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# 2 Saugus students struck by vehicle

Both were transported to the hospital after sustaining serious injuries

By **Caleb Lunetta**  
Signal Senior Staff Writer

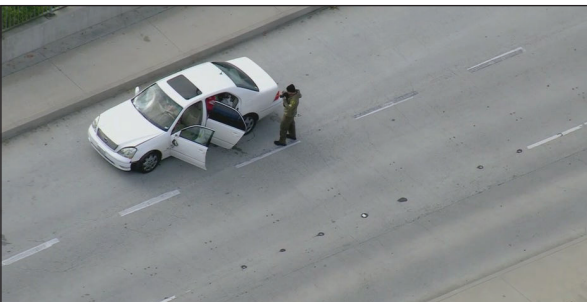
Two Saugus High School students were reportedly struck by a vehicle near their school on Monday, resulting in

both being rushed to the hospital. The call for the collision was first reported at Alamogordo Road and Bouquet Canyon Road at approximately 8:55 a.m. Monday, according

to officials at the Los Angeles County Fire Department. “It was a traffic collision with two pedestrians involved,” said Los Angeles County Fire

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Photo courtesy of Fox 11  
**Two Saugus High School students were struck by a vehicle while crossing the street Monday morning. They were both transported to the hospital.**



Chris Torres/The Signal

Rain falls from cloudy skies on Central Park in Santa Clarita. Temperatures are expected to remain low throughout the week with a freeze watch alert issued.

# Low temps spark freeze alert

Road, weather conditions could lead to closures on the Grapevine

By **Victor Corral Martinez**  
Signal Staff Writer

Following a rainy Christmas holiday in the Santa Clarita Valley, temperatures are set to remain low through the week, with a freeze watch warning issued for the greater SCV, while snowfall may occur in the Grapevine, according to officials at the National Weather Service. The freeze watch alert was issued for the SCV Monday through Tuesday morning, with temperatures expected to drop between 28 and 32 degrees. Additionally, temperatures are expected to remain below 50 degrees until Friday. The NWS expected 1 or 2 inches of snow along Interstate 5 over the Tejon Pass through the night

Monday into Tuesday. As a result, potential icy road conditions may last until Tuesday morning, resulting in travel delays and road closures. If snowfall impacts Interstate 5, then the California Highway Patrol and Caltrans may implement Operation Snowflake. Operation Snowflake creates closures on the Grapevine and other mountain roads along Interstate 5. Decisions are based on road and weather conditions. CHP offices in Tejon, Newhall and Bakersfield will work simultaneously to close down their roads to prevent serious traffic collisions, according to Officer Josh Greengard, a spokesman for the CHP Newhall-area Office. Greengard said his agency is prepared and ready for the

weather conditions but must confirm heavy snowfall in the Tejon pass before implementing Operation Snowflake. National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Wofford said a weather system is coming and is creating rain starting Monday afternoon into the evening, producing 3 to 7 inches of snow in the mountains. “We could get some snow in the Grapevine around 4,000 feet,” Wofford said. “It should all be gone by midnight (Monday) and be dry (Tuesday).” 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.

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# COVID-19 testing demand increases

L.A. County has extended hours at testing sites, added weekday and weekend testing dates

By **Emily Alvarenga**  
Signal Senior Staff Writer

Following a holiday weekend, long lines could be seen at COVID-19 testing centers across the Santa Clarita Valley Monday. “We are seeing a dramatic increase in demand for COVID-19 testing at the Henry Mayo Newhall Urgent Care Clinic, as are urgent care clinics and other testing sites throughout the Santa Clarita Valley,” said Larry Kidd, senior vice president and chief clinical officer at Henry Mayo. Similarly, Exer Urgent Care’s Chief Medical Officer Dr. Cory Spurlock said they, too, have been experiencing an end-of-year surge in COVID-19 cases and an overall increase in testing demands, especially during the holiday season. “Exer Urgent Care is well-equipped to meet this increase in demand, as we’ve spent the past 20-plus months of the pandemic adapting our services to swiftly respond to the community’s need for pandemic-related care,” Spurlock said. Los Angeles County Department of Health Services officials also announced last week they’d be expanding COVID-19 testing capacity to meet the holiday surge demand. “L.A. County residents are doing right by getting tested as a precaution before gathering, if they have been exposed and at the first sign of symptoms,” Dr. Christina Ghaly, director of Health Services, said in a prepared statement. “Getting tested and isolating as needed plays a vital role in our collective fight against the current holiday surge. We encourage anyone — including those who are vaccinated — to get tested if they believe they have been exposed or are experiencing symptoms. We will continue to closely monitor testing needs and

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# Holiday spending expected to soar

Projections estimate retail spending will reach \$860 billion this season

By **Victor Corral Martinez**  
Signal Staff Writer

Holiday shopping is expected to break records, and projections estimate holiday retail spending reaching \$860 billion. Still, holiday returns average 13.3% of all holiday sales, which equals over \$100 billion in returns, according to the National Retail Federation. Research conducted by NRF said more than 80% of holiday returns occur in January, with

3.23% making returns in December. However, even with increased returns, retail stores don’t plan to hire more staff and expect more time needed to process those returns. Additionally, this year, many consumers made their purchases earlier than usual and may increase earlier in-store returns. For Kirk Yeager, owner of Paper Hero’s Comics in Saugus, the business saw an uptick in sales during the last days

before Christmas, with many coming to the store the day after Christmas to spend the money they received as a gift. Like many shoppers, Drake Rezendes was one of those customers who began their holiday shopping earlier this year but enjoyed supporting the small hobby shop. “Well I got some cash from some people that didn’t know what I wanted,” Rezendes said. “So I came to Paper Hero’s Comics because I’m

invested in every hobby known to man.” The last-minute purchases for Christmas saw the comic shop experience at least a 20% increase in holiday sales from last year, according to Yeager. Returns at the comic shop are nearly nonexistent because the items sold at Paper Hero’s Comics are not returnable. However, people have offered to sell collectors’ items such as Pokemon or Yugioh

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Today in history

Today is the 362nd day of 2021 and the eighth day of winter.

**Today's history:** In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first U.S. vice president to resign his office.

■ In 1846, Iowa was admitted as the 29th U.S. state.

■ In 1912, San Francisco's first municipally owned streetcars began service.

■ In 1973, President Richard Nixon signed the Endangered Species Act into law.

■ In 1981, the first American “test-tube baby” was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

**Today's fact:** “Marvel Comics” was the first pulp fantasy comic book series published by Timely Comics, debuting in October 1939. Timely Comics editor Stan Lee reincorporated the name in 1961, publishing all of the company's comic books under the brand name Marvel Comics.

**Today's sports:** In 1958, the Baltimore Colts came from behind in the final seconds to force the first sudden-death overtime in a championship game. The Colts went on to win “The Greatest Game Ever Played,” defeating the New York Giants 23-17 to win the NFL championship.

**Today's number:** \$12,000 -- average cost per cycle of in vitro fertilization in the United States. Most couples have to go through more than one cycle to achieve a successful pregnancy.

Birthdays

Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924), 28th U.S. president; Stan Lee (1922-2018), comic book creator/publisher; Charles Portis (1933-2020), author; Maggie Smith (1934- ), actress; Gayle King (1954- ), magazine editor; Denzel Washington (1954- ), actor; Chris Ware (1967- ), artist; Linus Torvalds (1969- ), software engineer; Seth Meyers (1973- ), comedian/talk show host; John Legend (1978- ), singer-songwriter; Noomi Rapace (1979- ), actress; Sienna Miller (1981- ), actress.

