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## Caltrans seeks public comments on Highway 243

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Caltrans is in the early stages of planning significant work on Highway 243 from Mountain Center to Banning. Planning is underway and funding has not been confirmed for the project. If it is approved, the work is likely to be lengthy and traffic control will be necessary, according to Terri Kasinga, chief of Public and Media Affairs for Caltrans District 8.

The major work on Highway 243 will likely include pavement resurfacing, culvert repair, guard rails, curbs and other roadside safety improvements.

### Purpose of a public hearing on the Highway 243 project now

As part of the initial planning, Caltrans is asking the public whether it wants a public hearing on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study of potential environmental impacts.

The announcement asking if a public hearing should be held is occurring years before the project might start, if approved. Before specific project or design details can be made, the project planners want to address environmental compliance requirements, which can take longer and might affect construction design details.

Examples include identifying any protected species or possible nesting sites along the highway corridor. If any major issues are identified, one of the potential mitigations would be to adjust the timing of the work in that area.

Kasinga stressed that Caltrans' question about the need for a public hearing is directed to possible initial environmental documents. And she urged, "Now is the time to speak up," about any concerns; waiting until work is about to begin will be much less fruitful.

The Draft Initial Study is being circulated for public review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); however, CEQA does not require a public hearing, thus Caltrans has not scheduled one regarding the initial environmental work. See Highway 243, page A6

## Record low temps set on the Hill

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Yes, it was cold last week. Record-setting cold temperatures shattered several previous daytime record lows.

For three consecutive days, Tuesday to Thursday, Feb. 22 to 24, the daytime maximum temperature was the lowest in years. But by Friday and over the weekend, the "Ice Age" began to fade.

It all began Tuesday, Feb. 22. The National Weather Service (NWS) recorded a high temperature of 34 degrees in Idyllwild. While still above freezing, it was 1 degree below the previous low of 35 for that date, set only four years ago in 2018.

But the distance between the new record and the old record was beginning to grow.

Wednesday, NWS recorded a low temperature of 29 degrees (although the Idyllwild Fire Department (IFD) records show a temperature of 27). Since 1943, when weather began to be collected in Idyllwild, the previous low temperature for Feb. 23 was 35 degrees. That was 3 degrees above freezing in 2007, last week's low was 3 degrees below freezing, not very close to the previous record.

During Wednesday, the daytime low was 29. And the temperature continued to fall during the evening and night. By 4 a.m. Thursday, as sunrise approached, the temperature reached single digits. At 5:30 a.m., IFD recorded a temperature of 8 degrees. See Record temps, page A2



Bill Whitman on his recent travels.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BILL WHITMAN

## Local in Ukraine just before war began

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

Local attorney and physical therapist Bill Whitman had a brush with the dark side of geo-politics this month. He had scheduled a visit to a clinic in Ukraine, but history in the form of the Russian military intervened:

"Things started to get hot and I started looking for alternatives and while on layover in Istanbul, I changed my flight from Kiev to Odessa thinking it might be safer there.

"Biden had already told Americans to 'get out' Super Bowl weekend. During the three days I was there it was a little surreal. I saw no military buildup, everything seemed calm and the people did not seem especially alarmed. I asked quite a few locals if they were alarmed or worried about a pending invasion and they all said no, that they were used to Putin and the already ongoing war in Eastern Ukraine. A barista actually laughed out loud when I asked him the question. I went to the local grocery and nobody was stocking up.

"Then, in contrast, my friends back home were all texting me telling me to get out. I was reading every western press article I could. I knew that Moldova was only 25 miles away (thinking that's a marathon, I can run it if I have to).

"What I didn't originally know was that Russia already had troops in Moldova. "I got the personal phone number of my Uber driver in case I needed a ride south to (the ferry) to take me to Romania. I definitely didn't sleep all that well.

"I've been in touch with the clinic since the war began. They are finding it hard psychologically and are hanging in. They liken it to a bad dream from which they cannot wake up.

"I was able to move my flight up to get out. I felt personal relief when flying home, but dread for what was almost certain to come. I am glued to the news. I truly hope Ukraine can hold on. I've had such utter disdain and disgust for Putin for decades, whether it's cheating in the Olympics, shooting down domestic planes, assassinating (poisoning) political foes in exile, promoting cybercrime, etc., all before the current atrocity."

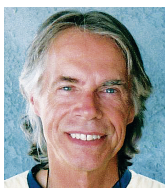
The Crier also asked Bill if he'd ever been in similar dicey travel situations. He recounted a few: "I rode a bicycle south from California over 3,000 miles ending up in Peru in the 90s and passed through parts of Central America that were undergoing internal strife.

"I had machine-gun-toting guards stop me (at gunpoint) in the Pyrenees in the mid-80s when the ETA [a terrorist organization] of the Basque area was in conflict with the Spanish government. (I was riding a moped from Biarritz, France to Pamplona for the Running of the Bulls).

"Lastly, ironically, during law school, I was in a program abroad that was in both Moscow and St. Petersburg."

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## COVID-19 LOCAL UPDATE: COVID dropping fast nationally, county-wide and on the Hill

By JACK CLARK  
Co-PUBLISHER

As of Tuesday, Riverside County Public Health (RCPH) reported a total of 309 cases of COVID in the Idyllwild-Pine Cove community with 287 recovered and six deaths, leaving 16 currently active cases — 20 fewer active cases than a week ago, a 56% drop.

Anza has had 386 total cases with 331 recovered, seven deaths and 48 currently active cases — 36 fewer active cases than last week, a 43% drop.

As of Tuesday morning, the Dashboard of the Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) reported active cases (last two weeks) of COVID at Idyllwild School as being two students and one staff member, which is 0.98% of its combined student/staff population — the same as last week’s report. At Hemet High, 11 students and two staff members were reported as active cases (one fewer staff member than last week), which is 0.50% of its combined student/staff population. Hamilton School reported three students and no staff members with active COVID, 0.67% of its student-staff population, which is down from 0.89% 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 reports active cases confirmed during the previous two weeks.

County-wide, as of Tuesday, RCPH reported there have been a total of 591,176 confirmed COVID cases (4,729 more than last week), with 6,223 total deaths (93 more than last week), and with 540,621 COVID cases having recovered, leaving 44,332 active cases in Riverside County, a 56.3% decrease from last week’s active cases.

The county currently reports 243 hospitalized COVID patients (148 fewer than last week), 43 of which are in intensive care (35 fewer than last week). On Tuesday morning, the state’s website reported 101 ICU beds available in Riverside County.

CDC has now replaced reporting “transmission areas” with “community levels.” A community level takes into consideration the number of people admitted to local hospitals during the past week, the number of total hospital beds with COVID patients, and new COVID cases during the past week. Community levels are rated Low, Medium and High. People in all community levels are recommended to stay up to date with their vaccines, and to get tested if they have symptoms. Also, people in Medium (Riverside Co.) levels should discuss with their health care provider whether to mask and take further precautions, while people



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ple in High community levels should wear a mask in public indoor settings, with additional precautions for people at high risk for severe illness.

As of Feb. 28, RCPH reports that in Riverside County, 18.5% of the population ages 5 to 11 are now “fully vaccinated” — while 50.9% of ages 12 to 15, about 56.5% of ages 16 to 24, 60.3% of ages 25 to 44, 73.3% of ages 45 to 64 and 75.9% of ages 65-plus have been fully vaccinated. Currently, the term “fully vaccinated” still does not include boosters.

As of Feb. 28, California reported 8,381,196 total confirmed COVID cases statewide (85,051 more than reported last week) with 84,700 total resulting deaths (1,827 more than last week).

As of Feb. 23, CDC’s current seven-day national moving average of daily new COVID cases was 75,208, a huge 38.2% reduction from the previous week’s seven-day moving average — a statistic that has been dropping precipitously for several weeks now. The Omicron variant now accounts for virtually all of the new cases in the U.S. with the Delta variant at zero. More than 78.6 million total COVID-19 cases have been reported in the U.S. to date.

