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Mayor Max III arriving soon

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

Idyllwild will soon no longer be without canine leadership.

Mayor Max III will be leaving his birth home in Utah in a few weeks for a celebratory arrival in Idyllwild. He'll be accompanied by Meadow, his litter-mate sister, who will serve as his executive assistant and occasional vice-mayor. Phyllis Mueller, who will be Max III's chief of staff as she was for his predecessors, informs that the pair are still nursing on mother's milk but will be weaned in a few weeks.

As explained in an August Town Crier story, Animal Rescue Friends, which originated the idea in a contest for an animal mayor, years ago formally bequeathed the mayorship into Mueller's capable hands. She responded by levitating Mayor Max I and Mayor Max II into popular local figures, particularly with tourists to the community, greeting children of all ages from the "Max Mobile," frequently parked near the Candy Cupboard on North Circle Drive downtown. Mueller advises that a party is being planned to celebrate Max III's ascendance to the mayoral throne.

Is Max III a genuine decedent of Max I and Max II? Too early to tell. Mueller explained that her hope was to continue the line, but her former breeders retired. Efforts currently are underway to determine from birth records whether Max III could be formally related to his mayoral predecessors.

If not, there's sure to be a resemblance.



Above, **Mayor Max III** will be in Idyllwild in three weeks after he and his sister, **Meadow**, are weaned.

PHOTO BY GLENN WARREN

Right, **Meadow**, **Mayor Max III's** sister, is joining the staff.

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Proposition 1 addresses reproductive rights

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

The official name for Proposition 1 is the "Constitutional right to reproductive freedom." The California Legislature initiated a proposal to amend the state constitution to give individuals the sole right to decide their reproductive actions — whether that is contraceptives to prevent conception or to terminate after conception.

The actual language of the proposed amendment is: "The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives."

A yes vote on Prop 1 supports amending the California State Constitution to establish an individual's right to decide their own reproductive actions. Therefore, neither state nor local laws would interfere with an individual's decision, for example to use contraception or to obtain an abortion.

A no vote would prevent this amendment to the California constitution. Thus, state and local lawmakers could enact local edicts that state courts would ultimately have to rule on if subsequent litigation occurred.

History

In 1969, the California Supreme Court ruled that the state constitution's express right to privacy extends to any individual's decision concerning whether or not to have an abortion. Currently, this case (People v. Belous (1969), 71 Cal.2d 954) is the final arbitrator.

Three years later, in 1972, California's voters agreed to a constitutional amendment that added "the right of privacy to inalienable rights of people" in the state.

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Board to approve STR ordinance revisions again and consider moratorium

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

At the Oct 18 meeting of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Ordinance 927.1 (Regulating Short Term Rentals [STRs]) and Ordinance 671.22 (Consolidated fees for land use) were again on the agenda as well as the report due pursuant to Ordinance 449.251 (the STR moratorium). And more will come at the Oct. 25 board meeting.

At its Oct. 4 meeting, the board requested more changes to the previously agreed-to revisions of 927. The latest changes involved how the size of the lot will affect the maximum permitted occupancy of an STR and the notification procedures of obtaining a STR certificate.

The board did approve a new Ordinance 927.1 at its Sept. 13 meeting, but the supervisors also asked for several more changes included in this version of the ordinance.

Occupancy

Permitted occupancy of an STR will be limited to one person per 200 square feet of the structure, depending on the size of the lot on which the structure is located.

For properties on one-half acre or less, the maximum occupancy will be 10 people. In the previous version, the lot size limitation for 10 occupants was a full acre. This was changed as a result of public comments at the Oct. 4 meeting.

For STRs on lots greater than one-half acre and less than 2 acres, maximum visitors may be 16. On properties larger than 2 acres, maximum occupants may be 20.

STRs whose occupancy limit exceeds 10 people must still comply with the preapproved list of upgrades.

The checklist now states that installing a fire sprinkler system is recommended but not required. Any further changes to the pre-approved list of upgrades will require the Executive Office's review and approval before becoming effective.

Notifications

When an owner is granted a certificate for operating an STR, they are required to notify neighboring property owners of the certification within 10 days.

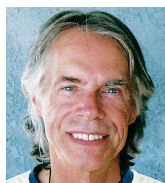
The revised 927 specifies that STRs on lots of less than 5 acres must contact owners of all properties located within a 300-foot radius of the recently approved STR. If the property is greater than 5 acres, the notification must go to all property owners within 600 feet of the STR parcel.

Fees

The draft of Ordinance 627.22 was approved on Oct. 4 and this was the second reading for approval.

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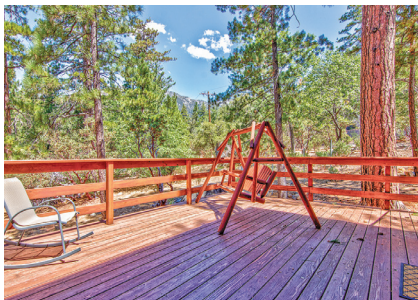


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In 2002, the state Legislature passed the Reproductive Privacy Act to ensure these privacy rights were protected. This law specifies that the fundamental right to choose to bear a child or to choose and to obtain an abortion is the official law of California.