TUESDAY TRIVIA

- By Fifi Rodriguez
1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest island in Africa?
  2. LANGUAGE: What does “Auld Lang Syne” mean?
  3. MOVIES: How many spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge in “A Christmas Carol”?
  4. THEATER: On which opera is the rock musical “Rent” based?
  5. FOOD & DRINK: What is marmite?
  6. GAMES: How many weapons are available in the original board game “Clue”?
  7. TELEVISION: What is Jean-Luc Picard’s catchphrase as captain in “Star Trek: The Next Generation”?
  8. LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie in the 1990s?
  9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When was the first Times Square Ball Drop on New Year’s Eve?
  10. SCIENCE: What is it called when a gas changes into a liquid?
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Students build, operate Legos

West Ranch hosts Lego League Championship; more than 400 compete

By Victor Corral Martinez  
Signal Staff Writer

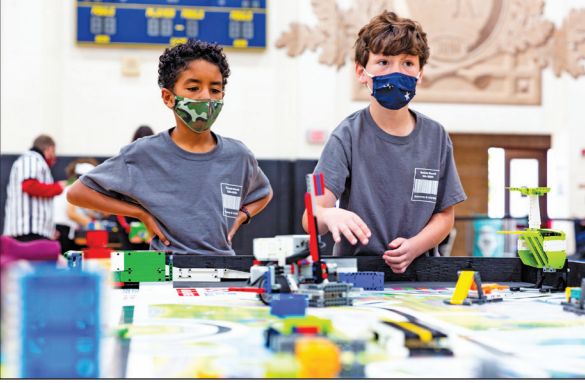
West Ranch High School with Project 691 First Robotics team hosted the Southern California First LEGO League Championship on Sunday. The championship featured more than 400 elementary and middle school students from Southern California, showcasing their work from the previous semester in building robots to complete various missions and completing a research project to improve transportation of goods. Teams in Southern California competed in 19 different qualifying tournaments, and this year the championship was held at West Ranch. In previous years, West Ranch has hosted qualifying tournaments, but this is the first time the school hosted the championship.

The theme and challenge for the tournament were cargo connect, reimagining and innovating ways to improve global transportation. After two years of competition being held remotely because of COVID-19 disruptions, the championship returned in person. The event had a hybrid model allowing 40 teams to attend in person and 10 teams competing remotely. The remote teams had judges and referees sitting on computers and working through Zoom. The League’s mission is to foster science, technology, engineering and math in children with an international robotics program. Students engage in hands-on STEM experiences, building confidence, growing their knowledge and developing habits of learning, according to the FIRST League website. “They are looking at ways to improve transportation of cargo and they also get judged on their core values and in robot design,” program delivery partner Paul Kass said. “They’re looking at how they built the robot and programming.” Kass said, regardless of the obstacles faced with COVID-19, he’s glad to provide this competition for the students and families. Additionally, Kass is glad children can compete in person and interact with volunteers, judges and referees. “The kids are having a great time and it’s wonderful to see their smiling faces, to hear their cheering and laughter,” Kass said. Aaron Dolgin, mentor of team Project 691 and tournament director of Southern California FLL Championship, was a member of the robotics team while a West Ranch student and has become a mentor for the program in Santa Clarita. He said many of the students are happy to get out of the house and experience this return to normalcy and interact with others. Team Project 691 is comprised of 40 students from throughout the William S. Hart Union High School District. The team volunteered their time along with 60 other volunteers from around the Los Angeles region, according to Dolgin. Dolgin thanked West Ranch High School for allowing the championship to be hosted on campus and providing team Project 691 a facility to build their designs for the robotics team. “This is what we call our home base,” Dolgin added. “West Ranch has been very welcoming and easy to work with.” Danielle Hedvig, a volunteer for the event and a second-year team member of Project 691, works on programming and design. She programs the functions to get robots to complete tasks. Additionally, volunteer Jathin Korrapati is a fourth-year member of the robotics team who helps with computer-assisted design. Team Project 691 competes in a competitive division, but Korrapati and Hedvig both enjoyed volunteering for the event because it allows them to pay it forward; additionally, it’s rewarding to impact the younger students interested in STEM, according to Korrapati. Hedvig is amazed to see the young students competing and is excited to cultivate science in the younger student community. “It’s super rewarding because I was in their spot a few years ago,” Hedvig said. “Eventually, they’re going to be competing and doing what we’re doing now.”



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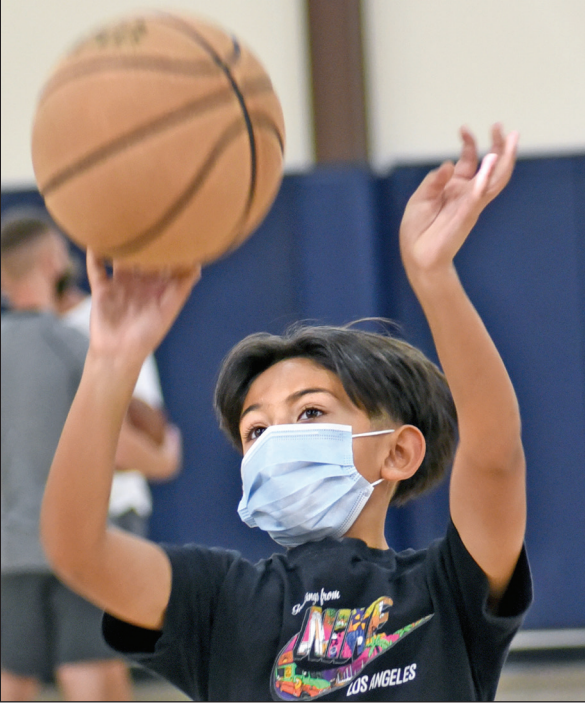
Jaan Kelly, a robot operator for the Unicorns of Doom Delivery Service, prepares to operate his Lego robot during the FIRST Lego League Championship at West Ranch High School in Santa Clarita on Dec. 13.



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Ali Raiss, left, and Tommy Westerland, right, of the Robowaves from Toledo Elementary in Redondo Beach, look on at their transfort Lego.

Santa Clarita Elks Lodge hosts youth free-throw contest



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(Clockwise from above) Mason Montiel, 11, shoots free throws as he participates in the youth free-throw contest for 8 to 13-year-olds hosted by Santa Clarita Elks Lodge 2379 at the Canyon Country Community Center in Canyon Country on Dec. 18. Exalted Ruler Steve Graham, left, looks on as Montiel displays his dribbling skills. Trustee Chairman James McKenna, right, instructs Elks members as they volunteer.



STUDENTS

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Department representative Geovanni Sanchez. “Both were transported to the nearest hospital.” “Two students with the Saugus cross-country team were struck by a vehicle,” said Deputy Natalie Arriaga, a spokeswoman for the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station. “The investigation remains ongoing.” Dave Caldwell, a spokesman for the William S. Hart Union High School District,

confirmed Monday that the district had been made aware of the incident and officials were notified that both students were receiving medical care. The woman who was driving the vehicle stopped after the collision and remained on the scene to speak with investigators. Jim Scott, a witness to the incident, who assisted the boys following the crash, said he was waiting at the Alamogordo/Bouquet Canyon intersection light when the crash occurred Monday morning. He described

both runners as having sustained serious injuries: one boy’s head collided with the windshield while the other suffered a major injury to his leg, he said. When asked if the car had run a red light, or what had transpired to lead to the crash, Scott said he did not know due to the traffic-actuated lights. “(The runners) got to waiting for their turn there, and so I came up to a stop, and they started running across the crosswalk,” said Scott. “So, they cross the two lanes going southbound

and the median and that’s when the car came up on the inside lane and struck two of them.” “I can’t say what it looked like from their side,” Scott added, in reference to the driver’s viewpoint. No arrests as a result of the investigation have been made as of the publication of this article, Arriaga added. “That requires an investigation,” said Arriaga, when asked if investigators believed the driver had been at fault. “We do have to study all diameters in order to determine a cause.”

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# Deputies suspect alcohol involved in Christmas crash

By Caleb Lunetta  
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Law enforcement officials said they believe drunk driving resulted in a Christmas Day crash, with the driver allegedly testing two times over the legal limit. According to Deputy Natalie Arriaga, a spokeswoman for the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station, the collision was reported

in the morning on Saturday near Edgewater Lane and Bridgeport Lane in Valencia. “A male was arrested for driving under the influence on Christmas Day after he collided his car with a light pole,” said Deputy Natalie Arriaga. “He blew almost double the BAC limit and was driving with a passenger in the car.” The passenger in the vehicle

was not injured. However, the driver, a 33-year-old investor from Los Angeles, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence with a reported blood alcohol content of .154%. It is illegal to drive in the state of California with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% or more. He was released on citation with a notice to appear in court on a future date.

