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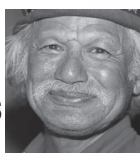
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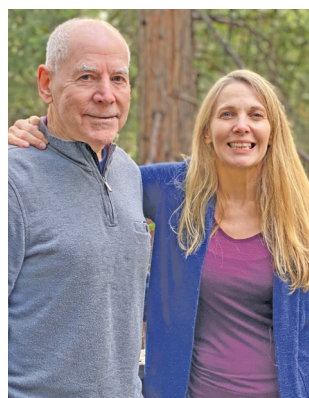
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## IWD settles lawsuit with former GM

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ  
EDITOR

The lawsuit filed by former Idyllwild Water District (IWD) General Manager Michael Creighton seeking \$578,476 in damages from the district settled out of court. The office of Creighton's attorney, Charles P. Boylston, confirmed "that the matter has been resolved."

The newspaper received a copy of the settlement from IWD through a public records request. It could not obtain a copy of the settlement from Boylston's office.

The lawsuit settled for \$30,000, "each side to bear its own attorneys' fees and costs."

The settlement amount will be split into two checks: "a check made out to Michael Creighton in the amount of twenty thousand and ten dollars (\$20,010.00); and a check made out to the 'Law Offices of Charles P. Boylston, APC' in the amount of nine thousand nine hundred and ninety dollars (\$9,990.00). Within five days of the receipt of the check for the settlement amount, counsel for plaintiff [Creighton] shall file with the court a request for dismissal with prejudice of the entire action."

Creighton signed the agreement Dec. 15, 2020.

Creighton filed the wrongful termination lawsuit against IWD based on alleged violations of the California Government Code's Fair Employment and Housing Act and the California Labor Code January of last year. The complaint set forth two causes of action, each alleging the IWD Board of Directors unlawfully terminated him from his general manager position in retaliation for actions he took in opposition to harassment of female coworkers. The lawsuit also alleged that some of the district's board members violated the Brown Act.

Additionally, the lawsuit alleged Creighton "was terminated as a result of plaintiff's opposition to un-

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**Michael Creighton**, far left, and Idyllwild Water District board members during the report out of the special session meeting where Creighton's employment contract was terminated.

PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ

## Homicide on Country Club Drive

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ  
EDITOR

Riverside County Sheriff's Department deputies responded to a call Wednesday night, Feb. 10 at the 53000 block of Country Club Drive in Idyllwild to find 50-year-old Adrian David Denava, of Idyllwild, deceased. The incident occurred about 10 p.m.

The department said Denava "appeared to have been shot." The suspect is Denava's 24-year-old son Adrian Denava Jr, who was located and arrested after fleeing the area. He is being held at Southwest Detention Center and has a court date Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Denava senior was released from Southwest Detention Center Jan. 5 after being arrested Dec. 13 and sentenced on two felony charges. He was also a registered sex offender.

Contact Investigator Gonzales of the Central Homicide Unit at 951-955-2777 or Investigator Atkinson of the Hemet Station at 951-791-3400, if you have any information as this is an active investigation.



AMR's **Kenneth Cardin** picked up 90 'Trauma Bears' from **Patrick Reitz**, who received the bears from an Idyllwild resident who makes them. AMR keeps the bears in the ambulances to give out to children while out on calls to help calm them down, if needed.

PHOTO BY PATRICK REITZ

### Caltrans update:

Caltrans' Keen Camp Maintenance crews along with GEOTech will be removing rock along the embankment of Highway 243 at Postmile 6.5 near Pine Cove from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. The work depends upon weather conditions. Traffic control via flagging operation will be in place. Anticipate up to 30 minute delays in each direction.

## Skeletal remains still unidentified

By JENNY KIRCHNER  
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) confirmed Feb. 8 that skeletal remains were located in the Pinyon Pines area.

"Skeletal remains were located on Feb. 5, but at this time we have not had a positive identification on those remains," wrote RCSD Correctional Sgt. Deanna Pecoraro of the department's media information bureau. "The remains were located near the 70100 block of Highway 74 in Mountain Center [Pinyon Pines]. No further information is available at this time."

Since Feb. 8, no further information has been released. On Monday morning, the Town Crier emailed RCSD Sgt. Deanna Pecoraro for any updates on the identity of the remains.

"We do not have any update on those remains at this time," Pecoraro replied. "Still pending the coroner."

The newspaper also asked Pecoraro for updates regarding the five missing people. A response was not received by press time.

### Five people remain missing

Eight people have gone missing in the area since March of last year and five remain missing.

On Sept. 10, an RCSD SUV was spotted hauling an off-road vehicle near Highway 243 and Saunders Meadow Road.

According to Hemet Sheriff Station Capt. Leonard Purvis, "They were conducting follow-up searches for Melissa Lane."

While it was unclear exactly where on the mountain deputies were searching for Lane, Purvis also confirmed that the search didn't provide any further information or evidence of where Lane may have gone missing.

Lane, 41 at the time she disappeared, was last seen June 15, according to a poster that was displayed in the Mountain Center area. The Town Crier spoke to Kathy Lamont, Lane's mother, right after she was reported missing.

"She was an avid hiker but didn't have a destination," Lamont said. "She was last seen in Pine Cove. I don't know if she's dead or alive."

Rosario Garcia was last seen at her home July 7, 2020 in Hemet by her family. According to Garcia's family, her car was found on Sawmill Trail 5E02 in Pinyon Pines two days after she was last seen, but there was no sign of Garcia.

Garcia, who was 73 years old at the time she disappeared, was suffering from the onset of Alzheimer's disease, which the family thinks she had for about two years.

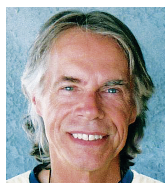
While she didn't travel far from home, she did still enjoy trips to the casinos and would run errands near her home in Hemet.

Earlier last year, Roy Prifogle was reported missing after going on a hike in the

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COVID-19 LOCAL UPDATE:

# Purple tier and no relief

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ  
EDITOR

The state has shut down and reopened small businesses multiple times since the first Stay-at-Home Order in March 2020 while large corporations have been able to remain open. This has left many small businesses, who have been able to keep their doors open, struggling to keep their business afloat. Many businesses across the country have permanently shut their doors.

The county returned to the most-restricted purple tier of the state's four-tier system after the latest Stay-at-Home Order was lifted. Local restaurants are now faced with offering outdoor dining with temperatures dipping into the 30s and 40s.

For information on SBA's assistance to small businesses, visit [sba.gov/ppp](https://sba.gov/ppp) or [treasury.gov/cares](https://treasury.gov/cares). To contact the county of Riverside's Business and Community Services department, call 951-955-0493 or send an email to [bizinfo@rivco.org](mailto:bizinfo@rivco.org) for local assistance.

Another stimulus bill is being negotiated but has not

passed the House and Senate as of press time, again.

For more information on the COVID-19 shot, visit [www.rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine](https://www.rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine) or call 2-1-1. Seniors can call the Riverside County Office on Aging at 800-510-2020.

The county recently announced: "For those who received a first dose at a county vaccine clinic (also called points of distribution or PODs), local health officials will reach out to residents through the contact method provided at the first appointment. At that time, the county will provide instructions for receiving the second dose conforming to the current CDC guideline on timeframes. Residents who received their first dose at [a] private provider, should contact that same provider to schedule their second dose."

The CDC announced the second dose of the COVID-19 shot can be administered 42 days after the first dose instead of the originally recommended 21 or 28 days.

The San Bernardino County Medical Society will host a free online COVID-19 panel discussion from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 with the Riverside County Medical Association.

Panelists will discuss COVID-19 outpatient treatment options, new treatments and potential vaccine side effects and its long-term effectiveness and efficacy.

Attendees need to register at <https://www.sbcm.org/events>.

According to the Riverside University Health

System - Public Health (RUHS) website, the area of Idyllwild-Pine Cove has a total of 111 reported COVID-19 cases since the outbreak and one death reported. Ninety-five of the 111 people have recovered.

Riverside County has 0% ICU bed availability and 0% in the region, according to the county's website.

As of press time on Feb. 16, Riverside County has 285,414 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 3,524 deaths related to COVID-19 and 246,381 people have recovered. Six hundred and sixty individuals are being hospitalized, and of those, 185 are in the ICU. The county's positivity rate is 14.4%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 is 44.9.

As of press time on Feb. 9, Riverside County had 282,736 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 3,377 deaths related to COVID-19 and 237,199 people had recovered. Seven hundred and sixty-eight individuals were being hospitalized, and of those, 209 were in the ICU. The county's positivity rate was 16.6%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 62.3.

As of press time on Jan. 26, Riverside County had 264,363 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 2,857 deaths related to COVID-19 and 186,119 people had recovered. One thousand three hundred and four individuals were being hospitalized, and of those, 334 were in the ICU. The county's positivity rate was 23.5%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 148.4.

To date, 2,341,719 total tests have been given for COVID-19 in Riverside County, according to RUHS.

# COVID-19 updates & resources

**COVID-19 testing**  
COVID-19 testing is available for those with or without symptoms. Testing is free and available for everyone.

To take a PCR swab test, visit [GetTested.ruhealth.org](https://GetTested.ruhealth.org) or call 800-945-6171 to make an appointment. For more testing options, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-tested/>.