CDC reported cases and hospitalizations in January 2022 were the highest since the pandemic began, but this month cases have trended downward.

Do vaccines work? Recall that back in December,

CDC’s COVID Data Tracker showed unvaccinated adults ages 65 and older were 49 times more likely to be hospitalized than people in that age group who were up-to-date with their COVID vaccines, including boosters.

CDC advises that vaccination, along with other important prevention strategies, continues to be the best defense against severe COVID disease. Everyone ages 5 years and up is recommended to be vaccinated, with boosters for everyone ages 12 and older — specifically the Pfizer-BioNTech booster for those ages 12 to 15. CDC now recommends that people with weakened immune systems get their booster doses three months after their second dose instead of waiting five months.

COVID vaccinations are available in Idyllwild by appointment at Idyllwild Pharmacy (1-951-659-2135). Riverside County is not listing any place on the Hill as a future county vaccination location, but places in Hemet, San Jacinto, Banning, Beaumont, Moreno Valley, Desert Hot Springs and Palm Desert are listed. Visit <https://rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine-with-Registration> to schedule vaccinations through RCPH.

Also, CDC suggests visiting [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov), calling 1-800-232-0233 or texting your ZIP code to 438829 to find a vaccination site near you. Further CDC resources are available at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/COVID-data/COVIDview/](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/COVID-data/COVIDview/).

## Record temps

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NWS’ recorded low was 9 degrees Thursday, which again was 6 degrees below the previous low of 15 degrees. That low occurred 60 years ago in 1962.

Thursday morning, NWS noted, “It was a cold night across the region ...” Idyllwild was not the only subfreezing area in Southern California. NWS reported that Big Bear Lake’s low daytime temperature of 23 degrees Feb. 23 also set a record. During the night and early morning of Feb. 24, Big Bear temperatures were at 1 degree and 0.

Accompanying the freezing weather, NWS forecast snowfall throughout Southern California — as low as 2,000 feet. Tuesday, NWS forecast 8 to 12 inches of



The sunset on a recent winter’s night in Idyllwild.  
PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

snow. By Wednesday, the expectation had grown to a foot or more, even in San Diego County.

Residents in Fern Valley and Pine Cove said the snow depth was 11 to 15 inches and north of Pine Cove, residents were shoveling 13 inches.

The actual NWS readings for snowfall were not specifically collected. NWS reported “precipitation” levels, such as .05 inches at Keenwild, .08 inches at Alandale, .31 inches on Thomas Mountain and .01 on Mt. San Jacinto. However, a footnote stated that for areas above the freezing level, the precipitation totals did “... not show accurate accumulating precipitation.”

The local weather conditions during the days and weeks prior to Feb. 22 did not telegraph the spree of record lows. Less than two weeks earlier, IFD recorded four days of high temperatures in the 70s, including a record high of 75 degrees Feb. 12. And for the three days from Feb. 18 to 20, the daytime highs were in the 60s.

The freezing weather was replaced over the weekend. Sunday, NWS’ forecast for the week of Feb. 28 was “a warming trend will occur through the middle of the upcoming week, with well above normal temperatures expected Monday through Wednesday ... dry weather will prevail with plenty of sunshine.”

And that trend may be fleeting. Feb. 26, the NWS Climate Prediction Center released its two-week forecast that predicted a 60% to 70% chance of below-average temperatures from March 6 to March 12.

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The new Rain Capture System Program, to supplement landscape irrigation, will begin on March 1, 2022, and will be offered to any Fern Valley Water District customer that installs a qualifying rain capture system on their property, or decides to replace part of, or add to the capacity of their qualifying existing rain capture system.

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## Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 2/23  
 **69/49**  
Mostly sunny

Thursday 2/24  
 **61/37**  
Mostly sunny

Friday 2/25  
 **42/35**  
Chance of snow & rain

Saturday 2/26  
 **40/31**  
Chance of snow

Sunday 2/27  
 **43/33**  
Chance of snow

Monday 2/28  
 **46/27**  
Sunny

Tuesday 3/1  
 **52/32**  
Partly cloudy

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

**Idyllwild this year**

Date	High	Low	M	S
02/22	34	31	0.03	x
02/23	29	25	0.00	x
02/24	39	9	0.00	x
02/25	49	17	0.00	0.0
02/26	52	19	0.00	0.0
02/27	61	25	0.00	0.0
02/28	65	30	0.00	0.0

**Idyllwild last year**

Date	High	Low	M	S
02/22	67	32	0.00	0.0
02/23	65	32	0.00	0.0
02/24	62	32	0.00	0.0
02/25	57	28	0.00	0.0
02/26	63	27	0.00	0.0
02/27	57	31	0.00	0.0
02/28	55	26	0.00	0.0

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

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

It was a bright and sunny morning in Idyllwild on Tuesday morning with temperatures in the mid-50s.  
PHOTO BY MANDY JOHNSON



# Cub Scout Pack 96 is in business again

Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Cub Scout Pack 96 was officially rechartered Feb. 4, 2022, after many interested parents and families worked behind-the-scenes over several months.

As of the date, more than 20 children are enrolled in the program. The pack serves boys and girls, grades kindergarten to fifth, in Idyllwild and surrounding communities.

The charter sponsor once again is American Legion Post 800, and Post Commander Paul White serves as the charter representative.

The Scouts meet at 4 p.m. every Friday at Camp Emerson, the local BSA camp.

The pack's original dissolution occurred in 2007, and then again in 2010. The pack was restarted in 2018, faced some challenges in 2019 and, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was unable to continue in 2020.

Camp Emerson, founded in 1919, is the longest op-

erating Boy Scout camp west of Mississippi. It's 160 acres has facilities that include a lodge, kitchen and dining hall, boat house, trading post, cabins, numerous tent camping sites, boys-and-girls restrooms and more. Outdoor recreation includes a lake and dock, heated pool, archery and shooting ranges, a recently built 60-foot climbing tower, amphitheater, large group fire pits, spacious open meadows and more than 25 miles of hiking trails.

The pack is raising money for supplies and to fund a Cub Scout Resident Camp this summer at Camp Emerson.

The first fundraiser is a pancake breakfast at the post from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9. The cost is \$10 per child and \$12 per adult, and includes pancakes, bacon, eggs, coffee and juice.

For more information, call Committee Chair Ana Maruca at 619-731-2127.



Parents look on as newly enrolled Cub Scouts of Pack 96 listen to Camp Emerson Ranger **Alan Larson** while he gives them a tour at the camp recently.

PHOTO BY ANA MARUCA



**Lucy Cozens** visited her **Cozens** grandparents in Fern Valley and, with grandmother **Molly** and dad **Adam**, built a snowman over the weekend. **Lucy** said the snowman's hat was as magical as **Frosty's**.

PHOTO BY ADAM COZENS



The **Pinkerton** and **Francis** families were in town from Palm Springs over the weekend to create some memories and a life-sized **Frosty**.

PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD



Tourists ascended on Idyllwild from the flatlands to enjoy the snow and beautiful weather over the weekend.

PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

## Life Tribute David “Bud” E. Hunt Jr. 1930-2022

David “Bud” E. Hunt Jr. passed away Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022 peacefully at his Idyllwild home surrounded by family at the age of 92.



Bud was born Jan. 19, 1930, at the Irvine Ranch in Orange, California. His family moved to Modesto during his early school years where he attended Lathrop Elementary School. They moved again in 1945 and Bud attended Santa Ana High School and graduated in 1947.

His first job was selling newspapers at the Army base. He then went to work with the U.S. Forest Service near Pasadena at Mt. Wilson.

In the fall, he enlisted with the U.S. Air Force at Wichita Falls during the Korean War.

In 1952, he returned to his folks' home at Camp Maranatha in Idyllwild. He soon fell in love with the mountain life and wanted to stay.

His first job on the Hill was with Joy and Alice at the Idyll-Hof in the café and bowling alley as a soda jerk. His next job was working for Mike Dunn at Forest Lumber.

