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Cloud seeding project presented at IWD meeting

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

As a follow-up to the Town Crier's story about the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's (SAWPA) plan to explore the use of a weather modification program to augment rainfall in Southern California, Idyllwild Water District (IWD) invited Mark Norton, SAWPA water resources and planning manager, to discuss the concept and pilot project at IWD's Dec. 15 meeting.

Leo Havener, IWD general manager, introduced Norton, who attended and spoke via Zoom to the board and a few members of the public.

"I have some experience with this process," Havener said during his introduction of Norton. "It's like trying to squeeze a sponge to get all the water out."

The intent of the weather modification, also known as cloud seeding, program being developed is to increase rain and snow fall, resulting in greater stream-flow benefiting water consumers in Southern California, Norton said at the beginning. After describing the SAWPA composition of agencies, he explained how cloud seeding would work.

Cloud seeding is a chemical process intended to increase the amount of precipitation, including snow or rain, during the storm season. When a storm is approaching and over the target mountain range, silver iodide is fired into the atmosphere.

Releasing particles of silver iodide into clouds in the upper atmosphere increases the chances of a cloud's ability to produce rain or snow by providing a substance on which the gaseous water molecules can adhere and condense on. This aids in forming snowflakes or raindrops.

The Southern California mountains are the target area for increasing precipitation. The San Jacinto Mountains are one of four areas identified. The others include the San Bernardino, Santa Ana and the San Gabriel mountains. The higher elevations are more likely to produce more rainfall.

Following Norton's presentation, Dave Hunt, former IWD director, expressed his concerns about the process, including the danger of using silver iodide.

"The question is not that cloud seeding is harmful, but how harmful," Hunt asserted. "UC Berkeley Office of Environment, Health and Safety rates silver iodide as a Class C, non-soluble, inorganic, hazardous chemical that pollutes water and soil. It has been found to be highly toxic to fish, livestock and humans.

"Deepwater Chemicals, a key manufacturer of silver iodide for weather modification, warns of potential health effects in their MSDS," he added.

Norton pointed out that weather modification, or cloud seeding, is being done in many countries and 11 states including three other California counties — Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Sacramento.

No effects of using silver iodide have been shown, he said. "There's exposure to silver in tooth fillings and more iodine in table salt."

Although little or less rainfall conditions are continuing, Norton said, cloud seeding is "not a huge drought buster." But if successful, it would enhance water supplies.

Currently the SAWPA is conducting an environmental assessment and plans to begin a four-year pilot project late in 2022 or 2023 to assess its viability in Southern California.

Computer analyses, based on results in other areas and local weather patterns, including dry years, suggested rainfall would likely increase by 3.5 to 4.5%, the largest increase being in the San Jacinto Mountains.

Total resulting stream flow would likely increase by 8,200 acre feet (AF). The greatest projected increase was 13.7% and this was estimated to be in the San Jacinto watershed.

See Cloud seeding, page A5



Granddaughter of Town Crier owners **Evelyn Johnson** (right), 14, chose the entry of one of Idyllwild's longest — if not the longest — residents, **Barbara Hunt**, for the Town Crier's 2021 Snow Guessing Contest. Hunt grew up as Barbara Wilson and has lived on Pine Crest Avenue all of her life. She has never won the contest. She submitted her entry for Dec. 15 at Idyllwild Pharmacy. The actual date of the first ½ inch of snow was Dec. 14 but since there were no entries for that date, the six entries for Dec. 13 and four entries for Dec. 15 were placed in a hat from which Evelyn drew the winner. Exactly 300 entries were submitted at several participating businesses throughout town. Hunt won 100 shopping dollars she may spend at any of those businesses. **PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK**

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Hill businesses and institutions normally open Saturdays that will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25, to observe Christmas are:

- Fairway Market
- Idyllwild Library (also Friday, Dec. 24)
- Idyllwild Pharmacy (closing @ 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24)
- Idyllwild Post Office (closing @ 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24)
- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Mountain Center Post Office
- U.S. Forest Service

Closed Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24:

- Fern Valley Water District

- Hemet Unified School District (also Thursday, Dec. 23)
- Idyllwild Town Crier (also @ noon Thursday, Dec. 23)
- Idyllwild Water District
- Pine Cove Water District
- PNC bank (closing @ 2 p.m.)
- Riverside County Offices

These will be open:

- Idyllwild Nature Center (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park
- Mountain Center Market (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)
- Mountain Top Liquor
- Pine Cove Market (8 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24 & 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25)
- Village Market (8 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Board meetings mum on IFPD traffic collisions

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Board of Commissioners' last meeting of the year Tuesday, Dec. 14, was short with very little discussion except under Resolution 524, approving signatures for IFPD's new PNC bank account.

The traffic collisions in which IFPD vehicles were involved on Sept. 29 and Oct. 1 finally appeared in the Fire Chief Mark LaMont's report of Dec. 9.

The Oct. 1 collision occurred at the intersection of Perris Boulevard and Ramona Expressway. IFPD Battalion Chief Robert Clark, 33, of Riverside was driving eastbound on Ramona Expressway in an IFPD-owned white 2018 Ram 3500 "approaching Perris Blvd with his emergency lights and sirens activated."

James Robert Bower, 77, of Moreno Valley, was driving a blue 2020 Ford F-150 northbound on Perris Boulevard at a speed of about 45 mph when he collided into the IFPD truck driven by Clark. Bower was transported to a hospital with a fractured spine.

The IFPD vehicle was totaled. Clark was not injured.

The Sept. 29 incident involved minor damage to a parked IFPD fire engine when another vehicle collided into it.

The board met Oct. 19 but neither incident appeared in the chief's report. Both vehicles were listed in excellent condition.

When asked why it wasn't on the October meeting agenda, LaMont said the IFPD board president and officers were each individually informed immediately following each of the crashes.

But neither at the Oct. 19 nor Dec. 14 commissioners' meetings did the board discuss either incident. At last week's meeting, in fact, when the fire chief's report came up on the agenda, no comments were made about anything in the report other than, "You're doing a great job," President Henry Sawicki said.

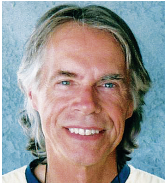
When asked again if Clark was returning to duty in Idyllwild during the Oct. 1 collision, why would he have his sirens/lights on that far away from Idyllwild? And also when asked if there was an incident occurring near him, and what were his usual hours that Oct. 1, LaMont responded, "Bob was returning with lights and siren on due to draw down. He was not responding to an incident 'near him,' and he did not have regular hours on Oct. 1st[.] he had duty coverage for that day."

According to the California Office of Emergency Services, "Drawdown should be considered a measurement of the degree of resource exhaustion that an agency is experiencing at a given point in time."

The board unanimously elected officers for 2022 with Sawicki president again; Dan Messina vice president; Rhonda Andrewson secretary; and Rachel Teeguarden clerk of the board.

Nelson Escovar was promoted to engineer in the meeting.

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COVID-19 LOCAL UPDATE: California-wide mask mandate; Omicron variant is taking over

On Monday, Dec. 13, a new, statewide California mask mandate for indoor public places was announced in effect from Wednesday, Dec. 15 to Jan. 15. As of press time last week, it was not clear how these mandatory measures apply to restaurants. Are restaurants exceptions? Or does the mandate apply to restaurants only until customers reach their tables? Or does it mean that restaurants may seat customers outdoors only? This wasn't clear, so the Town Crier contacted the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) asking for clarification, and the CDPH replied, "We are working on you[r] inquiry and will get back to you as soon as we can."

The CDPH did get back to the Town Crier this past week with the further explanation that the new mask mandate requires people in restaurants to wear masks "except when eating or drinking." We take that to mean that customers are required to wear masks at their tables while ordering and until food or drink arrives, replacing them again after they finish eating and drinking.

As of Tuesday morning, the Dashboard of the Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) reported recently confirmed cases (last two weeks) of COVID at Idyllwild School as being one student and no staff members, i.e., 0.33% of its combined student/staff population and one staff member less than last week. At Hemet High, 13 students and no staff members are reported as confirmed cases, which is 0.50% of its student/staff population, the same as last week.

The HUSD Dashboard states: "Positive cases will appear on the Dashboard for 14 days from the date they are reported and then will be removed after the 14th day." So, HUSD's rolling Dashboard does not report the cumulative confirmed cases throughout the district, but rather those cases confirmed as being active during the previous two weeks.

As of Tuesday, Riverside County Public Health (RCPH) reported 240 total cases of COVID in the Idyllwild-Pine Cove community, with four deaths and 235 recovered, leaving one case currently active in our community — one fewer than last week.

County-wide, as of Dec. 6, RCPH reported a total of 386,983 confirmed COVID cases (3,741 more than last week) with 5,536 deaths (34 more than last week) and 373,478 hav-

ing recovered, leaving 7,969 active cases in Riverside County, 1,795 fewer than last week. The county reports 317 hospitalized COVID patients (the state reports 338 in Riverside County), 82 of which are in intensive care.

Tuesday morning, the state's website reported 71 ICU beds available in Riverside County (13 fewer than last week). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been alternating between rating Riverside County as a "Substantial" vs. "High" transmission area. Currently, the county is again rated "High."