**Food assistance**  
For those needing to connect with food resources, visit <https://rivcoph.org/coronavirus> and select "Food Access" at the top right for a county map directing you to food pantries, senior and school meals. For WIC assistance, visit [www.rivhero.com](https://www.rivhero.com).

Food boxes are available through Mountain Communities Mutual Aid. Orders must be placed by noon Wednesdays for Thursday distribution. Visit [www.mountainaid.net](https://www.mountainaid.net) for more details and to place an order.

HUSD will serve students supper, lunch and breakfast at no charge for students enrolled in the district at Hamilton School, Idyllwild School and Hemet High (3:30 to 5 p.m. only) from 6 to 7 a.m. and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays. Due to no school the week of Feb. 15 to 19, students received two meal boxes the week prior to cover the two weeks.

**Behavioral health**  
For those in need of behavioral health assistance, you may utilize a computer and smartphone app called TakeMyHand.co. A 24/7 free, confidential crisis or suicide intervention service can be reached at 951-686-HELP (4357). You may also contact 2-1-1 or call the behavioral health CARES line at 800-706-7500.

**Schools update**  
The Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) and Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) began the 2020/21 school year with distance learning.

IAA students returned to campus Oct. 1. For more information, visit [idyllwildarts.org](https://idyllwildarts.org).

The HUSD board decided that the district will continue with the online learning model through the end of the 2020/21 school year.

The district announced the following Jan. 12: "On Dec. 30, Newsom announced a proposed plan for school districts to provide in-person instruction. This plan pertains to kindergarten through sixth grade and has specific criteria that the district must meet to return to some form of in-person instruction. One criterion is the county where the district is located must have a COVID-19 adjusted case rate that is fewer than 28 cases per 100,000 people. Unfortunately, Riverside County does not meet this threshold and therefore we are unable to bring students back into a hybrid model at this time. It is also significant to note that the governor's Safe Schools for All Plan that was announced on Dec. 30 may change as it has not been approved by the Legislature."

For more information, visit [www.hemetusd.org/apps/pages/parent-communications](https://www.hemetusd.org/apps/pages/parent-communications).

According to Alexandria Sponheim, HUSD public information officer, "Our facilities and maintenance and operations departments have used this time to complete projects that are normally reserved for the summer or have been scheduled for future years. For example, we have been able to do asphalt replacements, concrete replacements, roofing projects, and other projects that may have been put off based on the shortened timeline of summer work. In addition, regular and routine maintenance is being done as we still have staff members reporting to work each day and work areas and surfaces need to be disinfected."

Sponheim also told the newspaper that "HUSD has not increased or given any hazard pay during the pandemic" and "the amount of staff (classified and certificated) at our school sites varies day-to-day. This flexibility was agreed upon through the collective bargaining process. The staff that elect

to work from home do so for a variety of reasons including but not limited to underlying health conditions, having someone within their home with a compromised immune system, etc."

HUSD provides mobile hot spots. However, it realized that was not always adequate in the areas of Anza and Idyllwild. In response, the district stationed two buses that distribute a Wi-Fi signal - one at Town Hall and the other at Lake Hemet - from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. HUSD partnered with the Anza Community Center to bring internet access to students.

**Reopening**  
Gov. Gavin Newsom outlined a color-coded, tiered system that will use two metrics to measure the coronavirus: spread rate and test positivity percentage.

The tiers are designated by four colors: purple (widespread), red (substantial), orange (moderate) and yellow (minimal with the lowest restrictions).

Counties must remain at each tier for a minimum of 21 days. The metrics are tracked at [www.COVID19.ca.gov](https://www.COVID19.ca.gov).

For more information on state guidance, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>.

**Local entities update:**

**Fern Valley Water District:** The office is closed to the public.

**Idyllwild Community Center:** ICC has closed all of its programs (including sports, senior fitness and child care) for the time being. The food distribution program is still occurring.

**Idyllwild Fire Protection District:** The front office is open by appointment only.

**Idyllwild HELP Center and Thrift store:** Check their Facebook page for updates.

**Idyllwild Library:** The library reopened Feb. 8 with modified

services. Capacity will be limited to 10 and masks will be required. The library offers free 24-hour Wi-Fi that can be accessed outside the library. If you have questions, call 951-659-2300.

**Idyllwild Pharmacy:** The pharmacy is open. A face mask is required. Check the Idyllwild Pharmacy Facebook page for updates on hours.

**Idyllwild Shuttle:** The current schedule is as follows: Door-to-door service from Pine Cove to Mountain Center is provided Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call the day you need a ride. There is transportation to Palm Desert and Palm Springs on Mondays via Mountain Center. Transportation to Hemet via Mountain Center is provided on Wednesdays. To get transportation to the food share at Mountain Center on Tuesdays, meet at the HELP Center at noon. Reservations are required. Call 951-426-9688 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you are utilizing the shuttle, a face mask and hand sanitation is required. Off-Hill transportation is for medical appointments only.

**Idyllwild Town Crier:** The office is open to the public by telephone only. For advertising information, contact Becky Clark ([becky@towncrier.com](mailto:becky@towncrier.com)) or Mandi Johnson ([mandy@towncrier.com](mailto:mandy@towncrier.com)) and for editorial questions contact Melissa Diaz Hernandez ([melissa@towncrier.com](mailto:melissa@towncrier.com)). Newspapers will be available to purchase in front of the new Town Crier office at 54391 Village Center Drive Suite #5, Idyllwild Pharmacy, Mountain Center and Pine Cove markets and at Village and Fairway markets, Mountain Top Liquor, the Idyllwild Chevron and Shell stations, and Lake Hemet Market.

**Idyllwild Water District:** The office is open by appointment only.

**Pine Cove Water District:** The office is closed to the public.

**Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival:** This was scheduled for Feb. 12 to 21, 2021, and has been canceled.

**Riverside County offices:** Visit county department websites or call for updates and assistance on how to complete requests online, over the phone or through the mail.

**State parks:** Visit [www.parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve](https://www.parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve) for updated information.



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Part-time teens built an igloo Sunday and Monday in the meadow on Franklin Drive.  
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## Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service


Wednesday 2/17

 **50/36**  
Sunny


Thursday 2/18

 **53/40**  
Sunny


Friday 2/19

 **60/42**  
Sunny


Saturday 2/20

 **53/38**  
Sunny


Sunday 2/21

 **55/42**  
Sunny

Monday 2/22

 **62/39**  
Sunny

Tuesday 2/23

 **66/40**  
Sunny


Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at [www.weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov).

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
02/09	57	32	0.00	0.0	
02/10	57	31	0.00	0.0	
02/11	60	30	0.00	0.0	
02/12	47	35	0.00	0.0	
02/13	49	31	0.00	0.0	
02/14	48	28	0.00	0.0	
02/15	53	29	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
02/09	45	29	0.00	0.0	
02/10	49	32	0.00	0.0	
02/11	53	30	0.00	0.0	
02/12	54	26	0.00	0.0	
02/13	59	32	0.00	0.0	
02/14	56	50	0.00	0.0	
02/15	58	27	0.00	0.0	

The Town Crier's Idyllwild daily high and low temperatures and rain and snow totals in the past were taken directly from the National Weather Service website, which gets its Idyllwild weather information from automatic weather sensing equipment at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. [We are seeking reliable Idyllwild and Pine Cove full-time residents to provide this information. Residents who follow CoCoRaHS procedures would be strongly preferred. CoCoRaHS is an organization of private, amateur weather observers that provides carefully collected data for use by the NWS. If you are interested in providing us with rain and snow reports, please contact [jack@towncrier.com](mailto:jack@towncrier.com) or (951) 659-2145.]

Our weather season is July 1 to June 30. Our season totals now have been corrected for the period July 1 through September 17, 2018, which prior to this issue of the TC had been in error. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at [www.idyllwildtowncrier.com](https://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com) or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



Temperatures hovered in the mid-40s throughout the day Tuesday.  
PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR



# New county executive officer salary approved

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ  
EDITOR

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the \$325,000 annual salary plus fringe benefits last week for County Executive Officer (CEO) Jeffrey A. Van Wagenen Jr., who was unanimously selected to fill the role in a special closed-session meeting. The agreement is for three years.

Additionally, he “shall automat-

ically receive an annual salary increase of 4% upon satisfactory performance as county executive officer on the anniversary date of the effective date of this agreement,” the employment agreement reads.

Van Wagenen replaces George Johnson, who retired in December. Juan C. Perez served as the interim CEO.

The annual salary range for the position is \$262,821.10 to \$413,826.40.

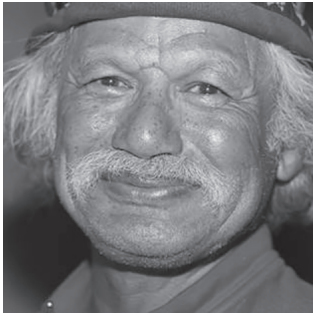
According to the county’s press release addressing his background,

“Van Wagenen has worked for 14 years in public service with the county of Riverside, including the last three years as assistant CEO for seven public safety departments. Prior to his latest tenure with the county, he owned and operated a criminal law office for 10 years. Van Wagenen earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern California and his juris doctorate from the University of California, Hastings College of Law in San Francisco.”

# Life Tribute Clark Jacobs 1953-2021

On Thursday, Feb. 4, Idyllwild’s beloved rock-climbing legend Clark Jacobs passed away from complications due to COVID-19.