He married Barbara Wilson in 1954 and they had two beautiful children: Kristi (1956) and David (1958).

While Bud was working at the lumber yard it's been said that anytime he heard a fire siren, he'd voluntarily jump on the truck to help. Eventually, Bill Price (who was the first chief of the Idyllwild Fire District) said “Bud keeps jumping on the truck; we might as well hire him.”

Later in 1955, he became an on-call fireman and eventually joined the department full-time in 1963. In 1972, he became fire chief and retired in 1985. Those were 30 very special years of his life.

Bud was active in the Jaycees and Lions Club, and helped with the Boy Scouts. He played the bass fiddle at the Tirol with George Martinak and Mansee Kern as the Alpiners.

His love for Idyllwild never ceased. He always wanted to share it with the tourists and bike enthusiasts. Bud's second career started when he took over the bike shop (The Bike Route on lower Pine Crest Ave.), which his son David had started in 1973. Bud started leading Saturday morning rides, which always ended with breakfast at a café (Bud's favorite was biscuits and gravy). The Bike Route opened full-time in 1987.

Bud leaves behind his wife of 67 years, Barbara, and their son David Hunt; grandchildren Alison (Jon) Ballard, Sydney (Dan) Dang and Hayden Hunt; two sisters, Carol Hiskey and Diane Matthews; as well as numerous nephews and nieces, Johnny (Halie) Wilson, Tara Wilson, Hurley McCaghren, Jennifer Morton, Janet Woods, Scott McCaghren, Chuck and Ron Matthews, Brenda Bleu, Tammy Hunt-Smith and Todd Hunt; and sisters-in-law Teri Wilson and Bonnie Hunt.

Bud was preceded in death by his daughter Kristi Hunt and his brother Stan Hunt.

In remembrance of Bud, please treat our mountain with respect, love each other, ride your bike, be happy, and support the Idyllwild Fire Department (in lieu of flowers.)

A Celebration of Life will be held at Calvary Chapel in Mountain Center at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12.

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Co-PUBLISHER

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Agencies invite comments on river management plans

The U.S. Forest Service (FS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are developing Comprehensive River Management plans (CRMPs) for the Deep Creek and Whitewater River Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSRs) on the San Bernardino National Forest and in BLM's California Desert District. All of Deep Creek is under FS jurisdiction and, therefore, the Deep Creek WSR CRMP is the sole undertaking of FS. A portion of Whitewater River is located on land BLM manages, and the rest is on lands the FS manages.

Each of these two rivers was designated a wild and scenic river by the 2019 Omnibus John Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management and Restoration Act, as an amendment to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (the Act). The Act requires agencies to develop a CRMP for all rivers added to the National Wild and Scenic River System to protect and enhance the rivers' outstandingly remarkable values (ORVs), free-flowing condition and water quality.

The CRMP will formalize boundaries of the two WSRs; establish programmatic management direction for the rivers; and address resource protection, land use and user capacities.

As part of the development of the CRMPs, the agencies will each conduct an environmental analysis that will evaluate direct, indirect and cumulative environmental impacts that could result from the proposed management actions.

An initial part of the CRMP process is to complete a Resource Assessment, which describes the baseline conditions of the ORVs, as well as other values considered in the planning process. These ORVs become the basis

for managing the WSR corridors and, therefore, the basis of the CRMPs.

FS and BLM have drafted a preliminary Resource Assessment (RA) for both rivers and are soliciting public comments on the RA document from interested agencies, groups and individuals. The public is invited to participate in the planning process by submitting thoughts about these river corridors.

Review project information, read the preliminary RA and provide comments electronically on the FS project website at [www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61613](http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61613), preferably by March 25, 2022. To continue to receive information about the CRMP process, click on "Subscribe to Email Updates" on the right side of the project page. To speak to someone or ask questions, call Jihadda Govan with the FS at (909) 382-2697 or email [jihadda.govan@usda.gov](mailto:jihadda.govan@usda.gov) or [jgovan@blm.gov](mailto:jgovan@blm.gov).

The RA is the first of multiple opportunities for public input. The following table shows current estimated dates for future milestones. The agencies will invite collaboration throughout the process, and formal public participation from all identified interested parties at the time of scoping, the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Management Plan, and Final Environmental Assessment/Draft Decision Notice.

Milestone	Estimated Date
Proposed action/scoping	July 2022
Draft EA for review/comment	August 2022
Final EA for review/objection	December 2022
Decision finalized	March 2023

Black History Month Essay Contest deadline extended

The Human Relations Council (HRC) of the Greater Hemet, San Jacinto and Menifee Regions extended the deadline for submissions for its 18th-annual Black History Month Essay Contest to March 25. Middle school, high school and college students in Hemet, San Jacinto and Menifee are eligible.

Past President and current Treasurer Mary Morse, said, "Even though we're not meeting in person because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be hosting the 18th annual Black History Month Essay Contest on Zoom."

Celebrating Black history in the United States began in 1926, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard Ph.D., initiated Negro History Week. Woodson, a historian, chose the second week in February because it included the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

In 1976 for the bicentennial of the U.S., the weeklong observance was extended to the entire month to accommodate celebrations and activities.

Contest participants are asked to write about a Black American associated with medicine who illustrates the triumph of the human spirit over circumstances and prejudice to build a life of accomplishment.

Student entrants are asked to include answers to the following questions: Who is the person about whom you want to write? When did they live? What did your person do to triumph over circumstances and prejudice to build a life of accomplishment?

Students will be judged on their ability to address the topic, to demonstrate original, creative thinking or to express their ideas in a clear, articulate manner. The judges' panel will be comprised of HRC members and other community members who are experts in Black history, longtime participants in the Civil Rights movement, sociologists and/or educators.

Students whose essays are chosen will be asked to present their essays virtually and will be notified by phone or email if they need to record their presentation.

Awards will be given for each level: middle school, high school and college. The prize for Best Essay is \$100. The runner-up essay will receive \$50. Three honorable mentions will be given \$25 each. Best Presentation will win \$50.

An awards ceremony will be held via Zoom on April 8, where presentations by winning essayists can be viewed.

Home-school and charter school students are welcome to enter; call 951-634-4048 for entry details. For more information on the contest rules, find Human Relations Council of the Greater Hemet, San Jacinto and Menifee Regions on Facebook or visit <http://humanrelationscouncil.com>.

**1950 Census releasing April 1**

April 1, 2022, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will make population records from the 1950 Census available to the public for the first time.

The Census Bureau (CB) serves as the nation's benchmark in who we were as a nation. Through the 1950 Census records, CB uses stories, infographics and photos to compare the 1950 Census with corresponding information about the 2020 Census.

For more information on the release of NARA's 1950 Census records, visit [www.archives.gov/research/census/1950](http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950).

**Restart business loans available**

Riverside County and AmPac Business Capital are partnering to provide emergency and ongoing capital for small businesses in Riverside County. Restart loans are available to businesses located anywhere in the county. Loans may be given for \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Eligible businesses must be private for profit, have 25 or fewer employees and have a minimum two-year operating history.

The interest rate is 3.75% over a term of five years with no payments for the first six months. Visit [https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58765b0020099e329d-de3dcf/t/609ad786cb2fec031b205473/1620760455985/Workforce+development\\_AmPac+Loan\\_Restart+MicroLoan\\_v10.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58765b0020099e329d-de3dcf/t/609ad786cb2fec031b205473/1620760455985/Workforce+development_AmPac+Loan_Restart+MicroLoan_v10.pdf) for more information about the Restart program.

**Four-week start-up series**

Anyone interested in starting their own business and unsure of where to begin is invited to a free start-up series. The Small Business Development Center is offering the virtual program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Saturdays of March 5, 12, 19 and 26.

It will include licensing and permits, business planning, financial management, accounting and accounting systems and access to capital.

Sign up at <https://santaanadistrictsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/8001>.

**Mutual aid changes distribution**

Idyllwild Forest Health Project's Mountain Communities Mutual Aid (MCMA), begun in response to Hill residents' needs when the pandemic started impacting the Hill communities in 2020, is changing its distribution.