# Amazon truck catches fire

Officers: Driver was uninjured

By Emily Alvarenga  
Signal Senior Staff Writer

An Amazon truck that caught fire resulted in a SigAlert for truck lanes in the Newhall Pass Monday afternoon. The incident was reported around 4:15 p.m. when the cab of an 18-wheeler big rig was reportedly on fire on the right shoulder of the northbound Interstate 5 to Highway 14

truck lanes, according to California Highway Patrol Officer Edgar Figueroa. CHP officers arriving on the scene discovered the cab of the big rig engulfed in flames, Figueroa said. While the driver was reportedly not injured in the incident, a SigAlert was issued for the truck lanes for around one hour as first responders worked to clear the scene, Figueroa added.

# Burglary suspect remains at large

By Victor Corral Martinez  
Signal Staff Writer

A burglary suspect remains loose following reports of the suspect

entering a home on the 26000 block of Black Oak Drive in Westridge around 7:30 p.m. on Friday, according to local law enforcement officials.

The suspect didn’t steal anything, fled the scene and remains outstanding, according to Sgt. Robert Gonzalez of the SCV Sheriff’s

Station. As of Saturday, no arrests had been made in the incident. No additional information was available at press time.

# Big rig stalls traffic

By Victor Corral Martinez  
Signal Staff Writer

A jackknifed big rig southbound of the Newhall Pass on the Interstate 5 truck route stalled traffic in and around the area and closed the southbound truck route Saturday.

The incident was first reported shortly before 12:30 p.m. on the truck bypass lanes of southbound Interstate 5, according to California Highway Patrol Officer Edgar Figueroa of the CHP Traffic Management Office.

There were no reports of injuries or other vehicles involved in the traffic collision, and a SigAlert was issued around 1 p.m., shutting down the southbound truck lanes for an unknown duration, Figueroa said. CHP requested a heavy-duty tow, and for it to get on the scene and tow the truck can take an undetermined amount of time, according to Figueroa. At 2:05 p.m. The SigAlert was canceled and the truck route pass was cleared, according to CHP officials.

# Suspect remains on the loose

Deputies: Man pointed weapon

By Victor Corral Martinez  
Signal Staff Writer

An assault with a deadly weapon suspect remains loose following reports of the suspect pointing his black semiautomatic handgun on Sierra Highway and Dockweiler Drive in Santa Clarita around 2:40 p.m. on Friday, according to Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station deputies. The suspect is described as being a white male in his 50s and fled out of view in a Toyota Tundra, according to Sgt. Robert Gonzalez of the SCV Sheriff’s Station. “Still outstanding, and we don’t have anyone arrested for the charge,” Gonzalez said. No additional information was available at press time.

# FREEZE

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L.A. County Public Health Department officials have issued a cold weather alert and suggest residents in affected areas dress warm, limit time outside, bring pets indoors and check on elderly friends, family and neighbors.

“Children, the elderly, and people with disabilities or special medical needs are especially vulnerable during cold weather. Extra precaution should be taken to ensure they don’t get too cold when they are outside,” L.A. County Health Officer Muntu Davis said. “There are places where people can go to stay warm, such as shelters or other public facilities. We also want to remind people not to use stoves, barbecues or ovens to heat their homes due to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.” Prolonged exposure to the cold could lead to hypothermia, while extreme



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A hawk flies through the stormy sky at Central Park on Monday.

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 cellphone.



# Lottery

**Powerball**  
36-38-45-62-64  
Power: 19  
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**Mega Millions**  
16-17-25-36-37  
Mega: 16  
Draw date: Friday, Dec. 24

**SuperLotto**  
5-8-9-29-43  
Mega: 27  
Draw date: Saturday, Dec. 25

**Fantasy 5**  
7-11-16-19-39  
Draw date: Monday, Dec. 27

**Daily 4**  
8-3-2-5  
Draw date: Monday, Dec. 27

**Daily 3**  
Midday: 9-6-8  
Evening: 6-7-2  
Draw date: Monday, Dec. 27

**Daily Derby**  
First: 11 - Money Bags  
Second: 07 - Eureka  
Third: 03 - Hot Shot  
Race Time: 1:40:18  
Draw date: Monday, Dec. 27

# Today’s Weather



| Local 5-Day Forecast |              |              |              |              |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Tue<br>12/28         | Wed<br>12/29 | Thu<br>12/30 | Fri<br>12/31 | Sat<br>01/01 |
|                      |              |              |              |              |
| 52/41                | 50/43        | 53/42        | 57/38        | 56/36        |

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

**Annual precipitation** (From Oct. 1 through Sept. 30)

**Newhall Pass station:** 3.58”  
*Reading taken 3:56 p.m. Monday.*

|                                 |                                       |   |
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| <b>TEMPERATURE OBSERVATIONS</b> | <u>Monday low</u><br>40° at 2:57 a.m. | <u>Monday high</u><br>47° at 10:57 a.m. |
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**TEMPERATURE HISTORY December 28**

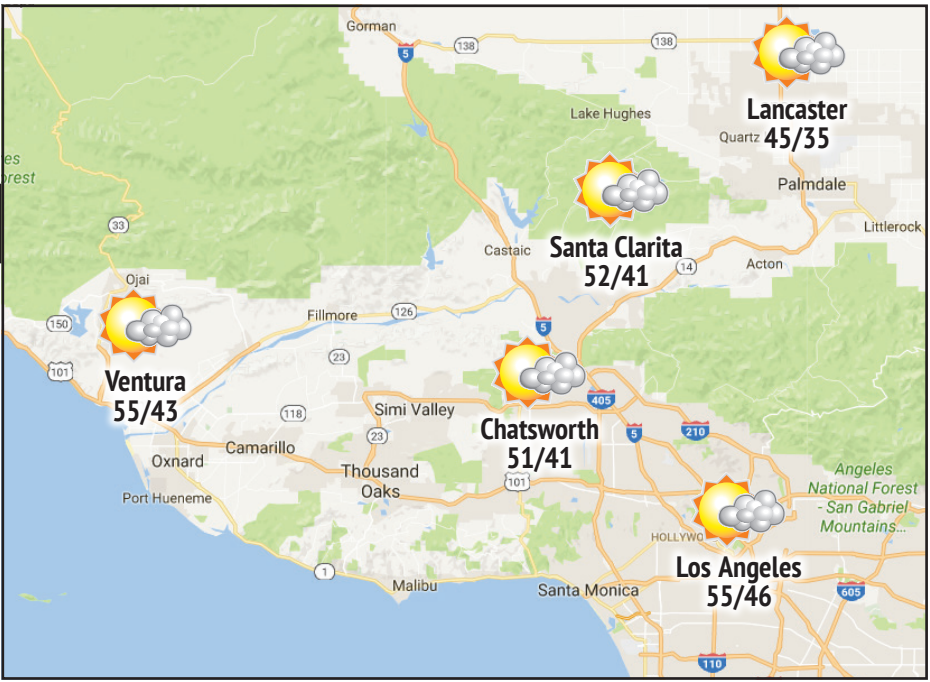
|      | Today | Normal | Record | 12/28/20 |
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| High | 63°   | 51°    | N/A    | 48°      |
| Low  | 40°   | 38°    | N/A    | 40°      |

**SCV air quality**

Good

Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.  
Sunset: 4:52 p.m.  
Duration: 9:55 hr

Moonrise: 12:05 p.m.  
Moonset: 11:53 a.m.  
Duration: 12:48 hr







## Christmas Is Over, So Let’s Revisit Classics

Another Christmas has come and gone. Once again we got excited about the glittering decorations and the music and the Santa cookies. But you know, the holiday is not very woke.

I mean, why is Mrs. Claus stuck at home while Santa gets the attention and the world tour? Why do we only see Gingerbread “Men” and who decided that Christmas was, um, “white?” So because we’ve evolved to the point where in order not to hurt anyone, we lie, I’ve re-examined these beloved classics through an evolved lens, to convince myself how wrong I’ve been over the past six decades.

Christine  
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COMMENTARY

### FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Have you ever wondered who decided Frosty was a man? Was he assigned “male” at birth as a tiny little snowball? Did the fact that he indeed, had tiny little snowballs convince the doctor to declare him a melting baby boy? If so, that is terribly backwards. We should all understand that perhaps this snowperson never fully identified as a man. Perhaps we should simply allow Frosty to tell us who “they” are, and live “their” truest identity in the forest. Because really, do puddles have an exact gender?

