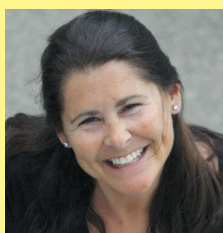


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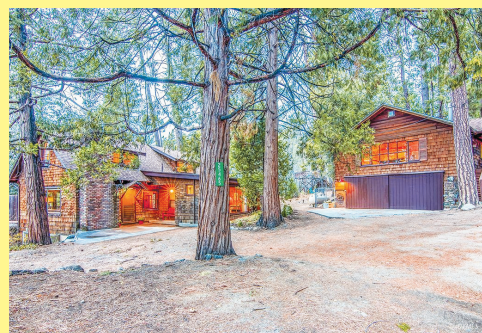
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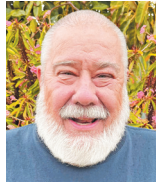
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## Sheriff investigating suspicious death on Mountain Center ranch where owner disappeared last year

By BECKY CLARK  
EDITOR

What was originally reported as an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) fatality is now considered a suspicious death in Mountain Center. The victim was identified as Jodi Newkirk, 46, of Mountain Center.

At 5:07 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, Riverside County (RC) Fire and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) were dispatched to Bonita Vista Ranch on Bonita Vista Road in Mountain Center to what was reported as an ATV roll-over.

RC Fire logged it as a traumatic injury where the "rider perished at the scene."

But at 5:39 p.m., RC Sheriff's Department deputies out of the Hemet station were called to "... a suspicious death investigation believed to have been a traffic fatality ...

"Upon arriving, deputies located a deceased female in the open area of a large private property with unexplained injuries. A crime scene was secured, and the Central Homicide Unit responded and assumed the investigation."

Investigators remained on scene until late afternoon Friday due to the terrain and inclement weather. RC Sheriff's Department would not comment further on the investigation.

The ranch is the same one owned by Dia Abrams, 65, who went missing June 6, 2020. Keith Leslie Harper, a ranch hand who lives on the property and claims to be Abrams' fiancé, is the beneficiary of her properties along with Diana Fedder, a Mountain Center resident.

Harper, 72, is a registered sex offender having been found guilty of sexual misconduct toward three women on a Feb. 24, 2011 snowmobile tour near Durango, Colorado where he was operating Outlaw River & Jeep Tours.

Anyone with information regarding the Mountain Center investigation is asked to call Master Investigator Loureiro of the Central Homicide Unit Station at 951-955-277 or Investigator Rinkert of the Hemet Sheriff's Station at 951-791-3400.



Southern California Edison worked on power poles recently just off Highway 243 between the Idyllwild Transfer Station and Bluebird Inn, staging down on Highway 74 below Mountain Center, and moving workers around between poles as well as the staging area by helicopter.

PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

## Where Idyllwild lands in state redistricting

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Last week the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission released its proposed final maps for the 52 congressional, 40 state Senate, 80 Assembly and four board of equalization districts. The commission was going to accept public comment for three days before submitting the final maps to the California Secretary of State.

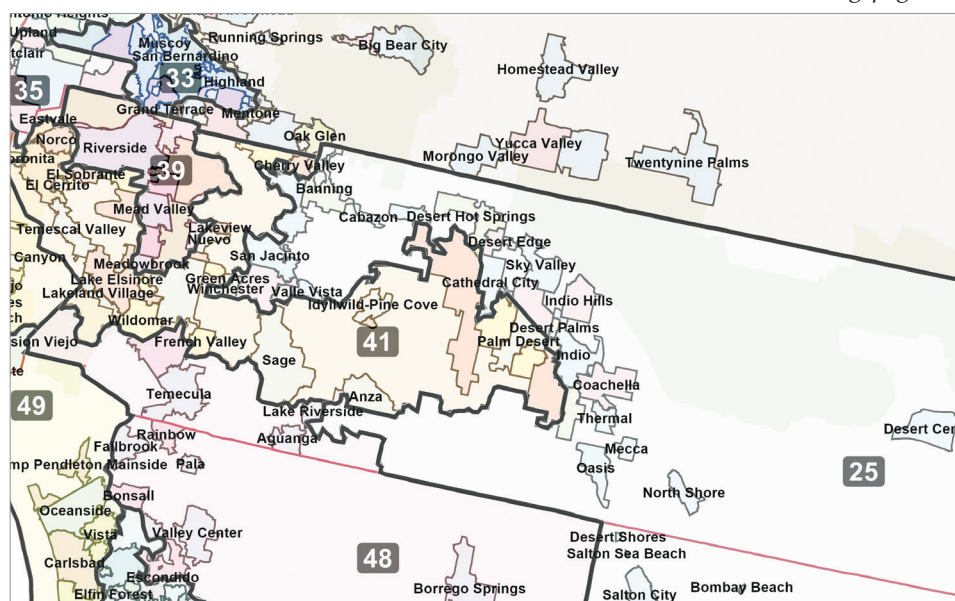
"We have reached the finish line for the people's redistricting process in California. When voters approved the Voters FIRST Act, it created a monumental shift in this decennial process," Commission Chair Alicia Fernandez emphasized in the commission's press release. "... We started this process leaving politics out of the equation in hopes of achieving fairer and more equitable maps. I think I speak for my colleagues when I say mission accomplished."

Among the commission's criteria for drawing the maps were to ensure they were contiguous, so that all parts of the district are connected to each other, to minimize the division of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest to the extent possible, and to make them geographically compact: such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for a more distant population.

While that may have been the goal for each type of district, the treatment of the Hill communities seems quite different when the different types of districts are compared.

For example, Idyllwild and Pine Cove are in a district that extends west to Orange County, another that includes southern San Bernardino County and the third's southern boundary in San Diego County is only miles from the Mexican border.

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Here are how the Hill communities land in the Congressional redistricting. The Hill no longer will be in Rep. Raul Ruiz's district.

MAP COURTESY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Hill businesses and institutions normally open Saturdays that will be closed Saturday, Jan. 1, to observe New Year's Day are:

- Idyllwild Library (also Friday, Dec. 31)
- Idyllwild Pharmacy
- Idyllwild Post Office
- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Mountain Center Post Office
- U.S. Forest Service

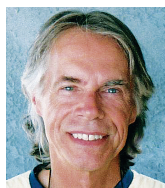
Closed New Years Eve, Friday, Dec. 31:

- Hemet Unified School District (also Thursday, Dec. 30)
- Idyllwild Town Crier (also @ noon Thursday, Dec. 30)
- Idyllwild Water District (also Monday, Jan. 3)
- Pine Cove Water District
- PNC bank (closing @ 2 p.m.)
- Riverside County Offices

These will be open:

- Idyllwild Nature Center (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park
- Mountain Center Market
- Mountain Top Liquor
- Pine Cove Market
- Village Market

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# CDC shortens isolation time

## All living American presidents endorse COVID vaccination

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is taking two holiday weeks off from updating its COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review, but it has shortened its recommended isolation time for asymptomatic people who test positive for COVID-19 from 10 days to five days.

American presidents nos. 46 and 45 both endorsed COVID vaccination this past week, in line with all four of the living past presidents, nos. 44, 43, 42 and 39.

In a televised statement to the nation last week, President Joe Biden told Americans that getting vaccinated against COVID is “your patriotic duty” and “an obligation to your country.”

Former president Donald Trump, who was vaccinated at the White House back in January, revealed during an interview with conservative commentator Bill O'Reilly last week that he has also received a COVID-19 vaccine booster. And in a very recent interview with conservative media personality Candace Owens, Trump stated, “I came up with three vaccines — all are very, very good. I came up with three of them in less than nine months. ... The vaccine worked. But some people aren't taking it. The ones that get very sick and go to the hospital are the ones that don't take the vaccine. ... People aren't dying when they take the vaccine.”

Former presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter also are vaccinated against COVID and urged their fellow Americans to get vaccinated in a joint, televised announcement back in March.

Still, 50 million vaccine-eligible Americans remain

totally unvaccinated — that's about 15% of the vaccine-eligible population.

Overwhelmed hospitals in north-eastern Ohio came together in a full-page public plea in Sunday's Cleveland Plain Dealer entitled simply: “Help.” The hospitals, fearful they will run out of staff and beds for patients who need them for all illnesses, say they have more COVID patients than ever before, and “the overwhelming majority are unvaccinated. ... We need you to care as much as we do.”

As the TC reported two weeks ago, there is currently a statewide California mask mandate for indoor public places in effect through Jan. 15. The mask mandate includes patrons in indoor restaurants, except when they are actually eating or 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; that is, 0.33% of its combined student/staff population, same as 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 the last two weeks. 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 reports active cases confirmed during the previous two weeks.