RCPH reports that as of Dec. 13 in Riverside County, 6.7% of the population ages 5 to 11 are fully vaccinated, while 49.8% of ages 12 to 17, 63.3% of all those ages 12 and up, 64.8% of all those ages 18 and up and 74.2% of all those ages 65 and up have been fully vaccinated. Currently, the term "fully vaccinated" does not yet include boosters. Visit <https://rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine-with-Registration> to schedule vaccinations.

As of Dec. 20, California reported 4,935,461 total confirmed COVID cases statewide (48,952 more than last week), with 75,167 resulting deaths (482 more than last week).

As of Dec. 17, CDC reported the national seven-day moving average of daily new U.S. COVID cases as 122,445, up 3.3% from the previous week.

Regarding the new, rapidly spreading Omicron variant, much remains yet to be discovered by scientists. However, while Omicron's symptoms appear to be somewhat milder than Delta's, it now appears clear that Omicron is extremely transmissible, far more so than the Delta variant. In fact, just this past Monday, CDC announced that Omicron already accounts for 73% of new COVID cases in the United States — a tremendous surge from its introduction into the U.S. two weeks ago, when it had 1% of the new COVID cases in the United States. One week ago it was 13%.

Only last week, we reported that, of the first 43 Omicron cases followed-up in the U.S., 34 had been "fully vaccinated" (which currently still means two doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of J&J), 14 had received the booster dose and six persons had been previously infected with SARS-CoV-2. However, only one of these 43 Omicron cases was hospitalized (for only two days), and no deaths were reported.

CDC continues to advise that vaccination, along with other important prevention strategies, continues to be the best defense against severe disease. It urges to: 1) get vaccinated as soon as possible, with a booster shot just as soon as you are eligible for one; 2) wear a mask that covers both

your nose and your mouth when in indoor public places; 3) whenever possible, stay 6 feet apart from people you don't live with; 4) avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces; 5) continue to wash your hands often with soap and water, using hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available; and 6) "consider" self-testing before attending indoor gatherings, and if you are sick or have symptoms, don't go.

Of the above, self-testing before indoor gatherings may be the most problematic. Self-testing kits are not available everywhere, and, when you do find them, they tend to be expensive — 20 to 25 dollars or more. And it certainly does no good to self-test before attending an indoor gathering if you are not also willing to stay home should your self-test turn out positive.

Montréal Town Crier Members tipped us — and Canadian Broadcasting Company now reports — that, as of Monday evening, Québec establishments such as schools, bars, food courts, gymnasiums, spas, movie theatres and concert venues have been shut down again, and professional sports will have no audiences. Indoor restaurants may be open — half capacity only — from 5 to 10 p.m.

Dr. David N. Fisman, epidemiologist at the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health, recommends a return to high-quality N95, KN95 or CN95 masks instead of "baggy" surgical-type or homemade masks because of the high transmissibility of the Omicron variant in extremely fine exhaled aerosol particles. And "The fit is everything," Fisman has said.

As of Dec. 21, recently downward-revised CDC reports now indicate that nationwide, 204.1 million people (61.5% of the U.S. population) have been "fully vaccinated," while 29.8% have received booster doses. CDC now recommends booster shots for everyone ages 16 and older; however, at this time only the Pfizer booster is authorized and recommended for ages 16 and 17. CDC reports that more than 60.8 million Americans have received a booster dose, including 54.5% of those ages 65 or older. Those who received the J&J shot can get a Pfizer or Moderna booster, since CDC has authorized boosters of a different manufacturer than the original vaccination.

COVID vaccinations are available in Idyllwild by appointment at Idyllwild Pharmacy and monthly at Idyllwild School on scheduled vaccination Saturdays — the next scheduled Idyllwild School vaccination date is Saturday, Jan. 8.

Further CDC resources are available at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview/.

New waste laws not likely to affect Idyllwild

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

A new state law, SB1383, mandating separation of compostable ("organic") waste by homes and businesses, takes effect Jan. 1, but it is unlikely to affect Idyllwild. The law includes a number of exemptions jurisdictions (counties and cities) can apply for, including one for areas above 4,500-foot altitude. County officials are expected to complete the waiver application before year's end.

It is, like most modern laws, long; 131 pages. Its objective is to segregate organic (read biodegradable) waste from the stream heading for landfills. Presently, organics make up about one-third of the material buried. The aim is to reduce this by 75% by 2025, thus reducing the methane from landfills.

By requiring retailers who routinely throw away edible food (grocers) to work with food banks and other food distribution organizations, these groups will be strengthened and waste will be discouraged.

For residents, and for restaurants and other food preparation businesses in affected jurisdictions, the new law will mean a more careful segregation of food waste and food-soiled paper into a separate bin. It also will mean higher fees for trash collection across the state. Many cities have been phasing in new requirements over the last year or more. San Franciscans have been putting their food scraps in green bins since 2009. A 2014 law covered larger commercial producers.

Greg Reyes, program chief of Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, answered the Town Crier's questions about the new law and its local effects.

TC: How will SB1383 affect Idyllwild?

GR: Minimal impact at this point. The new law allows for an exclusion to the requirements for locations that are at or above 4,500 in elevation. The county intends to pursue that waiver with the state to exclude the Idyllwild area. The waiver application is being handled by another county department, Department of Waste Resources, but I confirmed with them this morning that they plan get to get the application to the state before the end of the year.

TC: Are we a "jurisdiction?"

GR: Since Idyllwild is a not an incorporated area, the Riverside County government is the jurisdiction.

TC: Will commercial waste companies serving restaurants provide these required bins?

GR: Since the general requirements should be waived as noted above, any changes or new service offerings of this type will be at the discretion of the hauler but will not be mandated as in other areas of the county.

TC: Will there be organic waste bins at the transfer station for residents?

GR: That is being discussed with the site operators for Anza and Pinyon, but as noted above, Idyllwild should be exempt from the requirement to provide that service.

TC: What else should commercial or residential

customers know?

GR: Any changes in service delivery for commercial accounts or at the transfer station will be preceded by an information campaign to explain those changes. [End]

The organic waste will feed industrial-scale composting digesters to produce "high-quality, marketable recycled products, including compost, renewable natural gas, electricity, and paper." (calrecycle.ca.gov) Turning it into compost releases fewer greenhouse gases than burying it in landfills, and the methane produced can be used as fuel. Using the compost in agriculture or landscaping results in further carbon sequestration in the soil.

Since methane is a much more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide (CO2), burning it reduces the greenhouse gas (GHG) burden. When comparing methane to CO2, two different numbers are often cited, because methane breaks down in the atmosphere whereas CO2 is stable. Thus, methane is about 85 times as powerful when compared over a 20-year basis, but this changes to around 30 times over 100 years.

Twenty-seven states and DC have at least one recycling mandate. California is the first to include organics. SB1383 was signed into law in 2016, and cities and counties across the state have spent the last four years searching for ways to reduce and recycle this kind of waste. Actual policies, enforcement and fines are largely left up to cities and counties, which in turn may be fined by the state if they fail to meet the requirements. Actual penalties will be fairly easy to avoid for the first two years.

The law includes a paperwork burden for companies collecting waste. They must randomly audit the waste



The Shell station temporary stopsped gas sales because a US Foods truck hit the canopy column Dec. 8. The inside store is still open with fast food service and all normal items. The owners are waiting on the insurance claims adjuster before repairs can start.

PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

stream to determine how much, by weight, is going "in the wrong bin." Statewide, employees will be pulling out 200-pound samples from each side (landfill and compost) to determine the level of cross-contamination, keeping records of this, and looking for ways to keep it low. Home composters will not be required to audit their own private piles and heaps. It's always good to use screens to keep flies and mice out though.

A lengthy section of the law requires jurisdictions to purchase, in amounts corresponding to their populations, materials created from organic waste; gas for transportation fuel, electricity from renewable gas, renewable gas for heating and electricity from biomass, compost and mulch.

SB 619, signed into law in October, allows jurisdictions to seek relief from SB1383 penalties. They must submit (by March 10, 2022) a notification of intent to comply, describe the violations, explain why they cannot comply now (including COVID-related issues) and describe the actions they will take to comply. Penalties may thus be waived until 2023.

In 2018, China, the world's leading importer of waste for recycling, enacted the National Sword Policy that restricted these imports, in some cases requiring greater purity. This means other countries must either develop technology to pre-clean their garbage or recycle at home.

This has caused recycling rates to drop around the country; in California from 50% in 2014 to 40% in 2018. The state's goal is 75%, and the new regulation is part of the state's 2030 Climate Change Strategy.

According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, California is exceeding its ambitious GHG reduction goals; it now emits less than it did in 2006, but the goals for the next 10 years call for a further 40% reduction. This year's budget includes \$60 million in grants for local governments to fund programs to comply with SB1383.

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Idyllwild Weather

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Wednesday 12/22



57/43
Mostly cloudy

Thursday 12/23



46/42
Chance of rain & fog

Friday 12/24



44/38
Chance of rain & fog

Saturday 12/25



42/35
Chance of rain & fog

Sunday 12/26



42/34
Chance of snow

Monday 12/27



42/27
Chance of snow

Tuesday 12/28



38/25
Partly cloudy

Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
12/14	43	33	0.73	1.0	
12/15	39	21	0.25	0.0	
12/16	45	24	0.00	0.0	
12/17	51	26	0.00	0.0	
12/18	57	25	0.00	0.0	
12/19	x	x	0.00	0.0	
12/20	60	26	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
12/14	48	27	0.00	0.0	
12/15	52	25	0.00	0.0	
12/16	60	29	0.00	0.0	
12/17	52	30	0.00	0.0	
12/18	55	35	0.00	0.0	
12/19	60	27	0.00	0.0	
12/20	68	34	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 weath-

er 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 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 or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



A grey Tuesday in Idyllwild as temperatures hovered in the mid-50s throughout the day.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR



A blue sky over snow-capped mountains was what Idyllwild residents and visitors woke up to Wednesday morning.

PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

Advice for snow-play visitors

The U.S. Forest Service closed the Humber Park Trailhead parking lot last week to vehicles due to last week’s winter storm. “Once the parking lot road becomes iced over, many cars slide or get stuck in its steeper sections. Staff will monitor and reopen when/if conditions become safe again,” according to the San Bernardino National Forest’s (SBNF) Twitter post.

California Highway Patrol Officer Graham Aanstad had five vehicles towed for blocking Humber Park between last Saturday and Sunday.

SBNF also issued a snow-play advisory on its website considering last week’s snow and the coming week’s predictions.

SBNF expects large crowds over the holiday weekend because of snow. It asks visitors to:

- Research a destination. A few snow-play areas require Adventure Passes to park. Visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/r5/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=STELPRDB5181410&width=full> to search for a designation.
- Check weather and snow conditions and plan accordingly. Avoid driving during a snowstorm. Snow plows will be working and visibility might be low. Visit weather.gov for weather conditions and forecast. Check the Caltrans; <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov> for road conditions/traffic, including chain controls, road closures and more. Ensure you understand chain control requirements and how to install them (practice before coming).
- Plan for safety and comfort. Make sure you start your trip with a full tank of gas. Tell someone where

you’re going and when you’ll return; check in when you get back. Pack water, high-energy meals, and snacks — and pack more than you think you’ll need. Dress in layers of warm, waterproof clothing, including extra layers. Don’t rely solely on GPS-based maps.

- Park in safe, legal spots. Never block traffic or driveways, even to install snow chains. Play on open public lands only. Choose a hill that does not send sleds into roadways.
- Be sure to hydrate and eat frequently throughout the day. Pay attention to weather conditions and be prepared to leave quickly if conditions change or worsen. Keep an eye on the gas gauge; fill up if low.
- Leave no trace. Pack out all trash, leftover food and waste. Remember to display your recreation pass.

Voter changes coming to Riverside County

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Beginning with the June 2022 primary elections, hundreds of local polling sites within Riverside County may be gone. While there may be fewer sites on the Hill, the county confirms there will still be a voting center in Idyllwild.

The decision to modify the county election process began a year ago with a review of the results from the November 2020 presidential election and subsequent state legislation.

Because of COVID-19 concerns, Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an order to send every registered voter a ballot for the 2020 election. Prior to that election, Oregon had a statewide vote-by-mail process but this was first time in California.

Vote-by-mail was the principal reason to reassess the number and location of voting centers. After receiving their mailed ballots, voters could make their selections at home and return their ballots by mail or to a designated voting center. At those centers, as an alternative to mail-in ballots, voters could also choose to cast their ballots on machines.

Since then the California Legislature passed Assembly Bill 37, establishing a permanent vote-by-mail election system in the state. The Voter’s Choice Act (VCA) enacted in 2016 established a vote-by-mail process. California counties had the option to choose or continue using their existing election systems. In 2018, five counties had opted to implement the VCA and now 15 counties are using it.

Vote-by-mail ballots are not the only major change to encourage voter turnout. Expanding the times voting centers are open for voting is just as important. Rather

than voting limited to election day at one site, voting can begin earlier, four weeks before the election.

Vote-by-mail requires locations where ballots not mailed may be brought and securely deposited, and provide opportunities to replace a ballot if the mailed ballot was damaged or lost. If a voter wants a replacement ballot, staff must be available to accept the old ballot to be discarded or, if it is not returned, to designate the new ballot as provisional to ensure the voter is not casting more than one ballot.

On Dec. 14, Registrar of Voters Rebecca Spencer asked the board of supervisors to approve a plan for implementing VCA.

The Election Administration Plan will be presented to the public. She promised three noticed public hearings and a 14-day comment period following the last public hearing. After board approval, the plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

One of the major consequences will be many fewer polling sites in the county.

“During the pandemic, we saw challenges we face conducting elections the old style; we had lots of polling places and we had very few poll workers who didn’t want to come to polling places because they didn’t feel safe,” 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington said during the discussion.

“The Voter’s Choice Act give us more opportunities to cast our vote ... This broadens the ability to continue this great democracy of ours,” he continued in support of the changes.

Spencer explained to the board that voters now have the opportunity to cast their votes 28 days before the actual election day. During this period, a county must provide, at least one voting center for every 50,000 vot-

ers. For Riverside County, Spencer said 26 locations are needed during this period.

Then for the three days prior to the election and election day, enough centers for every 10,000 voters must be available, which expands the need for voting centers. With so many days needed, traditional polling places, such as schools and fire stations, will not be available.

According to Spencer, who used the June 2022 primary as an example, the 26 vote centers would be open from May 28 to June 3. Another 104 vote center locations would open June 4, resulting in about 130 vote centers open from June 4 to 7.

That compares to more than 600 polling places open only on election days before 2020. If all of these sites had to be open for the same hours, staffing would exceed 3,000 poll workers and cost another \$7 million.

Much of this is not new to Riverside County voters. Nearly 82% of registered voters cast ballots in that election. Every registered voter received a ballot in the mail and early voting was widely available. Before Nov. 4, 2020, Election Day, nearly 650,000 ballots had been cast.

The Idyllwild Library was a designated voting center as was Camp Ronald McDonald.

The election process review the board authorized a year ago resulted in three “After Action” reports in May, August and last week.

The registrar and the committee found several challenges to implementing the new election process besides the number of polling sites. More and new equipment was needed, coordination of the voting guides and ballot mailing.

To solve and to fix these problems, the group estimated that the Registrar of Voters Office would need another \$1.5 to \$2 million.

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MATTER OF FACT

In last week's story about Marilyn Bunnell on page B01, she earned her degrees at Cal State, Long Beach, not Cal State, Huntington Beach which doesn't exist. Also, in last week's Pine Cove Water District story, it was not clear that there are no new rate increases being proposed except for special charges and for accounts with multiple premises on a single meter. Town Crier regrets the errors.

MOUNTAIN FOLK

The Town Crier received word last week that long-time kindergarten teacher **Martha Reiman**, who retired in 1998, died recently. No further information was given.

From journalism to government, DeArmond has done well

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Michelle DeArmond, chief of staff for Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington, will be leaving his office for a major policy position with the Riverside University Health System (RUHS). DeArmond has not been a life-long Washington staff person. "My team is very important to me — like family — and Michelle took care of my team better than any of my previous chiefs. She is more than a chief. She is a mentor and a leader and has helped to develop my team," Washington said in an email to the Town Crier.

Nor has her career been devoted to Riverside County, but after learning about her path, one realizes that DeArmond has always strived to serve the public.

While not a single-subject-matter expert, her career and experience with many issues and the ability to ask probing questions enables her to work well with elected officials and administrators.

Iowa City, Iowa, is where she was born 50 years ago and grew up. Following her high school graduation, she left Iowa to begin her life and career journey.

The first stop was Columbia, Missouri, home of the University of Missouri, where she graduated in three-and-half years from one of the top and most renowned journalism schools in the world.

The Associated Press (AP) offered several jobs. Indianapolis was her choice. Even while beginning a newspaper career, she continued to pursue and earn academic accolades. In her first year, she received a Pulliam Fellowship.

Within a year, AP was DeArmond's Horace Greely: "Go West, young woman, go West" was its request and she joined its Las Vegas team.

While there, she worked on many stories, including Mike Tyson's return to the ring and a local sex scandal involving a teacher. The latter was a story that needed to be told and the mother who uncovered it was running up against walls, according to DeArmond.

From there she was enticed to the Los Angeles AP office, where she made contributions to The Press-Enterprise.

Her assignments there included coverage of local politics. One of the local politicians she covered was former Supervisor John Benoit, also a former assemblyman and state senator. In 2010, when his chief of staff unexpectedly died, she took her next and new career step. She spoke to Benoit about the job.

"I don't know why," she said. "But as a journalist I knew a little about a lot and I threw my hat in the ring."

Benoit hired her and she work six years for him. After he died at the end of 2016, she transferred to the county's Eco-

nomic Development Agency in the Foreign Trade group. Then in late 2018, Washington called and offered her his chief of staff position.

"I will always cherish Michelle's counsel, both her advice and how she would deliver it. She has the ability to give me good counsel and make me feel like it was my great idea all along!" Washington said.

"It's a wonderful job," she began. "There's diversity. No two days are the same. You have the opportunity to help people and effect change."

The public, however, is a curious and sometimes difficult client. "It's hard when people don't always understand government. We have to manage expectations for help, because some believe there is a secret magic word to fix the problem."

"In my opinion, Michelle is the best chief of staff to have served the residents of Riverside County. She is smart, honest, responsive and dedicated to serving the residents of Riverside County — a true professional," Washington said.

Being chief of staff is not a lonely nor isolated position. DeArmond said she frequently works with the staff of other supervisors. "We definitely work across the board. We're all there to consult and collaborate," she added. "I will miss working with the other chiefs."

In January, she begins working at RUHSS. It will be an executive strategic policy position in health care. While researching the job, she spoke to Washington about it and her future.