The Legislative Analyst Office’s (LAO) analysis of Prop 1 noted that California courts have interpreted the right to privacy such that the state can only restrict abortions when needed to meet certain state interests such as public health and safety.

According to the LAO, these restrictions include requiring abortion providers to be licensed. “In addition, abortions can only be performed on a viable fetus if the pregnancy puts the health or life of the person who is pregnant at risk. Under state law, a fetus is considered viable if the fetus likely would be able to survive outside the uterus.”

Impetus for Prop 1

In January 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a 7–2 decision (Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 1973) holding that the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides a fundamental “right to privacy.” This ruling protects a pregnant woman’s right to an abortion; however, the decision did not grant an absolute right to abortion. The court also held that an abortion must be balanced against the government’s interests in protecting women’s health and prenatal life. This is how and why the trimester of a pregnancy became instrumental in subsequent state laws.

Roe v. Wade has been litigated in state and federal courts ever since its ruling nearly 50 years ago. However, in May of this year, Politico released a draft Supreme Court decision on one of these cases.

“The Supreme Court has voted to strike down the landmark Roe v. Wade decision, according to an initial draft majority opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito circulated inside the court and obtained by Politico,” wrote reporters Josh Gerstein and Alexander Ward. In the future, the issue would be dependent upon state laws.

In anticipation of the final ruling, California State President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) submitted this proposal on June 8. It quickly moved through Senate hearings and was sent to the Assembly on June 20, where it was approved.

On June 24, the U.S. Supreme Court released its decision on Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, which did override the Roe v. Wade ruling.

On June 27, the California State Senate with 58 aye votes, 17 nay and five abstentions sent the proposed state constitutional amendment to the secretary of state, who formally enrolled it on June 29 and prepared it for the November ballot.

State constitution amendments

California has two means to amend its constitution. The Legislature can initiate a proposed amendment. It must pass both houses by a two-thirds vote. This legislative action does not require the governor’s signature. But it becomes part of the constitution only if the electorate approves it at the next general election. This is how Prop 1 came to the voters in this election.

Of course, the state constitution also can be amended through the initiative process. A sufficient number

of voters’ signatures on a petition can place the petition on the ballot. The Legislature does not need to take any action in this process and cannot prevent it from occurring.

Arguments

Supporters want the state sonstitution to enshrine and to protect reproductive decisions, especially abortion decisions. They do not want these rights to be a political volleyball dependent upon which party controls the Legislature or governor.

Opponents not only believe Prop 1 is unnecessary because of the 1972 amendment and subsequent state laws, but it egregiously goes beyond and threatens existing abortion limitations. They fear that the breadth of Prop 1 would override the prohibition on an abortion when the fetus is viable on its own outside the womb. This can occur near the 24th week of pregnancy. California restricts these late-term abortions to situations where the mother’s life is in jeopardy.

The California Catholic Conference vehemently opposes Prop 1. In their statement, the bishops said, “[Prop 1] looks to enshrine the most extreme forms of abortion into the California Constitution. We believe in protecting life at every age in every stage. We are extremely troubled by the language in Prop 1, which is so broad and unrestrictive that it would encourage and protect even late-term abortions, which most Californians oppose.

“This constitutional amendment, as written, will legalize and protect abortion up to the point just prior to delivery. It is distressing that so many California leaders would push an amendment that allows the taking of a human life moments before birth.”

And supporters say the measure does nothing to change that. In the Official Voter Information Guide, the supporters rebut this argument. “Prop. 1 does not change how or when a person can access an abortion in California. Existing California law provides that women have the right to choose to have an abortion prior to viability, or to protect the woman’s life or health. Proposition 1 will not change that.”

And Cary Franklin, McDonald/Wright chair of law at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and faculty director of UCLA’s Center on Reproductive Health, Law and Policy, said in a press release supporting Prop 1, “Constitutions are designed to provide the skeletal outline of a legal system, enabling legislatures to fill in the details. With Prop 1, the California State Legislature has the capacity to be more specific regarding abortion regulation if it chooses.”

Polls

The Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) at the University of California, Berkeley, and the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) have conducted polls of likely voters and their opinion of Prop 1. California voters have consistently supported its approval.

In August, IGS found that 81% of state voters consider abortion to be important to them in this year’s state and local elections. More than three in five voters rate the issue “very important.” In this survey, 71% said they would vote yes on Prop 1.

This is consistent with the finding that 68% of the voters disapprove of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe versus Wade.

In early September, PPIC surveyed likely voters and found that 69% would vote yes. While only a quarter of them would vote no, only 6% are undecided.

The county’s Idyllwild-Pine Cove vaccination reports are being challenged

In response to a recently published letter to the editor by a local resident, the Town Crier is awaiting a return call from the Riverside County Department of Public Health regarding a suspected major fault in its recent vaccinations report regarding the Idyllwild-Pine Cove community. COVID vaccinations, including the newer bivalent boosters, continue to be provided free of charge by appointment only at Idyllwild Pharmacy.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to rate Riverside County as a low-risk community, but the CDC recommends outdoor, rather than indoor, Halloween parties this year.