The primarily volunteer organization is one of three that distributes food and other supplies to local residents.

MCMA will now distribute the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at Camp Maranatha for locals to pick up or be delivered, if needed. Boxes are offered for free and donations are welcome.

To order a box, visit <https://airtable.com/shrQZVlw-2mtDAJJzf> by noon Mondays or call/text 951-468-0110.

**Part of wilderness trail closed**

The Mount San Jacinto State Park has issued a warning that the Skyline Route from the 5,800-foot park boundary to the top of the route where it intersects with the Desert View Trail is closed to the public until further notice due to dangerous weather conditions.

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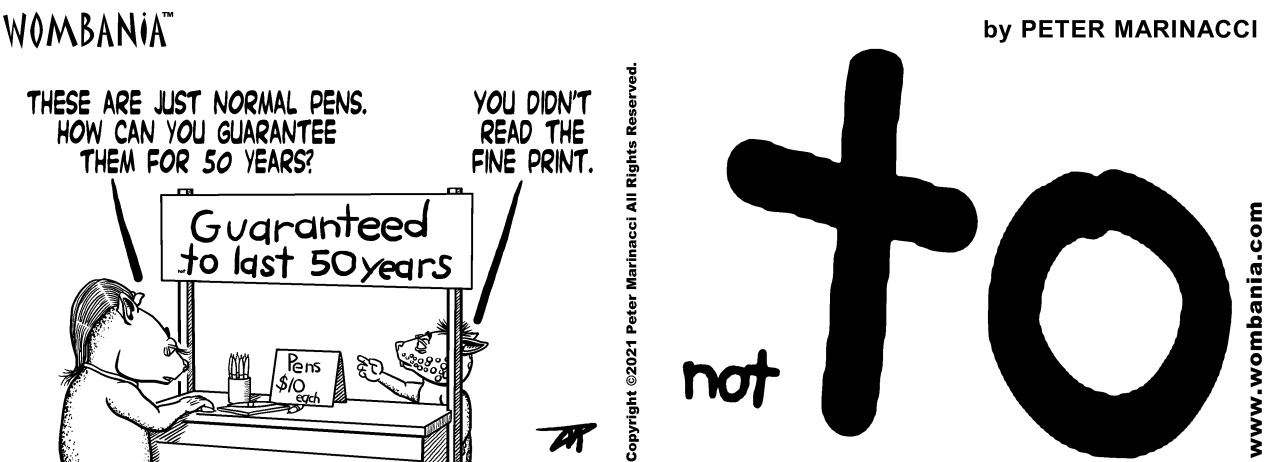
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# Customers/IWD directors debate water future

By BECKY CLARK  
EDITOR

Much of the Feb. 16 Idyllwild Water District (IWD) Board of Directors meeting was taken up with concerns of future supply and demand as both public members and directors debated over several issues.

Gene Schneider, an Idyllwild resident most of his life, expressed concern over the two housing projects before the Riverside County Planning Commission for approval — a 25-unit proposed motel or apartment complex, and a 12-unit hotel — both within IWD.

Schneider said Idyllwild is over-populated and he would like to see the people who can effect change show “restraint and respect for the environment ... somehow, we need to contain this.”

“Right now, we have enough water for our customers,” said IWD President Charles Schelly.

Vice President Peter Szabadi told Schneider IWD is developing a new water shortage program.

Szabadi noted in Havener’s report what he called a “substantial increase” in the wastewater treatment plant’s (WWTP) flow. Havener reported an average of 0.093 million gallons per day (MGD) flow from July to December 2021 compared to 0.083 MGD flow from July 2020 to June 2021 (the figure drops to 0.081 MGD for July to December 2020, for a true comparison).

Havener argued that it’s not substantial. Szabadi asked, “Why is it up?” Havener responded that maybe more people are up here. He said it isn’t anything to get concerned about. “We’re not even at capacity.”

Szabadi directed the conversation back to the planning commission and a statement he heard at the recent hearing concerning the 25-unit project that Havener or his predecessor had reported IWD has only five equivalent dwelling units (EDU) available. (EDUs are units that can be provided a connection to a sewer system.)

“As far as I understand it,” Szabadi said, “that is not an exact figure. We don’t really have an exact number of additional units that may be added ...”

Havener told him that to calculate an exact number would be expensive.

Former IWD Director Dave Hunt said IWD had more than 100 customers on sewer standby in May 2020. He said that number is now at 74 and that if IWD gives the two projects sewer, that leaves only 13 EDUs. He said that was “totally unfair” for the customers on standby.

Szabadi argued, “There really is no 75 EDUs ... We’re probably running at only half [our] capacity.”

Schneider said, “The big picture is that Idyllwild is part and partial of what’s going on in the rest of the world. ... especially the western United States” because of drought. “Even though you have the capacity [to approve a project] doesn’t mean you have to approve this project.”

“I share some of your same concerns,” said Szabadi, but he argued that IWD is not a land-use agency.

Hunt also argued that IWD should have gone into Stage 2 Conservation Stage in August or September 2021 because of its own adopted rules.

According to IWD’s water shortage ordinance online, Stage 1 requires a basic capacity ratio (BCR) of 0-50%. Stage 2’s BCR is 51-60%.

IWD General Manager Leo Havener, in his report, showed the BCR at 63% in August 2021 and 59% in September 2021.

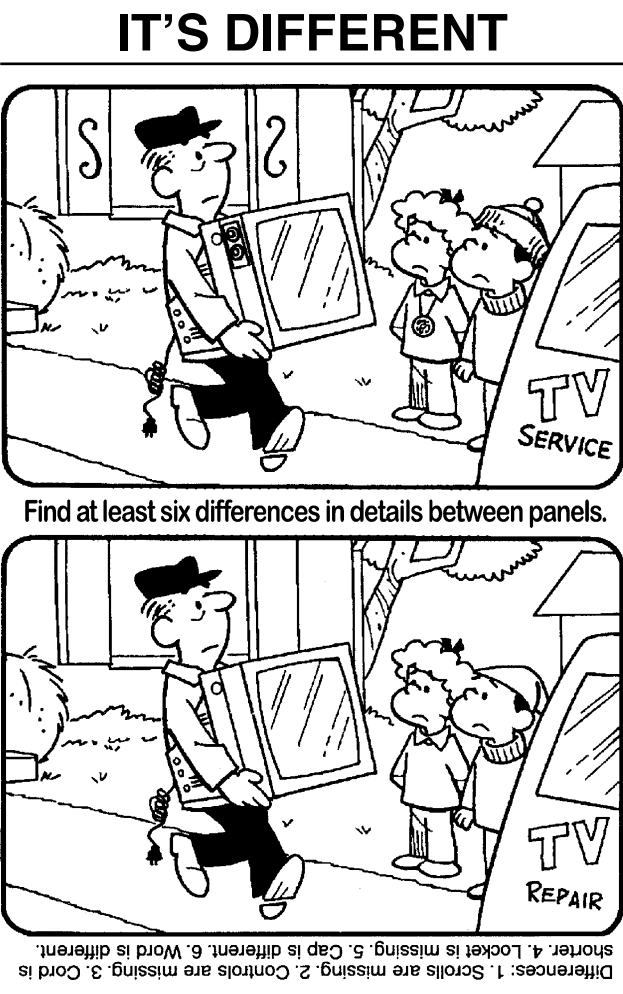
The following month, however, the BCR dropped below 50% and remained below for the following months.

Hunt debated with directors over the issue pointing out that IWD had lost money because rates increase during a water stage increase.

Havener and Schelly argued that IWD did not want to raise rates during the COVID pandemic because customers were having a harder time paying their bills.

In January, IWD received \$30,000 in state funding to help customers pay delinquent bills because of the COVID pandemic. Havener reported that only a few of the customers have not arranged for payments.

Havener also reported that all of the meters in IWD will be replaced. Director Steve Olson asked about the impact to customers. Havener said maybe 20 to 30 minutes.