He encouraged her to pursue it. And it allows her to "put her new degree to work." During the past several years, she also earned her master's degree in business from the University of Redlands where she graduated in May 2021 with the Gordon C. Atkins Memorial Scholarship Award, in recognition of academic achievement and program participation.

Her future is unknown, but her capability and talent have been demonstrated. In the short term. At RUHS, "I will be part of something really exciting and ground breaking innovative work," she said proudly.

"She is smart, honest, responsive and dedicated to serving the residents of Riverside County — a true professional. During her time with me, she has built a culture in my office reflecting those qualities," Washington effused.

"Some county departments have started recruiting my staff thanks to the energy Michelle has invested in developing them. Although it's sad for me to see my staff leave, I know it's a good thing for them and the residents of Riverside County," he added.

Whatever is next for DeArmond, she said, "I really have to think and learn and grow to access opportunities unlike anything I've done."



Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington's Chief of Staff **Michelle DeArmond** to leave position.
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Final votes on redistricting unchanged from prior week

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors cast final votes on redistricting the five supervisorial districts last week. The vote, approving a resolution defining the new boundaries, was 4-1 with Supervisor V. Manuel Perez opposed the choice. This was the same vote as at the Dec. 7 meeting when the majority adopted Map F.

The first election based on the new boundaries will be next spring's primary election and then the November general election. Of course, if threats of litigation objecting to these boundaries becomes reality, the timing and finality may change. In 2022, supervisors for Districts 2, 4 and 5 will be up for election.

In future primary and November elections, Pine Cove, Idyllwild, Mountain Center and Garner Valley, to just south of Lake Hemet, will be voting for the District 4 supervisor.

The new District 4's western edge is these Hill communities and it extends east to the Colorado River and is bounded top to bottom by the county's northern and

southern borders. It is the largest in size of the five districts. Yet District 4's population is 465,027 residents, the fewest of the five districts. Average population is 483,488. District 4 is about 18,500 fewer than the average. The other four districts are all within 5,000 people of that target.

Other Hill communities — a portion of Garner Valley, Anza, Sage, Aguanga and Lake Riverside — remain in District 3.

Formally, the supervisors voted to approve a new resolution setting the new boundaries. The only discussion was from a member of the public, Roy Bleckert.

"I make this plea public. We went through a process where everybody had their voice," Bleckert said. "The board made their decision. Why can't we just accept that?"

The redistricting process began nearly a year ago. At its Nov. 17, 2020 meeting, the board established the 2021 Advisory Redistricting Commission (ARC), a Brown Act body.

ARC and the board held six public meetings to hear comments and review proposed maps, many of which the public submitted. Hundreds of comments were submitted online and more than 60 people spoke at the Dec. 7 board public hearing.

Town Crier Membership plusses

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

Please remember: Your new or renewed Town Crier Membership comes with some nice extras. A fine one is discounts on up to two meals per day for six entire months at The Red Kettle restaurant in downtown Idyllwild, supplied through the generosity of Red Kettle owners Bruce Ross and Eileen Gallo-Ross. (Note to other businesses: We certainly are open to your support in providing something extra for TC members, too.)

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Snow creates some havoc on Highway 74

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Matt Napier reported three traffic collisions last week, two involving snow.

At 5:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, Miriam Andrews, 65, of Idyllwild, was driving a silver 1998 Mercedes E320 eastbound from a private driveway and parking lot at an unknown speed when, for unknown reasons, she accelerated across Village Center Drive into a wooden fence on private property and across bushes and vegetation in a northeast direction, colliding with a legally parked blue 2007 Chevy Tahoe.

Napier said she did not recall what happened. Idyllwild Fire ambulance transported her to Desert Regional Medical Center for precautionary reasons.

Idyllwild Garage towed her vehicle but the other vehicle was not towed.

Two collisions occurred in the same area about an hour apart of each other on the night it snowed, Tuesday, Dec. 14.

At about 4:35 p.m., Joshua Vaca, 27, of Indian Wells, was driving a gray 2020 Volkswagen Tiguan westbound on Highway 74 east of Diamico Trail in Pine Springs at about 40 mph when, because of snow conditions on the highway, he steered the vehicle over the double-yellow lines, spinning out. Jesse Lewis, 21, of Anza, driving a white 2012 Subaru Impreza eastbound on Highway 74 at about 25 mph hit the left rear of the Tiguan with his left front vehicle. Valley Auto towed both vehicles. No injuries were reported.

At 5:47 p.m. at the same location, the same night, Jakob Ollen, 31, of San Diego, was driving a gray 2007 Toyota 4Runner westbound on Highway 74 at about 40 mph when he, too, spun out, steering into the opposing lane in front of Mary Foye, 31, of Aguanga, driving a white 2015 Ford F250 at about 40 mph.

The right front of the Toyota collided with the right rear of the Ford.

Valley Auto towed both vehicles and again, no injuries were reported.



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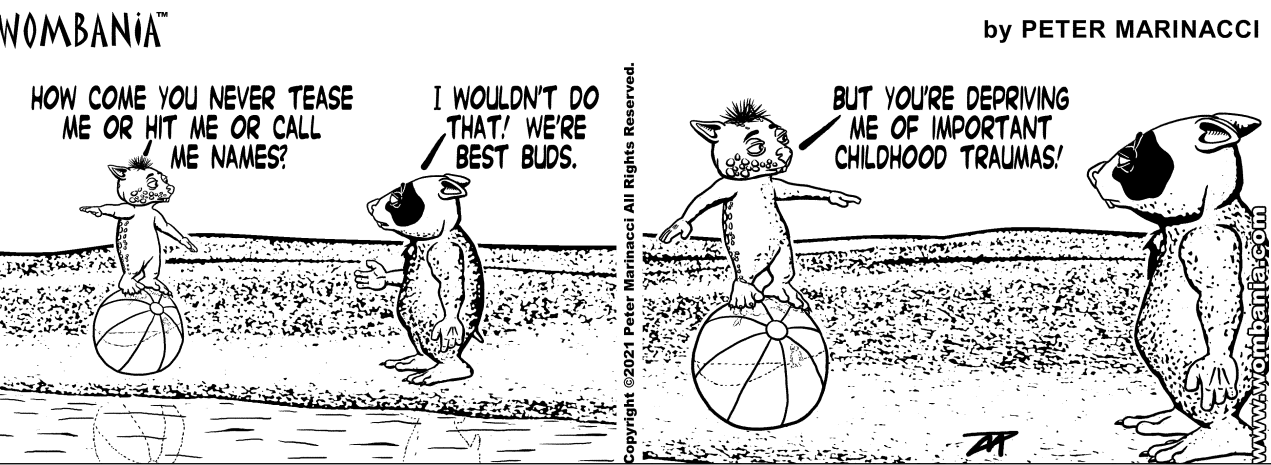
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COVID ‘policy’ creates stress at IWD meeting

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

General Manager (GM) Leo Havener was appointed board secretary at the Idyllwild Water District (IWD) directors’ meeting Wednesday night, Dec. 15. Charles Schelly was re-appointed president and Peter Szabadi was re-appointed vice president for 2022 in a unanimous vote.

Besides a report from the Santa Ana River Watershed Weather Modification Pilot Program on cloud seeding (see page 1), the board focused most heavily on its COVID-19 policy.

First, in his GM report, Havener said the South Ridge tank repairs are going well and should be completed in six to eight weeks.

As to the large wastewater replacement project of which IWD is seeking funding, Havener told the board that Idyllwild Arts Foundation is cooperating on selling some of its property to the district to expand the facility and that a survey of the property should be completed by the end of the month.

He reported to the board that production (water usage) is lower than the prior month, and that wastewater flow is higher than average. “I’m not sure why that is,” he said.

The board discussed the current COVID-19 policy for employees. A member of the board asked IWD attorney Ryan Guilboa of Best, Best and Krieger if IWD can require employees to get vaccinated. Guilboa said Cal/OSHA, does not have require-

ments on vaccinations and that it would be a policy decision for the board.

Schelly agreed with reviewing policy because COVID is “... not going away soon.”

He also added that he wants to “... make sure our policy would be the same for any disease.”

Dave Hunt, former IWD director, expressed concern for the district’s current policy.