As of Tuesday, Oct. 18, Idyllwild School reported no students and no staff members with COVID. Hemet High reported three students and no staff members, and Hamilton Elementary reported one student and one staff member, while Hamilton Secondary reported no students and three staff members with COVID.

Democrats and Independents strongly support the proposition, but a majority (61%) of Republicans would vote no.

Cost to implement

The LAO’s evaluation of Prop 1 said, “Because these rights already exist in California, the proposition would have no direct fiscal effect.”

The LAO did qualify its conclusion. If a court were to find that Prop 1 expanded existing rights, then there might be fiscal consequences on the state budget.

Currently, the state pays for abortions and contraceptives for many low-income Californians through the Medi-Cal program. This program is largely funded through federal Medicaid and shares the cost of contraceptives. However, the cost of any abortions is fully California’s responsibility.

Also, for Californians who buy health insurance through Covered California, the costs of abortions and contraceptives is covered in these policies. However, only the state pays for the plans to cover abortions for these insurance subscribers.

Finances

Supporters are financing their views with a committee called Yes on Proposition 1. Through Sept. 24, the committee had raised \$9.2 million and has received another \$3.1 million since then. Gov. Gavin Newsom’s Campaign Committee gave nearly \$1.25 million and another four individual donations were greater than \$100,000.

The largest single contribution was \$5 million from the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. The California Medical Association gave \$1 million and two teachers’ groups gave a total of \$500,000. Planned Parenthood has given \$840,000.

On Sept. 24, Yes on Proposition 1 had \$8 million in cash for the final six weeks before the election.

Opponents also have a committee Stop Prop 1 — a Committee in Opposition to Proposition 1. However, it appears to be a formality. Through Sept. 24, it has reported only \$70,000 in contributions. Since then, it has received \$74,000, of which \$49,000 came from an Arizona conservative group.

Expenditures by religious groups are not shown in the secretary of state’s campaign finance reports for Prop 1.

California Constitutional changes should Proposition 1 pass

SEC. 1.1. The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual’s reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection.

Charging stations coming to I-10

Last week, Caltrans approved spending \$2.9 million to install Zero-Emission Vehicle charging stations at various safety roadside rest areas on Interstate 10 in Riverside County near Banning and Blythe and in San Bernardino County near Yucaipa.

“This allocation – which includes a significant federal investment – allows Caltrans and our local partners to continue building the equitable, sustainable, and safe transportation system on which future generations will depend,” said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares.

The funding came through Senate Bill 1 of 2017. No completion date was given by press time.

Worker’s comp will be required

Starting Jan. 1, 2023, concrete (C-8), HVAC (C-20), asbestos abatement (C-22) and tree service (D-49) contractors will be required to have workers’ compensation insurance, regardless of whether they have employees, according to the The Contractors State License Board (CSLB).

The new requirement is the result of CSLB-sponsored Senate Bill 21 Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into law Sept. 30, 2022. The bill also requires that all contractors — with or without employees — will need to have workers’ compensation insurance by Jan. 1, 2026.

CSLB research confirms that many of the approximate 50 to 60% of licensed contractors who currently claim an exemption to workers’ compensation insurance do use employees.

This problem creates an unfair competitive disadvantage for law-abiding contractors who are subject to higher business costs and puts employees and the public at risk for workplace injuries.

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Friday 10/21



69/52
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Saturday 10/22



61/48
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Sunday 10/23



53/47
Mostly sunny

Monday 10/24



59/42
Sunny

Tuesday 10/25



62/42
Sunny

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
10/11	75	47	0.04	0.0	
10/12	70	48	0.00	0.03	
10/13	79	46	0.00	0.08	
10/14	78	48	0.00	0.0	
10/15	70	52	0.00	0.18	
10/16	65	47	0.00	0.17	
10/17	73	43	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
10/11	57	36	0.00	0.0	
10/12	54	31	0.00	0.0	
10/13	61	28	0.00	0.0	
10/14	67	33	0.00	0.0	
10/15	69	40	0.00	0.0	
10/16	77	37	0.00	0.0	
10/17	76	39	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 auto-

matic 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@town-crier.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.idyllwild-towncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



A clear cool Tuesday morning in Idyllwild with temperatures in the mid-50s.

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Garcia battling for Assembly seat

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: Nov. 8, the state's general election will be held. Voters will choose an Assembly District (AD) 36 member, a district that now includes Garner Valley, Anza, Sage, Aguanga, some of the desert cities and east to the Colorado River, including the eastern portions of San Bernardino and Imperial counties. Much of the area was part of AD 56 in 2020 election, which Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia (D) represents.

Republican Ian Weeks is challenging Garcia for the new AD 36 seat. The Town Crier interviewed each candidate and both stories appear in this edition of the paper.

Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia, 45, is seeking his fifth term in the Assembly. The former eight-year mayor of Coachella City was first elected to the California Assembly in 2014. During the interview, he noted that he has been on a November ballot every year since 2004.