Schneider, a local plumber, reported that many of the valves he’s worked on in the district are old and leaky. “Will that be taken into account?” he asked. “A lot of old valves haven’t been touched.”

Schelly told him the crews who replace the meters will be able to replace any valves at the same time. The company replacing the meters does not buy them back, according to Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman, so IWD will probably have to recycle them, according to Havener.

Also in January’s meeting, the board met in closed session to discuss the price and terms of purchasing The Courtyard Building, the first time the idea had been raised on an IWD agenda. In Havener’s report this month, he wrote that he hasn’t been able to locate any possible new offices. (IWD does own the office it is in now.)

Director Steve Kunkle asked that the search be put aside as there were so many other more important issues to tackle. None of the directors discussed the issue of why IWD is seeking another office. Schelly reported last month that he was not able to talk about it.

The board voted to hold a public hearing May 18 to discuss the draft of an employee manual and to accept public input on a water shortage plan rough draft.

It also voted to table a COVID Prevention Program because of various director concerns.

The board unanimously approved the same standby assessments for fiscal year 2022.



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

- Wednesday, March 2**
- 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-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Idyllwild Chamber Orchestra rehearsal, 1-3 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Thursday, March 3**
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 9 a.m. Email di-

- anarmk@gmail.com for Zoom info.
- 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.
  - Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
  - Al-Anon, 6 p.m. Call Kathy at 951-659-6325 for more information.
  - AA “We Don’t Know” Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Courtyard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

- Friday, March 4**
- 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, March 5**
- 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.
  - Dog Park Saturdays, 3-4 p.m. Rick Barker Dog Park, 26375 Hwy. 243.
  - 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, March 6**
- 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, March 7**
- 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, March 8**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive.
  - Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 10 a.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - 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.

- Wednesday, March 9**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
  - Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Pine Cove Water District board meeting, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
  - Community Church Guild, noon. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 N. Circle Dr.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Idyllwild Chamber Orchestra rehearsal, 1-3 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Community service hours**
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 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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Highway 243

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In an email to the Town Crier, Caltrans wrote, “... offering the opportunity for a hearing ... if anyone being potentially impacted by the project could further inform the results of our analysis in a public setting, they can request a public meeting or hearing be held.”

Caltrans encourages residents to share those thoughts about how the project work or length may affect them and request a public hearing during the project development process, Kasinga expressed.

Submit comments via U.S. mail to Caltrans at the Antonia Toledo, MS, Senior Environmental Planner, California Department of Transportation, 464 W. 4th Street, MS 820, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400 or email

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Monday to Sunday, Feb. 21 to 27.

• Feb. 21 — Dispatched & canceled en route, 1:30 a.m. Temecula.

Feb. 21 — Dispatched & canceled en route, 1:41 a.m. Temecula.

Feb. 21 — Dispatched & canceled en route, 1:48 a.m. Temecula.

Feb. 21 — Dispatched & canceled en route, 1:53 a.m. Temecula.

Feb. 21 — Public service assist, 8:25 a.m. Meadow Dr.

• Feb. 21 — Public service assist, 10:13 a.m. Meadow Dr.

• Feb. 21 — EMS call, provide advanced life support, 2:11 p.m. Hwy. 74.

• Feb. 21 — Dispatched & canceled en route, 2:17 p.m. Oak Knoll Rd., Pine Cove.

• Feb. 22 — Public service assist, 3:52 p.m. Oakwood St.

• Feb. 23 — EMS call, transport person, 7:27 a.m. Marian View Dr.

• Feb. 23 — Public service assist, 10:15 a.m. Maranatha Dr.

• Feb. 24 — EMS call, transport person, 2:23 a.m. Hwy. 243.

• Feb. 24 — Unintentional smoke detector activation, no fire, 9:23 a.m. Fern Valley Rd.

• Feb. 24 — EMS call, transport person, 10:49 a.m. Maranatha Dr.

• Feb. 26 — EMS call, provide basic life support, 10:39 a.m.

N. Circle Dr.

• Feb. 26 — EMS call, provide BLS, 2:06 p.m. N. Circle Dr.

• Feb. 26 — EMS call, provide ALS, 8:13 p.m. Manzanita Dr.

• Feb. 27 — EMS call, provide ALS, 1:02 a.m. Maranatha Dr.

• Feb. 27 — EMS call, provide ALS, 11:38 a.m. Rim Rock Rd.

• Feb. 27 — EMS call, provide ALS, 8:25 p.m. Tollgate Rd.

Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire log

The Riverside County Fire Department/Cal Fire responded to these recent dispatches from Monday to Sunday, Feb. 21 to 27.

Pine Cove

• Feb. 21 — Traumatic injuries, 2:08 p.m.

• Feb. 25 — Intentional overdose, 2:56 a.m.

• Feb. 26 — Chest pain, 2:08 p.m.

• Feb. 26 — Fuel spilling outside, 6 p.m.

• Feb. 27 — Allergies, 1:39 p.m.

• Feb. 27 — Allergies, 7:52 p.m.

Garner Valley

• Feb. 21 — Traumatic injuries, 2:08 p.m.

• Feb. 21 — Traffic collision, 2:16 p.m.

• Feb. 21 — Unknown medical, 4:06 p.m.

• Feb. 21 — Electrocution, 6:30 p.m.

D8.1J450.Comments@dot.ca.gov by Monday, March 21.

Post planning pre-construction

If the project is authorized to move into the construction design phase, and environmental issues addressed in the studies and the specific aspects of the project design, Kasinga felt there would be a community meeting to discuss the details of how construction would affect travel on Highway 243.

Preliminary construction work

Once construction is ready to begin, which Kasinga estimated may be as early as 2025 or as late as 2026, expected completion is to take 300 days. But weather, material supplies or other potential problems could lengthen the time to finish.

Caltrans has said that traffic would be limited to one lane on portions of the highway where work is under-

defined. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 21 — Public assist, 3:11 p.m. Falling Leaf Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 21 — Check the welfare, 8:44 p.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 23 — Alarm call, 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Rd. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 24 — Check the welfare, 1:35 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 24 — Battery, 8:55 a.m. Strawberry Valley Dr. Report taken.

• Feb. 24 — Public assist, 8:58 a.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 24 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 9:06 a.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 24 — Public disturbance, 3:58 p.m. Ridgeview Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 24 — Vandalism, 10:56 p.m. 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 25 — Battery, 1:11 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Unfounded.

• Feb. 25 — Harassing phone calls, 9 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

• Feb. 21 — Assist other department, 2:41 p.m. Oak Knoll Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

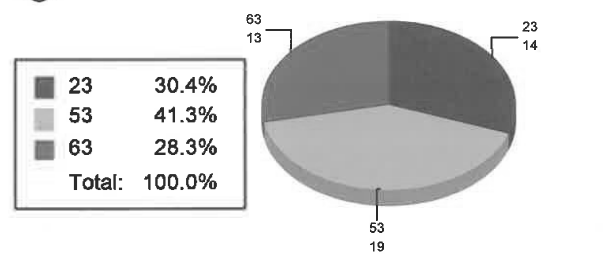
• Feb. 19 — Public disturbance, 12:49 p.m. 25000 block of Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 21 — Suspicious person, 12:25 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 24 — 911 call from business, 11:20 a.m. 25000 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.



Incident Report by Station 2/14/2022 to 2/27/2022



	Other Fires	Medical	Others	Total
23	1	10	3	14
53	0	7	12	19
63	4	3	6	13
Total	5	20	21	46

• Feb. 24 — 911 call from business, 11:37 a.m. 25000 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 25 — Suspicious vehicle, 9:21 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows / Garner Valley

• Feb. 20 — Suspicious circumstance, 1:52 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 21 — Check the welfare, 9:57 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 21 — Public assist, 2:14 p.m. Morris Ranch Rd. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 23 — Assist other department, 8:38 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats / Twin Pines

• Feb. 19 — Vandalism, 11:22 a.m. Address unde-

fined. Report taken.