As of Tuesday, Riverside County Public Health (RCPH) reported 243 total cases of COVID in the Idyllwild-Pine Cove community, with four deaths and 235 recovered, leaving four cases currently active in our community — four times as many as last week.

County-wide, RCPH is now reporting a total of 392,964 confirmed COVID cases (5,981 more than last week) with 5,554 total deaths (18 more than last week) and 380,670 having recovered, leaving 6,740 active cases in Riverside County, 1,229 fewer than last week. The county reports 371 (54 more than last week) hospitalized COVID patients (the state reports 391 in Riverside County), 88 of which are in intensive care (the state reports 91). On Tuesday morning, the state's website reported 99 intensive care unit (ICU) beds available in

Riverside County (18 more than last week). CDC has been alternating between rating Riverside County as a “Substantial” versus “High” transmission area. Currently, the county continues to be rated “High.”

RCPH reports that, as of Dec. 26 in Riverside County, 7.7% of the population ages 5 to 11 are fully vaccinated — while 47.9% of ages 12 to 5, 54.2% of ages 16 to 24, 57.8% of ages 25 to 44, 71.2% of ages 45 to 64 and 74.5% of ages 65-plus have been fully vaccinated. Currently, the term “fully vaccinated” does not include boosters. Visit <https://rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine-with-Registration> to schedule vaccinations.

As of Dec. 27, California reported 4,990,016 total confirmed COVID cases statewide (54,555 more than last week), with 75,461 resulting deaths (294 more than last week).

Omicron's symptoms appear to be milder than Delta's, but it is clear that Omicron is extremely transmissible, person-to-person — far more so than the Delta variant.

CDC continues to advise that vaccination, along with other important prevention strategies, continues to be the best defense against severe COVID disease. CDC urges people 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 test positive, or you are sick and have symptoms, don't go.

As we reported last week, Dr. David N. Fisman, epidemiologist at the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health, recommends a return to high-quality, snug-fitting N95, KN95 or CN95 masks instead of “baggy” surgical-type or homemade masks because of the high transmissibility of the Omicron variant, which can be carried in extremely fine exhaled aerosol particles and, “The fit is everything,” Fisman has said.

## Redistricting

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### Congressional

Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Mountain Center and Anza are located in the new 41st Congressional District. Its western boundary is the border between Orange and Riverside counties.

It includes Norco, Corona, Temescal Valley and Wildomar. Although Riverside city and Mead Valley are in the 39th District, the 41st lies south of these cities and then north to Cherry Valley and the San Bernardino County line. The 41st moves south again, but Banning, San Jacinto, Hemet and Valle Vista are assigned to the 25th District.

From Menifee and Sage, the 41st travels east to include Anza, the Hill and the desert cities of Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Indian Wells and La Quinta, but not Cathedral City.

The Hill and the desert cities will no longer be represented by U.S. Rep. Dr. Raul Ruiz. His new district passes north of the Hill and south into Imperial County.

However, Republican U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert did announce he would seek re-election for the new 41st District.

In his Facebook statement, he wrote, “Today, I'm announcing my intention to run for election in the newly drawn 41st Congressional District in 2022. As many of you know, I'm a lifelong resident of Corona, which is the largest city in the newly drawn 41st Congressional District ...

“I am eager to continue advocating for the solutions Riverside County needs in Washington. I have had the honor of representing the bulk of the new 41st Congressional District before and I look forward to serving them again in the House of Representatives ...,” Calvert continued. “During my time in the House, I have developed the bipartisan relationships, committee assignments and seniority necessary to deliver meaningful results for my constituents.”

### State Senate

The 40 State Senate districts are supposed to be twice the population of the Assembly districts.

Idyllwild and Pine Cove are located in Senate District (SD) 32, but Pinewood and north of Pine Cove are assigned to Senate District 19 (which continues north to the boundary between San Bernardino and Inyo counties).

SD 32's western edge is Chino Hills and Yorba Linda, then it narrowly snakes southwest to include Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Wildomar and Temecula.

It continues southwest and includes the San Diego County cities of Palomar Mountain, Warner Springs and Julian. From the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park it turns north to Pinyon Crest and Ribbonwood. All of the desert cities are in different districts.

The proposed district's estimated population is about 940,000, which is about 48,000 fewer than the average for the 40 districts.

### State Assembly

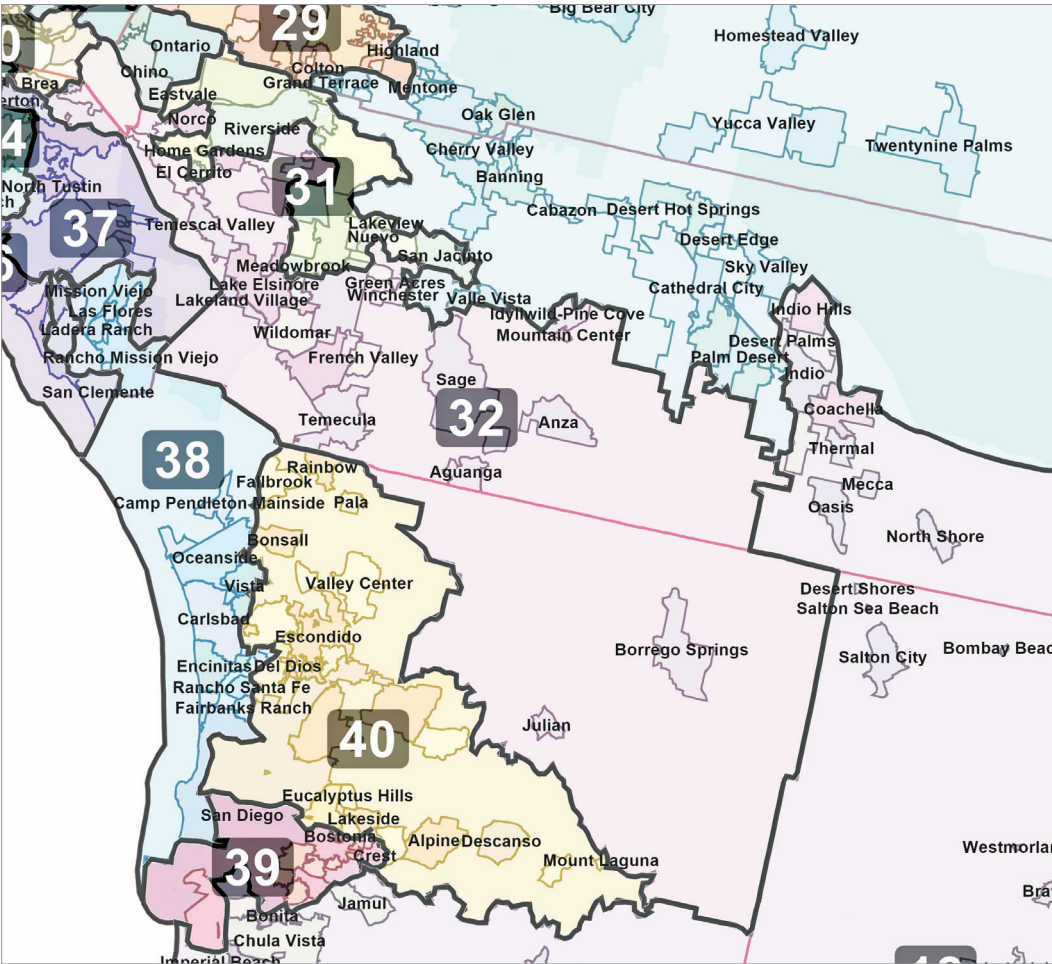
Only Idyllwild, Pine Cove and north are in Assembly District 47. Garner Valley, Anza and Aguanga are in Assembly District 36.

District 47 does include the desert cities from La Quinta north to Desert Hot Springs. Valle Vista, Beaumont and Banning are on the western side of the district.

The northern portion of the district includes Cherry Valley and the San Bernardino communities of Yucaipa and Yucca Valley, but not Twenty-nine Palms.

From there it drops into Riverside County to include Joshua Tree National Park, but remains north of Interstate 10 to, but excluding Desert Center.

District 47's estimated population is about 518,700, which is about 24,600 more than the average for the 80 districts.



Here are how the Hill communities map out in the state Senate redistricting. MAP COURTESY OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### Board of Equalization

The commission reduced the size of the board of equalization to four seats from the current five members.

The 4th Board of Equalization District is composed of four Southern California counties — Imperial, Orange, Riverside and San Diego.