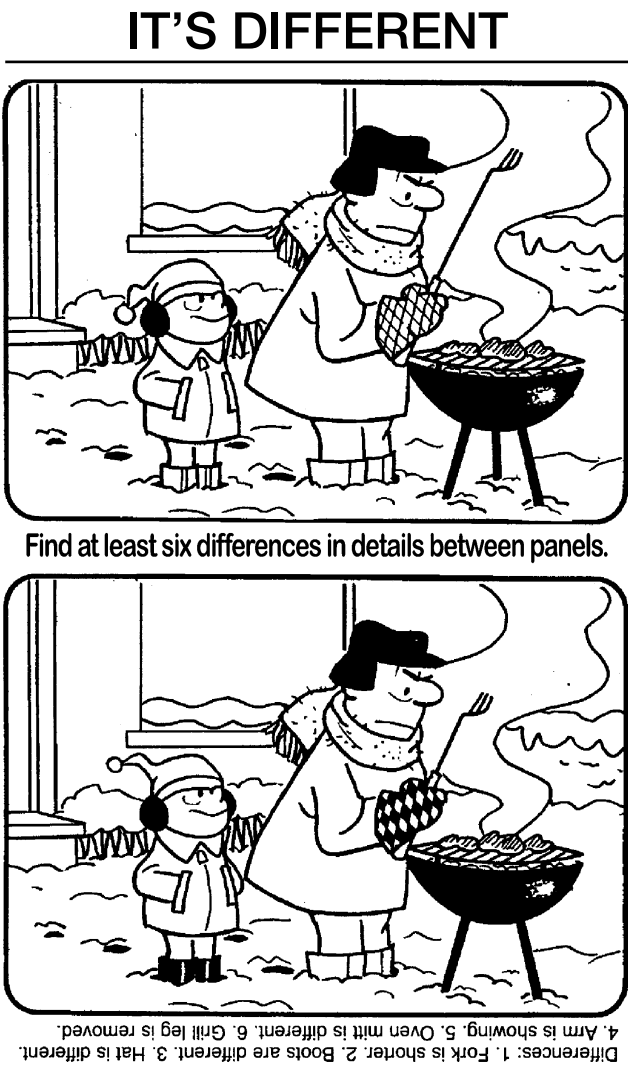
He said prior policy — voted in Nov. 20, 2020 — when he was still on the board was masking and physical distancing, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) protocols.

But at the May 19, 2021 board meeting, the GM recommended keeping with existing successful CDC COVID-19 protocols and rescinding all previous COVID-19 policies. Hunt resigned prior to that meeting’s start, saying last week that this COVID issue was the last straw that led to his resignation, and the vote was 4-0 in favor. Hunt pointed out that the CDC protocols should have strengthened IWD’s COVID policy but instead, it did not.

He said mask-required signs on exterior doors were removed after the vote and “seemed to just eliminate all safety procedures for IWD staff and customers.”

Havener said some employees have tested positive for COVID but did not get sick at work. Hunt said later, “I really don’t think that he can reliably know where they acquired the virus.”

A heated exchange occurred between the two. Hunt accused Havener of poor management and



training people to be lazy. “Watch your words carefully,” Havener shot back.

Last week’s meeting occurred on the same day indoor masking became mandatory again in public places in the state. Unlike recent in-person meetings, directors and IWD Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman masked up for the meeting.

However, Hunt called out Havener for not wearing a mask. “You’re free to leave,” Havener declared.

Another member of the public said he left a district he worked for, even though he was vaccinated, when it required vaccinations.

The board voted to have Havener consult with legal counsel on the COVID policy and report back to the board.

As to what Hunt was trying to convey to the board, he said later “... I fear it fell on deaf ears.”

Solar panels/rain capture program at FVWD

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Most of 2021’s last Fern Valley Water District (FVWD) board meeting was taken up discussing the proposed rain capture program Friday morning, Dec. 17.

Before that discussion, President Richard Schnetzer mentioned that former Idyllwild Water District Director Dave Hunt was supposed to be at the meeting to discuss the cloud seeding project the Santa Ana River Watershed Weather Modification Pilot Program is proposing. Hunt was not at the meeting and later told the Town Crier he could not figure out how to get on the call. (FVWD uses GoToMeeting and not Zoom.)

Schnetzer and other directors were not enthused about the project and decided to drop it.

General Manager (GM) Victor Jimenez said, “The wells are doing good ... The moisture has helped. Hopefully, we’ll be getting the creeks back.”

FVWD is dependent on wells right now because of high concentrations of total organic carbons in the low creek waters.

Jimenez explained to the board the process of how when a well has been used quite a bit, it takes a while to recover.

He reported that progress is being made on 2.5 kilowatt (KW)-capable solar panels for the filter plant, the only FVWD operation he recommended to the board for panels. Wicker Well recommended a cost of \$300 to \$500 to install timers in several locations to shut off operations during peak hours of 4 to 9 p.m. and save electrical costs.

Renova Energy recommended installing eight panels on the filter plant roof. Jimenez said FVWD would also benefit by having its own crews install the panels.

The company make the recommendations but will not do the installations because the project is too small.

When asked, Jimenez told the board that installing the solar panels for the well pumps doesn’t pencil out. The pumps draw so much power that it would require a large solar field and be cost-prohibitive.

He said the solar panels in the office during summer when running air conditioning saves FVWD about \$135 a month. Installing them on the filter plant could save into the high hundreds. “It makes more sense,” he said.

Director Gary Erb urged Jimenez to get the timers installed as soon as possible. Jimenez said, “Getting off at the peak will make a big difference.” The cost during peak is 31 cents per KW. Off-peak is 15 cents per KW.

As to the rain capture program, the board spent considerable time debating the proposed policy directors Walter Bonneau and Jon Brown prepared and have been tweaking over the past three meetings.

FVWD proposed to replace its low-flow toilet program with the rain capture program. Directors’ biggest concern is captured rain contaminating potable water.

They also debated the rebate amounts and again, as last month, whether to include existing systems. That is because the low-flow toilet budget contains only \$1,300, according to Assistant GM Jessica Priefer.

Director Robert Krieger strongly prefers including existing systems for fairness.

Bonneau said he has walked around the neighborhood and counted 20 systems already and that could cost \$2,000.

“What is the budget for this program?” asked Erb.

“That’s the thing we have to figure out,” responded Bonneau.

Krieger recommended staff survey customers as to who might be interested. Jimenez argued that newsletter surveys generate very little response. Krieger urged them anyway to try to write something that takes a complicated subject and makes it easy to understand.

The board also discussed replacing the engine in a 2016 F250 diesel vehicle that had a faulty repair resulting in engine damage. He said they could sell it next summer for \$40,000 but it isn’t worth much now. The board voted to replace the engine for no more than \$20,000. Bonneau abstained.

The board unanimously approved the 2000-2021 fiscal year audit.

Cloud seeding

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Annual cost is estimated to be slightly more than \$200,000 or \$25 per AF. The pilot program total costs would approach \$900,000 and SAWPA plans to submit a grant request to the state for 50% of the total.

Consequently, it has been asking member agencies and others, such as IWD, who would benefit, to contribute to the costs. As part of the agenda, the board was to consider a \$20,000 payment. Norton suggested it could be \$5,000 over four years.

“We’re hoping you’re willing to put money on the table,” Norton told the board during the discussion. “The amount is not important. It’s just a commitment.”

“The program is in its infancy and still being studied,” said Director Peter Szabadi, who then recommended that the item be tabled for a later review.

Before the board’s vote, Hunt recommended to the board that “... they send a letter to SAWPA stating that we do not want this done in our area.”

Szabadi’s motion was approved 5-0.

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- Wednesday, Dec. 22**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Idyllwild Chamber Orchestra rehearsal, 1-3 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

- Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Thursday, Dec. 23**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - AA meeting, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Feeding America, 1-2 p.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
 - Mountain Communities Mutual Aid food distribution, 1-2 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
 - AA “We Don’t Know” Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Courtyard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

- Friday, Dec. 24**
- 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. Call 951-659-2523 for Zoom info.

- Saturday, Dec. 25**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Narcotics Anonymous speaker meeting, 4 p.m. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30 p.m. Parking lot next to the Butterfield Amphitheatre.

- Sunday, Dec. 26**
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon-1 p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Highway 243.

- Monday, Dec. 27**
- AA, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Idyllwild Community Meditation, 5:30-6:45 p.m. & 6:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr.

- Tuesday, Dec. 28**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - 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.
 - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
 - Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oak-

wood St. Call 951-659-2523.

- Wednesday, Dec. 29**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
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- 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., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Help Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
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- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
- 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, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.
- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Monday to Sunday, Dec. 13 to 19.

- Dec. 13 — EMS call, 8:23 a.m. Maranatha Dr.
- Dec. 13 — EMS call, transport person, 10:25 a.m. Tollgate Rd.
- Dec. 13 — Traffic crash with injuries, transport person, 5:22 p.m. Village Center Dr.
- Dec. 14 — Power line down, remove hazard, 8:24 a.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- Dec. 15 — EMS call, 8:p.m. Maranatha Dr.
- Dec. 16 — EMS call, provide advanced life support, 10:33 a.m. Delano Dr.
- Dec. 18 — Public service assist, 10:14 a.m. Maranatha Dr.
- Dec. 18 — EMS call, provide ALS, 4:47 p.m. Fern Valley Rd.

Sheriff’s log

The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Saturday to Friday, Dec. 11 to Dec. 18.

Idyllwild

- Dec. 11 — Alarm call, 3:38 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 11 — Alarm call, 8:33 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 11 — Assist other department, 11:49 a.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 11 — Public disturbance, 4:18 p.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by

deputy.