Garcia and his wife, with their three children, live in the Coachella Valley, where he has been a lifelong resident. He attended Coachella Valley High School and the University of California, Riverside, and earned a master's degree from the University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning and Development.

The new District 36 is one of the largest new Assembly Districts. Garcia acknowledges that it may be one of the top five in area. It stretches along the Colorado River from Imperial County north past Blythe in Riverside County to north of Needles in San Bernardino County. It includes the Salton Sea area and a wedge that includes the Riverside County areas of French Valley, Winchester, a portion of Hemet, Anza, Sage, Aguanga, Indio, Coachella, Thermal and Mecca.

"This year, it's a much bigger district than I am used to," he said.

Garcia sees three major issues to be addressed during the final weeks of the campaign. The first is energy reliability and affordability. Within this issue, Garcia also is concerned about the issues affecting the drought and water reserves.

"Climate change has a real time impact on the drought," he added.

The other two important issues are economic development and public safety, including homelessness.

As chair of the California Assembly's Utilities and Energy Committee, Garcia is in the center of action concerning the future of energy — using it and providing



Eduardo Garcia is running for Assembly District 36.

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it. He is also in a position to influence these issues as an ex-officio member of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and chair of the newly established Assembly Select Committee on California's Lithium Economy.

"It's a very ambitious goal," Garcia said, describing the recent CARB decision to gradually phase out gasoline-powered vehicles in favor of electric vehicles. And he stressed that its achievement "... will not happen without a way to build the grid infrastructure a lot faster."

Garcia also stressed that gas-powered vehicles were not going to disappear from California's roads. "There is no way. Poor areas are the hardest to electrify and there are many in this district," he emphasized.

He also recognized the need to keep the Diablo nuclear power plant online. California's current electric grid needs this source. "One thing is clear, without this option, it puts a lot of lives at risk. We made the decision to ensure keeping people safe," he said. He then referred to the recent Southern California heat wave. "I can't afford to not think about the 120-degree weather that takes place in the desert. There are very young people and the elderly who need electricity to stay cool and safe."

To build out a larger grid and to manufacture more electric vehicles, industry will need more batteries. A critical chemical component of batteries today — for everything from cars to cell phones — and especially in the future is lithium. And it appears that lithium may be a valuable byproduct of the geothermal energy produced near the Salton Sea.

Garcia is very optimistic that this not only will be an important source, but an environmentally safe source of lithium and possibly manganese.

"There are 10 to 12 geothermal energy producers in this area," Garcia explained. "And through geothermal, there is a specific process to recover minerals, such as lithium. It has been demonstrated to the state and federal agencies, to the Department of Energy and the military." In April, Secretary of Energy Janet Granholm toured the Salton Sea area.

He stressed that they will be able to recover lithium from those geothermal plants near the Salton Sea. "It is a 180-degree different process compared to mining. It is recovery as a byproduct of geothermal."

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Ian Weeks seeks to upset incumbent Assemblyman

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

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The two candidates for AD 36 are Republican Ian Weeks and Garcia. The Town Crier interviewed each candidate and both stories appear in this edition of the paper.

Ian Weeks, 36, is seeking the 36th Assembly District seat. Weeks, his wife and two children live in the Temecula Valley.

This is his first effort at elected office. Although a novice politician, he is an experience financial planner. His success in the profession is demonstrated by his ability to maintain and to expand his clientele for 16 years. Which also means he can talk with his clients, hear their concerns and offer actions from which they benefit.

This also explains his response to why voters should choose him. "I will ask, 'What do you need from government to make your life better?' They are tired of not being listened to," he promised.

As a Republican candidate, Weeks supports law enforcement, wants to reduce the cost of living and seeks to improve parents' control of local schools. He is proud that Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco and District Attorney Michael Hestrin have endorsed him. He notes that the murder rate in Riverside County has decreased. "I'll advocate for law enforcement. But when law enforcement does something wrong, they should be held accountable."

He has two sons and said he fundamentally supports school choice for parents. His wife and Weeks home school. "My wife removed the kids from the school system because we didn't feel they were receiving a good education. The teachers themselves do care, but the system is a large bureaucracy. And we wanted our children to have their father involved in the curriculum." Even for schools, which are not faith-based, Weeks advocates for greater parental involvement in their children's education.

Consequently, an important leg of his school choice platform includes equal funding for educational institutions, es-



Ian Weeks, shown in Idyllwild, is vying for Assembly District 36's seat.

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pecially private schools.

"They receive no public funds, yet everyone pays taxes, which pays for education of other children," he said. "I'm not real happy, and it would be nice if the taxes and money we pay followed us to our schools."

Greater parental control would encourage more transparency in the classroom, Weeks argues. "Now there is a good deal of social engineering and a lot of folk are not aware

of it." This extends to his concern about transparency. He believes sex education belongs at home rather than taught in the schools.

"We don't need schools to teach kids how to be a good person," he argued. "It's not how you look or dress. We have to treat other people with respect."

"More housing would be good," Weeks stated. "There is always high demand in Southern California. It would be good to increase supply, but Sacramento makes it really hard."

