 Woosnam of golf
34 Pants problem
35 Pen brand
37 Strong soap
38 Vandalize
40 Rodeo gear

DOWN

42 Barely get by
43 Phoenix cager
44 Hard sell, maybe
46 Utah city
49 Lowly laborer
50 Jackie's second
52 Road map nos.
54 Enthralled
55 Goalie's org.
56 Draw on glass
57 Assayers' samples
58 Big parties
59 Stop sleeping
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3 "Faint heart — won ..."
4 Works clay
5 Like a damp rock
6 Cato's hello

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Season's greetings with teasers

By Phillip Alder

I hope all of my readers have a really fun time over the holidays. Now for my annual competition.

1. How should South play in six spades after West leads the club ace? Do not be influenced by the given East-West hands. They will change when I give the answer on Thursday, Jan. 27. The other answers will be on Jan. 28.

2. Propose an auction with South the dealer and East-West silent.

Look only at the West hand. 3a. Partner opens one diamond. What would you respond? 3b. South opens one heart. What would you do? 3c. North opens four spades, partner doubles, and South passes. What would you do?

Look only at the North hand. 4a. If you were dealer, what would you do? 4b. Partner opens one heart, and West passes. What would you respond? 4c. Partner opens one no-trump (15-17 points). With the opponents passing, what would be your bidding plan? 4d. West opens seven diamonds! What would you do? If you pass or double,

what would you lead?

Look only at the East hand. 5a. South opens one spade, West makes a takeout double, and North raises to two spades. What would you do?

6. Look only at the South hand. East opens one club, you overcall two clubs (a Michaels Cue-Bid showing at least 5-5 in the majors), West passes, North advances with two hearts, and East passes. What would you do now?

Mail your entry to Phillip Alder, c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut Street, Kansas City, MO 64106 to arrive by January 15, 2021. Or email it to phillip@bridgeforeveryone.com.

		North	12-25-21		
		♠	K J 10 6 5 3		
		♥	A 9 6 3		
		♦	10		
		♣	Q 4		
West		East			
♠	2	♠	4		
♥	Q 10	♥	J 8		
♦	J 9 7 5 4	♦	K 6 3 2		
♣	A K J 10 7	♣	9 8 6 5 3 2		
		South			
		♠	A Q 9 8 7		
		♥	K 7 5 4 2		
		♦	A Q 8		
		♣	—		
		Dealer: South			
		Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East		
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass		
		Opening lead: ♣ A			

EVERY *Life* HAS A *Story*

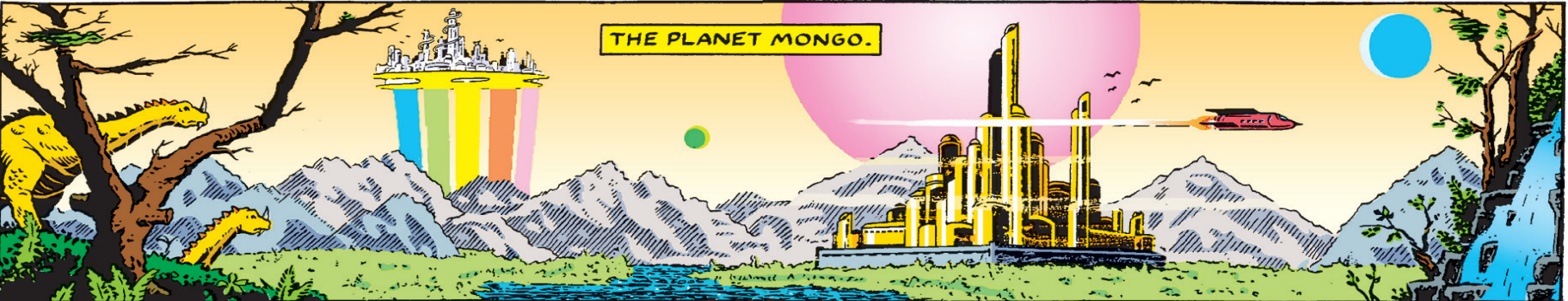
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COMICS

Flash Gordon

By Jim Keefe



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12-5

KING RONAL LEADS FLASH THROUGH A LABYRINTH OF CONCEALED PASSAGEWAYS THROUGHOUT THE CASTLE.