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## Idyllwild Weather


From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 12/29




**37/36**  
Snow

Thursday 12/30




**39/36**  
Snow & rain

Friday 12/31




**40/33**  
Snow & rain

Saturday 1/1




**39/31**  
Sunny

Sunday 1/2




**42/33**  
Sunny

Monday 1/3



**44/30**  
Mostly sunny

Tuesday 1/4



**47/31**  
Partly cloudy

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

Idyllwild this year						
Date	High	Low	M	S		
12/21	59	37	0.00	0.0		
12/22	60	35	0.00	0.0		
12/23	48	41	1.04	0.0		
12/24	43	35	2.92	0.0		
12/25	41	27	0.07	0.0		
12/26	38	29	0.67	0.0		
12/27	x	x	0.00	x		

Idyllwild last year						
Date	High	Low	M	S		
12/21	67	36	0.00	0.0		
12/22	60	34	0.00	0.0		
12/23	59	32	0.00	0.0		
12/24	55	40	0.00	0.0		
12/25	60	33	0.00	0.0		
12/26	58	34	0.00	0.0		
12/27	52	32	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

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](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](http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com) or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



A view from a snowy deck in Stone Creek Tuesday, as temperatures hovered just below 30 degrees and snow continued to fall. PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK





California Highway Patrol Officer **Graham Aanestad** had five vehicles towed for blocking Humber Park the week-end before last.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHP

## Life Tribute Martha Reiman 1940-2021



Martha Reiman quietly passed away at home surrounded by family Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

For many, many generations of Idyllwild School students, Martha (Foster) Reiman was their first introduction to public school. Following in the footsteps of educators in her family, Martha exclusively taught kindergarten at Idyllwild School for 36 years. Fellow faculty at Hemet Unified School District credit her for being a generous mentor.

Martha was excited to gain a position in our mountain community after graduation from Pasadena College. Later, she earned her master's degree in curriculum development through University of Redlands. She was an instrumental component of the Whole Language Institute at Idyllwild School. Martha retired in June 1998.

Martha married the love of her life Don Reiman in 1978 and built a lovely home on their small ranch in Garner Valley. Later in life, they relocated to Hemet.

Martha had a passion for quilting and donated her artistic works to many charities in the Hemet area. Another passion was decorating for the holidays. She always began in September to prepare for her annual seasonal event; she truly enjoyed entertaining. At the time of her sudden passing, her home was filled with eight beautiful, fully trimmed trees.

She was preceded in death by her husband Don. She is survived by her brother George Foster, daughter Julie Reiman, grandsons Paul Cano and Jacob Little, as well as great grandsons Lincoln and Bowen Cano.

A celebration of life will be held at her home at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. Donations in Martha's memory can be made to the Ramona Animal Shelter in San Jacinto.

# Jerry Hollber's path to PCWD general manager

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Jerry Holldber, Pine Cove Water District (PCWD) general manager — “Hill icon,” institution, blowhard, comedian and other names that have been used to refer to him — is retiring Dec. 31.

He has been a Hill, should say Pine Cove, resident for more 55 years of his 67 years. He has been a PCWD employee for more than 35 years, and general manager almost the entire time. During his tenure as PCWD general manager, Idyllwild Water District (IWD) has had nine and Fern Valley Water (FVWD) had four or five GMs.

As those who know him, his longevity is not because he is quiet and shy. He can be blunt and direct, but he knows how to deliver water to his customers' faucets. In an email, Robert Hewitt, PCWD board president, wrote, “I could never articulate all of the contributions that Jerry has made not just to PCWD but to all the Hill community members.”

Jerry's family began visiting the Hill in 1962, when he was 8-years-old. Two years later they were living on the Hill. His parents bought property in Pine Cove and built a house for his brother, Steve, and sister, Brenda.

In 1972, he graduated from Hemet High School where he was a well-known athlete. Besides football, Jerry played baseball and ran some track.

Throughout high school, Jerry had various odd jobs to help his family. One of these, a few days with FVWD, was a precursor to his future career. After high school, former IWD General Manager Johnny Wilson gave Jerry a summer job with the district.

Of course, Jerry did not see his future. He said of the work at that time, “I wasn't too excited about IWD. Other work was plentiful because the town was smaller.”

Despite his initial disdain for water district employment, within a year, he was working full time.

Shortly Wilson left and the new GM, Bill Whitener, and Jerry had some conflicting views. He left, but within another two years, IWD asked him to return. He did and stayed eight more years.

Again, “I needed a change and they were headed in a direction that I didn't want to be part of,” he said. With water district experience, he applied for positions at PCWD and FVWD.

Both offered him a job, but with a home in Pine Cove, “I had Pine Cove in my heart,” he admitted.

Maintenance was the first work he was assigned. But soon after beginning, the GM who hired Jerry injured himself. The GM returned in a month and left a week later. The board asked Jerry, still in his late 20s, to be field supervisor.

When PCWD began the search for a new GM, Jerry interviewed. “I had learned to read meters. I knew the Pine Cove roads, (from riding my motorcycle up and down the back roads),” he said. So, on July 1, 1986, 35-1/2 years ago, Jerry Holldber, at the age of 32, became the GM of PCWD.

He quickly discerned that this job was not going to be easy and, perhaps, not last very long.

“I started reading more meters and soon realized that many were not recording. We needed to replace 50 to 75 each year,” he lamented. “What did I get myself into?”

Most of the time, he was putting out fires rather than building resources. “On one street, we were having three to four leaks per week,” he said.

He convinced the board that he could replace the line. He did, but with the night time help of a friend who could weld. “I got it in and that was my first major accomplishment,” he said proudly.

After a few crises of this nature and better knowledge of district data, he came to a frightening realization. The district was quite close to the brink of total collapse.

Every morning he would check the status of the water tanks. Surprisingly, it was always reading full and the water level didn't change. For days, it was always at

the same level. He questioned what he was seeing and checked inside the tank. Although 25 feet tall, the actual internal water level was only 12 to 13 feet.

“The district wasn't able to sustain the amount of water that the customers needed,” he admitted. And as a volunteer firefighter, he knew the district needed to have water in reserve in case of a fire.

He began a campaign to conserve water and replace the aging meters. Next, he secured a loan to use \$600,000 to drill more wells. One is the current Well #16, which is still producing. He also replaced the water tank.

During this time, he established a strong relationship with John Egan, the district's engineer. Together they planned improvements. Eventually, on their recommendation, the district bought and erected a 1.6-million-gallon tank.

Buying new tanks, replacing meters and pipelines cost money. Jerry knew water revenues were not sufficient to pay for the capital improvements the district needed. This was when he realized that PCWD had property that could generate revenue.

That was the beginning of the Rocky Point Communications site. It became the location of many private cell towers that could serve Hill communities and Hemet Valley; and it generated income for PCWD.

While Rocky Point added revenue to the district's coffers, it did not and does not fill the whole need. Dealing with insufficient funds to accomplish or to implement his plans was the hardest part of his job. Of the three Hill water districts, PCWD has always had the least revenue and smallest budget.

“It was always a struggle with available money to do the needed improvements. We never had a lot of money,”

Jerry said. Planning has been how he adapted to insufficient funds. Just last summer and fall, he developed a 10/20/50 Year Plan he took to the board.