Local government's influence over housing regulations and zoning has been stifled by Sacramento, he argued. "I've spoken to county supervisors and have been consistently told local government is told what to do and expected to toe the line from Sacramento. They dictate and do not listen."

He also wants to help people through their own efforts and providing an economy that offers everyone an opportunity to not need help.

On abortion, which polls indicate is a very prominent issue for Californian voters, Weeks professed, "I'm pro-life. My approach is to follow the science about the conception of life. But women have the right to birth control and condoms. The right to choose is the individual's. I have no interest to go into your bedroom. I will not cram my views down your throat ...

"We do legislate morality. But I support the right to make a choice about your body," he stressed "When there is a living body inside you, not totally your choice. But I want exceptions for rape and incest."

Weeks also discussed wildfire, an issue of great concern to Hill residents and argued for more controlled burns. "Every five or 10 years, we need to do controlled burns during the appropriate time of the year. We need to listen to the professionals. We just want solutions that work."

In the June AD 36 primary, Weeks actually finished first among the three can-

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Moratorium on wildfire insurance cancellations

California Senate Bill 824 prohibits an insurer from canceling or refusing to renew a residential property insurance property within certain ZIP codes within a fire perimeter following a declaration of a state of emergency for one year from the declaration.

On Sept. 8, Gov. Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency covering Riverside County due to the Fairview as well as two others in Northern California. The ZIP codes within the fire perimeter include 92549 (Idyllwild and Pine Cove) and 92561 (Mountain Center).

A section of the bill reads, "... the fire perimeter shall be determined by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services. The department shall provide the commissioner with data describing the fire perimeter sufficient for the commissioner to determine which ZIP codes are within or adjacent to the fire perimeter. The commissioner shall then issue a bulletin to inform insurers which ZIP codes are subject to this subdivision."

Also, insurers must offer to rescind any cancellation or non-renewal notices issued due to wildfire risk since the emergency declaration and offer to reinstate or renew policies in effect at the time of the declaration.

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Local man sentenced for inflicting injury on spouse

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

An Idyllwild man pleaded guilty to felony inflicting corporal injury on a spouse and was sentenced in Riverside County Superior Court recently.

Devin Christopher Davison, 25, of Idyllwild, was arrested at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, on Highway 74 at mile marker 62 and booked in jail with a \$50,000 bail.

A second charge of assault on a person causing great bodily injury was dismissed in the interest of justice.

Davison was convicted Tuesday, Oct. 4. He was sentenced to three years of parole and 90 days in Riverside County Sheriff's Department custody. He received credit of 28 days for time served. The remaining 62 days will be served in a work release program beginning Dec. 5.

He is prohibited from owning, purchasing, possessing or having any firearms, ammunition and ammunition feeding devices. He also must pay a \$300 restitution fine and \$500 to the Domestic Violence Fund, as well as restitution to the victim that the Probation Department would determine.

He also must enroll in a 52-week domestic violence program. A criminal protective order on the victim was issued the same day and expires Oct. 4, 2025.

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COVID vaccinations disappointing

DEAR EDITOR:

We have owned a vacation home in Pine Cove for 20 years, and we are fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID.

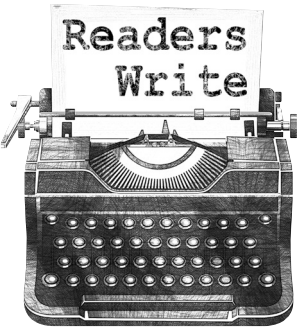
We were very disappointed to read in the Oct. 6, 2022 issue that Idyllwild-Pine Cove is 79% unvaccinated. This is a horrible statistic.

Why are so few vaccinated? How many of the children are vaccinated or unvaccinated? Why are so few boosted?

As a caution during COVID, we have not gone to restaurants or stores in town. With this current information, how are we to trust that it is safe to go to the restaurants and stores?

Will our grandchildren ever be able to go to the park they so enjoyed before 2020? Town residents should be appalled by these statistics. We certainly are.

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it even a law? Did the governor of California? Was it school board members?

Who decided to confuse boys who know they are boys and who want boundaries; confused as to why it's OK for a girl to use his bathroom and why would she want to? Don't they have tampons in their bathroom?

Even I'm confused. Why this outlandish way of thinking coming into our school? What is the real agenda? For children to think about sex; to think bisexually, transgender?

This should be a cry to all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends; those who do not want parental rights taken away; those who do not want their children's minds brainwashed, stressed, confused; parents who want their children to be proud and happy about who they were born to be — a boy, a girl, male, female. Done deal.

Voting is coming up. Vote for those who protect families, parents, children, the unborn, too; those who want America to remain under God's blessings. Join PTA, maybe. Run for a seat on the school board. Let your voices be heard.

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Editor's note: According to Hemet Unified School District Chief Communications Officer Sonia Ramirez, "As per California Assembly Bill No. 367, public schools must provide free menstrual products and such products must be accessible in all girl's restrooms, gender-neutral restrooms, and at least one boy's restroom. (Source: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/bill-NavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB367). Please know that Idyllwild School falls under this legal requirement."