- Dec. 11 — Suspicious person, 6:11 p.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 12 — Illegal lodging, 8:03 a.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 13 — Alarm call, 5:01 a.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 13 — Unattended death, 8:20 a.m. Address withheld. Report taken.
- Dec. 13 — Follow-up, 5:26 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 14 — Alarm call, 4:27 a.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 14 — Fraud, 9:40 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 14 — 911 call, 11:19 a.m. Craghill Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 14 — Petty theft, 1:09 p.m. Daryll Rd. Unfounded.
- Dec. 15 — Check the welfare, 11:52 a.m. 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 15 — Public disturbance, 1:10 p.m. 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 16 — Alarm call, 8:41 a.m. Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 16 — Public disturbance, 3:57 p.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 17 — Shots fired, 12:05 a.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 17 — Shots fired, 12:55 a.m. Strawberry Valley Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 17 — Alarm call, 1:30 a.m. Tahquitz View Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Dec. 12 — Assist other department, 6:50 a.m. 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 12 — Vicious dog, 12:10 p.m. Nestwa Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 12 — Barking dog, 5:40 p.m. Laurel Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 12 — Harassing phone calls, 6:54 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 13 — Public assist, 5:30 p.m. 52000 block of Pine Ridge Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 14 — 911 call from business, 3 p.m. Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 15 — Public disturbance, 10:19 p.m. 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 17 — Noise complaint, 9:05 p.m. Pineavista Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows / Garner Valley

- Dec. 12 — Emergency notification, 2:59 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 13 — Assist other department, 3:26 p.m. Table Mountain Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 15 — Assist other department, 8:07 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 15 — Check the welfare, 11:10 a.m. Table Mountain Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 17 — Alarm call, 8:12 a.m. Indian Hill Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats / Twin Pines

- Dec. 15 — 911 call, 5:05 a.m. Cryer Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 15 — Petty theft, 12:23 p.m. Address undefined. Re-

port taken.

- Dec. 16 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 8:04 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Dec. 11 — Suspicious person, 5:22 p.m. Keen Camp Rd.

Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 13 — Unlawful entry, 12 p.m. Tripp Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 16 — Alarm call, 7:18 a.m. Temecula Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 17 — Alarm call, 7:45 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDYLLWILD BACKHOE at 53065 West Marian View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County, Mailing Address: P.O. Box 551, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JUSTIN WYN MARTIN JONES, 53205 West Marian View Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549. DAVID ALLEN JONES, 53065 W Marian View Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549. This business is conducted by General partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above 11/23/2011.

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: DAVID A. JONES

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on September 24, 2021.

FILE NO.: R-202113447

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.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFES-

SIONS CODE).

Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as D & D SOUND CONNECTION at 54-910 Wildwood Dr, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County, Mailing Address: POB 1542, Idyllwild, CA 92549. KENNETH JAY DAHLEEN, 54-910 Wildwood Dr, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above 1995.

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: KENNETH JAY DAHLEEN

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as WILD IMAGINATIONS at 54885 Wildwood Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4429, Idyllwild, CA 92549. INTEGRAL DESIGN CONSTRUCTION, INC, PO Box 4429, Idyllwild, CA 92549. The List State of Corporation is CA

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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: DAVID BRADISH PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on November 29, 2021.

FILE NO.: R-202116139

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2021.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given The undersigned will sell at public online auction by competitive bidding on or after 12:00pm January 5th, 2021 for the purpose of satisfying lien for the storage and will be held online at, www.StorageTreasures.com. The property has been stored at San Jacinto Self Storage, 1137 S San Jacinto Ave. in the city of San Jacinto, County of Riverside State of California. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 ET. Seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

Auctioneer’s Site: https://www.storage-treasures.com/

Storage Treasures

All units listed contain miscellaneous household items and furniture. Unit numbers and identity of Occupants renting each space are as follows:

629 - Evelyn Perez

Pub. TC: Dec. 16, 23, 2021

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as CJM CONSTRUCTION at 55055 Penang Dr, Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. INTEGRAL DESIGN CONSTRUCTION, INC, 55055 Penang Dr, Hemet, CA 92544.

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: CAILEAN JACOB MEYER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on December 15, 2021.

FILE NO.: R-202116991

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13, 2021.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NORMAN TRACY KAFFEN

Case No. PRIN2101653

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of NORMAN TRACY KAFFEN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Sharon Kaffen in the Superior Court of California, County of RIVERSIDE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Sharon Kaffen be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 25, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. in Dept. PS3 located at 32255 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262, Desert - Palm Springs.

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 rep-

resentative 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.

Attorney for petitioner: H. Christopher Heritage/Heritage Legal, PC 777 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Ste 328 Palm Springs, CA 92262 760-325-2020

Pub. TC: Dec. 23, 30, 2021, Jan. 6, 2022.

NOTICE OF SALE OF AUTOMOBILE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 3071 of the Civil Code of the State of California the undersigned will sell the following vehicle(s) at lien sale at said address below on: 01/07/2022 09:00 AM Year of Car / Make of Car / Vehicle ID No. / License No. (State) 01 CHEVY / 1G1YY22GK15130785 / 7XJC238 CA To be sold by TECHA GAGE AUTOMOTIVE 72105 CORPORATE WAY THOUSAND PALMS CA 92276 Said sale is for the purpose of satisfying lien for together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale..

Pub. TC: Dec. 23, 2021

LIEN SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 1/6/2022, 74818 VEILE WAY LOT 2, PALM DESERT CA 92260 AT 9:00 AM, 14, FORD, FOCUS, 4H, 8LFM074, CA, 1FADP3N23E118676

Pub. TC: Dec. 23, 2021

LIEN SALE

On 01/06/2022 at 2950 WALDORS DR. RIVERSIDE, CA A Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 CHRY VIN: 2C3CDXBG6GH5 STATE: CA LIC: 7XPN157 at 10:00 AM

Pub. TC: Dec. 23, 2021.

LIEN SALE

On 01/06/2022 at 2950 WALDORS DR. RIVERSIDE, CA A Lien Sale will be held on a 2016 DODG VIN: 2C3CDXBG6GH28163 STATE: CA LIC: 7SFE880 at 10:00 AM

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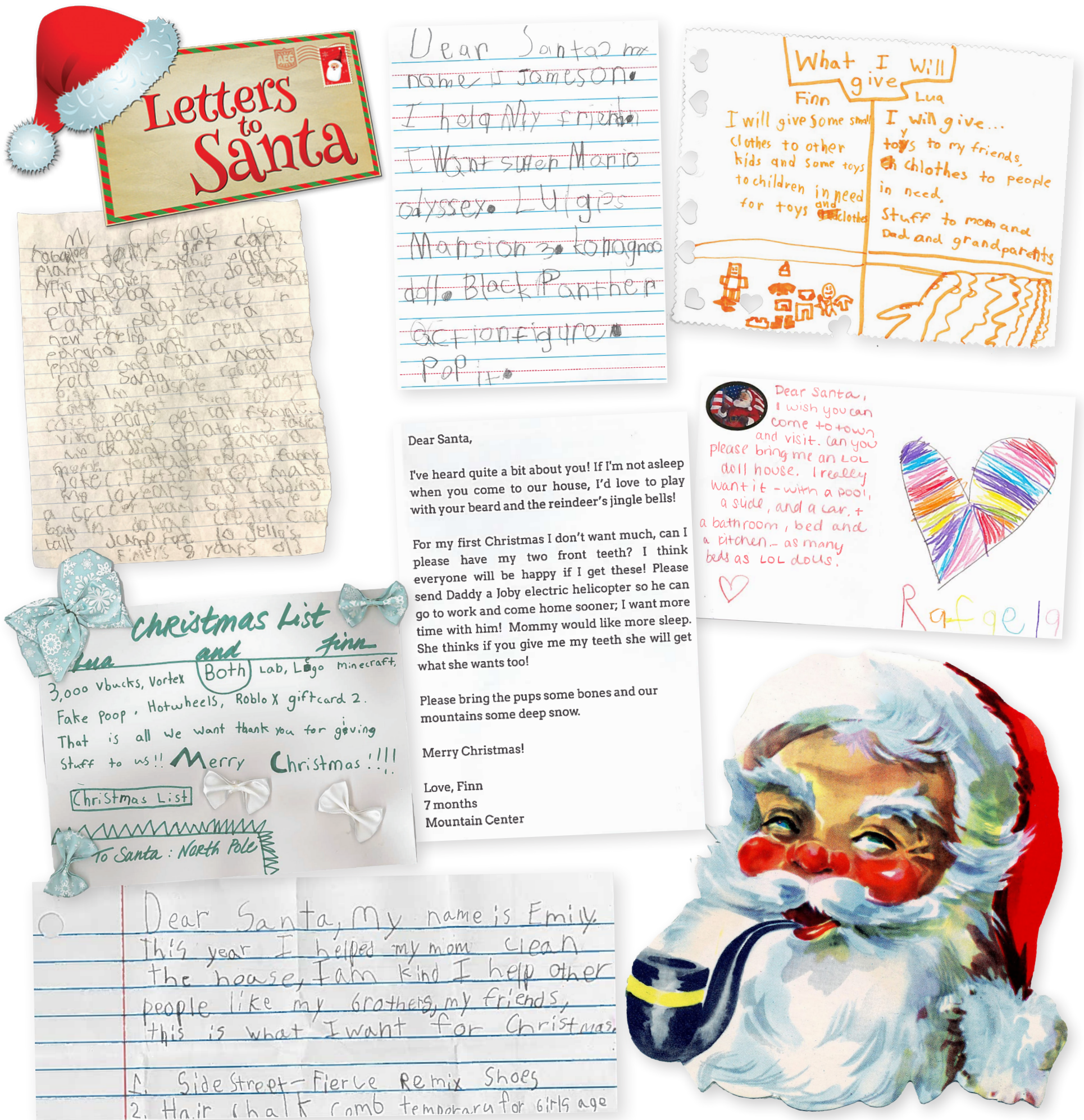
LIEN SALE

On 1/4/2021 at 2429 S. SAN JACINTO SAN JACINTO, CA A Lien Sale will be held on a 1973 GLASSPAR HULL: 719436 STATE: CA CFP#: 83184 at 10:00 AM

AND

On 1/4/2021 at 2429 S. SAN JACINTO SAN JACINTO, CA A Lien Sale will be held on a 1973 VANSN VIN: V14296 STATE: CA LIC: 4JPH815 at 10:00 AM

Pub. TC: Dec. 23, 2021.



Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

This year marks the 124th anniversary of probably the most famous Christmas newspaper editorial of all time. It was written by Francis P. Church in response to a letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon. It was published on Sept. 21, 1897, in the New York Sun.

We try to reprint it each year for the enjoyment of our readers:

Is there a Santa Claus? We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

DEAR EDITOR:

I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so."
Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?
VIRGINIA O'HANLON
115 WEST 95TH STREET

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have

been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable their existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your Papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch

Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more real and abiding.


No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



Kindergarten students put on a Christmas program at Idyllwild School Wednesday, Dec. 15.




Idyllwild School students performed a Christmas program Thursday morning, Dec. 16. Here, they sing Johnny Marks' "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer." PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON




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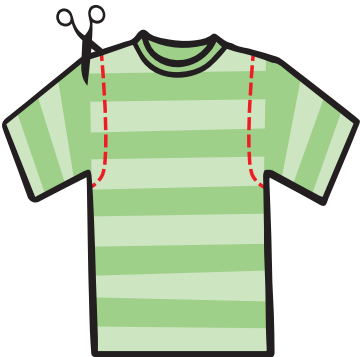


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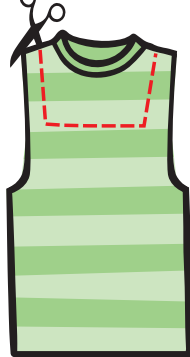
Re-Think Holiday Gift-Giving: Make a Gift from a T-shirt!

Have you outgrown a favorite T-shirt and you don't want to get rid of it? You can turn it into a gift for a friend or family member and give it a new life!


Make a Reusable Shopping Bag




1. Cut the sleeves off the T-shirt by cutting along the seams.



2. Cut out the collar in a square shape.

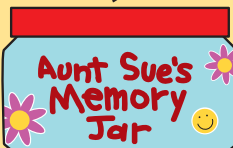


3. Cut little strips along the bottom of the shirt. Use a ruler for spacing.



4. Tie double knots along bottom of the shirt matching with back.

Memory Jar Gift



1. Clean out a jar.

2. Use paints and stickers to decorate the jar and the lid.


3. Tape these instructions on the inside of the lid:

TO:

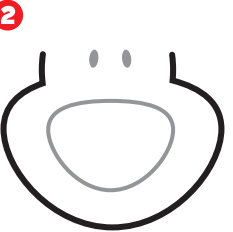
This is your 2022 Memory Jar! Each day, write down at least one good thing that happened on that day and place the slip of paper in this jar. If you're having a bad day, open the jar and relive a happier memory. At the end of the year, you'll have at least 365 reasons to smile as you look back at 2022!

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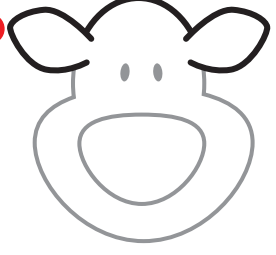
How to Draw a REINDEER in Five Easy Steps




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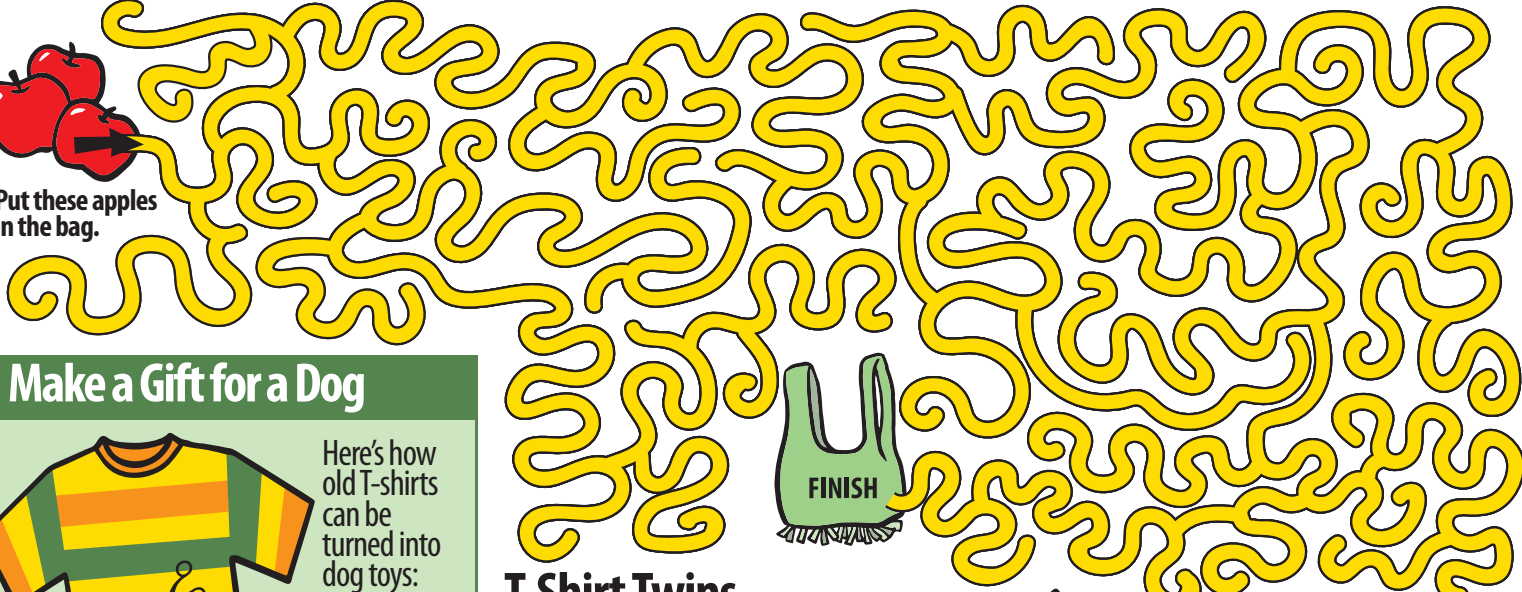
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Put these apples in the bag.




Make a Gift for a Dog


Here's how old T-shirts can be turned into dog toys:



1. Cut T-shirt into strips about 1 inch wide and 1 foot long.



2. Divide strips into 3 groups to make 3 braids. Save 2 strips for step 3.




3. Braid the 3 braids together and use the last 2 strips to tie the ends.


4. Play with dog!

T-Shirt Twins


Can you find the two T-shirts that are exactly the same?




A




B




C




D




E




F



G



H



I

Extra! Extra!

Holiday Scavenger Hunt

How many of the following can you find in today's newspaper?

☐ Christmas Tree

☐ Reindeer

☐ Elves

☐ Wrapped packages

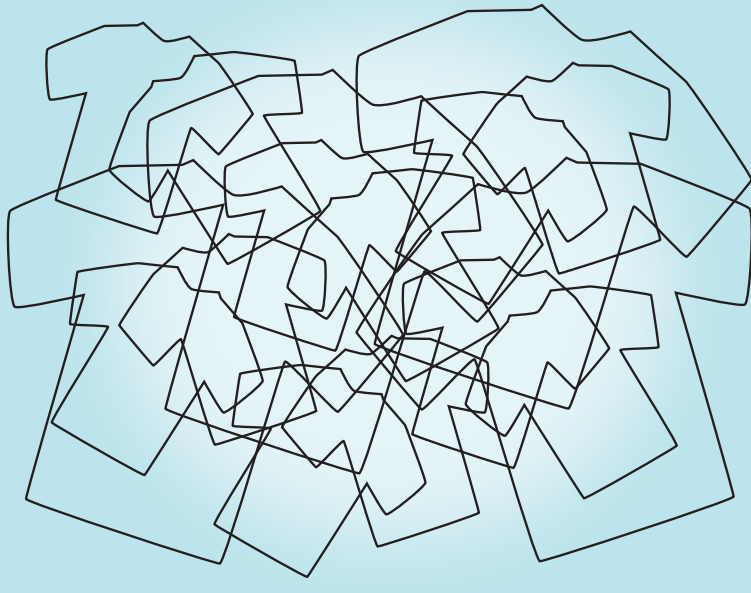
☐ Happy faces

☐ Cookies

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many T-shirts do you see?



Double Double Word Search

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

FAVORITE
REUSABLE
SHOPPING
OUTGROWN
HOLIDAY
FRIEND
SQUARE
SHIRT
BRAID
KNOTS
GIFT
TOYS
NEW
DOG
OLD

F	G	N	I	P	P	O	H	S	O
A	E	I	B	R	A	I	D	U	H
V	O	L	D	O	G	E	T	T	H
O	T	L	B	I	R	G	O	S	O
R	R	I	F	A	R	Y	T	D	L
I	I	T	U	D	S	O	A	Y	I
T	H	Q	W	G	N	U	G	O	D
E	S	N	I	K	F	W	E	N	A
T	D	N	E	I	R	F	S	R	Y

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.


FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Newspaper Search Game Gift

Create your own newspaper scavenger hunt game. For example: Smile search, Sports search, Animal search, etc. Then give the game instructions and a newspaper as a gift.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

What does Mrs. Claus say when it's cloudy on Christmas Eve?




ANSWER: "Looks like rain, dear!"