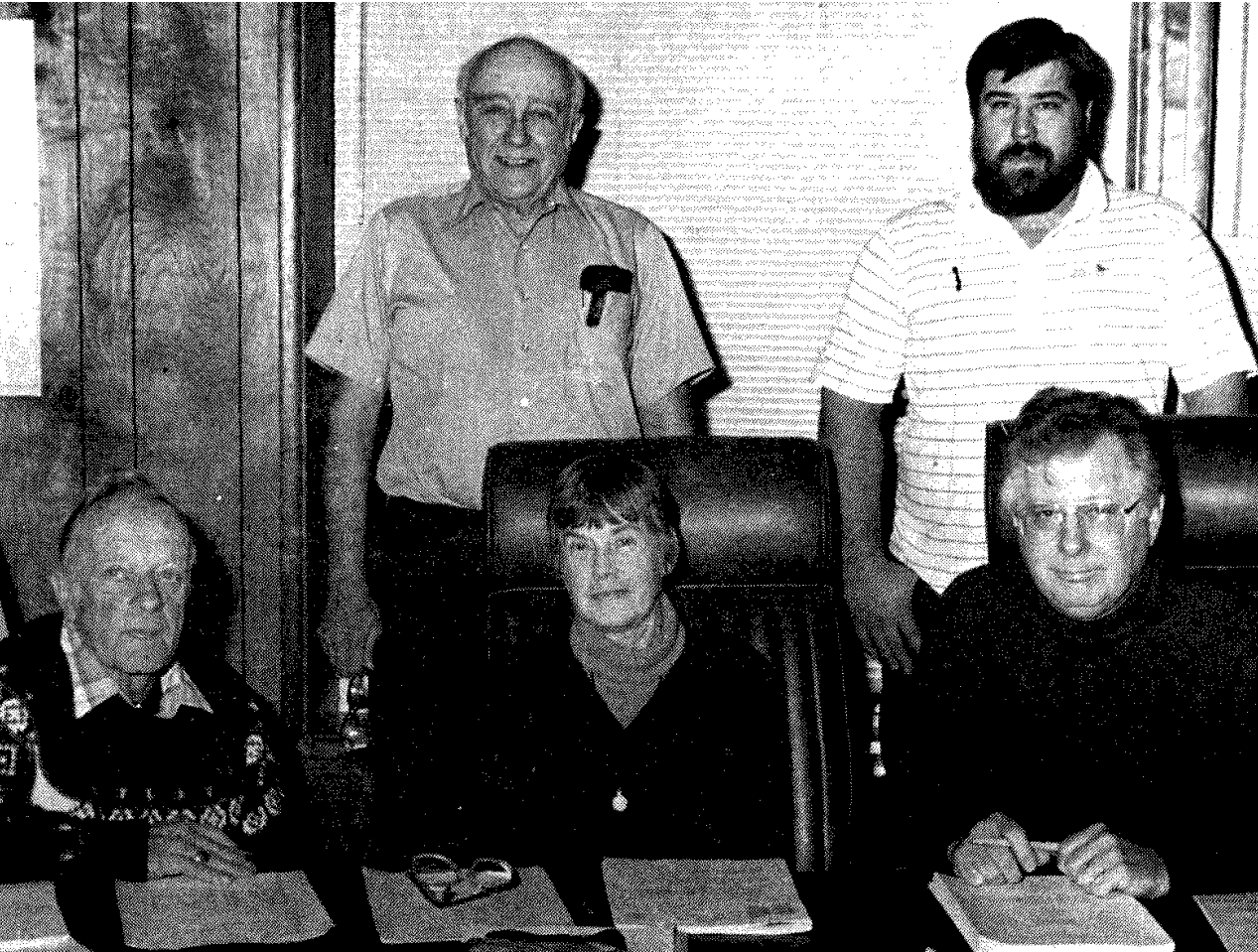
This effort, done in cooperation with Egan, took nearly seven years to complete. “I realized that we needed more money for pipe replacement,” he said. “First I began a study of the actual costs for running the district.”

This was basis for the five-year rate schedule approved several years ago. He has also applied for a \$1.6-million loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

*Editor's note: To be continued next week.*



A recent photo of **Jerry Holldber**. PHOTO BY SUE DRAPER



Officers were re-elected in December 1987 at the Pine Cove County Water District monthly board meeting. Front row, from left, were **Tom Wick**, **Ann Lumsden** and President **Carl Schirmer**. Back row, from left, were Vice President **Frank Manley** and Manager **Jerry Holldber**.

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Another point



of view

DEAR EDITOR:

Last February we were lucky enough to find and purchase our dream home here on the mountain. The highway was covered following a big snow the day before when we came up to see the house. An even bigger snowfall followed a month later, in March on the weekend we moved in.

We had been coming up here for Christmas for the four previous years and were treated to a snowfall all but one of those years. I, however, was looking forward to my first snowfall in my beautiful new home.

The week before Christmas, I was in San Diego house- and dog-sitting for my daughter. I missed the first snowfall. My husband was at home and seeing the impending snow on his weather app, followed my neighbors' lead and parked his car behind theirs, nose to tail at the base of the driveway pointed out toward the highway. The snow fell on Tuesday and he sent me pictures and stayed home working all day that day.

On Wednesday, seeing that our neighbors had left, he drove into town to check the mail. No problem. He returned home and returned the car to where he had parked it on Tuesday night. He climbed the long driveway to the house and returned to work.

He glanced outside a little while later, and what to his wondering eyes should appear, but his car at the base of the driveway, having slid all the way down. Now he sent pics of him shoveling the driveway and

musings about the need for snow tires. My fingers were flying furiously on my phone trying to find a snow blower that would arrive before Christmas.

I returned home at the end of the week and the snow was all but gone. I kept checking my weather app, hoping to see those beautiful little snowflakes. The forecast changed hourly and by Christmas day, it looked like it might snow overnight.

The snow blower had arrived on Christmas Eve, family had all arrived and were safely ensconced in their beds; snow would be perfect. Merry Christmas to me.

I awoke at 5 a.m. and quietly came out to the kitchen to look out the picture window. The scene was pastoral, magical, pristine. A blanket of white as far as I could see. I sat down at the table with a cup of tea and breathed a prayer of gratitude. How was it possible that I am so blessed to live on this mountain, to experience this virgin snowfall, to be so completely and utterly happy?

Around 7 a.m. the rest of the household began to stir and my husband reminded me that it was Sunday and I would want to go to church. The snowblower would need to do what it was brought here to do and clear that long driveway. I needed to chip the ice off the car and clear the snow from the windows.

Was I still enamored of the snow? You betcha. I put on my cute new winter beanie, my fur-lined winter boots and my waterproof gloves and set to work. I sent pictures of my husband wantonly shooting plumes of snow to family far and wide. He is in power tool heaven up here. Since our move he has acquired a leaf blower, a wood splitter and now the snow blower.

Off to church I went, no problem. The way was clear, the highway plowed, the tires fine. I appreciate you checking them, Steve.

First snow, Christmas snow, nature's gift. Perhaps the day will come when I no longer look forward to snow, but right now I cannot imagine that day. I cannot imagine that I will ever tire of the constantly changing nature outside my picture window, floral and fauna, birds and deer, snow-capped mountains and blanketed trees.

Idyllwild, home at last.

MARY KNAB  
IDYLLWILD

Our essential workers ... providers of near normalcy

By JACK CLARK  
Co-publisher

Well, we're entering a new year, and none of us knows how long COVID is going to be with us. Now we have to deal with a new, more contagious Omicron variant — and the number of folk still unvaccinated.

So, once again, we thank the essential workers in our community who keep on serving us while risking their own health in the process. These people staff our health centers, law enforcement agencies, fire stations, ambulances, Help Center, food distribution programs, post offices, markets, pharmacy, library, water districts, restaurants, filing stations, stores, shops and shuttle services, among others.

And we owe much to those from off our Hill — truck drivers and parcel delivery personnel — who keep us all supplied during these still uncertain times.

We sincerely appreciate and thank you all.



Golf troubles and pedicures

Originally published Feb. 4, 2016

Q. I wear glasses. When I play golf, I swing and miss a lot. Is there something fashionable I can wear that will help me hit a golf ball?

—André's friend, Montreal

A. I understand they have clip-on binoculars now that will make your golf ball appear as big as a beach ball. You shouldn't have trouble hitting that.

Q. My wife wants me to get a pedicure. What do you think?

—Elwood, Aguanga

A. I got a pedicure once. The pedicurist rasped on my feet so much I lost two shoe sizes. That night when I got in bed, I reached out a foot and thought I was touching my wife's foot. No, it was my other foot.



Left, near Stonewood Canyon on Highway 243 Tuesday, Dec. 21, two large boulders slid onto the highway during the snow storm and blocked traffic on one side while the California Highway Patrol directed traffic.

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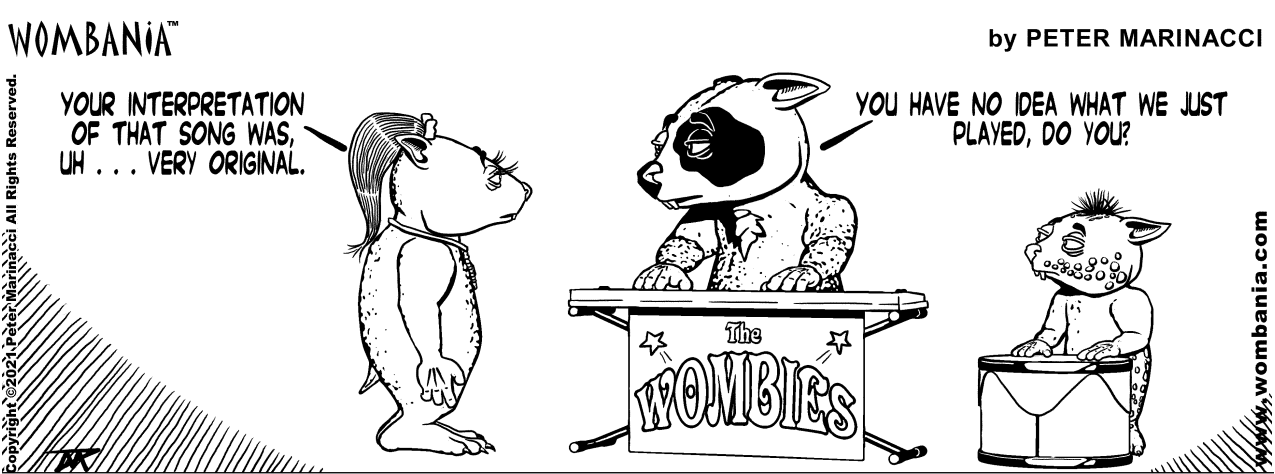
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# Structure fire at restaurant extinguished

Idyllwild Fire Department received a call of a structure fire at Stevie’s Hungry Habit and Thirsty Rabbit at 8:56 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, and one minute later were dispatched to the scene, according to Chief Mark LaMont.