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### A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

I think every single one of us was deeply moved by Charlie Brown’s attempt to find beauty in that ugly little tree. Seeing him walk through the forest, ignoring all of those amazing creations and head directly toward that abandoned little orphan sapling was incredibly moving. But after I watched as women found their

voices over these past few years, I realized I’ve been supporting a man (OK, a 5-year-old boy) who had no respect whatsoever for females. Lucy specifically told Charlie to find a nice, big, shiny, flashy tree. Lucy was smart, she understood the whole thing about Christmas. She was a great businesswoman. This is the lady who said, “Look, Charlie, let’s face it. We all know that Christmas is a big commercial racket. It’s run by a big eastern syndicate, you know.” And what did Charlie do? That chauvinist white male, he ignored her. He got the tree he wanted. He showed her that her opinion didn’t matter at all. Complete and utter disrespect for her mind, her judgment and her desire. And then, he essentially forces her to compliment him at the end by agreeing the pathetic little tree he picked wasn’t all that bad. Typical male.

### THE GRINCH WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS

Honestly, the Grinch, who is probably the first asexual non-binary character in children’s literature (unless you count Humpty Dumpty, but this is a Christmas column) was always considered to be a noble person because after stealing all of those things that didn’t belong to him, including the roast beast, he gave it all back. He did it because his heart enlarged three sizes “that day,” which might mean he had an adverse reaction to the vaccine, but that’s another column. But what if he hadn’t given it all back? What if he’d decided to keep everything, because he deserved it. He was a victim of society, and he deserved to have these things that didn’t belong to him. I thought of this as I watched the poor people in California breaking into high-end boutiques and stealing things that also didn’t belong to them, things they so desperately needed like Hermes scarves, Prada bags, gold jewelry and leather boots. These people, like the Grinch, had been left behind and forgotten, disrespected and discriminated against. And so they had a right to steal these things, dammit! Which made me wonder why the Grinch had returned everything. He should have held on to the snoofs, and the tringlers, the fuzzles and the pantookas, the daf-fler and the wuzzles. He could have gotten great resale value for them on the street. I mean, haven’t they heard of criminal justice reform in Whoville?

### THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL

This story always made me cry, knowing that this poor little girl was going to die of cold and hunger on Christmas Eve. But as I replay it in my mind today, I wonder why she didn’t just rent an apartment and stiff the landlord on rent, because the guy who ran the Kingdom, Emperor Biden, wouldn’t have let the owner kick her out. Problem solved.

If only I’d had the benefit of a woke education when I was a child, I wouldn’t have been suckered into believing that Frosty was a man, Charlie was compassionate, the Grinch was righteous and the Little Match Girl was doomed. I would have understood that the real fairy tales are taking place right now, in 2021.

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## Drawing Conclusions — Jeff Stahler



## Enrollment Declines Squeeze Finances

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The 1970s and 1980s were a tumultuous time for California’s public schools, to wit: — A tidal wave of kids from the post-World War II baby boom pushed school enrollment to well over 4 million, but the end of the boom in the mid-1960s and a slowdown in overall population growth drove enrollment downward in the 1970s. Throughout the state, local school systems pared back school construction, sold off school sites and even closed some schools.

— At the time, schools were largely financed by locally imposed property taxes, but in 1971 a successful lawsuit, Serrano vs. Priest, declared that widely varying taxable property values among the state’s school districts unfairly disadvantaged children in low-wealth communities. In response, the Legislature began overhauling school finances to provide what was called “equalization.” — Subsequently, however, in 1978, voters passed Proposition 13, which clamped tight limits on property taxes, compelling the state to assume the fundamental task of financing schools from income and sales taxes and thus shifting wrangling over education finance to the state Capitol.

— California’s population soared in the 1980s due to high immigration and birth rates and so did school enrollment, eventually topping 6 million. In 1988, a decade after Proposition 13’s approval, the education community persuaded voters to pass

Proposition 98, an extremely complex measure that dictates how schools’ share of state revenues is calculated. It has dominated the state budget process ever since.

This snippet of political history is offered because it could be repeated.

California’s once-soaring population has slowed to a trickle, or perhaps even reversed, due to sharp declines in immigration and birth rates. Also, school enrollment, which topped out at 6.2 million a decade ago and remained virtually unchanged until recently, is beginning what demographers believe will be a steady decline.

The COVID-19 pandemic is partially responsible for some recent declines but the state Department of Finance projects that underlying demographic trends will drop enrollment to 5.5 million by 2030, some 700,000 lower than the peak.

“Projected declines are greatest in Los Angeles and Ventura counties — roughly 20% lower by 2030–31,” a recent study by the Public Policy Institute of California declares. “The declines in Los Angeles County are particularly noteworthy: county enrollment has already fallen over 10% in the past decade, and enrollment in 2030–31 is projected to be 30% lower than it was in 2010–11.”

State aid to schools is largely driven by enrollment, so districts that are seeing major declines, particularly large urban systems such as Los Angeles Unified, are beginning to feel the financial pinch and confronting the unpopular task of shutting neighborhood schools.

At the moment, school finances have a respite. Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislators have decreed that state aid is temporarily based on pre-pandemic enrollment but the “hold harmless” gesture is due to expire next year. What happens after that is anyone’s guess.

Decreasing enrollment could be beneficial in the long run, because it could increase per-pupil spending. But that would depend on the willingness of state politicians to once again change the methodology of school financing, moving away from its enrollment base to some other model.

Given the tens of billions of dollars at stake, however, a major overhaul would be a tough political slog. Until and unless it occurs, the local systems seeing the most dramatic enrollment declines will have a difficult time balancing their budgets as their state aid shrinks and their fixed costs, such as pension fund contributions, continue to rise.

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## Letters to the EDITOR

### A Nice Christmas Story

My name is Dennis Bartash and I am a resident of Canyon Country and a disabled Vietnam veteran. About three weeks ago I lost my wallet. I’m not sure where I lost it.

I contacted all the stores I was at and posted that I had lost my wallet in our local internet newsletter. The wallet contained my driver’s license, military IDs, credit cards, and I had just cashed a check to pay bills so there was more than \$300 in the wallet.

As time went by, I gave up and figured that somebody needed the money and didn’t have the courage to return the wallet.

On Dec. 23 in the evening, a Santa Clarita Valley sheriff’s deputy knocked at the door and asked me if I was Mr. Bartash. I replied, “Yes, I am,” and then he said someone had turned in my wallet and he wanted to deliver it to me. I asked the deputy if I could give him a reward and he said absolutely not, and merry Christmas. I went into the house to open my wallet and, to my amazement, everything was there — the money, identification cards, credit cards, and even a few lottery tickets.

This truly was the Christmas spirit and I only have to thank the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff’s Station, the deputy who returned my wallet, and the citizen who turned in the wallet.

It really restored my faith in the residents of the Santa Clarita Valley. I’m sending you this because I think it’s something people should know.

Have a happy holiday season everyone.

Dennis C. Bartash  
Canyon Country

### Looking Deeper into Water Issue

In his letter to the editor (Nov. 17), Ron Perry questions the veracity of “water shortages” during the current drought in light of continued residential development, and quite understandably so. Lots of

new dwellings are being built. Yes, that’s true. We’re in a drought period and water supplies are running low. Yes, that’s also true. But...and this is a BIG but...that’s not how urban development planners decide things. Mr. Perry cited some pretty impressive sources, ranging from the U.S. Geological Survey to NASA, but that’s only half the picture. I did not see a single water utility in his list of sources. He didn’t use the Metropolitan Water District or even SCV Water as a source for information that, if he had it, would have made what he said in his letter “completely” correct, which it isn’t. In fact, he probably wouldn’t have written it in the first place.