San Bernardino National Forest

• Feb. 19 — Check the welfare, 7:06 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 19 — Check the welfare, 12:19 p.m. 21000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 19 — Public disturbance, 5:05 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 19 — Suicide threat, 6:42 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 19 — Assist other department, 9:04 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 23 — Incurrigible minor, 11:58 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

• Feb. 24 — Alarm call, 5:36 p.m. Temecula Dr. Handled by deputy.

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ANITA KATHRYN HEISKELL, 13 Bellissimo Ct, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 11/13/2021. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) Registrant Signature: ANITA KATHRYN HEISKELL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as BLOOM NATURALLY at 33350 Paloma Rd, Menifee, CA 92584, Riverside County, CHERYL LYNN BISCHOF, 33350 Paloma Rd, Menifee, CA 92584.

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FILE NO.: R-202200936

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

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CERTIFICATION 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: Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as VIRGINIA VINTAGE COSTUME JEWELRY at 13 Bellissimo Ct, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270, Riverside County.

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: 03/22/2022 Time: 8:00 AM, Dept. S101.

To appear via telephone dial (213) 306-3065 or (844) 621-3956 (toll free), when prompted enter: Meeting number: 288-888-954# Access Code: Press the # key (no number after the #) 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: 01/21/22

COMMISSIONER JONI SINCLAIR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Pub. TC: Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as CHRISTINA JOY DESIGNS at 52801 Avenida Alvarado, La Quinta, CA 92253, Riverside County, CHRISTINA JOY DESIGNS LLC, 52801 Avenida Alvarado, La Quinta, CA 92253, The List State of Limited Liability Company is CA.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 1/2022.

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: CHRISTINA JOY MCMAHON MANAGING MEMBER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on February 4, 2022.

FILE NO.: R-202201568

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

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10, 2022.

CVMV2200229 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 Heacock St, Moreno Valley, CA 92551. Branch name: Moreno Valley Courthouse. CHRISTINA PRECIADO TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: CHRISTINA PRECIADO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: CANDANCE JAIDE LEONOR CUEVAS changed to Proposed name: CANDANCE JAIDE LEONOR VALADEZ

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: 3/29/22 Time: 8:00 AM, 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: JAN 26 2022

BELINDA HANDY JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Pub. TC: Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10, 2022.

CVSW2200882 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 30755-D Auld Road, Murrieta, CA 92563. Branch name: Southwest Justice Center.

AMANDA ESTELLE JOHNSON TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: AMANDA ESTELLE JOHNSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: AMANDA ESTELLE JOHNSON changed to Proposed name: AMANDA ESTELLE ALLEN

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: 03/24/2022 Time: 8:00 AM, Dept. S101.

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: 02/07/2022

JONI SINCLAIR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Pub. TC: Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PINE RETREATS at 52865 Cedar Crest Dr, Pine Cove, CA 92549, Riverside County, LOUIE -- TORRES, 52865 Cedar Crest Dr, Pine Cove, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above. I declare that all information in this state-

ment 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: LOUIE -- TORRES

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on January 26, 2022.

FILE NO.: R-202201135

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

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as STERLING PAINTING PRO at 54520 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County, Mailing Address: PO Box 1460, Idyllwild, CA 92549. STERLING LEIGH DUTTON, 54520 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 10/01/2021.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) Registrant Signature: STERLING LEIGH DUTTON Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on February 15, 2022.

FILE NO.: R-202202003

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

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 2022.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICHARD MOZELESKI AKA RICHARD M. MOZELESKI

Case No. PRIN200180 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of estate of RICHARD MOZELESKI AKA RICHARD M. MOZELESKI.

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

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on, 05/10/2022 at 8:45 am in Dept. PS3, Room. Address of court: 3255 E Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262, Probate 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.





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B SECTION

IDYLLWILD, CA

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

## Academy senior bassoonist is a rising star

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

Preston Atkins, 16, a senior bassoonist at Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) who hails from Cedar Falls, Iowa, is preparing for a number of concerto competitions. His bassoon teacher, Martin Kuuskmann, is professor of bassoon at the University of Denver Lamont School of Music, making the trek to Idyllwild once a month to work with IAA's double-reed students. Kuuskmann said Preston is "one of the most talented students I've had. I'm a very active performer; I've heard students from all across the world, juried auditions for youth orchestras in Europe and given master classes all across the world, from China to Australia. It's a chance that you land on a student [who] is able to do what you envision in the music ... someone who at 16 is able to do it, on the bassoon [which] is a demanding instrument.



Martin Kuuskmann, Preston Atkins' bassoon teacher.  
PHOTO COURTESY OF MARTIN KUUSKMANN

"It's not that everything comes easy to him, but when it comes to playing and performing, he loves the stage. He is a shy person, withheld, but he's very intelligent; he writes extremely well. He's got a real maturity about him when he expresses himself in words and the same thing when he expresses himself in music; he's constantly creating. We as teachers are lucky to have a handful of students like this in a lifetime."

This coming weekend, Preston will perform in a concerto competition in Wisconsin, and has quite a summer lined up, including a European tour with the nation's top youth orchestra.

TC: "You began on piano?"

PA: "Yes, I began my musical studies at the age of 4 on piano when I was living in Oklahoma. I also picked up violin soon after, in addition to oboe (which later turned into bassoon). I am truly so grateful to have started music at such an early age, especially with piano, as the intuition and skills that I have developed from these studies have allowed me a very big step up from many bassoonists in my age group. In fact, when I started bassoon, I did not practice much as it was so easy for me to read bassoon music, as just one note can be played at once. Meanwhile, in piano music, it is not at all uncommon to have passages with up to four independent voices to sort through. I began private lessons a few months after I started bassoon under a retired band director, Ms. Diane Blake, who brought me so far at the beginning of my studies. Before coming to IAA I always played the organ and held several jobs in my community in churches and accompaniment services."

TC: "Any other things you like to say about your early musical experiences and Cedar Falls?"

PA: "Although Iowa is not necessarily a bad place to live, my classical music interests really suffered by staying in Iowa. When compared to Europe or the East Coast, I would say that there just seems to be a general lack of interest and support for the arts in many parts of the Midwest. Certainly, I was not always dedicated to music and practice thereof. Regardless, the scope of opportunities that were available to me was very inadequate. My first performance on bassoon actually happened just this past summer when I was outside of Iowa at a summer music program. My former high school was also very unsupportive of my aspirations, as I was excluded from taking a basic music theory class on the basis of my age, despite my extensive background."

TC: "What led to your coming to Idyllwild Arts?"

PA: "In short, because of my bassoon teacher Prof. Martin Kuuskmann. The story of how I came to meet him is really quite interesting. My piano teacher of nearly a decade, Dr. Suzanne Torkelson, teaches at Wartburg College [Waverly, Iowa] and also teaches at Denver University's Lamont School of Music during the summers. She recommended me to attend the program, mainly for piano, although she mentioned my bassoon skills would be very attractive for scholarships. I was ultimately not able to go as a result of the pandemic, but I reached out to Prof. Kuuskmann who was the bassoon teacher and started lessons under him soon after ... which has led to a whole host of opportunities. I actually came to Idyllwild alongside my teacher, as he just started teaching at IAA this past summer. At this time, I believe that I was his only pre-college student,

so it made a lot of sense for me to go and 'escape' Iowa to have a better chance of pursuing my dreams."

TC: "Martin tells me you could have continued as a pianist but chose the bassoon ... or did it choose you?"

PA: "Even to this day I would say that I view myself more as a pianist than a bassoonist. I really do love piano, and I would say that my piano skills are easily on the same level as my bassoon skills. There are a number of reasons that I have decided to prioritize bassoon over piano starting about a year ago. Classical piano is an incredibly competitive world, and to be one of the 'bests' nowadays, in most cases, entails being a child prodigy and having the opportunities/resources of a major cultural center in order to showcase your talent. There are just so many extremely gifted pianists in the world all competing against one another, and at the end of the day, I suppose that I just felt much better about my chances of being one of the 'bests' in a much smaller, bassoon, world. If nothing else, being able to study under Professor Kuuskmann, one of the leading international bassoon soloists, gives me this vision and constant motivation."