Why tampons in the boys' bathroom?

DEAR EDITOR:

Recently I heard there are tampon machines in the boy's bathroom at Idyllwild Middle School. Does this mean in all California schools?

Why? Who gave the OK? Who made this law? Is

Mark Yargas leads last mental hygiene workshop

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, the Idyllwild Forest Health Project (IFHP) and its Mountain Communities Mutual Aid will host the last of a series of eight mental hygiene workshops at Town Hall. Series organizer Robyn Winks (LMFT) will lead the session along with IFHP Founder Mark Yargas. Winks spoke with the Crier this week to reflect on the series' reception so far and the outlook for future activities that might grow out of it. Yargas also spoke about his plans for the last session and how the series fits into a broader vision of "compassionate community building."

TC: "How have the workshops gone so far?"

RW: "A lot of the same people came to all the workshops; a strong core group. This is creating cohesion, a 'we' space. We are intending to keep that working in some form. The main feedback we are getting on our surveys is, 'It should be longer.' Classes should be longer, all wanted to do more."

TC: "That's what you want to hear."

RW: "Yes."

TC: "How was attendance?"

RW: "We consistently went between 16 to 26 people, pretty good for Idyllwild (and not feeding them or even giving them water)."

TC: "And with serious or even off-putting topics like depression and anxiety?"

RW: "There was a lot of laughing, good information and connecting, soul food."

The pandemic really brought to the surface how isolation is not good for us as human beings. It is hard for us to be kept away from people; our mental health suffers dramatically."

TC: "Are you thinking about doing this again next year?"

RW: "We don't know if it will be next year, but we're going to do it as soon as we can. We would like there to be some kind of follow up and ongoing group. Maybe different groups to get together and practice these skills. The biggest takeaway was: Now that we know how fragile we can be, after being isolated so long, there are tools we can use to work with our inner awareness to change our quality of life in general. That is the opportunity in the pan-

demic; it taught us that we need these tools and we need each other.

TC: "Did the presenters have good experiences?"

RW: "They loved it; they had a great time. They loved feeling the connection with the community. They were welcomed and received very well. People were taking a lot of notes and talking to the presenters afterward. Idyllwild has part of their hearts. Everyone said they would be willing to do more. It was very positive and uplifting."

TC: "And the last session. What are you planning this week?"

RW: "This week we are going to do exercises to consolidate the principles — the mind, emotion and body awareness principles. Mark Yargas is going to come in from Canada and will talk about his expertise, which is compassionate community building. The bridge; this is how we work with our own inner world and how we take that out into the world and have a positive impact. Mark is going to talk about what other possibilities there might be to continue to gather."

Yargas explained how his experience in Canada has helped clarify IFHP's mission.

MY: "We moved up here a year ago May. We live in Nelson, BC, the Columbia River basin, called the Kootenays. We've been 'work from homers' for a long time. We still run IFHP and our business, Neighbor2neighbor, from here. In some ways our life is the same, but then you walk outside and you're in a different country. We didn't have the language for what we were trying to do until we moved here. Some of the concepts we were thinking about are actually in practice here, including ecosystem-based forest management, which is essentially letting the health of the forest drive the management practices. In Community Forestry, the community actually gets involved in the forest management. Down in Idyllwild, we went through the Mountain Fire and then the Cranston Fire, and we became convinced there needed to be community stakeholder involvement in a forest fuels-reduction program."

"When the pandemic broke out, along the way we realized that these types of goals were going to be complex and involve community buy-in, and that the culture needed to shift in

its priorities. The mental hygiene part came in because we saw that if people are too busy, or stressed out, or overwhelmed, or traumatized these issues are too complex or abstract to deal with. An important piece of dealing with the challenges of the 21st century is going inward and dealing with our own social and emotional challenges."

TC: "How will this last workshop differ from the others?"

MY: "Up until now, the series has been focused primarily on individual and group mental hygiene, and one of my goals is to help people connect their individual and personal situations with the larger context, what is happening in our community and beyond. I also hope to facilitate the co-creation of community impact projects that would benefit the community and the participants who engage in them. When we move from worrying or ruminating about these things to actually working on them, even in small ways, we heal our community and ourselves. We have challenges that are outside and within us, and we see them as interconnected. We want to see if we can spark some creative ideas/approaches to moving forward as a community."

TC: "How will you do this?"

MY: "Robyn will do some exercises that draw on some of the tools gained in the previous workshops. I am going to do some exercises involving reflection, thinking about personal agency. In one, participants reflect on the assets of the community and how these could be creatively brought together to make the community more resilient."

TC: "Any reflections on the workshop series as part of IFHP's mission?"

MY: "I would say this is a pilot project: We've learned a lot from it, and we're excited to see what kinds of projects and activities it inspires. We are grateful to all the participants, and we look forward to seeing what comes out of it. We see it as planting seeds; we don't expect immediate impacts. Sometimes you find out a year or two later someone was really affected by something they learned or experienced. A lot of times people think creating change is a big and laborious process. But once the ideas come forth, the resources and the people emerge much

more quickly than you would expect.