For example, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, where I work (and on the water side, no less), updates its Urban Water Management Plan every five years and that 280-page report projects water supply and use looking ahead 25 years. That report is approved by the LADWP Board of Commissioners, certified by the L.A. City Council, and submitted to the state Department of Water Resources. Every water utility in the state with more than 3,000 customers is required by state law to do this. So to make a very long story very short, the water that will be used by these new residences was already allocated several years ago, droughts notwithstanding. The Urban Water Management Plans take into consideration a variety of factors, only half of which are covered by Mr. Perry’s sources.

I would suggest Google’s “Urban Water Management Plan” for “SCV Water” for the longer version of what I just wrote.

Arthur G. Saginian  
Santa Clarita

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# Healthy Living

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## Omicron variant spreads faster than previous mutations

**Dear Doctors:** Can you please talk about the Omicron variant? I keep hearing different information about whether it's worse than the Delta variant and how sick it's going to make you. Why has there been so much panic about this new variant?

**Dear Reader:** We're hearing from many readers regarding the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2, which is the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. We're happy to address what is known thus far, and fully expect to be writing updates as research and data reveal more.

Omicron was first reported to the World Health Organization from South Africa in late November. Its appearance coincided with a marked surge of new infections in the region, which put researchers on high alert. Testing showed that this new variant was spreading faster than previous forms of the coronavirus. When analysis of the virus revealed a significantly higher number of mutations than have previously been observed, Omicron was classified as a "variant of concern." One month after it was identified, the variant was confirmed to have spread to 38 countries on



six continents. The surprisingly rapid spread of a new variant, along with the dozens of mutations that it exhibits, have likely helped drive public concern.

As we've discussed here before, the job of a virus is to replicate. In the course of making multiple copies of itself, genetic mistakes occur. Most of the time, these errors have no effect on the virus and are not repeated. But sometimes, the genetic changes that occur during replication help the virus to become more successful. The end result is that particular version of the virus will get replicated more often, which gives rise to what is known as a variant. That's the mechanism that resulted in the Delta variant, and it is now in play with the Omicron variant.

What remains to be seen is what Omicron's changes to the viral structure of SARS-CoV-2 mean to those who become infected with the virus. It appears that the Omicron variant spreads faster than

the Delta variant, but it's too soon to know for sure. Also unclear at this time is whether Omicron is more severe than other variants. Thus far, COVID vaccines continue to protect against severe disease and death. However, as with the Delta variant and original coronavirus, breakthrough infections are expected. Unfortunately, it will take more real-world data to learn more about how the Omicron variant behaves.

What remains certain is that you can lower your risk of infection through the vigilant use of high-quality masks. While the virus particles themselves are microscopic, they can't move on their own. They hitch a ride on the droplets of a cough, sneeze or exhalation, and those can be physically stopped by the fabric of a good mask. N95 masks, which offer the highest protection, are once again widely available. If you haven't yet been vaccinated, we urge you to do so. And if you're six months or more beyond the second dose of a two-dose vaccine, or two months beyond the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, it's important to get a booster.

**Dear Doctors:** Is it true that we're being told to eat even less salt than

before? I've been hearing that there are new rules about that, but I don't know what they are. How much salt is OK to eat? Why is it that this kind of advice keeps changing?

**Dear Reader:** You are correct about the recent release of updated guidance regarding how much salt we should — or, more accurately, should not — be eating. And it's not a surprise that you're feeling a bit confused. Federal nutrition advice for individuals comes in the form of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which are jointly issued by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services.

However, the new information about salt that you're asking about comes from a different source, namely the Food and Drug Administration. It's aimed not at individuals, but, rather, at the food industry. And because compliance is voluntary — it's basically a request — it has been labeled as "guidance." Specifically, the FDA is asking food manufacturers, restaurants and other vendors of prepared foods to cut the amount of salt in their products in order to help reduce the amount of salt

that the average American consumes each day.

Over the next 30 months, the FDA wants the food industry to adjust its products so that sodium intake drops from 3,400 milligrams to 3,000 mg per day. Despite this being about 12% lower than current sodium levels in prepared foods, it's still markedly higher than the 2,300 mg of sodium per day in the official Dietary Guidelines. And that's the point. Due in large part to the prevalence of prepared foods in the American diet, the average adult here consumes 3,400 mg of sodium per day — and often more.

A study that looked at 450 adults from geographically diverse areas in the U.S. found that salt added to food eaten outside of the home accounted for a whopping 70% of each person's daily sodium intake.

The adverse health effects of excess salt in the diet are well-known. It can lead to high blood pressure, which increases the risk of stroke, heart attack and heart disease. As a reminder, the Dietary Guidelines recommend children between 1 and 3 years old consume less than 1,200 mg of sodium per day. Children between the ages of 4 and 8 should

consume less than 1,500 mg per day, and those 9 to 13 years old should get less than 1,800 mg of sodium per day. And, as we mentioned earlier, 2,300 mg of salt per day is the recommended limit for those 14 years old and older.

Whether or not food manufacturers will comply with the FDA's request remains to be seen. But understanding how much sodium is added to prepared food before you even touch a salt shaker can help you limit your own intake. People who make it a practice to read sodium percentages on food labels say they're often startled by the high numbers, and that this awareness lets them make healthier choices for themselves and for their families.

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## TESTING

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adjust capacity as needed in the coming weeks."

L.A. County capacity expansion includes extended hours of operation at sites across the county, additional weekday and weekend testing dates, additional mobile testing units in hard-hit areas, and the relaunching of the holiday home test collection program with new guidelines to reach more people and make it easier to get tested.

Any L.A. County resident who is symptomatic or believes they were exposed to COVID-19 can order a home testing kit, which requires swab collection to be mailed back for a PCR test result.

As more and more people get tested, L.A. County has continued to see a surge in case rates, with 7,425 cases reported on Monday, according to the county Department of Public Health.

Henry Mayo also reported four additional deaths related to COVID-19 Sunday, for a total of 195 since the onset of the pandemic, according to hospital spokesman Patrick Moody.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Monday announced it had shortened the isolation times for those who have tested positive for



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People line up in their cars to take a COVID-19 test at Kaiser Permanente Santa Clarita on Monday. The line stretched for about a mile down Tourney Road to Magic Mountain Parkway.

COVID-19 from 10 days to five days if asymptomatic, if they wear a mask around others for at least five more days.

The CDC also shortened the recommended time for people to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19 to five days if they are vaccinated, while those who are fully vaccinated and boosted may not need to quarantine at all.

Public Health continues to remind residents that getting vaccinated or boosted remains critical as holiday traveling and gatherings continue, as well as getting tested and wearing masks.

The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of COVID-19 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the one to two

days prior to onset of symptoms and the two to three days after, per the CDC.

"The Omicron variant is spreading quickly and has the potential to impact all facets of our

society," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said in a prepared statement. "CDC's updated recommendations for isolation and quarantine balance what we know about the spread of the virus and the protection provided by vaccination and booster doses. These updates ensure people can safely continue their daily lives. Prevention is our best option: get vaccinated, get boosted, wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial and high community transmission, and take a test before you gather."

L.A. County Public Health officials have yet to clarify whether they'd modify the county's health officer order to align with the CDC's new guidance.

*All COVID-19 services are free to L.A. County residents and can be accessed by anyone regardless of insurance or immigration status. To find a COVID-19 vaccine site near you, visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://vaccinateLACounty.com), or to find a testing site, visit [covid19.lacounty.gov/testing](https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing).*

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

Countywide COVID-19 cases reported in the past 24 hours: 7,425  
Total COVID-19 cases in L.A. County: 1,623,442  
New deaths related to COVID-19 reported in the past 24 hours: 9  
Total COVID-19 deaths in L.A. County: 27,555  
Hospitalizations countywide: 904  
Hospitalizations at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital as of Dec. 26: 20, with 1,708 discharged since the onset of the pandemic.  
COVID-19 cases reported in the Santa Clarita Valley in the past 24 hours: 309, 220 of which came from the city of Santa Clarita.  
Total COVID-19 cases in the SCV: 41,975  
Total COVID-19 deaths in the SCV as of Dec. 26: 373  
Percentage of vaccinated people (at least one dose) in the city of Santa Clarita as of Dec. 19: 78.2%\*  
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*\*These figures now include all eligible Los Angeles County residents ages 5 and older.*