Always a fighter, Clark battled many physical ailments including Waldenstrom’s macroglobulinemia (rare blood cancer) for 16 years.



Many who knew him would agree that it never stopped him from enjoying life to the fullest.

Clark was born in the Netherlands to Hetty and George Jacobs in 1953. They immigrated to California in 1957, eventually settling in Pasadena.

A free spirit with wanderlust, Clark’s love of nature and exploration developed as a teen when he explored the local San Gabriel Mountains, visited Yosemite with his parents in 1968 and cut his teeth on the rocks at Stoney Point and granite faces of Suicide Rock.

Clark’s climbing pursuits ranged from bivouacs in the Rockies and Tetons to the smooth faces and cracks of Idyllwild and Yosemite. The rough stone of Joshua Tree and lichen faces of The Needles added to his long climbing resume.

However, Clark’s accomplishments were not measured by the first ascents, solos on Flower of High Rank or the number of big wall climbs in the Valley. They were measured by the lives he touched throughout his years of climbing and teaching. Never one to refuse a free beer or meal, people embraced Clark because of what he offered them ... honesty, joy and a zest for life.

A good story or joke was always at the ready. He was a teacher, a mentor, an athlete and a friend to all of those he met.

Clark was instrumental in much of the development and growth of climbing in Idyllwild over the last 40 years. Protecting the environment, climbing routes and those who climbed there were his passion.

He installed and replaced many of the bolts and hangers in Idyllwild. If you ever clipped in there, you can probably bet Clark had something to do with it.

Clark is survived by his younger brother Jimmy and the extended family of friends in Idyllwild, Joshua Tree, Yosemite and all throughout the country.

An online memorial service will be held on his birthday, March 12. You may contact his brother via email at jamesjacobs1969@gmail.com for more information.

# ICC’s Stephanie Yost appointed to First 5 commission

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ  
EDITOR

Idyllwild Community Center Board President Stephanie Yost was appointed to the First 5 Children and Families Commission by the county board of supervisors at its Tuesday, Feb. 2 meeting.

“I was both honored and excited when Supervisor Chuck Washington’s office contacted me regarding an appointment to represent Riverside County District 3 to First 5 Riverside Children and Families Commission,” Yost told the newspaper. “Having worked for many years in educational products for early

learners, I feel passionate about the commission’s commitment to supporting young children’s development during those critical first five years of growth.”

Proposition 10 (California Children and Families Act, passed November 1998) funds the commission.

# Bonita Fire cause still unknown

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ  
EDITOR

The Bonita Fire is 100% contained. The newspaper contacted the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) after receiving a response from Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department that the cause was under investigation by the USFS.

As of Feb. 2, the newspaper was told by USFS there was nothing regarding an update that week and maybe we would want to ask the following week. The newspaper has not received an update as of press

time.

Firefighters responded to a wildland fire Friday, Jan. 15 at 1:16 a.m. at the 28000 block of Bonita Vista Drive in Apple Canyon (between Mountain Center and Garner Valley).

The USFS took over the incident, which had been under the command of Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department, Friday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m., the same day the fire broke out. The fire grew to a total of 715 acres.

The fire forced the evacuation of Mountain Center and road closures at Morris Ranch Road and Borco Street on Highway 74 and Highway 243

at Saunders Meadow Road within hours of the fire igniting. All road closures and evacuations were lifted by 6 p.m. the same day.

According to Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department’s webpage for the incident, “the first arriving engine company reported 15 acres of heavy vegetation and pine trees involved.”

Residents were directed to visit <https://rivcoready.org/ActiveEvents>, for updated evacuation information. Visit <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/>, for tips on preparing for a wildfire.

# IWD settlement

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lawful practices engaged in by [Hosny] Shouman [chief financial officer], and the board with regard to perceived violations of the Brown Act.” It also alleged that if it were “not for the unlawful termination, plaintiff would have continued working at least four more years.”

The IWD board voted to terminate Creighton’s employment contract Sept. 25, 2019 in a special closed-session meeting.

Creighton, as reported by the Town Crier, worked for IWD in the late 1970s conducting wastewater testing and served on its board from 1983 to 1997.

Right, the terms of the settlement and dismissal of the lawsuit filed by former Idyllwild Water District General Manager Michael Creighton early last year.

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AGREEMENT

1. **Settlement and Dismissal.** Plaintiff shall dismiss the Lawsuit, in its entirety, with prejudice, and shall release and discharge any and all claims and causes of actions, lawsuits, administrative charges, or grievances of any kind whatsoever against Defendant, its past or present employees, officers, directors, managers, affiliates, attorneys, insurers (including ACWA-JPIA), agents, successors, heirs, and assigns (collectively “Releasees”) arising out of the events or incidents referred to in the pleadings or litigation of this Lawsuit, or in any manner related to Plaintiff’s employment with Defendant and his separation from such employment, in exchange for the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) (“Settlement Amount”), each side to bear its own attorneys’ fees and costs.

Plaintiff acknowledges that at the time of his termination, he was paid in full for all wages and benefits owing to him, and that he has no claim for unpaid wages or benefits. Plaintiff represents that the Settlement Amount makes him whole for any and all damages suffered, including personal injury, and that he alone is and will be fully responsible for the payment of any and all amounts governmental or tax authorities may claim are due, if any. Plaintiff acknowledges that the Defendant is relying on, among other things, this specific provision in entering into this Agreement, in paying the Settlement Amount, that this Agreement is not contingent upon any particular tax characterization or treatment of such sums.

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CDC issues color coded guide for school reopening but could create more confusion in California

By LOUIS FREEDBERG  
EdSource

As educators around California await further guidance from Sacramento on school reopening, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a color-coded guide (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/schools-childcare/Operational-Strategy-for-K-12-Schools-through-Phased-Mitigation.pdf> ) to help school districts decide under what conditions they could offer in-person instruction.

The CDC guidance bears a striking resemblance to what California already has in place. But it could generate more confusion because the color codes it has in mind don't match California's four-tier system, and in general are less stringent than the state has set for each level. Under the CDC standards more schools would be allowed to open than in California in districts in communities with higher new case and test positivity rates. State health officials will have to decide whether to change California's system to match the CDC's recommendations, or to leave the state's system in its current form.

The biggest difference is that California's standards for opening school levels have the force of law, while the CDC's guidance are merely intended as a guide for states and local districts.

In one of the strongest statements on this topic yet from the CDC, the guidance states that “K-12 schools should be the last settings to close after all other mitigation measures in the community have been employed, and the first to reopen when they can do so safely. Many K-12 schools that have implemented mitigation strategies have been able to safely open for in-person instruction and remain open. This operational strategy presents a pathway to reopen schools and help them remain open through consistent use of mitigation strategies, especially universal and correct use of masks and physical distancing.

Reinforcing what Gov. Newsom has been saying, the CDC says vaccinations “should not be considered a condition for reopening schools for in-person instruction.” It also does not require schools to do asymptomatic testing of staff and students, although it says that schools “may elect” to do so “as a strategy to identify

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cases and prevent secondary transmission.”

While California educators try to digest the new, lengthy CDC guidelines, they are also awaiting the outcome of negotiations between Gov. Newsom and the state Legislature regarding efforts to come up with a more robust school re-opening plan, which could complicate the entire system even further. Key elements of Newsom's “Safe Schools for All” plan are in limbo, after coming under intense criticism from a range of sources.

A week ago, Newsom indicated that a revised strategy would be issued within days. But sources say that the negotiations have been intense, and difficult. As of 1 p.m. Friday, no announcement had been made, and none appears to be forthcoming today.

The new CDC guidance for school reopening envisions a phased in approach based on red, orange, yellow and blue tiers. In contrast, California's tiers are purple, red, orange and yellow. Unlike California's tiers, in which purple is the most restrictive category, the CDC's color codes don't include purple, and is the most restrictive category.

Under the CDC plan, schools in the blue and yellow tiers could open for “full in-person instruction,” along with sports and extracurricular activities, as long as strict social distancing and masking practices are followed. In the orange tier, K-12 schools could also open, but in a more restricted way — either by having hybrid instruction, with some classes offered via distance learning and others in-person, or through what the CDC calls “reduced attendance.”

In the red tier, middle and high school students would have to remain in a distance learning mode, unless schools “can strictly implement all mitigation strategies.” All sports and extracurricular activities would have to be carried out virtually.

It will take time and effort to sort out the differences in how the CDC and California define their various color codes.

The CDC uses similar measures to California in determining what color a district is assigned — the average rate of new infections and the test positivity rate. But the CDC's definitions are slightly different. The CDC, for example, takes into account the weekly rate

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Our Members keep renewing, and new Members join them

By JACK CLARK  
Co-PUBLISHER

During these COVID times, when so many Hill businesses are suffering, your Memberships are more and more important to keep the Town Crier operating for our Hill.

And every week, Becky and I are sending thank you cards to our new and renewing Members. We've economized about as much as we can now, so your Memberships are all the more important.

Indications are that many Hill businesses likely will be reopening sometime during the next several months, and, of course, they will want to let us all — and our Hill's many tourists — know about their reopenings, new business hours and their special offerings.

In the meantime, we at the Town Crier will do our best to cover matters of importance on our Hill. Thanks to all you Town Crier Members, Readers and Advertisers for keeping the Town Crier serving our community.