"One more point: The other thing that is really important for this upcoming meeting; we don't expect everyone to jump into new projects. Some will go home and continue to work on their own specific personal issues, some will work on their relationships with loved ones, and some will feel motivated to go out and find ways to benefit their community. Whatever they choose to do it's a positive, and it's all interconnected."

Cost is \$15 per person per workshop or pay on a sliding scale. Donations to cover someone else's cost are appreciated. To reserve a place, register in advance at www.idyllwild.org/mental-hygiene. For general information, call (951) 468-0110 or email mountainaid@idyfor-est.org.

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Weeks

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didates. He garnered 47% of the primary vote. Garcia, the incumbent Assemblyman, captured 44.4% and combined with the other Democratic candidate, the two did outpoll Weeks.

Nevertheless, campaign financials appear to be a weak link in Weeks' effort to upset Garcia. Through Sept. 24, he received about \$112,000 and spent about \$62,000, thus leaving him \$50,000 in cash for the final leg of the campaign. Since then, contributions have totaled only \$3,000.

In comparison, as of Sept. 24, Garcia, had more than half a million in cash for his final campaign effort.

If elected, Weeks averred, "I will represent my constituents. I'm not going there to represent Republicans. There will be times when the party and I differ. I have an independent mind. I'm not there to beat up on Democrats, either."

"The man representing us is doing a poor job and needs to be replaced," Weeks said in conclusion.



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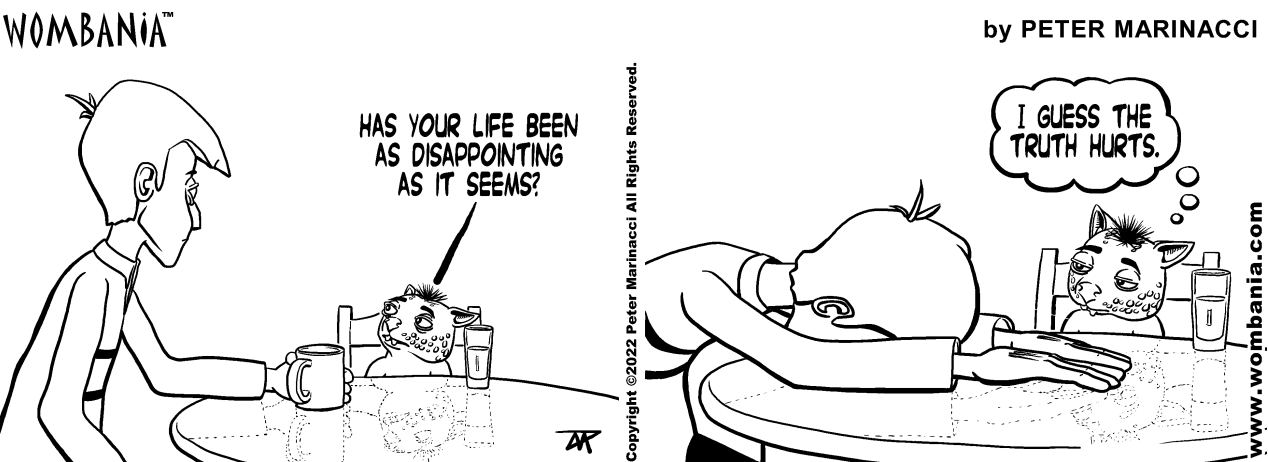
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STRs

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The revised fee ordinance increases the initial cost of obtaining an STR certificate to \$740 from \$250 currently. A certificate renewal fee will be \$540 up from the current \$100 fee. And the new fee levels will increase 4% annually. This will offset the salary increases for Laborers’ International Union of North America members, which includes Code Enforcement department officers and Planning Department Land Use technicians, according to the county.

Moratorium
The 45-day moratorium on new STR certificates, approved at the Sept. 13 meeting, expires Oct. 28 unless extended. The moratorium applies to the Idyllwild area, including Pine Cove and Mountain Center, and the Temecula Valley Wine Country. The moratorium would not prohibit the operating STRs that have already obtained a county STR certificate.
However, Ordinance 449.251 also requires that the Planning Department prepare and submit a report to the board before any action on the moratorium, such as extending or letting it lapse, occurs.
Charissa Leach, director of the county’s Transportation and Land Management Agency, which includes the Planning Department, asked the board to accept the report and then hold a hearing at its Oct. 25 meeting to consider extending the moratorium until Sept. 9, 2023, another 10 months.

Since the moratorium was approved Sept. 13, county planning officials and Supervisor Chuck Washington have held two community meetings to discuss STRs —their effects on neighbors and neighboring homes, and their regulation. The first meeting was Oct. 3 in Idyllwild, where attendance was about 100 people. The next evening, on Oct. 4, Washington and county staff listened to comments from Wine Country from about 135 residents.

The county sought more information and opinions about several subjects, such as how to impose a cap on STRs and how large a cap on STRs should be; whether STRs should have a live-in host; limits on the number of days each year an STR may be rented; the distance between STRs;and several other issues.