He said they arrived on scene at 8:58 p.m. to find fire on the exterior of the building.

“... Personnel confirmed that no one was within the structure and moved quickly with suppression efforts

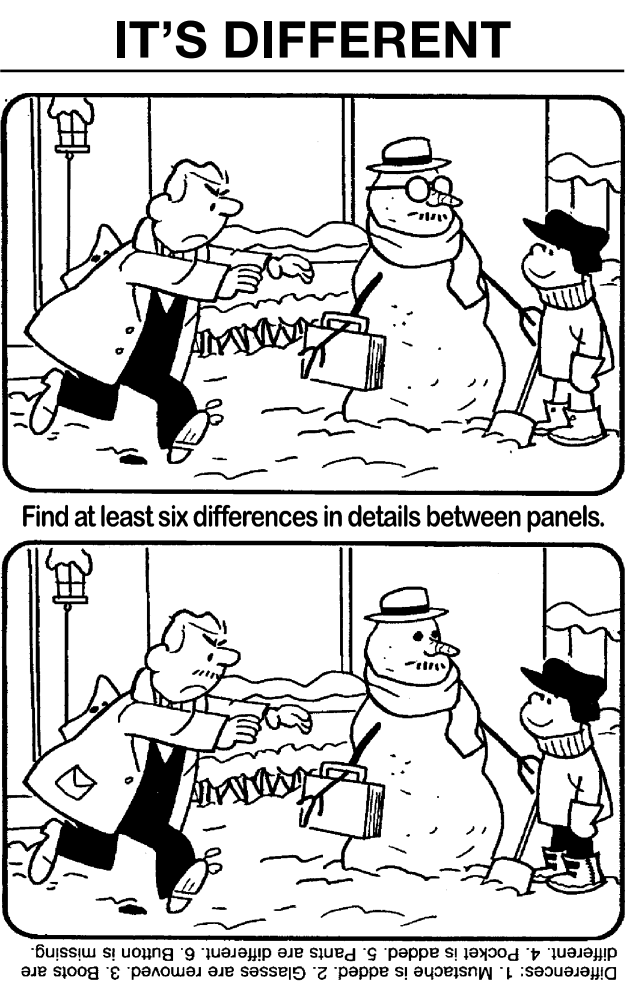
to extinguish the fire minimizing fire spread and overall property damage,” LaMont said.

The fire was contained at 9:14 p.m.

Responding were six Idyllwild Fire units and Riverside County Engine 23.

Idyllwild Fire is investigating the fire. No civilians or fire personnel were injured, LaMont said.

The restaurant posted on its door that it is “closed until further notice due to fire.”



# Gas-powered equipment to be limited in California

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Earlier this month, but beginning in 2024, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) banned the sale of new gas-powered lawn mowers, leaf blowers, weed trimmers and chain saws.

In its press release, CARB stressed, “The new requirement... applies to manufacturers and will impact new equipment (Model Year 2024 and later) only. There will be no ‘ban’ on using older models or used equipment purchased in the future.”

The new regulations will not immediately affect portable generators. However, emission standards for generators and large pressure washers will begin to increase in 2026. Beginning in 2028, this equipment also will have to meet a zero-emissions standard.

“Today’s action by the board addresses these small but highly polluting engines. It is a significant step towards improving air quality in the state and will definitely help us meet stringent federal air quality standards,” said CARB Chair Liane Randolph in the board’s press release. “It will also essentially eliminate exposure to harmful fumes for

equipment operators and anyone nearby.”

According to CARB, emissions from this equipment already equal emissions produced from a light-duty passenger car and in 10 years, these emissions could be twice those produced by passenger cars.

The CARB press release compared emissions from mowers and blowers to the equivalent produced by a car driving 1,100 miles. From Idyllwild, that is slightly more than the drive to Laramie, Wyoming and slightly less than driving to Austin, Texas.

Equipment that will mow and blow while producing zero emissions is not a bureaucrat hope. CARB has worked with manufacturers in anticipation of this requirement. For three years, CARB has shown mowers and blowers already capable of production in California that produce zero emissions.

Besides individual homeowners, the impact also will fall on commercial landscapers. To mitigate the potential costs, the state Legislature has already appropriated \$30 million to help “... sole proprietors and other small landscaping businesses in California to help them purchase zero-emission, small off-road equipment, including leaf blowers, lawn mowers and string trimmers.”

Nevertheless, the National Association of Landscape

Professionals (NALP), in a press release, expressed disappointment that “... CARB has decided to move forward with the 2024 timeline despite the information presented by the landscape industry and other interested stakeholders that the battery-powered equipment currently on the market isn’t sufficient for high-volume commercial use.

“By its own calculations, CARB could have allowed for a slightly longer transition, beginning in 2026, and still have achieved its targeted emission reduction goals,” NALP argued.

But the Clean Air coalition was totally supportive of CARB’s decision, “Help is on the way for California’s workers and residents who suffer from the lung-searing exhaust emitted by dirty gas-powered lawn and garden equipment,” said Bill Magavern, policy director at the Coalition for Clean Air.

CARB’s action follows the Legislature’s enactment of Assembly Bill 1346, which required the board to make a decision by July 1, 2022. And also consistent with Gov. Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order N-79-20 where he instructed CARB to develop “[s]trategies... to achieve 100 percent zero-emission from off-road vehicles and equipment operations in the state by 2035.”

# Keep your personal information safe in the New Year

By JIM KREIDLER  
CONSUMER EDUCATION SPECIALIST,  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)

As 2021 winds down, lots of us are making resolutions for a fresh start in the New Year — maybe to exercise regularly, get our finances in order or spend more time with friends. But your list isn’t complete until you add “update my security software” and “protect my personal information” to the mix. Scammers and hackers are always looking for new ways to steal your personal information online.

Here are some steps you can take to help protect yourself and your information:

Keep your security software, internet browser, and operating system up to date. Updating your software regularly helps make sure you have critical patches and protections against security threats.

Create and use strong passwords. Making a password longer — 12 characters or more — is one of the easiest ways to increase its strength. Consider using a passphrase of random words so that your password is more memorable, but avoid using common words or phrases. Check out this password checklist at [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/password-checklist](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/password-checklist) and don’t use the same password for different accounts.

Use multi-factor authentication. Some accounts offer extra security by requiring two or more credentials to log in. You may have to give both a password and a passcode you get from an authentication app to log in

to your account. Multi-factor authentication makes it harder for scammers to log in to your accounts even if they manage to steal your username and password.

Back up your data to protect it. Keep an extra copy of all your files with a secure cloud storage service, or save your files to an external storage device. That way, if something happens — say a virus, your device crashes, or you’re hacked — you still have your files.

Protect your home network. Your devices, accounts and whole network are only as secure as your router, since it’s the connecting point between your devices and the internet. Check out how to make your router more secure.

By taking a few steps, you’ll be able to enjoy the

feeling of accomplishment that comes with checking something off your list. Also, remember to report fraud, scams or bad business practices to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov). And happy new year from your friends at the FTC.

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Editor's note: Organizations, please read your listings carefully and email editor@towncrier.com with any changes.

**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.
- 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. 30**

- 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. Court-yard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

**Friday, Dec. 31**

- Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat. Call 951-659-2523 for Zoom info.

**Saturday, Jan. 1**

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association meeting, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr.
- American Legion Post 800

meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Quiet Skies Idyllwild, 1-2 p.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin 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, Jan. 2**

- 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, Jan. 3**

- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board meeting, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Science lunch, 11:30 a.m. Gastrognome Restaurant.
- 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, Jan. 4**

- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income), 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St. Bring box for food.
- Free Community Healing, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- 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.
- Bible Study, 4-5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- 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 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.