Former President Donald Trump

DEAR EDITOR:

Common sense tells me that we should value our democracy, not so much the party, as I have voted for a Republican president and Democrat.

I have split my vote at times in my life. But never in my lifetime of 74 years have I been so afraid of my democracy with this man [former President Donald Trump] at the helm I can't even mention his name.

My only prayer is the short time that I may have on this Earth that we never ever have a tyrant like Donald Trump as president of the United States. Please do whatever it takes for this man not to run for elections again.

Rosa Rivera Perez  
Palm Springs



Lawsuit against Town Crier parent company dismissed

By JACK CLARK  
Co-PUBLISHER

The lawsuit filed by J.L. Pentrack against Idyllwild House Publishing Co. Ltd. (IHP), the parent company of the Idyllwild Town Crier newspaper, has been dismissed.

In exchange, IHP dismissed its cross-complaint back against Pentrack. No money or anything else of value was exchanged by the parties.

The Town Crier reported on this lawsuit after it was filed in Riverside County Superior Court in April 2016. The suit, which involved internal IHP business matters, never proceeded beyond the filing of the initial pleadings. No court appearances were made.

About 10 years ago, a local lawyer sued the Town Crier for defamation. That case was settled by the lawyer paying \$5,000 to the Town Crier.

The current publishers of the Town Crier are not aware of any other legal actions against the newspaper, or any of its parent companies, since its founding in 1946.

The Town Crier will celebrate its 75th anniversary of publication later this year.

MATTER OF FACT

In the Feb. 4, 2021, issue, Flowers of the Forest omitted Jim Palmer from its list of people we lost in 2020.

Town Crier regrets the error. Also, Bill Whitman, local physical therapist/attorney, is alive and well. The Bill Whitman listed in Flowers of the Forest was from Garner Valley.

Some safety tips from Cal Fire:

1. Don't mow or trim dry grass on windy days.
  2. Never pull your vehicle over in dry grass.
  3. Target shoot only in approved areas, use lead ammunition only, and never shoot at metal objects.
  4. Check and obey burn bans.
  5. Ensure campfires are allowed, and if so, be sure to extinguish them completely.
  6. Report any suspicious activities to prevent arson.
  7. If you see something — say something.
- To learn how you can be prepared for wildfires and evacuation steps, visit ReadyForWildfire.org and preventwildfire.ca.org.

**CDC's Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Mitigation**

K-12 schools should be the last settings to close after all other mitigation measures in the community have been employed, and the first to reopen when they can do so safely. Many K-12 schools that have implemented mitigation strategies have been able to safely open for in-person instruction and remain open. This operational strategy presents a pathway to reopen schools and help them remain open through consistent use of mitigation strategies, especially universal and correct use of masks and physical distancing.

**Mitigation strategies to reduce transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in schools**

Regardless of the level of community transmission, all schools should use and layer **mitigation strategies**. Schools providing in-person instruction should prioritize two mitigation strategies:

- Universal and correct use of **public** should be required.
- Physical distancing (at least 6 feet) should be maximized to the greatest extent possible.

**Phased mitigation and learning modes**

At any level of community transmission, there are options for in-person instruction (either full or hybrid) for all schools by strictly using mitigation strategies:

- In-person learning for elementary schools is likely to have less risk of in-school transmission than for middle schools and high schools.
- Families of students who are at increased risk of severe illness or who live with people at high risk should be given the option of virtual instruction regardless of the mode of learning offered.
- In-person instruction should be prioritized over extracurricular activities including sports and school events, to minimize risk of transmission in schools and protect in-person learning.
- Schools are encouraged to use cohorting or podding of students to facilitate testing and contact tracing, and to minimize transmission across cohorts.
- Students, teachers, and staff who are at high risk of severe illness or who live with people at high risk should be provided virtual options.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

**Recommended Implementation of Mitigation Strategies and K-12 School Learning Modes by Level of Community Transmission**

Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
<b>All schools:</b> Universal and correct use of masks is required. Implementing other key mitigation strategies: handwashing and respiratory etiquette; cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities; contact tracing and diagnostic testing in combination with quarantine and isolation.		<b>Elementary schools in hybrid mode:</b> physical distancing of 6 feet or more required	
K-12 schools open for full in-person instruction Physical distancing of 6 feet or more to the greatest extent possible		Middle and high schools in hybrid learning mode or reduced attendance Physical distancing of 6 feet or more is required	Middle and high schools in virtual only instruction unless they can strictly implement all mitigation strategies, and have few cases; schools that are already open for in-person instruction can remain open, but only if they strictly implement mitigation strategies and have few cases
Sports and extracurricular activities with masks required; physical distancing of 6 feet or more to the greatest extent possible	Sports and extracurricular activities with masks and physical distancing of 6 feet or more required	Sports and extracurricular activities occur only if they can be held outdoors, with masks and physical distancing of 6 feet or more required	Sports and extracurricular activities virtual only

Levels of community transmission defined as total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days: low, <5%; moderate, 5-9%; substantial, 10-14%; high, >14%. Percentage of positive tests in the past 7 days: low, <5%; moderate, 5-9%; substantial, 10-14%; high, >14%. Diagnostic testing for SARS-CoV-2 is intended to identify occurrence of SARS-CoV-2 infection at the individual level and is performed when there is a reason to suspect that an individual may be infected, such as having symptoms or suspected recent exposure.

Hybrid learning or reduced attendance is intended to maximize physical distance between students. Schools may consider hybrid learning modes or instructional modes where substantial percentages of students are in virtual only instruction. At all levels of community transmission, schools should provide families the option to participate in virtual learning if a student or family member is at risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

\*Strict implementation of mitigation strategies includes policies that require consistent and correct use of masks, physical distancing of at least 6 feet, all other key mitigation strategies.

\*School officials should implement limits on operators and attendees for sports, extracurricular activities, and school events as consistent with recommendations for masking and physical distancing for each event.

**Additional COVID-19 Prevention in Schools**

**Testing**

When schools implement testing combined with mitigation, they can detect new cases to prevent outbreaks, reduce the risk of further transmission, and protect students, teachers, and staff from COVID-19.

- **Diagnostic Testing:** At all levels of community transmission, schools should offer referrals for diagnostic testing to any student, teacher, or staff member who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 at school or who is a close contact of a person who tested positive.
- **Screening Testing:** Some schools may also elect to use screening testing as a strategy to identify cases and prevent secondary transmission. Weekly screening testing can be used as an additional layer of mitigation to complement mitigation strategies in schools.

**Vaccination for teachers and staff, and in communities as soon as supply allows**

Teachers and school staff hold jobs critical to the continued functioning of society and are at potential occupational risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2. In order to support safe school reopening, state, territorial, local, and tribal (STLT) officials should consider giving high priority to teachers in early phases of vaccine distribution.

Access to vaccination should nevertheless not be considered a condition for reopening schools for in-person instruction. Even after teachers and staff are vaccinated, schools need to continue mitigation measures for the foreseeable future, including requiring masks in schools and physical distancing.

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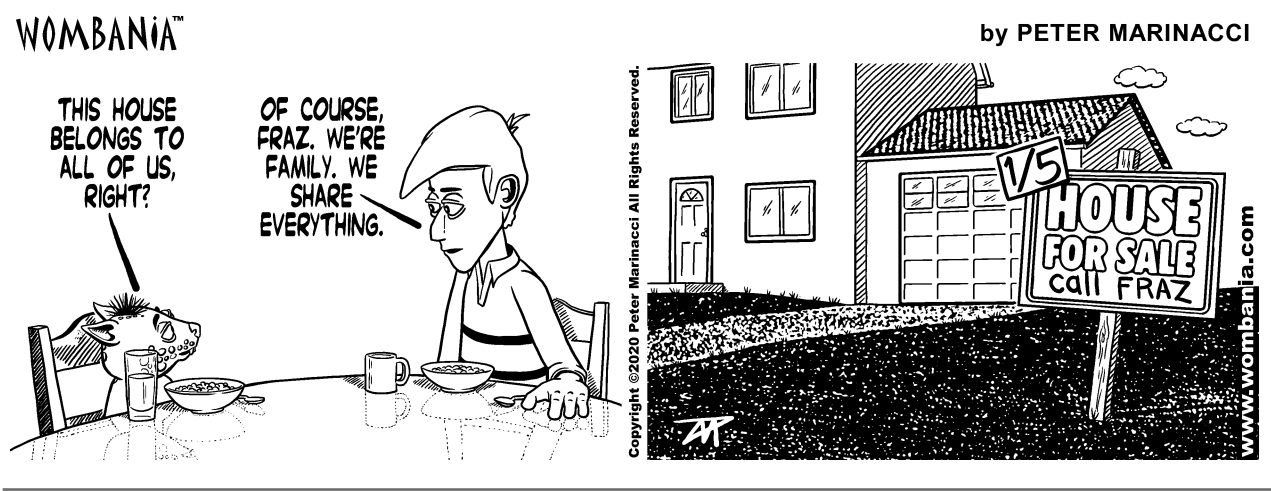
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**CDC**

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of new cases, while California looks at daily cases. A school would be in the CDC's red tier, equivalent to California's purple tier, if a community has more than 100 weekly new cases per 100,000, and a positivity rate of over 10%. Under California's system, a school is in the purple zone if there are more than 7 new cases per day, and a positivity rating of 8%.