JUST BEFORE THE KRONATORS ATTACKED, CAPTAIN LONAK LED A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION INTO THEIR TERRITORY...

“...HE REPORTED BACK THAT THEIR NUMBERS HAD BEEN GROWING AND IT WAS IMPERATIVE WE THIN THE HERD BEFORE THEY BEGAN TO POSE A THREAT.

“BELIEVING THE KRONATORS TO BE INTELLIGENT CREATURES, I DISMISSED HIS RECOMMENDATION AS AKIN TO GENOCIDE...” MUCH TO HIS CHAGRIN.”

DO YOU THINK THEIR ATTACK HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT LAST RECONNAISSANCE MISSION?

WE’LL SOON SEE. THIS IS CAPTAIN LONAK’S QUARTERS. IT CONTAINS ALL HIS MISSION LOGS.

BLAST... UNFORTUNATELY THE KRONATORS BEAT US TO IT.

RONAL, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS...

CLICK CLICK

LOOKS LIKE YOU’RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH AN AFFINITY FOR SECRET PASSAGEWAYS.

For Better or Worse

By Lynn Johnston

...PUT IT BACK!!

AH, AH, AH !!!

NO! THAT’S NOT FOR YOU!!

THAT’S RIGHT. PUT IT BACK!

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Lynn

Born Loser

By Art & Chip Sansom

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I HAD NEVER SEEN ANY OF THOSE JASON BOURNE MOVIES STARRING MATT DAMON.

SO I PLANNED TO BINGE WATCH “THE BOURNE IDENTITY,” “THE BOURNE SUPREMACY” AND “THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM,” BACK-TO-BACK,

I WAS ALL SET—I HAD A FIRE GOING IN THE FIREPLACE, THE POPCORN WAS POPPED, THE COFFEE WAS BREWED...

BUT NO SOONER HAD I EASED BACK IN MY RECLINER AND PRESSED PLAY, THAN MY STREAMING SERVICE WENT DOWN!

AND IT STAYED OUT ALL NIGHT, SO I WASN’T EVEN ABLE TO WATCH ONE OF THE BOURNE MOVIES, LET ALONE THREE!

I GUESS THAT MAKES YOU THE BOURNE LOSER!

Big Nate

By Lincoln Peirce

HEY! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

OOH! OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

HEY, CAN WE PLAY DODGEBALL?

DODGEBALL? LET ME CHECK.

NOPE, SORRY. DODGEBALL IS ON THIS LIST OF UNSAFE ACTIVITIES THAT COACH CALHOUN LEFT FOR ME.

WELL, THEN, CAN WE PLAY BOMBARDMENT?

HMMM... BOMBARDMENT...

WELL, IT'S NOT ON THE LIST, SO I DON'T SEE WHY NOT.

THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN A SUB IN PHYS ED!

WAIT, WHY IS THIS GOOD?

WuMo

By Wulff & Morgenthaler

Sweetheart, I know that it's a health hazard for dogs to eat chocolate, but are you SURE that it's the same for husbands?

Uhm ... yeah, let's not take any chances, all right?

Arlo & Janis

By Jimmy Johnson

Christmas Bells
A poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

Johnson 12/26

Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep,
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, goodwill to men."

I THOUGHT WE WERE THROUGH WITH CHRISTMAS SONGS!

Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis

HEY, ANDY ACHIEVER, WANT TO HANG OUT AND CHAT?

CAN'T. TRAINING TO FINISH AN IRONMAN IN UNDER TWELVE HOURS.

HEY, ANDY ACHIEVER, WANT TO HAVE A LEMONADE WITH ME?

CAN'T. TRAINING TO FINISH AN IRONMAN IN UNDER ELEVEN HOURS.

HEY, ANDY ACHIEVER, WANT TO WATCH THE BIRDS WITH ME?

CAN'T! TRAINING TO FINISH AN IRONMAN IN UNDER TEN HOURS!

HEY, ANDY ACHIEVER, WANT TO RELAX AND ENJOY THE SUNSET WITH —

CAN'T! TRAINING TO —

HONK HONK

SCREECH SMACK

TELL ME AGAIN WHAT THE POINT OF AMBITION IS.

IT'S LIKE LUNACY, BUT LESS FUN.