**Wednesday, Jan. 5**

- 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.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
- 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.

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Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Monday to Sunday, Dec. 20 to 26.

- Dec. 20 — Public service assist, 1:15 p.m. Maranatha Dr.
- Dec. 20 — Person in distress, provide first aid & check for injuries, 2:30 p.m. Hwy. 243.
- Dec. 22 — Carbon monoxide detector activated, n o CO, 4:15 a.m. Fir St.
- Dec. 22 — Medical assist, provide advanced life support, 1:04 p.m. Sunset Dr.
- Dec. 23 — EMS call, provide basic life support, 12:40 p.m. Live Oak Dr.
- Dec. 23 — Dispatched & canceled en route, 5:07 p.m. Bonita Vista Rd.
- Dec. 23 — Public service assist, 8:45 p.m. Delano Dr.
- Dec. 23 — EMS call, provide ALS, 9:44 p.m. Roble Dr.
- Dec. 24 — EMS call, provide

ALS, 11:38 a.m. Marian View Dr.

- Dec. 25 — EMS call, provide BLS, 8:14 a.m. S. Circle Dr.

Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire log

The Riverside County Fire Department/Cal Fire responded to these recent dispatches from Monday to Sunday, Dec. 20 to 26.

- Pine Cove**
- Dec. 21 — Fall, public assist, 4:35 a.m.
  - Dec. 22 — Traffic crash, over the side, 12:35 p.m.
  - Dec. 22 — Cardiac arrest, 1:04 p.m.
  - Dec. 23 — Traffic crash, 5:04 p.m.
  - Dec. 26 — Traffic crash, 11:25 a.m.
  - Dec. 26 — Fire, false alarm, 7:15 p.m.

• Dec. 26 — Commercial structure fire, 8:56 p.m.

Garner Valley

- Dec. 20 — Fire, false alarm, 10:32 a.m.
- Dec. 22 — Traffic crash, over the side, 12:35 p.m.
- Dec. 22 — Smoke check, false alarm, 4:07 p.m.
- Dec. 23 — Traffic crash, 5:04 p.m.
- Dec. 24 — Fall, 4 a.m.
- Dec. 26 — Abdominal pain, 12:34 a.m.
- Dec. 26 — Commercial structure fire, 8:56 p.m.

Pinyon

- Dec. 20 — Residential structure fire, 8:10 p.m.
- Dec. 22 — Gas odor outside, 2:12 p.m.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls

Saturday to Friday, Dec. 19 to Dec. 24.

Idyllwild

- Dec. 19 — Burglary, 8:52 a.m. Live Oak St. Report taken.
- Dec. 19 — Battery, 9:08 a.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Arrest made.
- Dec. 19 — Suspicious circumstance, 9:10 a.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 19 — Lost hiker, 3:41 p.m. 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 20 — Battery, 12:58 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 21 — Danger to self/other, 12:30 p.m. Circle View Dr. Report taken.
- Dec. 21 — Fraud, 7:12 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Unfounded.
- Dec. 22 — Civil dispute, 10:05 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 22 — Vandalism, 11:12 a.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- Dec. 22 — Alarm call, 12:10 p.m. Roble Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Dec. 22 — Harassing phone calls, 7:55 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 23 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 3:23 p.m. Cedar St. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 23 — Assist other department, 6:59 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 23 — Shots fired, 12:55 a.m. Strawberry Valley Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 24 — Fireworks, 4:07 p.m. 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Dec. 20 — Suspicious circumstance, 11 a.m. Oak Leaf Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 21 — Check the welfare, 8:48 p.m. Forest Lake Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 22 — Man down, 1:29 p.m. Sunset Dr. Report taken.
- Dec. 23 — 911 call from business, 6:10 p.m. Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 24 — Public assist, 5:47 p.m. Fern Land Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows / Garner Valley

- Dec. 21 — Vehicle theft, 12:29 p.m. Butterfly Peak Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 22 — Area check, 9:24 a.m. Tool Box Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 24 — 911 call, 11:55 a.m. Penrod Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats / Twin Pines

- Dec. 19 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 4:34 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 21 — Suspicious circumstance, 10:36 a.m. 17000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- Dec. 24 — 911 call, 9:42 a.m. Cryer Dr. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Dec. 18 — Check the welfare, 12:17 p.m. Canyon Trl. Report taken.
- Dec. 23 — Assist other department, 5:39 p.m. Bonita Vista Rd. Report taken.
- Dec. 24 — 911 call from business, 1:42 a.m. 61000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

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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

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

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as CJM CONSTRUCTION at 25055 Penang Dr, Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. CAILEAN JACOB MEYER, 25055 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

**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 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**

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: 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, 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 representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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.**

**CEMV2106837 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 Heacock Street Bldg. D #201, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Branch name: Superior Court of California County of Riverside, Moreno Valley.

JACLYN ORIEL YIP TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: JACLYN ORIEL YIP filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: JACLYN ORIEL YIP changed to Proposed name: ERIN ORIEL YIP

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

a. Date: 2-22-22 Time: 8am, Dept. MV2.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.

DATE: DEC 16 2021

BELINDA A. HANDEY

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

**Pub. TC: Dec. 30, 2021, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 2022.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given that Lockaway Storage, 1181 N. State Street in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California, will sell at Public Auction to be hosted online at www.StorageTreasures.com on January 13th at 10:00 A.M. by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described Personal property. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, boxes, misc. tools & equipment. 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.

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IDYLLWILD, CA

DEC. 30, 2021

## Volunteers annually count birds in Audubon event

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

Sunday, Dec. 19, birders flocked to these mountains to participate in the 122nd-annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC).

Started in 1900 to promote conservation by counting birds instead of hunting them, CBC has continued even during the pandemic. This early-winter national bird count is one of the most important bird censuses in the Western Hemisphere. From 27 dedicated birders in the first year the count has grown to thousands of volunteers. More than 70,000 volunteers counted in 2019, and last year, during the pandemic, almost 60,000 showed up.

The counts happen between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5, with each “circle compiler” choosing a single day for the local count, and then organizing volunteers to follow specified routes through a 15-mile circle, counting every bird they see or hear all day, and in some cases into the evening “owling” hours.

Dedicated birders often participate in a number of bird counts in nearby or favorite circles, and the spread in days makes this possible. Beginners are paired with more experienced birders, but all must contact a compiler and be assigned a route. Participation is free, supported by donations to the Audubon Society.

“Effort data” is collected so that number of observer hours can be compared year to year. The Audubon Society manages the historic database and makes the data available to researchers. CBC has created one of the largest pools of information on the condition of birds in the Americas.

Last year organizers adjusted their practices to be more COVID-safe. Although there were fewer participants, they formed smaller circles and spent more time on foot. With good weather, the results were within normal year-to-year variability, maintaining the viability of the census. Summaries of past counts can be read at Audubon.org. There you also can read that half of the bird species that breed in North America and winter in the tropics are in decline, and that North America has lost about a quarter of its bird population over the last 50 years.

Idyllwild’s Robin Roberts was the local compiler. She reports that this year 26 birders showed up, including one from Lake Elsinore, and “really dedicated peo-

ple who were out at 4 in the morning looking for owls... The youngest participant was 7-years-old. The grandfather brought his son out at 7, and now to continue the tradition they brought the grandson this year.”

She described the edges of the Hill’s circle as “... Bautista Canyon, Tahquitz Peak (no one made it up there), over to Lake Fulmor and Lake Hemet/Garner Valley... Because the circle covers big habitat and altitude changes it includes a wide variety of species. [This year] our group found 107 species.”

Among Robert’s personal favorites were “... one that only comes here in winter that I personally love to see, a Ferruginous Hawk, and a White-tailed Kite, a pretty raptor, all white. And a Ring-necked Duck.”

About the effect of the pandemic on the count she added, “Last year people only went out by themselves or in small pods, but this year, maybe with vaccines, people were a little more comfortable, and it was outside.”

Roberts also has created a handsome, informative and entertaining website for aspiring birdwatchers in the San Jacinto Mountains. It includes many resources and links: [birding.mountainquailpress.com](http://birding.mountainquailpress.com)

The Idyllwild Nature Center was one local count site. Park Ranger Steve Perez added, “We participated last year as well. It’s a wonderful place thanks to our well developed birding amenities. It’s also neat for me to see our incidental visitors seeing so many bird watchers in action as it piques their interest and perhaps gets them interested in the hobby!”

The Nature Center’s support group, Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks, has supported recent projects there, including new hummingbird feeders, improvements to the fireplace area, trail signage and a 1,000-gallon rainwater capture tank. The tank will be used to supply birding deck water features.