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or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorse as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. **Notice to Potential Bidders:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. **Notice to Property Owner:** The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08000480-19-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **Notice to Tenant:** NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website <http://www.tracker.auction.com/sb1079/>, using the file number assigned to this case CA08000480-19-1 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 6, 2021 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08000480-19-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Jody Glass, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. **NPP0397499 To: NEWHALL SIGNAL & SAUGUS ENTERPRISE 12/14/2021, 12/21/2021, 12/28/2021**

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Notice is hereby given by the William S. Hart Union High School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, in compliance with Assembly Bills 1565 and 1851, that all general contractors and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing ("MEP") subcontractors planning to participate in bidding on certain public projects, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20111.6, shall be pre-qualified prior to submitting bids for such public projects, including lease-leasebacks. All contractors who intend to submit bids on public projects must complete the pre-qualification application and be approved by the District. The District is accepting pre-qualification applications online for the January 2022 period through PlanetBids. A link to the PlanetBids online application is available on the District's Purchasing & Bids Department website at <https://www.hartdistrict.org/apps/pages/purchasing>. The District's January pre-qualification application period will be open from Friday, January 14, 2022 through Monday, January 24, 2022. All applications must be complete and submitted online in the PlanetBids system by January 24, 2022. For detailed instructions and information on the District's pre-qualification procedures, please review the procedures document available on the District's Purchasing & Bids Department website <https://www.hartdistrict.org/apps/pages/notice-inviting-prequalifications>.

**Proposals & Bidding Opportunities**  
The District intends to request proposals and/or bids for construction projects funded with Measure SA General Obligation Bonds and other Capital Facilities Funds. A summary of the status of planned projects is available on the Prequalification link on the District's Purchasing & Bids Department website at <https://www.hartdistrict.org/apps/pages/notice-inviting-prequalifications>.

**Pre-Qualification Applications**  
Pre-qualification applications submitted by contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law, although contents may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of verification, investigation of substantial allegations, and in the process of any subsequent appeal proceedings. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for pre-qualification status be public records subject to disclosure. **Owner's Rights**  
The District reserves the right to waive minor irregularities and omissions in the information contained in the pre-qualification application submitted and to make all final determinations.

William S. Hart Union High School District  
By the Superintendent  
By the authority of the Governing Board of the William S. Hart Union High School District  
Santa Clarita, County of Los Angeles, State of California  
**Published in The Signal December 21, 2021 and December 28, 2021**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**APPLICATION:** Master Case 21-236, Time Extension 21-003  
**PROJECT APPLICANT:** The Master's University  
**PROJECT LOCATION:** 21726 Placerita Canyon Road, consisting of approximately 95 acres of various arcs that comprise The Master's University campus  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant is requesting a time extension for previously approved Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 66503. Tentative Tract Map 66503 was approved by the City Council on January 13, 2009. The approved TTM 66503 entitles the applicant to subdivide The Master's University property to create various lots including: various college campus lots; a residential lot for 42 detached condominium units; open space lots; homeowners association lots; and a water quality basin lot. All proposed lots would be developed in conformance with TTM 66503 and the approved Master's University Master Plan. The Master Plan was granted a time extension in January 2019, extending the life of the Master Plan through January 2029. The applicant is requesting that TTM 66503 be extended for two years with an expiration date of January 13, 2024. The project site is zoned Public/Institutional, Urban Residential 3, and Specific Plan.

The Santa Clarita Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on this matter on the following date:  
**DATE:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
**TIME:** At or after 6:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** City Hall, Council Chambers, 23920 Valencia

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Blvd., First Floor, Santa Clarita, CA 91355  
**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** The proposed time extension is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article 19 Categorical Exemptions, Section 15301, Class 1. A Class 1 exemption consists of the permitting, operation, repair, maintenance, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing or former use. The request consists of the permitting of a time extension for a previously approved tentative tract map and would not result in a change to the approved tentative tract map or Master Plan. A notice of exemption was prepared for the proposed time extension. All mitigation measures of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the original Master Plan project remain valid and in full effect.

If you wish to challenge the action taken on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Clarita at, or prior to, the public hearings. If you wish to have written comments included in the materials the Planning Commission receives prior to the public hearing, it must be submitted to the Community Development Department by Friday, January 7, 2022.

For further information regarding this proposal, you may contact the project planner at the City of Santa Clarita, Permit Center, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 140, Santa Clarita, CA 91355. Telephone: (661) 255 4330. [www.santa-clarita.com/planning](http://www.santa-clarita.com/planning). Send written correspondence to: 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 302, Santa Clarita, CA 91355. Project Planner: James Chow, Senior Planner, [jchow@santa-clarita.com](mailto:jchow@santa-clarita.com)  
Jason Crawford, AICP Planning, Marketing & Economic Development Manager  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**APPLICATIONS:** Master Case 21-197, Tentative Parcel Map 83626  
**PROJECT APPLICANT:** Tourney Plaza III, LLC, James S. Backer  
**PROJECT LOCATION:** 27335 Tourney Road, Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN): 2861-061-107  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant is requesting approval of Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 83626. The proposed TPM would create up to 85 commercial airspace/condominium units for an existing, approximately 45,000 square-foot, three-story, office building. No development or construction is proposed through this process, and the existing building and site would not be physically altered. The property is located in the Business Park (BP) zone within the community of Valencia.

The City of Santa Clarita Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on this matter on the following date:  
**DATE:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
**TIME:** At or after 6:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** City Hall, Council Chambers, 23920 Valencia Blvd., First Floor, Santa Clarita, CA 91355  
**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article 19 Categorical Exemptions, Section 15301, Class 1 of the CEQA Guidelines. A Class 1 exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alterations of existing private structures or facilities. Examples include but are not limited to the subdivision of existing commercial buildings/properties where no physical changes occur. A notice of exemption was prepared for the proposed project.

If you wish to challenge the action taken on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Clarita at, or prior to, the public hearing. If you wish to have written comments included in the materials the Planning Commission receives prior to the public hearing, it must be submitted to the Community Development Department by Friday, January 7, 2022.

For further information regarding this proposal, you may contact the project planner at the City of Santa Clarita, Permit Center, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 140, Santa Clarita, CA 91355. Telephone: (661) 255 4330. Website: [www.santa-clarita.com/planning](http://www.santa-clarita.com/planning). Send written correspondence to: 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 302, Santa Clarita, CA 91355. Project Planner: Mikaela Manion, Assistant Planner II, [## PUBLIC NOTICES](mailto:mmanion@santa-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Los Angeles County Hearing Officer will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below. You will have an opportunity to testify, or you can submit written comments to the planner below or at the public hearing. If the final decision on this proposal is challenged in court, testimony may be limited to issues raised before or at the public hearing. **Hearing Date and Time:** Tuesday February 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. **Hearing Location:** Online. Visit <http://planning.lacounty.gov/ho> and select hearing date for more information. **Project & Permit(s):** Project No. PRJ2021-000295, Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2021000766 **Project Location:** 25550 W. Kavenagh Lane, Stevenson Ranch within the Newhall Zoned District CEQA Categorical Exemptions: Class 3 (Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) **Project Description:** A request to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new 75-foot-high monopine unmanned wireless communications facility in the R-1-5,000 (Single-Family Residential, 5,000-square-foot Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone pursuant to section 22.18.030 of the Los Angeles County Code. For more information regarding this application, contact Soyeon Choi, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP) via e-mail at [schoi@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:schoi@planning.lacounty.gov) or by telephone: (213) 974-6411. Case materials are available online at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/case>. All correspondence received by DRP shall be considered a public record. If you need reasonable accommodations or auxiliary aids, contact the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at (213) 974-6488 (Voice) or (213) 617-2292 (TDD) with at least 3 business days' notice. Si necesita más información por favor llame al (213) 974-6411.  
**12/28/21**  
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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BENJAMIN WILLIAM BLANK Case No. 21STPB11687

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BENJAMIN WILLIAM BLANK:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Darcy Elizabeth Blank in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Darcy Elizabeth Blank be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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 on January 14, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 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



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or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GLENDA G. STOOPS CASE NO. 21STPB12063**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of GLENDA G. STOOPS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MARY G. NUBLING in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARY G. NUBLING be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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: 01/26/22 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.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HARRY COHEN CASE NO. 21STPB11772**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of HARRY COHEN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CAROL LEE ROCHMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CAROL LEE ROCHMAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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: 01/18/22 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