In another significant development, the California Department of Public Health has issued long-awaited information (<https://maps.schools.covid19.ca.gov/public.html>) on the extent to which local districts are offering in person or remote instruction. The maps show that many districts are offering in-person instruction, but far fewer are doing so for middle schools, and even

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fewer for high school students.

Louis Freedberg writes about education reforms in California and nationally, and is the executive director of EdSource.

The article was originally published Feb. 12. To read the original article, visit <https://edsource.org/2021/cdc-issues-color-coded-guide-for-school-reopening-but-could-create-more-confusion-in-california/648792>.

**Missing persons**

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Pine Cove area Wednesday, March 4. He left home at about 1 p.m. and was last seen at the Pine Cove Market at 6:30 p.m. on the same day. He was last seen wearing a red backpack and jeans.

RCSD Deputy Jeremy Parsons said, "After six full days of searching in between inclement weather, searching 8 to 10 hours per day, Prifogle has not been located. The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU), as well as search and rescue volunteers from San Bernardino County, Orange County and San Diego County, were assisting. In total, about 150 people have been searching during those six days." Also adding, "On the second or third day of the search, we found his backpack, but have found no other clues as to his whereabouts."

On Sunday, June 7 at approximately 8:24 a.m., Hemet Station deputies were dispatched to the 58000 block of Bonita Vista in reference to a missing person. Lydia "Dia" Abrams was placed into the system as a missing person.

Abrams is 65 years old, 5' 5" tall, 130 pounds with blonde hair and blue eyes. She was last seen wearing a black and turquoise jacket, yellow shirt and blue jeans.

According to RMRU, their team of volunteers was dispatched to Abrams' 160-acre ranch in the Apple Canyon area (between Mountain Center and Garner Valley) June 9. They conducted a search from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with no success of finding Abrams.

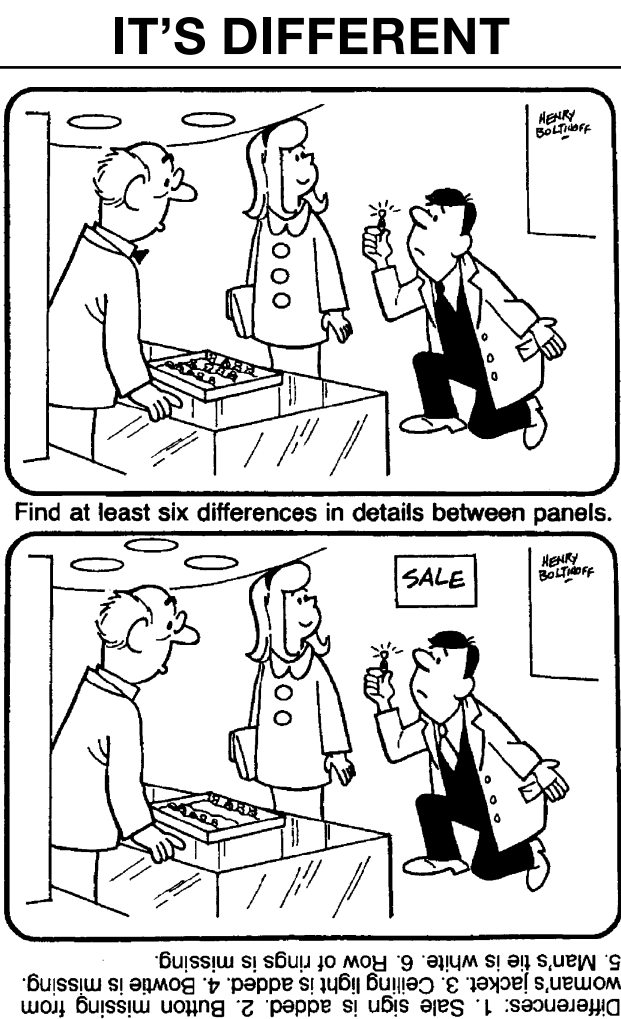
RMRU went out again June 10 to search more difficult areas on the property including a creek bed and the hills overlooking her ranch. All assignments were completed by 6 p.m. At that point, detectives took over the

investigation and called off the physical ground search.

The most recent woman to go missing from the Hemet/San Jacinto area is 27-year-old Diana Perez Gonzalez who was reported missing Dec. 11. According to family, Gonzalez visited the Idyllwild area regularly. She was last seen by her boyfriend.

Christy Rojas, Gonzalez's sister, and her family are struggling with her sister missing.

Rojas said, "We've been terribly sad. We think about



Roy Prifogle



Lydia 'Dia' Abrams



Diana Perez Gonzalez

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**Note: Some events, meetings and office hours may be canceled or modified due to precautions being taken to limit the spread of COVID-19.**

- Wednesday, Feb. 17**
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
  - La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 951-659-8321.
  - Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 951-659-6049 for location.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Community Church Guild, noon. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 N. Circle Dr.
  - High Valleys Water District board meeting, 3 p.m. HVWD

- office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
  - Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway 243.
  - AA Emotional Sobriety, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
  - Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Thursday, Feb.18**
- Women's Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous women, open, 10 a.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Court-yard building, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
  - AA meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Lake Hemet Municipal Water District board meeting, 3

- p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
- Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
  - American Legion Post 800 board meeting, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
  - Idyllwild Community Meditation, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.
  - AA "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Court-yard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

- Friday, Feb. 19**
- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
  - Fern Valley Water District board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
  - Spotlight on Leadership, 10 a.m. Zoom link: <https://idyllwildarts.zoom.us/j/95717878793>.
  - AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
  - GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Calvary Chapel Church, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
  - Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Saturday, Feb. 20**
- Antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd.
  - Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Sunday, Feb. 21**
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
  - Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
  - Course in Miracles discussion, 11 a.m. Call Karin at 951-973-8651 for location.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon-1 p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Highway 243.
  - Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Monday, Feb. 22**
- Women's Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
  - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Grief Support Group, 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
  - American Legion dinner, 5-6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
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- Alcoholics Anonymous men, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
  - Women's Alanon, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Tuesday, Feb. 23**
- Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood.
  - Feeding America, noon-1 p.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or [info@spirit-mountainretreat.org](mailto:info@spirit-mountainretreat.org).
  - Idyllwild Fire Protection District board meeting, 3 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
  - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
  - AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54246 Ridgeview Dr.
  - Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.

- Wednesday, Feb. 24**
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal

- Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
  - AA Emotional Sobriety, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
  - Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Community service hours**
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. 951-659-3335.
  - Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 951-659-3850.
  - Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri., Sat. and Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 951-659-2717.
  - Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 951-659-2110.
  - Idyllwild Library, 54401 Vil-lage Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. and Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. 951-659-2300.
  - Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. (Closed New Year's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day); Grinding Facility, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.) until June.
  - Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Saturday to Friday, Feb.6 to 12.

- Idyllwild**
- Feb. 6 — Noise complaint, 1:32 a.m. Rockdale Dr. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 6 — Alarm call, 12:17 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 7 — Alarm call, 4:55 a.m. Scenic Dr. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 7 — Burglary, 9:11 a.m. 26000 block of Highway 243.
  - Feb. 7 — Suspicious person, 11:39 a.m. 26000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 7 — Trespassing, 12:44 p.m. Hemstreet Pl. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 7 — Trespassing, 12:45 p.m. Pine Dell Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 7 — Alarm call, 4:03

- p.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 8 — Alarm call, 7:37 a.m. Cougar Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 8 — Alarm call, 8:39 a.m. Cougar Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 8 — Alarm call, 9:38 a.m. Cougar Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 8 — Alarm call, 10:46 a.m. Cougar Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 8 — Alarm call, 11:41 a.m. Cougar Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 8 — Alarm call, 2:59 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 8 — Fraud, 5:37 p.m. 55000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 9 — Lost property, 5 p.m. Village Center Dr. Report taken.
  - Feb. 10 — Check the welfare, 8:27 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 10 — Vandalism,

- 11:26 a.m. Hopkins Dr. Report taken.
- Feb. 10 — Civil dispute, 8:25 p.m. Idyllmont Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 10 — Assault w/deadly weapon, 10:05 p.m. Country Club Dr. Report taken.
  - Feb. 10 — Assault w/deadly weapon, 10:23 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 11 — Illegal lodging, 1:24 p.m. 26000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 11 — Attempt warrant service, 5:44 p.m. Address withheld. Warrant.
  - Feb. 12 — Alarm call, 7:17 a.m. Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 12 — Fraud, 10:57 a.m. John Muir Rd. Report taken.
  - Feb. 12 — Public disturbance, 1:12 p.m. Cougar Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 12 — Assist other department, 8:04 p.m. Meadow Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Mountain Center**
- Feb. 9 — Public distur-

- bance, 6:35 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 9 — Alarm call, 7:17 p.m. 53000 block of E. Highway 74. Handled by deputy.

- Pine Cove**
- Feb. 7 — Unknown trouble, 12:49 p.m. Oak Leaf Ln. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 7 — Public assist, 12:54 p.m. Cedar Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 8 — Petty theft, 8:52 a.m. 23000 block of Highway 243. Report taken.
  - Feb. 10 — Public disturbance, 3:12 p.m. Sylvan Wy. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 10 — Shots fired, 9:29 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 12 — Public assist, 9:54 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Pine Meadows/Garner Valley**
- Feb. 7 — Illegal dumping, 11:18 a.m. Devils Ladder Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Poppet Flats/Twin Pines**
- Feb. 8 — Area check, 11:11 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 9 — 911 hang up from cellphone, 1:39 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 12 — Battery, 7:47 p.m. Soboba Rd. Handled by deputy.
  - Feb. 12 — Alarm call, 9:51 p.m. Woodcliff Dr. Handled by deputy.