TC: "What makes the bassoon special to you?"

PA: "Now that I think about it, I would say that I have always valued being unique in my life. I've found it incredibly boring to abide by normalcy and I am much more excited by the thought of being 'different' than the 'same.' Naturally, the bassoon would appeal to this idea, as it is a very unusual and unique instrument. I also played oboe (and violin) prior to switching to bassoon, which is quite similar in this respect. But overall, I simply liked the more mellow and warmer tone of the bassoon, which I have been keen to master ever since I have heard it."

TC: "Everyone says it's a hard instrument, (and a 'scholarship' instrument). What makes it hard?"

PA: "Technically speaking, the bassoon is a very awkward instrument. Some bassoons allot up to more than 10 buttons for just our left thumb. Many of the finger slides that we need to execute can be very rigid or uncomfortable as well. Working with air and embouchure are also very hard components that are idiomatic for the bassoon."

"Trying to be the best musician as one can be is a perennial issue for every instrumentalist as well. Above all, I would say that reeds are perhaps the most obnoxious part of playing the bassoon. While all of the aspects of playing that I mentioned can be steadily identified and worked on, reeds are oftentimes just hit-and-miss. At the end of the day, a bassoonist is only as good as their best reeds, which is a sad but real reality."

TC: "Concerto playing, and competitive playing is a very special world. Anything you can tell us about this?"

PA: "My mindset of competitions has really changed a lot in the past year. When I began to take serious competitions. I would say that I had quite a lot of insecurity about my abilities and confidence. I would comfort myself by thinking about the amount of luck and even politics that can play into all facets of competition. But at the end of the day, to play the very best that one can, I feel that it is absolutely necessary not just to have confidence, but to be overconfident even to the point of arrogance. Of course, the countless hours of preparation are nonnegotiable to do well, [but] at the end of the day, one needs to have complete faith, even false faith, in oneself to shine past the rest of the competition. At this point, one can feel that they are sharing their love of music, not trying to prove their supposed musical abilities."

TC: "You did the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra Rising Stars Concerto Competition last year also. Any take-away from that?"

PA: "I did the concerto competition in La Crosse online last summer where I got an Honorable Mention award, and again for this year where I will be performing a bassoon concerto in concert with the orchestra as part of the finals round in about a week. The first round took place last month during winter break right before I came back to IAA, and I was selected as one of three finalists for this year. I am really so thankful to be able to participate in this competition. La Crosse has been able to build up a concerto competition that is better than nearly all others that I have looked at, both in terms of the actual opportunity and support given. The competition is open for high school students from Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, with the first cash prize being \$2,000. [Note: there are three prizes for three finalists, so Preston will not go home empty-handed.] This was really the first big competition on bassoon that I ever did, and looking back to last year until now I really do feel that I have grown a lot by being a competitor in the competition. Having this competition as an outlet to directly test my performing abilities has allowed me to know the pieces I played a lot better."

Kuuskmann describes the Hummel "Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra" that Preston will play in La Crosse: "The Hummel concerto he's playing, it's one of the most challenging bassoon concertos. It's played often, or attempted, by undergraduates, that do a decent job, but [it's] only when you get to the top level, grad students and professionals that [they] can really get to the nitty-gritty of the concerto and play it well. And Preston is already there. It's not the most demanding piece in the repertoire but has demands that most professional players would have a hard time overcoming,



Preston Atkins, Idyllwild Arts Academy bassoonist. PHOTO COURTESY OF IAA

artistically speaking. It's called the 'Grand' because it's five minutes longer than Mozart's." [Kuuskmann recorded the concerto on his Grammy-nominated 2017 album of bassoon concertos.]

TC: "Anything you can tell us about how Martin has helped you prepare, technically, musically, personally?"

PA: "Professor Kuuskmann has had a really invaluable effect on me since I started learning from him. Nowadays I prioritize music above everything else in my life, so naturally, his ability to sculpt my musicianship and technical abilities helps me a lot as a person. I would say he also helps me to have more confidence in myself; there are times that other peers and friends that I have, have much more faith in my ability than I do myself. Once one gets to a certain level in music, I feel that music-making and the mind need to be considered in conjunction with each other, as thinking in a 'wrong' or 'right' way can literally make all the difference in how one plays, despite any degree of preparation. My studies with him are really unique because we are not focused on obtaining a certain overarching goal (e.g. a school or job), more so to become the best musician that I can be, which will hopefully allow goals to come as checkpoints."

TC: "And you are preparing for a bigger competition this summer? Gillet-Fox?"

PA: "The International Double Reed Society's Gillet Fox competition is definitely the biggest one that I am planning to do in the coming months. The competition is one of the top three or five major bassoon competitions in the world, so it is certainly a massive challenge to me, but in any case, I feel that I can learn a lot from competing."

"Other major competitions that I am looking at for the coming years include the Muri, ARD, Aeolus, Markneukirchen, and Prague Spring competitions."

(Kuuskmann adds this about the Gillet-Fox: "The age limit is 31, he's 16, and I actually stand his chances quite highly.")

TC: "And you will be touring with NYO [National Youth Orchestra] soon?"

PA: "Right now I am committed to being part of NYO-USA this summer, which entails a residency in NYC and performance in Carnegie Hall alongside a European tour with stops in Berlin, Amsterdam and Lucerne. Being part of NYO-USA is one of my most revered goals so it really means a lot for me to have this opportunity. It is also the last year that I would be able to be a part of NYO-USA because I am graduating from high school this May (a year early), which makes this opportunity even more meaningful."

TC: "Any other thoughts about Idyllwild, IAA, your parents ...?"

PA: "Coming to IAA has been a turning point in my life, and I am so thankful to be able to spend my final year of high school here. Everything that I could have dreamed of for classical music is possible here, which makes me happy but also very busy. I really enjoy the scenery (much nicer than the farmlands in Iowa) and the lively cultural life in the area. This is the first time that I have been featured in a newspaper so it really means a lot to me."

"My father passed away over eight years ago, when I was 8 years old, so my family consists of myself, my mother and three siblings. I am incredibly thankful to my mother for being able to stay strong and support all of my aspirations above all else, as nothing would be possible without her. Although traumatic, I am also very thankful to my father for all the dear memories that I have of him when I was younger, but also the unending emotional capacity that he has given me to express myself as a musician in his death, which I believe to be my most important influence in music."

Kuuskmann has a newcomer's enthusiasm for Idyllwild and the academy.

MK: "It such a great place, compared to Interlochen in Michigan, [which is] way out, four hours from civilization, I see Idyllwild as a superior option; just two hours from LA, close to Palm Springs, it's very easy to get to. And scenery wise, it's one of the most beautiful places you can end up — these big pine trees, the rolling hills. We could have a Tanglewood-like environment in Idyllwild, why not? With chamber music and youth orchestra. It could be the premier school. This school deserves to be one of the best known in the world. What's possible is tremendous. Interlochen has a lot of funding and we don't, and yet we are located in one of the wealthiest places in the country. Because of our uniqueness we can go sky high. All the potential is here from the environment."

"The COVID years have not helped; we seriously need some sponsor, some donor who really believes in the academy. The school needs more funding; it doesn't come by itself. With Yale School of Music someone gave a \$25 million endowment. It became a tuition-free school. I went there in the '90s with a full tuition scholarship; now it's tuition-free."