Write On!

Holiday Jokes and Riddles


Write down some of your favorite holiday jokes and riddles to share with your family and friends.



Tom & Kathy Kluzak
Sponsoring 1
Idyllwild School classroom




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Idyllwild School classroom



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Idyllwild School classrooms

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- Unless the heading is currently running, your ad must be 2 col. x 2" or larger.
- Minimum insertion: 1 month
- One copy change permitted monthly
- Deadline for copy change: noon Friday

Questions? Call Town Crier at (951) 659-2145 or Email: Mandy@towncrier.com

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Wednesday, Dec. 22

- Forest Folk Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Children's Storytime, "Santa's Workshop," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, Dec. 24

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration, 4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church.
- Holy Eucharist, caroling 4:30 p.m.; Eucharist, 5 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church.

Saturday, Dec. 25

- Laree & Bryan Goodhead, 1-4 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Sunday, Dec. 26

- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Laree & Bryan Goodhead, 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Monday, Dec. 27

- Crochet Club with Stella, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

- Mah Jongg, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

- Forest Folk Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.

• Children's Storytime, "Winter Wonderland," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Spirit Mountain Retreat Book Club, "Braiding Sweetgrass," 1 p.m. Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83450057065?pwd=K-21SOC9OVnh3VHI3Q3kz-K2xxN2U0UT09>.

Friday, Dec. 31

- Live music, afternoon. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- New Year's Eve party. Dreamcatcher Band, 8 p.m.-midnight. American Legion Post 800.

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- Live music, afternoon. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Sunday, Jan. 2

- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Live music, afternoon. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Monday, Jan. 3

- Crochet Club with Stella, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, Jan. 4

- Mah Jongg, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, Jan. 5

- Afterschool STEAM project: "Winter Paintings" Process Art, 3:30-4:25 p.m. Idyllwild Library.



CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the ARF cats talked about their holiday wish list.

Phil: Don't you all love the holiday season?

Whiskers: You bet we do, and the two new ARF members feel it is a very good season.

Don: Whoever it is, I'm guessing they are thankful ARF has come to their rescue.

Whiskers: That's right! Our newest members are from the canine family. But it appears that neither is fond of us felines.

Don: Well, that's OK. Who can tell us about them?

Pepper: I can! Claire is a really sweet girl, about 3 years old. She recently had a successful play date with other dogs, but she chases cats.

Phil: What else about Claire?

Pepper: Claire is house-trained and very friendly. Humans say she is beautiful, being a husky-mix, they think. She weighs about 45 pounds.

Lulu: I also heard she really enjoys the outdoors and going for hikes or walks.

Harley: Who else joined the ARF family?

Lulu: I heard she is a boxer-mix.

Phil: Right. Her name is Cookie, and she has a sad story. A loving human witnessed a human throwing her out of a car and then speeding off. Tragic.

Harley: That is so wrong!!

Phil: And she is so, so sweet. She is 29 pounds of affection, for both humans and other dogs. She is house-trained and uses a doggy door.

Harley: Both Claire and Cookie have spay appointments. They are all up-to-date with vaccinations and heartworm tests.

Pepper: I hope a couple of families step up to make their lives right again.

Lulu: And make their and our lives complete.

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. ARF is open Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.

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Lulu



Cookie



Claire



Past Tense

70 years ago - 1951
The Lions Club viewed Korean War combat films at Fern Valley Lodge. The movies showed U.S. Marines withdrawing from Chosin.

65 years ago - 1956
Because of continuous dry weather, residents and visitors were being asked to be extra careful of fire during the holidays. Jess Southwell and other Forest Service lookouts were still at their fire posts.

60 years ago - 1961
In anticipation of completing the new Idyllwild Library, the county library director announced the appointment of Dorothy Bear as librarian. Hope Bell, retiring, had been Idyllwild's librarian previously.

55 years ago - 1966
Town Hall was ablaze with lights for the Christ-

mas season. One hundred people attended a Christmas program there in which a cantata featured Louis Sauter directing with Dolores Bergman singing the solo part.

50 years ago - 1971
Over the weekend, somebody painted the house Ben Jones was building in Pine Cove. The painter must have picked the wrong structure by mistake. Fortunately, the owner approved the color chosen.

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Temperatures in Idyllwild had dropped to 15 and 16 degrees on two nights.

45 years ago - 1976
Shopping in Anchorage, Alaska, Grace Beckwith sat down in a mall to rest. Pretty soon, Santa Claus sat down next to her. Learning that Grace was from Idyllwild, Santa revealed that he had spent much of his younger days here on the Hill.

40 years ago - 1981
Al Austin, an Idyllwild resident, was appointed to fill the vacancy left on the Idyllwild Water District board when George Kretsinger resigned.

35 years ago - 1986
For the first time in its 40-year history, Idyllwild

Fire Protection District hired a woman call-firefighter. Lori Opliger of Idyllwild was one of three new firefighters to join the Idyllwild Firefighters Association. The other two new call-firefighters were Randy Nugent and Dave Sandlin.

30 years ago - 1991
While attempting to investigate the stabbing murder of Terence Alberni, two Riverside County Sheriff's officers were shot at by two men on Sugar Pine Drive in Pine Cove.

25 years ago - 1996
Phyllis Petri was elected president of the Hemet Unified School District governing board.

20 years ago - 2001
The Christmas Bird Count at Lake Hemet logged 90 species.

15 years ago - 2006
Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to rename Highway 243 the "Esperanza Highway."

za Firefighters' Memorial Highway." A similar proposal was to go before the state Legislature in January following the deaths of five U.S. Forest Service firefighters Oct. 26, 2006, during the Esperanza Fire..

10 years ago - 2011
The draft Corridor Management Plan for the Palms to Pines Scenic Byway became available for public comment.

5 years ago - 2016
California's minimum wage would rise to \$10.50 an hour on Jan. 1, 2017, for businesses with 26 or more workers with subsequent graduated increases topping out at \$15 an hour by Jan. 1, 2022.

1 year ago - 2020
Due to the recent abrupt resignation of Idyllwild Postmaster Mark Smith, the remaining staff had been overwhelmed with operations during the holiday season.



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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: SAID WHEN SOMEONE SNEEZES

Glad to see I ask Says What have
Good for Mind Shame on What's eating
Good on Over to Thank Will
How are Same to Up to

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"HONK YOUR HORN-SAVE MY LIFE"
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CROSSWORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Earring site 40 Writer 9 Biased
5 Smack 41 Short jacket 10 Aleppo's land (Abbr.)
8 Blog entry 45 Gambling 11 Eastern "way"
12 Regrettably game 19 Central
13 Fuss 47 Jay follower 21 Consumed
14 "May It Be" singer 49 San —, Italy 23 Monarchs
15 Dealer's foe 50 Help a crook 24 Evening, in an ad
16 Moving-day rental 51 Hosp. sections 25 Peepers
17 Aviation prefix 52 Author Sheehy 26 Bygone days
18 Energetic person 53 Striped fish 27 Exotic berry
54 Perched 28 "So what?"
55 Deco artist 32 Chimney pipes
33 Maker of ornate eggs
35 Gents
36 Coloration
38 Shoelace woes
39 Secret rendezvous
42 Dread
43 Send forth
44 Portrayal
45 "Terrifi!"
46 Lawyers' gp.
48 Altar constellation

DOWN

1 Crow's-nest
2 Skin care brand
3 Hoedown site
4 Jailbreak participant
5 Mayhem
6 Greek mountain
7 Ad nauseam
8 Oyster's prize

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HOROSCOPES

December 2021 — Week 4

March 21 – April 19
With the new year's opportunities almost within reach, the Arian's courageous aspects are raring to go. And don't be surprised if a lot of people follow the zodiac's most trusted leader.

April 20 – May 20
Change lies ahead for the brave Bovine who is ready to shuck off the tried and true to try something new. But appearances can be deceptive. Check it all out before you charge into anything.

May 21 – June 21
This week promises a peek into what the new year holds for the Gemini Twins, both in love and careers. Family matters continue to be a factor in decisions you're going to be facing.

June 22 – July 22
As you move into the new year, your travel aspects grow stronger, and you might find yourself making decisions about a destination and a traveling companion sooner than you'd expected.

July 23 – August 22
The new year holds both glitter and gold. This means Leos and Leonas should begin getting the facts they'll need to separate the real thing from the sham in order to make important decisions next year.

August 23 – September 22
A good way to start the new year might be to arrange for a visit to someone you haven't seen in a long time. You also might want to pick up that project you put off a while back.

September 23 – October 22
As you contemplate the new year's potential, you might want to talk things over with people who are or have been where you want to go. Their experience and advice can be helpful.

October 23 – November 21
Someone close to you might feel like you have no more room for him or her in your life. This calls for immediate reassurance of your love so you can start the new year on a high note.

November 22 – December 21
The coming year will bring more people into your life. Some situations might not work out as well as others. But overall, everyone earns something, and that's always a good thing.

December 22 – January 19
The new year could find you indulging in one or more of the hobbies you've always wanted to take up. And don't be surprised if they ultimately direct you toward a new career.

January 20 – February 18
The artistic Aquarian should find more opportunities in the new year. You might even make some potentially helpful contacts as you gather to ring in the year 2022.

February 19 – March 20
The new year offers challenges for Pisceans who want to make better use of the skills they now have and learn new ones. Personal relationships show stronger positive aspects.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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 contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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