### Check your vehicle for recalls

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is reminding the driving public to check their vehicles for any open recalls on [NHTSA.gov/recalls](http://NHTSA.gov/recalls). Over the last decade, NHTSA oversaw 7,878 recalls affecting more than 390 million vehicles and items of vehicle equipment. Vehicles recalled at six to 10 years old see the repair rate drop to 56 percent, on average (while manufacturers mail recall notices to owners, the task of reaching current vehicle owners becomes more difficult when vehicles have changed hands, particularly if they've had multiple owners). Visit [NHTSA.gov/Recalls](http://NHTSA.gov/Recalls) and enter your vehicle's 17-digit vehicle identification number. In seconds, you'll know if your vehicle is subject to a safety recall. Every recall is fixed for free. Recalls do not expire. Get Alerted. Sign up for Recall Alerts. If your vehicle is included in a future safety recall, you'll receive an e-mail letting you know.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as RAVEN HILL at 26700 Meadow Glen Dr Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1252, Idyllwild, CA 92549. KRISTIANN WRIGHT, 26700 Meadow Glen Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549-1252.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: KRISTI ANN WRIGHT

OWNER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on January 20, 2021.

FILE NO.: R-202100760

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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**CERTIFICATION**

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

**Pub. TC: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021.**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as MODEST MADEMOISELLE PHOTOGRAPHY at 31559 Crimson Dr. Winchester, CA 92596, Riverside County. NATASHA LYNN WOODS, 31559 Crimson Dr, Winchester, CA 92596.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: NATASHA LYNN WOODS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on January 26, 2021.

FILE NO.: R-202100999

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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**Pub. TC: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021.**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as SCINARIO at 52768 Cedar Drive, Idyllwild, California 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1407, Idyllwild, California 92549. DEAN SCOTT JOHNSON, 52768 Cedar Drive, Idyllwild, California 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: DEAN SCOTT JOHNSON

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on January 27, 2021.

FILE NO.: R-202101097

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

**Pub. TC: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021.**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as LIVING FREE ANIMAL SANCTUARY at 54250 Keen Camp Road, Mountain Center, CA 92561, Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5, Mountain Center, CA 92561. LIVING FREE, 54250 Keen Camp Road, Mountain Center, CA 92561. The List State of Corporation is California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 01/01/2021.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: RAY BARMORE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on February 1, 2021.

FILE NO.: R-202101272

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

**Pub. TC: Feb. 11, 18, 25, Mar. 4, 2021.**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as SELF STORAGE SECURITY at 28917 Capano Bay Ct Menifee, CA 92584, Riverside County. JASON JOHN WALKER, 28917 Capano Bay Ct Menifee, CA 92584. List state is CA.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 2002.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: JOHN JASON WALKER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on February 2, 2021.

FILE NO.: R-202101344

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

**Pub. TC: Feb. 18, 25, Mar. 4, 11, 2021.**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as TRAVEL EASY PUBLISHING at 2127 S Brentwood Drive Palm Springs CA 92264, Riverside County. Mailing Address: 92782 E. Palm Canyon Dr, Ste. B104-130, Cathedral City CA 92234. SUZANNE GOODMAN HOGSETT, 2127 S Brentwood Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92264. GERALD RAY

HOGSETT, 2127 S Brentwood Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92264.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: SUZANNE GOODMAN HOGSETT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on January 21, 2021.

FILE NO.: R-202100812

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

**Pub. TC: Feb. 18, 25, Mar. 4, 11, 2021.**

**LIEN SALE**

On 03/03/2021 at 980 N. STATE ST. HEMET, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 KIA VIN: 5XYP34HC5LG001686 STATE: CA LIC: 8KBU376 at 10:00 AM

**Pub. TC: Feb. 18, 2021.**

**LIEN SALE**

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 3/4/2021, 5830 REPUBLIC ST, RIVERSIDE CA 92504 AT 9:00 AM, 12, BMW, 328i, 4d, 8P2V188, CA, WBA3A5C0CF258001

**Pub. TC: Feb. 18, 2021**





# On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

B SECTION

IDYLLWILD, CA

## Rescued mountain lion seeking name

By JENNY KIRCHNER  
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Back in late September 2020, a mountain lion cub was found motionless on the side of the road in the Idyllwild area near the Riverside County Fire Department.

"The California Department of Fish and Wildlife suggested they contact the San Diego Humane Society (SDHS) because they have a wildlife center in Romona with vet techs and trained staff, but they are not licensed to care for mountain lions," said Jim Mitchell, marketing coordinator of Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center (SWCC) located in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The SDHS agreed to take the cub temporarily while more permanent plans could be put in place.

After caring for the mountain lion as

best they could, and when he was healthy enough to travel (in late October), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the SWCC coordinated their volunteers to meet to hand the cub over to the SWCC for the proper care.

The cub is estimated to have been born in June 2020 and has been in good company with fellow mountain lions.

"We are one of the few wildlife conservation centers in the western United States licensed to keep and maintain mountain lions," Mitchell said. "Right now, we have seven of them."

When he was found, he weighed less than 11 pounds. He should have been over 20 pounds at that age. Now, after about four months of being at SWCC, he is weighing in at 75 pounds, the average weight for a cub of his age.

they realize they are sources of food and will return looking for food," Mitchell explained.

The animals that are permanently housed in the sanctuary get names. The animals that are rehabilitated and released are numbered.

Since 1994, the nonprofit organization has been rescuing wild animals with the intent of rehabilitating and releasing them back into the wild. However, there are some species that are not able to be released, one of those being the mountain lion.

The SWCC decided to do an online naming contest for the cub because he will live out his life at the SWCC.

"Our animal care staff came up with five names that they thought would be appropriate for him and people get to vote," Mitchell explained. "We charge \$5 a vote and we get people from all over the world who come to our website and vote."

The five names are Keva, Echo, Zion, Tonto and Zuma. The contest started on Feb. 2 and will end Feb. 19. The money raised during the contest goes toward the care and well-being of the mountain lion.

If you'd like to help name the cub, visit <https://www.southwest-wildlife.org/donate/name-the-lion-contest.html>.



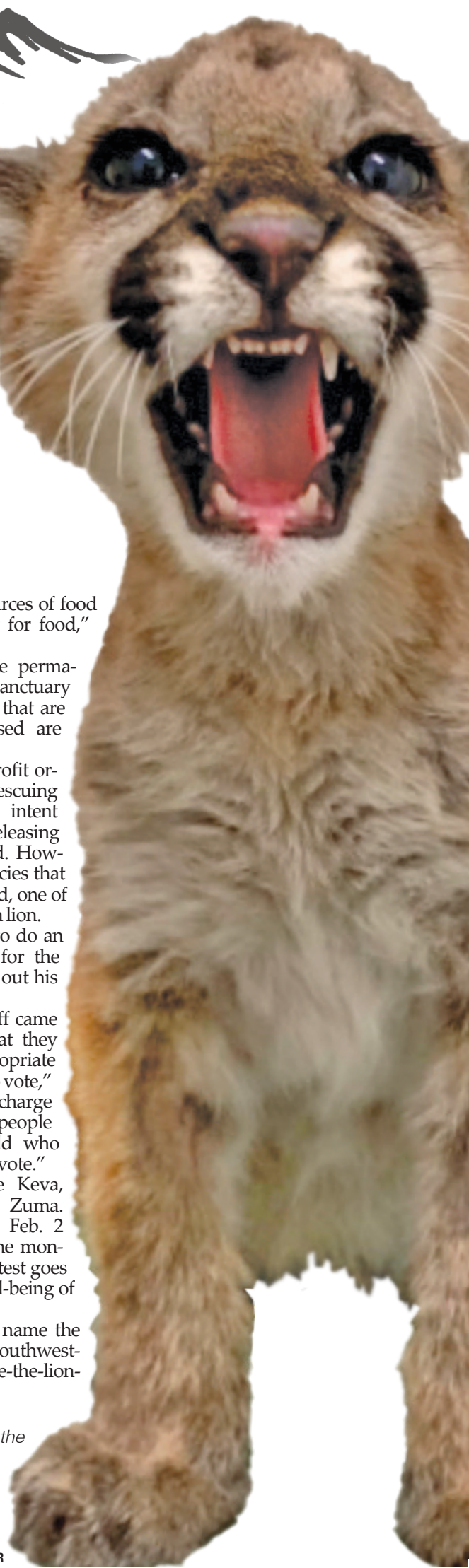
"He's really doing great," Mitchell said. "To his benefit, we got two other California mountain lions just before we got him. They're about two weeks younger than he is and the three of them now live together."

"A mountain lion that has contact with humans is seldom ever returned to the wild because if they've been around humans,

*Left, after four months of care and rehabilitation, the mountain lion cub is now a healthy 75 pounds.*

*Right, the underweight mountain lion cub when he was first rescued.*

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE SOUTHWEST WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER



## Families who build together, stick together

By JENNY KIRCHNER  
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

There are many inns, lodges and Airbnb's in Idyllwild, but not many that are run by a family, three generations deep, at the same time. The Root-Stone Lodge has been a tucked away lodge in the forest near Strawberry Creek for years.