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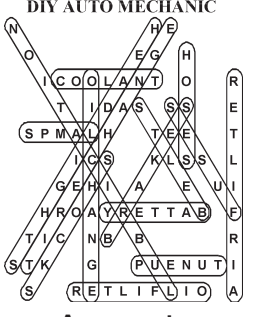
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- Wednesday, March 2**
  - Forest Folk cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
  - Bilingual Storytime “Read Across America” & “Opposites” with Miss Pat and Miss Susan, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
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- Friday, March 4**
  - Uke-a-Mele, classic rock, folk & pop, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Saturday, March 5**
  - Paula King & Mo Mullins, country, folk & rock, 3-6 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Sunday, March 6**
  - Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Bryan Goodhead, Taylor, Cash, Denver & more tribute, 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Monday, March 7**
  - Crochet Club with Stella, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Tuesday, March 8**
  - Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
  - Temple Har Shalom’s “Isreality,” 6:15-7:45 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Wednesday, March 9**
  - Forest Folk Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
  - Storytime: “Windy Days” with Miss Rachel, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Friday, March 11**
  - Live music, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Saturday, March 12**
  - Live music, 3-6 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Sunday, March 13**
  - Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Live music, 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Monday, March 14**
  - Crochet Club with Stella, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Tuesday, March 15**
  - Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.



**Past Tense**

**65 years ago - 1957**  
During what used to be conservation week, Izak Walton League hosted the Junior Rangers and Girl Scouts at Town Hall, where together they performed a playlet and multiple skits about conserving natural resources.

**60 years ago - 1962**  
Dr. Earl Herald, curator of the Steinhart Aquarium in San Francisco, made a presentation at Town Hall that told the story of his collection of cannibalistic frogs, four-eyed fish and the Hawaiian Humuhumunukunukuapua’a. (Try saying that 10 times fast.)

**55 years ago - 1967**  
The county closed Idyllwild’s open-pit burning dump off of the Mountain Center highway for a new cut-and-fill dump off of Saunders Meadow Road.

**50 years ago - 1972**  
The Idyllwild County Water District and the Idyllwild Property Owners’ Association presented their report on the community’s water resources. The big concern was that if it didn’t rain any more for the rest of the year, “we will be in serious trouble.”

**45 years ago - 1977**  
Investigation into the death of Craig Kuhn, the 16-year-old son of Idyllwild Store owners Wayne and Carol Kuhn, deemed the incident accidental. The youth had been killed when he stepped in front of an auto on Tahquitz McCallum Way.

**40 years ago - 1982**  
Brian Wilson, a 15-year-old Boy Scout of Long

Beach, died after being struck by a dislodged boulder while climbing out of a fire pit. By the time he was transported to Loma Linda hospital, he was in critical condition with head and internal injuries.

**35 years ago - 1987**  
A plan of operation for the proposed Idyllwild area emergency radio station was released.

**30 years ago - 1992**  
The Pacific Rim Design Team submitted its proposal for a school of the future to the New American Schools Development Corporation and was hoping to get a \$17 million grant.

**25 years ago - 1997**  
Howard Friedman, the Pine Cove merchant who was sued for allegedly taking more than \$200,000 from the Girl Scout camp he managed for nearly two years, posted bail following his arrest on three criminal charges

**20 years ago - 2002**  
The Idyllwild Help Center learned that the organization would receive a \$13,754 grant from the California Endowment.

**15 years ago - 2007**  
Carl Edward Eck, 61, of Hemet, died of lung cancer.

**10 years ago - 2012**  
A man carrying a weapon robbed the Mountain Top Liquor store on Highway 243 on a Sunday evening.

**5 years ago - 2017**  
The Idyllwild Indivisible’s use of St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church had generated a local brouhaha.

**1 year ago - 2021**  
Beth Iyaman, her son Solar Iyaman, Luis Chavez, and his son Loki Chavez were in front of Idyllwild School Wednesday with signs wanting Idyllwild School to reopen for in-person classes. The school had been closed because of COVID.

## Steele cut at Honda; plays in Palmer next

By JACK CLARK  
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele posted opening rounds of 72 and 73 last week for a 5-over-par 145, which missed the cut by three strokes at The Honda Classic in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

For the two days, the Idyllwild native’s drives averaged about 300 yards while finding 71.4% of the fairways and hitting just under 64% of the greens in regulation. His putter cost him nearly 2.783 strokes to the field, almost what he missed the cut by.

Brendan’s current string of cuts on the PGA Tour has now reached five, which he hasn’t experienced since the 2013 season. He now stands 44th on the FedEx-

Cup points list and has dropped to 143rd in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Brendan looks for a turnaround in this week’s \$12 million Arnold Palmer Invitational at the Bay Hill Club & Lodge in Orlando, Florida. Last year, Brendan tied for 18th in this tournament, which was the third of three top-20s he has scored in the Palmer.

B will tee off on Thursday at 4:10 a.m. PT and on Friday at 8:40 a.m. PT, playing both days with Nick Watney and Aaron Rai.

The tournament will be telecast on the Golf Channel weekdays and on NBC on the weekend. You can follow Brendan shot-for-shot in 3D with TOURCast on the pgatour.com website or with the PGA Tour cellphone app.

# CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in “Days of Our Nine Lives,” the ARF cats posed for the camera.

**Phil:** Hey guys, remember how last week Lulu was saying she could win the Pets of the Year competition because of her beauty?

**Harley:** Right, but we told her she’d have to be adopted and entered by a human on our mountain.

**Phil:** It could happen! She was adopted this last weekend!

**Harley:** That is such great news!

**Whiskers:** What is truly amazing is that there are so many wonderful, friendly cats right here who are looking for forever homes.

**Pepper:** Seriously. Some ARF volunteers are so puzzled that we all haven’t yet been adopted.

**Harley:** I think part of the problem is that we haven’t had so many people come in to meet us.

**Don:** Ain’t that the truth!

**Phil:** Any visitor will be very impressed with how friendly and fun we are.

**Paisley:** I’ll keep a human nice and warm, just by snuggling up on her lap.

**Don:** And I’m so much fun to watch that any person watching will warm up from laughing so much.

**Harley:** Now that Lulu is eligible to enter the fund-raising contest, the rest of us want to be eligible as well.

**Lola:** We just have to get the word out.

**Pepper:** Right! It’s actually words, not word: visit, adopt, start taking photos!

**Lola:** Unless, of course, there are already dogs, cats or “others” at home.

**Harley:** Any full- or part-time pet is eligible to compete.

**Paisley:** Then let’s just hope we see more visitors.

**Whiskers:** And adoptions!



Paisley



Lucy



Harley

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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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
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CROSSWORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Offend

5 Vegas lead-in

8 Biting remark

12 Jacob's twin

13 Antlered animal

14 Latin love

15 Printout

17 Earring site

18 Roscoe

19 More slothful

21 Filled fully

24 — colada

25 Cupid's alias

26 Street vendor's vehicle

30 Sawbuck

31 Attorney's load

32 Bee follower

33 Barber's offerings

35 Panache

36 Aachen article

37 Utter impulsively

38 Architectural style

41 Hero sandwich

42 Actress Perlman

43 Ski lodge cupful

48 "A Room of — Own"

49 Prior night

50 Not so hot?

51 "Holy cow!"

52 Enervate

53 Trade

DOWN

1 "I'm not impressed"

2 "This — recording"

3 Distant

4 Fakes, as figures

5 Author Uris

6 Jungfrau, for one

7 Urban silhouettes

8 French novelist

9 Mine, to Marcel

10 Judicial garb

11 Rabbit's title

16 Cow's chaw

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21 Actor Rogen

22 Location

23 Singer Braxton

24 Stickum

26 Hindquarters

27 Rights advocacy org.

28 Bring up

29 Bivouac shelter

31 Roman 202

34 Go over again

35 Macaroni shapes

37 Tampa Bay NFLer

38 Pirate's drink

39 "It can't be!"

40 Golf props

41 Dance move

44 Eggs

45 Cornfield noise

46 Mouths (Lat.)

47 Music booster

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HOROSCOPES

March 2022 — Week 1

March 21 — April 19

This is a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep communication lines open.

April 20 — May 20

It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

May 21 — June 21

Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

June 22 — July 22

A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

July 23 — August 22

That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

August 23 — September 22

A workplace problem needs your attention now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the gaps that have opened.

September 23 — October 22

A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

October 23 — November 21

Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems with someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

November 22 — December 21

Although you still need to do some snipping of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

December 22 — January 19

With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded, situation.

January 20 — February 18

Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward that promised career change.

February 19 — March 20

You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

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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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