One of Perez’s goals for the new year is funding for “site appropriate” playground equipment. “Having playground equipment that children in their group (and all children frankly) can use would be a great addition to our park. The Friends board recently tabled the request pending results from an upcoming survey. If you’re a Friends’ member, it would be very helpful if you indicated your support for this on the ... survey.”



A Mountain bluebird.

PHOTO BY ROBIN ROBERTS



A Ferruginous hawk.

PHOTO BY ROBIN ROBERTS

## Jon King breaks long-standing ascent record for San Jacinto Peak

By CHARLES PHELAN  
CONTRIBUTOR

Famed nature enthusiast John Muir exclaimed, “The view from San Jacinto is the most sublime spectacle to be found anywhere on this earth!” According to historians, the Muir quote is probably apocryphal, but anyone who has hiked to San Jacinto Peak would surely agree that it affords some truly amazing, sublime and incredible panoramic views.

Hollywood producer Sid Davis set the record for the total number of ascents of San Jacinto Peak, having climbed the massive mountain a total of 643 times. On Monday, Dec. 13, Jon King, veteran hiker and Idyllwild resident, matched Sid’s record with his own 643rd ascent of the peak. A week later, Monday, Dec. 20, Jon broke Sid’s record with his 644th ascent.

San Jacinto Peak stands at 10,810 feet of elevation, the highest peak in the San Jacinto Mountains, which comprise one section of the San Bernardino National Forest. Although nearby San Geronio reaches some 700 feet higher in elevation, what makes San Jacinto unique is the incredibly steep northern escarpment, which rises from the desert near Palm Springs, at around 1,400 feet of elevation, all the way to the peak above 10,800 feet. It is among the most dramatic elevation rises in all of North America.

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway comes up that north face of the mountain, topping out at Mountain Station, at about 8,500 feet of elevation. Visitors who wish to climb San Jacinto Peak from the tram station are still facing a strenuous, 12-mile round-trip hike, with 2,300 feet of elevation gain.

Sid’s record is an amazing athletic accomplishment, but it should be noted that the majority of his climbs started at Mountain Station, making the total elevation gain around 2,300 feet each time he ascended. By contrast, hiking from the trailheads near Idyllwild means starting at an altitude of 5,700 to 6,500 feet, via the Devil’s Slide Trail, Deer Springs Trail or Marion Mountain Trail. These ascents range from 12 to 19 miles round trip, with elevation gains of anywhere from 4,300 to 5,100 feet, roughly double the gain when starting from the tram station at 8,500 feet.

To place Jon’s accomplishment in proper perspective, it is important to note that all 644 of Jon’s climbs (to date) have been from trailheads near Idyllwild. Not a single one of his ascents started at the tram station. This crucial difference in starting elevation translates to about 1.3 million feet more of elevation gain across Jon’s 644 hikes compared with Sid’s 643 hikes.

Further, Sid’s ascents took place over a period of several decades, starting in the 1960s and extending into the ’70s, ’80s and ’90s. Before relocating in 2013 to the



Jon King of Idyllwild on Monday, Dec. 20, the day he broke the record for ascents to Mt. San Jacinto.

PHOTO BY JON KING

Idyllwild area, Jon had hiked the peak fewer than 10 times. Therefore, all but a handful of Jon’s 644 ascents were accomplished in the relatively short period of seven years (2014 to 2021). In just the year 2020 alone, Jon climbed the peak 207 times, a feat that even many seasoned hikers could only dream of accomplishing.

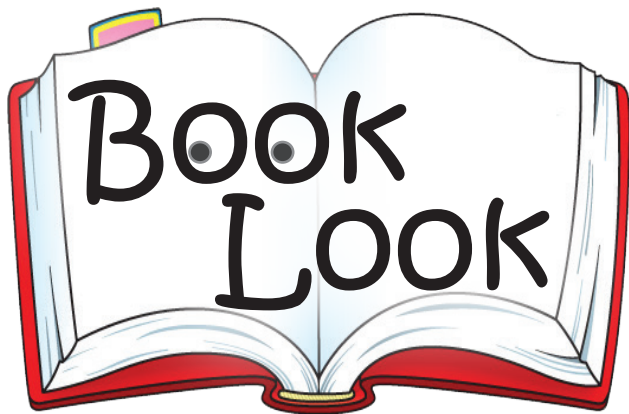
In addition to hiking to San Jacinto Peak via the usual starting points at Devil’s Slide Trail, Marion Mountain Trail and Deer Springs Trail, Jon has also climbed the peak numerous times starting from Fuller Ridge Trailhead, as well as the very difficult north face ascent via Snow Creek. The ascent of San Jacinto Peak via Snow Creek and the north face is an entirely different accomplishment. This route is not a hike, but rather a steep vertical ascent over about 2 miles, from the desert floor right up to the summit.

This is a mountain-climbing route, requiring proper climbing gear and plenty of actual mountaineering experience. Jon has ascended to San Jacinto Peak via the north face route a total of 12 times, as part of the overall 644 ascents.

A retired wildlife biologist specializing in endangered species, Jon volunteers more than 1,000 hours per year for the Mt. San Jacinto State Park that manages the San Jacinto Wilderness on behalf of the state of California. His frequent hiking surveys and reporting of trail conditions have directly served to increase the safety and enjoyment of Pacific Crest Trail through hikers, as well as that of countless local and visiting day hikers and backpackers.

He also volunteers for the U.S. Forest Service as a fire lookout on Tahquitz Peak and Black Mountain, and is a certified wilderness first responder who has been involved in multiple search-and-rescue teams. In his spare time, Jon also performs much-needed maintenance on the network of trails in the San Jacintos.

Read more about Jon’s wilderness activities via his frequently updated blog for the hiking and PCT communities: The San Jacinto Trail Report, [www.sanjacjon.com](http://www.sanjacjon.com).



## ‘Princess of Thorns’ by Saga Hillbom

By MARY KNAB  
IDYLLWILD-AREA RESIDENT

I am obsessed with all things written about the Middle Ages in England. I have probably read most of the novels written about the famed War of the Roses. I read both fiction and nonfiction about this time in world history. So, when a new novel appears in my Kindle recommendations, I am always pleased.

This novel begins in 1482 and the story is told from the point of view of Cecily of York, daughter of King Edward IV, King of England and Lord of Ireland. Cecily is one of 10 children born to her father and his wife Elizabeth Woodville, seven of whom survived. She had two brothers, Edward and Richard, an heir and a spare.

The novel begins with Cecily at age 2, playing on her Uncle Richard’s lap. He holds a special place in his heart for Cecily. The story continues as told from child Cecily’s perceptions. It is a fresh perspective on the oft-told tale.

Hillbom’s descriptions of the court and the characters are spot on and she drew me into the dazzling balls, the ornate gowns and the decadent food. Even more skillfully she developed the characters well.

The intrigue at the court was thick and perpetual. Cecily and her family had to change sides and pledge allegiance with alarming regularity. Cecily’s mother, Elizabeth Woodville, never gave up plotting an overthrow of the king, Richard III, Cecily’s beloved uncle. Cecily learns this intrigue at the knee of her mother and continues it into adulthood.

Richard imprisons Cecily’s young brothers in the Tower of London and they are never seen again. They were the biggest threat to his hold on the crown.

Cecily asks her uncle at one point if he killed the boys and he tells her they are dead but killed by an overzealous underling. Because of her deep love for her uncle, she believes him. The mystery of the princes in the tower remains unsolved to this day.

Cecily endures the death of her uncle at the hands of the next king, Henry Tudor, Henry the VII. She endures tragedies that most of us could not survive and in the end, she is finally rewarded with love anonymity away from the court.

The story is well written, superbly researched and told from a fresh point of view. Saga Hillbom is the author of three other historical novel: “City of Bronze, City of Silver,” “Today Dauphine Tomorrow Nothing” and a “Generation of Poppies.” I have already added them to my library.





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Earth is a "Goldilocks" planet. It's neither too hot nor too cold for liquid water, which is a key ingredient for life. Part of what makes Earth **just right** is its distance from the sun!





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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Event charges may apply.  
See ads throughout the issue.  
Email editor@towncrier.com.

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.

## Friday, Jan. 7

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

## Saturday, Jan. 8

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

## Sunday, Jan. 9

- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

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

## Monday, Jan. 10

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

## Tuesday, Jan. 11

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

- Isreality, Rabbi David Lazar, 6:15-7:45 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-21SOC9OVnh3VHl3Q3kz-K2xxN2U0UT09>.