The lodge was originally bought as a single-family residence by Don Baldwin in the early 1990s as a place to gather his family for the holidays. The original two-bedroom home was built in the 1950s, and now has been transformed into a multiple bedroom lodge.

Don's background is in electrical engineering. He has been able to do much of the work himself with the help of his family. Don received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1964 from the University of California, Berkeley and spent much of his career working in the aerospace field until he retired.

Don had been visiting Idyllwild since the early 1980s, and when he decided to purchase this cabin, he did so with his family in mind.

Since 1982, the Baldwin family has spent every Thanksgiving in Idyllwild. Before owning any property, they would rent a different cabin each visit.

Don's daughter, Tara Baldwin, and his granddaughter Emelise Figueroa live at and manage the lodge full-time.

"All the work and updating that could be done has been built by family," Tara said. "We've hired licensed contractors when we've had to, but other than that, it's all been family. We all pitch in when anything needs to be fixed and we installed solar panels recently."

According to Don, he started building an addition to the original cabin to create more rooms and space for the lodge. The addition has a two-story river rock fireplace with a spiral staircase leading up to the second floor where there are three rooms available for guests.

Keeping and building with local supplies, Don said, "All the rocks came from the property and the steps are from a big tree that was on the property, also."

While the main building of the lodge is

complete, the family has some big ideas to enhance the lodge for the future.

"I'd like to add some amenities, maybe a small 9-iron pitch to a little green and maybe a little horseshoe pit," Don said. "Once COVID is over, I can offer more."

Emelise has taken on the role of cleaning and landscaping, wanting to offer a place for couples to get married once they are able to do so.

"I love to garden," Emelise said. "We'd like to turn the lodge into a wedding venue. We want to plant some cherry trees, which I'm actually buying with some of the money I've made from cleaning the lodge."

Emelise is taking classes in business management and agriculture at College of the Desert to help focus on building the lodge as best she can.

Coming from a family who likes to do as much work together as possible, Emelise wants to build a stage to offer live entertainment and dancing lessons, and a gazebo for weddings when the time is right.

Before moving to Idyllwild from Portland, Oregon in March 2020, Emelise was learning carpentry and how to be self-sustaining by growing her own food. Before that, she was a professional swing dancer while living in Texas.

"It's an investment of time, energy, and love in making our cabin what I envision it to be," Emelise said. "It's really wonderful that I can implement these passions to build up our family business. It's a good way to thank my grandparents who worked so

hard to be able to make this happen in the first place."

While Don's wife, Roberta Baldwin, passed away in 2007, she was an important part in the early days helping Don restore and build the family cabin. Don, Tara and Emelise will work as a family to continue to grow their lodge into the dream they all envision.

"I wanted something for my kids and grandkids to have — somewhere to come to whenever they want," Don said. "Plus, it gives them the motivation to stay together a little bit."

Emelise added, "It's so valuable and fundamental to have shelter and a home base. It really helps to keep the family together."



From left, Don and Tara Baldwin.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Inset, the third generation of the Root-Stone Lodge, Emelise Figueroa.

PHOTO BY EMELISE FIGUEROA



The two-story fireplace with the spiral staircase. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER





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## Clouds

Have you ever laid on your back and stared at the clouds? Did you find shapes that looked like animals, or faces, or objects?



### Three Kinds of Clouds

Most of the clouds you see fall into one of three groups.



**Cirrus** clouds are high clouds. They look like thin, wispy streamers. Cirrus clouds are usually white and predict fair to pleasant weather.



**Cumulus** clouds are the puffy white clouds that look like floating cotton balls. They usually mean good weather is coming. But if the cumulus cloud starts to get taller and taller, they can become thunderstorm clouds.



**Stratus** clouds are grayish clouds that often cover the entire sky like a big blanket. They make for dark, sometimes drizzly weather.

### Cloudy Confusion

Here are three facts about clouds and one statement that is NOT true. Use a red crayon to cross out the false statement.



Clouds form when water evaporates into the sky and condenses high up in the cooler air.



Rain, sleet, snow and hail falling from clouds is called **precipitation**.



If you move slowly and carefully, you can sit on a cloud.

How many clouds can you find on this page?



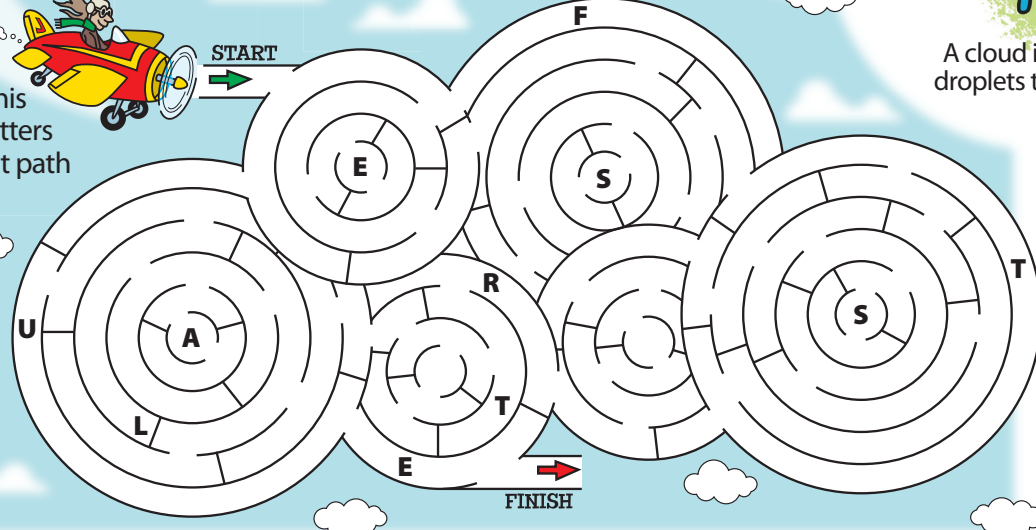
A cloud is a large group of water droplets that we can see in the air.

## Fog Fact or Fog Fiction?

Fly high to discover if this statement is true or false: **FOG IS A CLOUD.**

Lupé DeLoops is flying her plane through this big cloud. The letters along the correct path will reveal if the above statement about fog is true or false.

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### Weather News

Look through the newspaper for your local weather forecast. Based on the forecast, what clothes will you need to wear outside this coming week?

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.


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### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Magic Cloud Puzzle

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### Double Double Word Search


Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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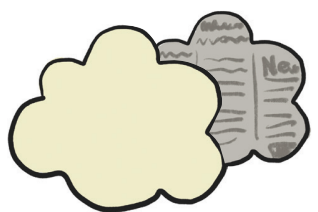
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The dark clouds helped us **predict** that it would rain the afternoon of our family picnic.

Try to use the word **predict** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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Look through the newspaper for articles about the environment and weather. Create a 10-question quiz from these articles to test other students' knowledge of these issues.

**Standards Link:** Writing Applications: Students write phrases that describe concepts.



### What does a cloud wear under its raincoat?

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1	4	7	6	5	8	9	2	3
8	6	9	7	3	2	5	1	4
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# Steele T34 at Pebble; plays Riviera this week

By JACK CLARK  
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele posted a 5-under-par 283 in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am last week, tying for 34th place. It was his best ever finish at the Pebble Beach tournament.

The Idyllwild native slammed drives averaging 283 yards that found 71% of the fairways while hitting 2/3 of the greens in regulation. His putter was working well this week, too. He gained nearly 1/2 a stroke per day on the field putting.

Brendan now ranks 88th in the FedExCup points list, and he's now 85th on the Official World Golf Ranking.

Brendan plays this week in the \$9.3-million The Genesis Invitational on the Riviera Country Club course in Pacific Palisades, a suburb of Los Angeles.

The course features the iconic par-3 No. 6 hole with a sand bunker in the middle of the green.

Brendan will tee off Thursday at 12:16 p.m. PST and Friday at 7:46 a.m. PST, playing both days with J.B. Holmes and Rickie Fowler.

Follow him on the Golf Channel, CBS and shot-for-shot with TOURCast at the PGA Tour website.



From left, **Kilo** and **Carlos Reynosa** play in front of Lily of the Valley on Valentine's Day. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

## CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the cats met new ARF cat Flash.

**Whiskers:** My head is spinning.

**Pepper:** Why's that?

**Whiskers:** Remember the new cat we met last week? Flash?

**Pepper:** Flash, of course. What a sweet cat.

**Whiskers:** Flash was gone in, well, a flash! He has been adopted.

**Pepper:** Already? That is wonderful.

**Whiskers:** And remember Metta and Triton? They've been adopted as well!

**Pepper:** Wow! This is wonderful news.

**Whiskers:** And we have two more new cats!

**Apricot:** (entering the room) Talking about me? I'm Apricot and this is my brother Cinnamon.

**Cinnamon:** (joining the group) Hi! Nice to meet all of you.

**Marcel:** You two seem very, very friendly.

**Pepper:** I heard the ARF humans marveling at how friendly you are.

**Lulu:** ARF certainly has its share of very affectionate cats.

**Marcel:** And you are so attractive. What great coloring and markings you have.

**Pepper:** You seem OK with us cats. How about dogs?

**Apricot:** Dogs intrigue me. I think I would like to get to know one.

**Cinnamon:** Dogs are OK. Honestly, I don't really care about them.

**Lulu:** Then you two seem like good candidates for just about any forever home.

**Pepper:** As long as there is a cat-human connection and the home is a safe, loving one, it should work.

**Lulu:** I suppose lots of humans will be visiting ARF.

**Apricot:** I hope so!

**Whiskers:** The ARF phone should be ringing with people ready to make meet-n-greet appointments.

**Lulu:** We will all be on standby, ready to impress.

Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of "Days of our Nine Lives" each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Highway 243 on Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., or by appointment M-F by calling 951-659-1122.