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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.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-17-766361-NJ Order No.: 730-1702882-70**  
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/27/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Michael V Keithley, a married man as his sole & separate property Recorded: 3/7/2007 as Instrument No. 20070496793 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California: Date of Sale: 1/5/2022 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,594,342.27 The purported property address is: 24505 PEACHLAND AVENUE, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91321-3458 Assessor's Parcel No.: 2830-028-028 Legal Description: Please be advised that the legal description set forth on the Deed of Trust is in error. The legal description of the property secured by the Deed of Trust is more properly set forth and made part of Exhibit "A" as attached hereto. Parcel 1. Lot 7 of Tract No 33099, in the City of Santa Clarita, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map recorded in Book 935, Page(s) 68 to 75 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County Parcel 2. A non-exclusive easement for purposes of ingress and egress use and equipment to and for the benefit of Parcel 1 over and across the "Common Area" as same is defined in the "Declaration" and of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions establishing a Planned Development recorded February 5, 1980 as Instrument No. 80-128055, Official Records. Except unto Arthur B Perkins and Marguerita Perkins, husband and wife as joint tenants, as to an undivided one-third interest, Roland R. Riedal and Julia M. Riedal, husband and wife as joint tenants, as to an undivided one-third interest and Alan G. Granger, a married man as his sole and separate property, as to an undivided one-third interest, their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns, an undivided one-half (that is, an undivided one-half of the undivided three-fourths interest) of all oil, gas, natural gasoline hydrocarbon and minerals substances lying, in, under or that may be produced, saved sold or removed from the hereinabove described real property, and in and to all proceeds, rents, royalties, bonuses and other consideration allotable to or which accrue or be payable with respect to the oil, gas, natural gasoline, hydrocarbon and mineral rights herein reserved to grantors for themselves, their respective heirs, successors and assigns do hereby waive and relinquish any and all rights to use or occupy and waive and relinquish any and all rights of ingress or egress on, over or under the

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surface or subsurface to a depth of 500 feet below the surface of the above described real property, as reserved in the Deed recorded January 4, 1955, as Instrument No. 1721, Official Records. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 855 238-5118 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-17-766361-NJ. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 855 238-5118, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-17-766361-NJ to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 855 238-5118 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-17-766361-NJ **IDSPub #0175733 12/14/2021 12/21/2021 12/28/2021**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
Notice is given that proposals for the Community Workforce Agreement Administration and Related Services (BRC0000248), will be received by the County of L.A. Dept. of Public Works, Cashier Office, 900 S. Fremont Ave.,

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Alhambra, CA 91803. Proposals are due no later than 4:00 p.m., January 11, 2021. RFP documents may be obtained by accessing the link at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities/> or will be emailed to you upon request by calling (626) 458-5114.  
**12/28/21**  
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
Notice is given that proposals for the Community Workforce Agreement Administration and Related Services for Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Replacement Program and Other Campus Projects (BRC0000311), will be received by the County of L.A. Dept. of Public Works, Cashier Office, 900 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra, CA 91803. Proposals are due no later than 4:00 p.m., January 11 2022. RFP documents may be obtained by accessing the link at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities/> or will be emailed to you upon request by calling (626) 458-5114.  
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**T.S. No. 094632-CA APN: 2802-017-022 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/12/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER** On 2/8/2022 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/18/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0841864 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JUDITH LOUISE HOUSTON, TRUSTEE OF SURVIVOR'S TRUST CREATED UNDER THE H OUSTON FAMILY TRUST DATED DECEMBER 12, 1996 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 27740 TOLIMA DRIVE, CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91351, AKA, 27740 TOLIMA DRIVE, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91351 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal

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sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$338,695.04 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 094632-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale,

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you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website [www.clearreconcorp.com](http://www.clearreconcorp.com), using the file number assigned to this case 094632-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
File No. 2021 255048  
First Filing  
The following person(s) is J&M EVENTS, 28753 PARK WOODLAND PLACE, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91390  
This business is conducted by a CORPORATION  
The registrant(s) has/have commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above. In 04/2001 JAMENT, INC. - OWNER  
28753 PARK WOODLAND PLACE, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91390  
JORGE LOPEZ - PRESIDENT  
Signature(s)  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/21/2021  
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)  
**The Signal 12/07, 12/14 12/21 & 12/28 2021**

## OPENING A NEW BUSINESS?

### THE SIGNAL CAN HELP!

We will help you publish your Fictitious Business Name or D.B.A.

If you have already filed with the County Clerk, we can publish immediately.

We are adjudicated for LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

**FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL:**

**(661) 287-5508**  
**dba@signalscv.com**

## Bridge

### The hard part is thinking of it

By Phillip Alder

Our friend A.N. Onymous, not Ambrose Bierce, defined "antonym" as the opposite of the word you're trying to think of.

At the bridge table, often the hardest part is actually thinking of the right bid or play. It does not sound like such a Herculean task because the number of choices is limited, but many players do not train themselves to analyze the options.

In today's deal, what are the best plays by each side in three no-trump after West leads the heart queen?

South sees seven top tricks: one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. He will get one more trick from spades if he finds a lucky 3-3 break. However, that would still leave declarer a trick shy of his contract. Aiming to get four club tricks is much more sensible. But how do you think he should do that?

An unthinking player would cash the king and follow with a finesse of dummy's jack. That will work fine if the missing clubs are 3-2. However, when

West turns up with four clubs including the queen, this doesn't work so well. Much better is to cash the club king, then to duck the second round. Here, South sees East discard, so he knows to play low to dummy's jack on the third round of the suit.

Before moving to the comics, though, did you think of West's clever play? When South leads his second club after cashing the king, West should play his queen! South is bound to win with dummy's ace and, here, go down.

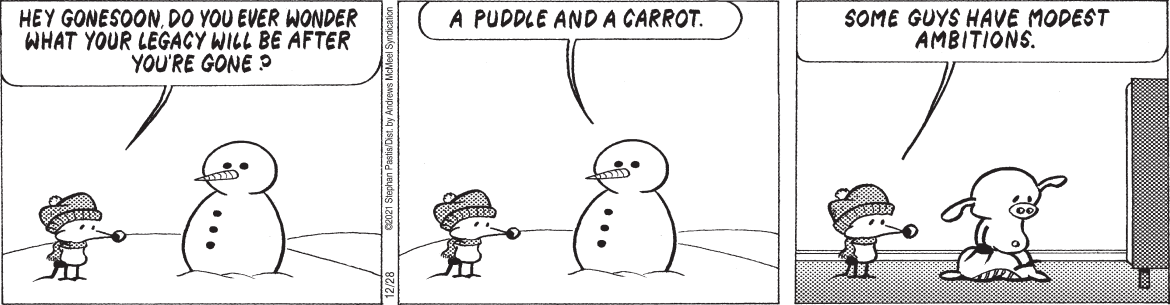
Even if a clever South first leads a low club from his hand, West can still play the queen.

|                   |      | North            | 12-28-21      |
|-------------------|------|------------------|---------------|
|                   |      | ♠ 9 8 5 2        |               |
|                   |      | ♥ 7 4            |               |
|                   |      | ♦ 6 3            |               |
|                   |      | ♣ A J 5 4 2      |               |
| West              |      |                  | East          |
| ♠ 4 3             |      |                  | ♠ K Q J 10    |
| ♥ Q J 10 9 8      |      |                  | ♥ 6 3         |
| ♦ 10 7            |      |                  | ♦ Q J 9 8 5 2 |
| ♣ Q 10 9 7        |      |                  | ♣ 8           |
|                   |      | South            |               |
|                   |      | ♠ A 7 6          |               |
|                   |      | ♥ A K 5 2        |               |
|                   |      | ♦ A K 4          |               |
|                   |      | ♣ K 6 3          |               |
|                   |      | Dealer: South    |               |
|                   |      | Vulnerable: Both |               |
| South             | West | North            | East          |
| 2NT               | Pass | 3♣               | Pass          |
| 3♥                | Pass | 3NT              | All Pass      |
| Opening lead: ♥ Q |      |                  |               |