## Friday, Dec. 31

- Change Required Band, classic rock, 4-7 p.m.. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- New Year's Eve party, Dreamcatcher band, 8 p.m.-midnight. American Legion Post 800.

## Saturday, Jan. 1

- The Len-Tones, R&B & rock, 3-6 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

## Sunday, Jan. 2

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

## Monday, Jan. 3

- Crochet Club with Stella,



## 75 years ago - 1946

Harold Sanborn, chair of the Chamber's building committee, announced that every Friday was to be Labor Day. Lemmy Poates was to have a crew on hand to add to the community building.

## 70 years ago - 1951

Guests at the Idyllwild Inn were Fleetwood Lawton and Cleto Roberts of radio fame.

## 65 years ago - 1956

Volunteers gathered at Town Hall to make 200 Christmas sprays and 50 wreaths for veteran's hospitals throughout Southern California. Lois Abernathy, for the Red Cross, was in charge of the project.

## 60 years ago - 1961

A family of seven was rescued by helicopter from the slopes of Santa Rosa Mountain. They had spent a night huddled around a campfire in the snow.

## 55 years ago - 1966

The town was buzzing as folk peered above Marion Mountain at what looked like a giant Christ-

mas message or a space ship. Actually, it was something shot off from a missile base in Tonopah, Nevada.

## 50 years ago - 1971

Wrote Dorothy Bryant, "The holiday season has been with us so long by now that I'm ready to welcome the Easter Bunny."

## 45 years ago - 1976

Luther Weare read about all the tantalizing baubles advertised in Palm Springs Life for Christmas giving — including a small bottle of scent for \$5,000. Snorted he, "For \$5,000 I'd certainly want something I could drink, not just splash on myself."

## 40 years ago - 1981

A Village Market's advertised holiday specials included avocados for \$0.25 each, ribs for \$1.69 a lb. and a 3 oz. package of sliced salami for \$0.69 each.

## 35 years ago - 1986

Idyllwild Fire Depart-

ment officials urged locals to dispose of their Christmas trees at the transfer station. The pine needles and branches are highly combustible and could cause a chimney fire or flash fire.

## 30 years ago - 1991

George Kretsinger was named call firefighter of the year at the Idyllwild Fire Protection District's annual Christmas dinner at the Chart House.

## 25 years ago - 1996

The fifth-annual Idyllwild Firefighters' Benefit New Years Eve Dance was from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Desert Sun Science Center on Saunders Meadow Rd.

## 20 years ago - 2001

An advertisement in the paper offered "Health Benefits for the entire family for only \$70 per month."

## 15 years ago - 2006

Palm Springs Subaru was advertising a 2006 Impreza 2.5i for the low price

of \$16,995 during its end-of-year sales event.

## 10 years ago - 2011

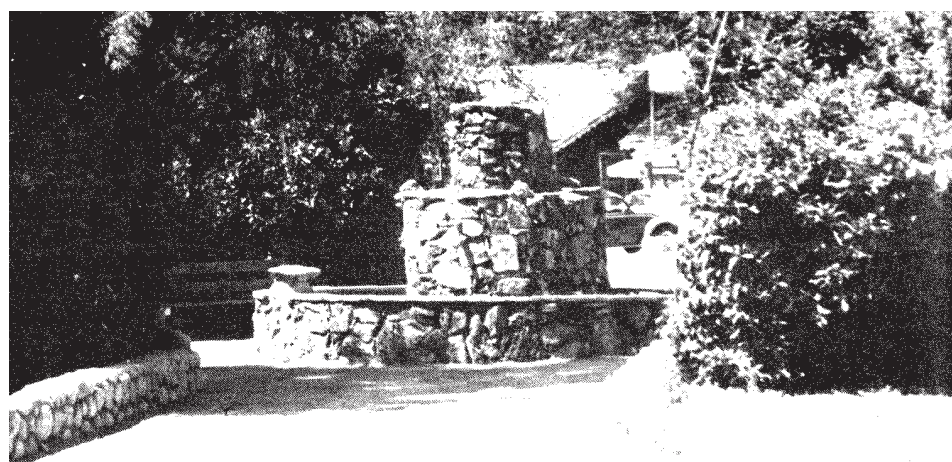
Warm temperatures, generator break downs, Freon, wind, pine needles and stubborn rink surfaces refusing to ice sufficiently had conspired to prevent the timely opening of the ice rink at the Idyllwild Community Center property. But the rink was expected to open soon, according to Idyllwild Community Recreation Council directors Emily White and Dawn Sonnier.

## 5 years ago - 2016

The agreement for Idyllwild Fire Department to establish and manage the city of San Jacinto's fire and emergency services was dissolved. It was about six months after the agency was created.

## 1 year ago - 2020

Five people in and around the Idyllwild area were still missing with no further information from the Riverside County Sheriffs' Department.



In December 1976 it was announced that the fountain at Eleanor Park (now Idypark) was to come down and be replaced with two buildings that would serve food. FILE PHOTO

# CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

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

**Phil:** That was a lovely holiday weekend.

**Whiskers:** Even though it was very quiet in here.

**Don:** That is because the ARF human volunteers deserved a weekend off.

**Whiskers:** But they still made sure that we were cared for.

**Don:** Are Claire and Cookie still ARF dogs?

**Pepper:** They are. Claire got to go off the Hill with her foster for a great Christmas gathering.

**Phil:** What about Cookie?

**Pepper:** She is with her foster, also off the Hill for a few days.

**Lulu:** Do we have any potential adopters?

**Harley:** We do. Claire met a couple last week, and Cookie has two interested in her.

**Lulu:** I hope something works out for both.

**Phil:** And for us as well.

**Harley:** Maybe a Christmas miracle will happen, and we will all find homes.

**Phil:** It might be a bit late for a Christmas miracle, so how about a new year miracle?

**Harley:** That would be just as good.

**Pepper:** Then let's cross our fingers and toes for that.

**Lulu:** What a wonderful way to start 2022.

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



Waya Goff (left) and Tim Shirley at Idyllwild Bible Church's Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration Friday night.

PHOTO BY PASTOR JEFF GIAMPA

<h2>Churches &amp; Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild</h2>	
<p><b>Calvary Chapel Mountain Center</b> 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center, Ca. 92561 Church Office 951-659-0097 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am Nursery Care, Children's &amp; Youth Ministries Weekly Bible Studies &amp; Home Groups</p>	<p><b>First Church of Christ Scientist, Idyllwild</b> 25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11a.m.-Noon.</p>
<p><b>2 Services Idyllwild Bible Church</b> 25860 Highway 243, Pastor Jeff Giampa A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship Sunday Worship &amp; Nursery Care 9-10 a.m. Sunday Worship, Nursery &amp; Sunday School, 10:45-11:45 a.m. Mid-week Bible Studies &amp; Youth Groups Call Church Office for Information, 951-659-4775</p>	<p><b>Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church</b> 54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA Father Charles E. Miller Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.; Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708</p>
<p><b>Community Church</b> 54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 www.icpchurch.net Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell Celebration: 5th grade &amp; under during worship - Child care available Tuesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. - Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>St. Hugh's Episcopal Church</b> Sunday Services 11 AM • Sunday School Phone (951) 659-4471 • www.sthughsidyllwild.org 25525 Tahquitz Dr.</p>
<p><b>Shiloh Christian Ministries</b> 54295 Village Center Drive Pastors Wayne &amp; LaDonna Sleme Sunday Service - 10 am Healing Room - Saturdays 10 am - Noon Tel: 951.659.2416 Tel for Prayer: 951.659.0031</p>	<p><b>Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild</b> Rabbi David Lazar Hanukkah Party Dec. 5, 2:30 PM Services Dec 17, 6:30 PM • Shabbat Study Dec 18, 10:30 AM St. Hugh Church - 25525 Tahquitz Dr. Zoom Candlelighting - All other Friday Nights 6:00 PM templeharshalomidyllwild.org (951) 468-0004</p>



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(Answers on previous classifieds page)  
**King Crossword**

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  - 20 Jazz genre
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  - 24 Priests' garments
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**HOROSCOPES**

December 2021 — Week 5

**March 21 – April 19**  
The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

**April 20 – May 20**  
You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.

**May 21 – June 21**  
In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.

**June 22 – July 22**  
A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for the New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

**July 23 – August 22**  
You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your denmate offers both wise and loving support.

**August 23 – September 22**  
The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you.

**September 23 – October 22**  
Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continued misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.

**October 23 – November 21**  
The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

**November 22 – December 21**  
You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

**December 22 – January 19**  
The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.

**January 20 – February 18**  
Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

**February 19 – March 20**  
This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**


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