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The Lions Club was making plans to construct a children's playground adjacent to Town Hall.

**65 years ago - 1956**  
It was Civil Defense Week on the Hill. Local stores were displaying emergency supplies and residents were asked to learn about being prepared for an emergency.

**60 years ago - 1961**  
Rodney Welch revealed plans for a major development on the Banning-Idyllwild Highway. He owned about 1,000 acres in the Stone Creek area. The "town" was to be known as Alandale Pines (now called Stone Creek).

**55 years ago - 1966**  
State game manager Bonnar Blong reported the local deer population was making a slow gain after the severe 1960-61 drought,

which claimed about 75% of the animals.

**50 years ago - 1971**  
David Hunt Sr. assumed management of the Rustic Theatre. Admission prices were \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for students and 75 cents for children.

**45 years ago - 1976**  
Demolition of Idyllwild's landmark Carriage Inn began.

**40 years ago - 1981**  
Hillcrest Market in Strawberry Creek Square was advertising avocados for 25 cents each, bananas for 29 cents a pound and frozen meat pies at four for \$1.

**35 years ago - 1986**  
Founded by part-time Pine Cove resident Judi Sheppard Missett, Jazzercise classes were started in Idyllwild.

**30 years ago - 1991**  
Due to environmental and safety concerns, the U.S. Forest Service was considering prohibiting target shooting at the "historic shooting site" called Alvin Meadows, northwest of ISOMATA (now Idyllwild Arts Academy). At the time, shooting was allowed anywhere on Forest Service lands.

**25 years ago - 1996**  
About 100 Garner Valley residents attended a meeting with developer Jeff Dennis at the proposed con-

struction site of a 156-room lodge and a 200-space recreational vehicle park at the southern end of Garner Valley.

**20 years ago - 2001**  
It was announced that the Idyllwild Arts Academy was offering a filmmaking major through a new department called the Department of Moving Pictures.

**15 years ago - 2006**  
At a packed Chamber meeting, community members voiced heated opinions about whether the Chamber should continue managing Town Hall recreation. The Idyllwild Community Recreation Council was vying for the opportunity.

**10 years ago - 2011**  
Marshall Hawkins submitted his resignation as musical director of the Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines. He had been involved with the annual summer jazz fest since its inception in 1994. He later resumed his position.

**5 years ago - 2016**  
President Barack Obama designated three new national monuments in Southern California deserts. The new monuments are Mojave Trails National Monument, Castle Mountains National Monument and the Sand to Snow National Monument, which is in Riverside County.



The Carriage Inn, an Idyllwild landmark, before it was demolished in February 1976.

TOWN CRIER ARCHIVES

**1 year ago - 2020**  
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continued work on the third emergency project to make repairs to fire and storm-damaged highways 74 and 243 (SR 74 and SR 243). Both routes were impacted by an arson fire in July 2018, debris flows in August 2018, and subsequently, major storm damage on Feb. 14, 2019.



Many came out to enjoy some Valentine's Day shopping on Highway 243 across the street from the Idyllwild Community Park Sunday. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



A bald eagle landed on Foster Lake Road around 7:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 8. PHOTO BY CAROLYN LEVITSKI

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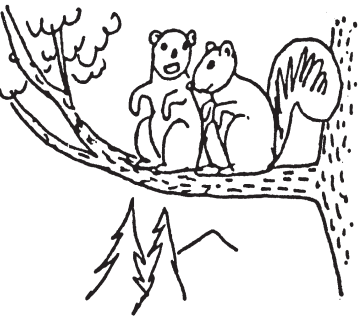
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Z X E W O A A I U T S Q I W O  
N L J C G T T H R I L L E R H  
F D N A N I C A Y O W S V T E  
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N L F O B K M Y R E T S Y M I  
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: **Saying One Thing Implying Another**

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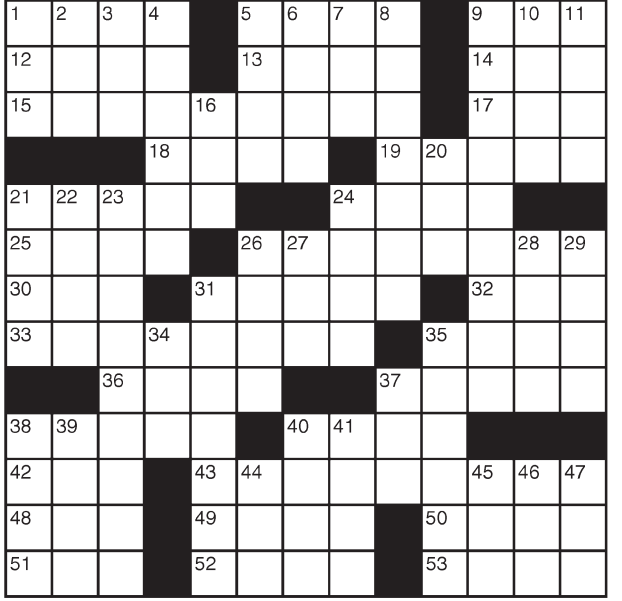
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King Crossword

- ACROSS**  
1 Seize  
5 Butte's kin  
9 Cardinal cap letters  
12 "Othello" villain  
13 In — (lined up)  
14 Weeding tool  
15 Reality show for aspiring entrepreneurs  
17 PC key  
18 Minor quibbles  
19 Hospital sections  
21 Type of beam  
24 Pack (down)  
25 Reverberate  
26 Rubber wedge, say  
30 Small battery  
31 All better  
32 Actress Thurman  
33 Hoedown musicians  
35 Author Harte  
36 Seeing things  
37 Tubular pasta  
38 Tribal emblem  
40 Coffee, slangily  
42 Mess up  
43 Temporary  
48 GPS suggestion  
49 Last write-up  
50 Despot  
51 British verb ending  
52 Zilch  
53 Bigfoot's cousin  
**DOWN**  
1 USO audience  
2 Fan's cry  
3 Khan title  
4 Third-largest island  
5 "The Martian" actor Damon  
6 Historic periods  
7 Junior  
8 Clumsy  
9 Mountain road feature  
10 Snatched  
11 Reply to "Shall we?"  
16 White wine cocktail  
20 Mornings (Abbr.)  
21 Piece of lettuce  
22 Exotic berry  
23 Elm, for one  
24 Low digits  
26 Union payment  
27 Bruins legend  
28 Portent  
29 Canape spread  
31 South Carolina university  
34 Decorate Easter eggs  
35 Actor Warren  
37 Beetle Bailey's rank (Abbr.)  
38 Garr of "Tootsie"  
39 Scraps  
40 Unite  
41 Museo display  
44 Showtime rival  
45 Jargon suffix  
46 Squealer  
47 Hosp. scan



# HOROSCOPES

February 2020 — Week 3



**March 21 – April 19**  
Time is on your side in the early part of the week. But anything left undone by midweek will need to be put into rush mode. The weekend offers choices for you and someone special.



**April 20 – May 20**  
Finally getting credit for a contribution is nice for all you idea-generating Ferdinands and Fernandas. But don't sit on your laurels under the cork tree. Use it as a first step to a bigger opportunity.



**May 21 – June 21**  
Despite the progress made, a hint of doubt might set in. That's OK. You need to stop and consider not only what you're doing but also how you are doing. Make adjustments where needed.




**June 22 – July 22**  
The dreamer is dominant in the Moon Child's aspect, but a dollop of hardheaded practicality is coming up fast and jockeying for space. The challenge is to make room for both modes.



**July 23 – August 22**  
It's a good week for Leos and Leonas to start assessing what they've done and what they plan to do. Moving to a new environment -- home or job-related -- is a possibility for some Cats.



**August 23 – September 22**  
The week calls for Virgos to make tough decisions, but in a way that leaves the door open for changes. Ask for advice from someone who has been in the position you're in now.



**September 23 – October 22**  
Disappointments are never easy to take, but you have the ability to learn from them and go on to success. Meanwhile, continue to build up your contacts. You'll need them soon.



**October 23 – November 21**  
Things might still be going much too slowly to suit you. But you need the time to make sure they're going in the right direction. It's easier to make a course correction now rather than later.



**November 22 – December 21**  
Showing some temperament at the way things are going is one way of getting your point across. Just don't overdo it, or you risk turning away more-moderate supporters.



**December 22 – January 19**  
Things could change more quickly this week than you like. But don't fret; you'll most likely find that you're up to the challenges. The weekend offers much-needed relaxation.



**January 20 – February 18**  
Big challenge coming up? Uncross those fingers and believe that you're going to do well. And keep in mind that so many people have faith in your ability to succeed.



**February 19 – March 20**  
Testing the waters is a good way of learning about an opportunity before plunging right in. Ask more questions and be alert to any attempts to avoid giving complete answers.

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(Answers on previous classifieds page)

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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contain all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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