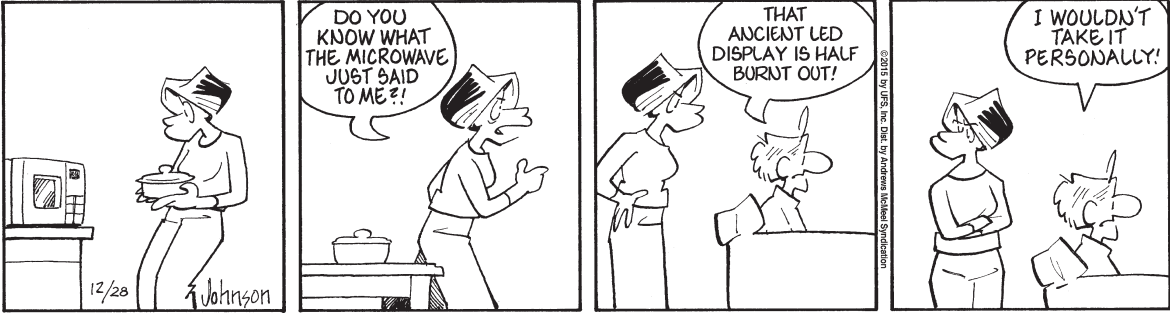
# Morning Break

## Pearls Before Swine



Stephan Pastis

## Arlo & Janis



Jimmy Johnson

## Big Nate



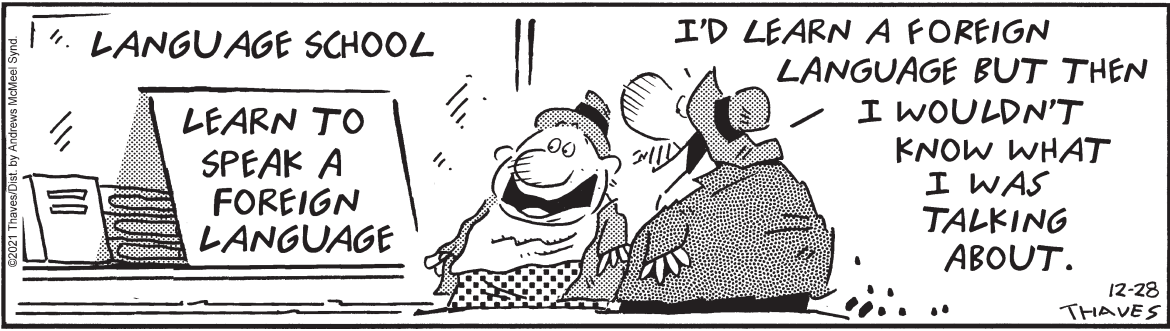
Lincoln Peirce

## Monty



Jim Meddick

## Frank & Ernest



Thaves

## WuMo



Wulff & Morgenthaler

## Marmaduke

Brad Anderson



## Herman

Jim Unger



## Moderately Confused

Jeff Stahler



# SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

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

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

## Crossword Puzzle

### ACROSS

- 1 Ho-hum
- 5 Insert sound effects
- 8 Ranch segment
- 12 Vacillate (hyph.)
- 13 Happy — clam
- 14 Ticket info
- 15 Mr. Scrooge
- 17 Alice's chronicler
- 18 Bite off too much
- 20 England's FBI
- 21 Category
- 24 Prop up
- 26 Water, on the Seine
- 27 Scatter-brain
- 31 Fish-eating bird
- 33 Distant
- 34 Grabs a bite
- 38 Pet lovers' grp.
- 39 Mexican Mrs.
- 40 Criticize
- 41 Dives

### DOWN

- 1 "So long!"
- 2 Slow pitch
- 3 Response on deck
- 4 Accept, as a check
- 5 Bewilder
- 6 Tech support caller
- 7 Minstrel
- 8 — glance

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

|        |        |      |
|--------|--------|------|
| TANK   | MAC    | UGLY |
| WREN   | OVA    | SAID |
| OGEE   | SET    | HISS |
| ORALS  | SCENT  |      |
|        | DAY    | PAR  |
| ARTSY  | RANSOM |      |
| PAY    | AWA    | IAN  |
| RIP    | BIC    | LYE  |
| DEFACE | LISSO  |      |
|        | EKE    | SUN  |
| SPIEL  | OGDEN  |      |
| PEON   | ARI    | RTES |
| RAPT   | NHL    | ETCH |
| ORES   | DOS    | WAKE |

- 9 Roughly
- 10 Curio
- 11 Form a gully
- 16 Smooth and level
- 19 Kyoto sash
- 21 Turns right
- 22 Dodge City marshal
- 23 Now, to Caesar
- 25 Road map info
- 28 In that case (2 wds.)
- 29 Polynesian staple
- 30 Stole
- 32 Toward sunrise
- 35 Pub pints
- 36 Tractable
- 37 Black mark
- 42 Hose down
- 43 Pop-top beverage
- 45 Decreases
- 46 Not express
- 47 Dad's brother
- 49 From Oslo
- 52 Khayyam or Sharif
- 53 Mine find
- 54 Terminates
- 56 Danson or Turner
- 58 Corp. biggie
- 59 Biddy
- 60 Fabric meas.

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |    | 5  | 6  | 7  |    | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12 |    |    |    |    | 13 |    |    |    | 14 |    |    |    |
| 15 |    |    |    |    | 16 |    |    |    | 17 |    |    |    |
|    |    |    | 18 |    |    |    |    | 19 |    | 20 |    |    |
| 21 | 22 | 23 |    |    |    |    |    | 24 | 25 |    |    |    |
| 26 |    |    |    | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 31 |    |    | 32 |    | 33 |    |    |    | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 |
| 38 |    |    |    |    | 39 |    |    |    | 40 |    |    |    |
|    |    |    | 41 | 42 |    |    |    | 43 |    | 44 |    |    |
| 45 | 46 | 47 |    |    |    |    |    | 48 | 49 |    |    |    |
| 50 |    |    |    | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 55 |    |    | 56 |    | 57 |    |    |    |    | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| 61 |    |    |    |    | 62 |    |    |    | 63 |    |    |    |
| 64 |    |    |    |    | 65 |    |    |    | 66 |    |    |    |

## Astrograph

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021

**Timing is critical,** and knowing when to start and when to stop will determine your success. Listen to your inner voice, and you will discover what works best for you. Embrace change and activate skills that can help you overcome obstacles. Push your emotions aside, let go of the past and do what makes you happy.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** —Take a unique approach to life. Make changes that will clear the path to a brighter future. Put your heart on the line and be honest about your feelings. Set your plans in motion.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** —Don't believe everything you hear. Check the facts and walk away from any deal that asks for too much and gives too little. Go over personal paperwork to ensure you

have everything up to date.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** —Keep your wallet in a safe place. The temptation to buy things you don't need will be high. Put more emphasis on making personal gains, stabilizing your future and improving your lifestyle.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** —Listen carefully and observe how others react. Don't feel pressured to make a move if you are unprepared. Look to someone you respect for advice; you'll get a different perspective.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** —A change will spark your imagination and push you in a new and exciting direction. Express your desire to make a difference, and someone influential will support you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** —What you know may not help you when dealing with your peers if you let

your emotions get in the way. Stick to the truth to avoid trouble and sticky situations. Protect your reputation.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** —If you are fun to be with, everyone will want to be with you. Put on a happy face, share memories with a loved one and make plans. Taking control of your life will ease stress.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** —Don't feel that you must follow the crowd or bend to someone's persuasive tactics. Change is good only if it improves your life. When in doubt, step back and gain some perspective.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** —Get in touch with someone who makes you laugh. Sharing your feelings and plans will encourage you to initiate a stabilizing lifestyle change. Focus on what you need to do.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** —Emotions will surface regarding domestic matters. Don't act in haste or say something you'll regret. Bide your time, use your resources and ensure that the changes you make are warranted.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** —You'll receive mixed messages from friends, relatives and colleagues. Don't rely on others. Do your due diligence, and leave no room for error. Say what's on your mind and get things done.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** —Research things that will help you get ahead. Learn all you can and be ready to stretch your mind. Don't let anger take the reins when progressive action can turn a negative into a positive.

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