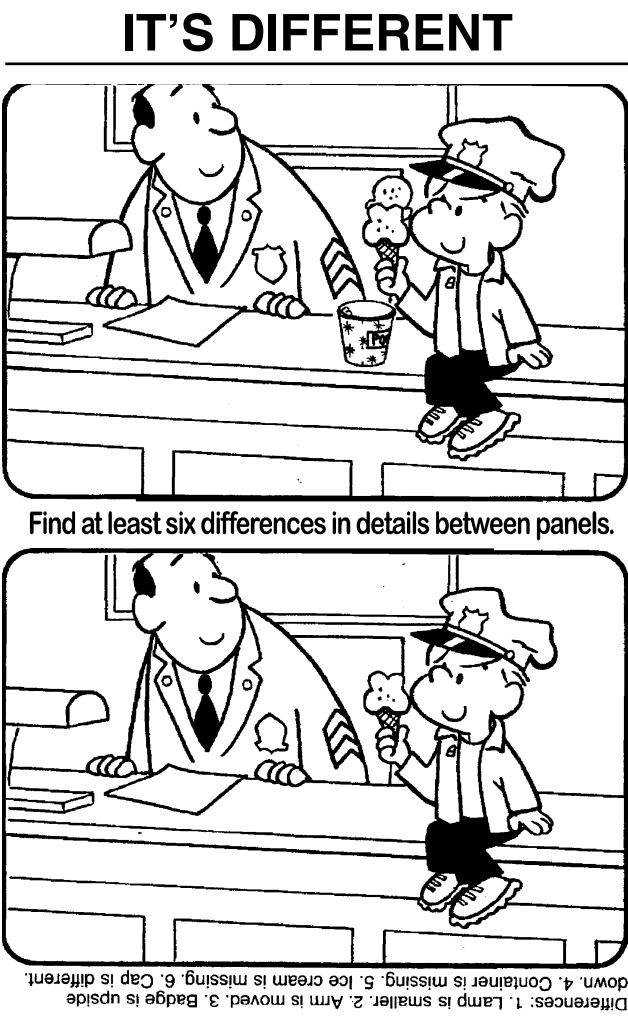
Attendees were asked to rank the various issues and questions using stickers numbered 1 through 5. Upon entering, each attendee was given the stickers. Later, they were asked to place them next to the various issues, in essence, a ranked-choice system to identify the communities’ priorities.

In Idyllwild, the issue that received the greatest number of priority 1 stickers was placing a cap of 10% on the number of STRs in the area. Nearly one-third of the attendees identified this as their first priority.
Interestingly, the top priority of the attendees at the Wine Country meeting chose a ban on STRs in their area as the top priority. This represented one-fifth of the people there.
Based on the placement of the priority 2 stickers, the Idyllwild community sees a limit placed on the number of STRs on a certain zone, block, area or census tract as its second priority.

The third priority was asking the county to consider available housing when making further STR regulations. This received about 20% of the priority 3 stickers. It was followed by a limit on how many days an STR can be rented per year. And the fifth collective priority was to require an STR to go through a permit process with neighbors’ input to obtain a permit.
Several other concepts gained the county’s attention. These include requiring a 300-foot minimum distance between STRs, allowing only hosted STRs and having the county consider the Transient Occupancy Tax when making further regulations.

The entire report is in the agenda at http://riverside-county.ca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=2662.
The Planning Department had several reasons for initiating the moratorium request. A temporary moratorium of new STRs in Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Mountain Center, as well as the Wine Country, was necessary to mitigate adverse impacts to surrounding neighbors and properties from STRs. These negative effects could come from unpermitted large-scale events, excessive noise, disorderly conduct, traffic congestion, illegal vehicle parking and accumulation of refuse. Both communities have unique features that require further study to ameliorate these adverse impacts.

The density of STRs in Idyllwild and the Wine Country also far surpasses that of any other area in the unincorporated area of the county. These concentrations of STRs can have an adverse impact on residential character, neighborhood stability, public safety and quality of life, demonstrating the need to consider different regulations to separate, eliminate or cap the number of STRs in certain areas, according to the county.
This report also will be on the board’s Oct. 25 agenda, when it will hold a public hearing on whether to extend the moratorium on issuing new STR certificates in the Idyllwild-Pine Cove areas and the Wine Country. The maximum extension is 10 months and 15 days.



Garcia

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In the June AD 36 primary, Garcia surprisingly finished second among three candidates. He garnered 44.4% of the primary vote. Ian Weeks, the novice Republican candidate, was first with 47% of the vote.
It’s surprising since he won his previous four Assembly elections with usually 60% of the vote. But Garcia is not worried. He pointed to two important differences this year.
“We have never had a Democrat in the primary before. He [Marlon Ware] got 8 to 9% of the vote. Second, in the past, the districts have had about a 25% Democrat advantage and this [redistricting] moved it to a margin of only 15 to 16%. When you add in my Democratic opponent, it looks better.”

And the campaign donations are favoring Garcia. As of Sept. 24, he had about \$530,000 in cash for the rest of the campaign. Weeks, his Republican opponent, had \$50,000 or one-tenth of Garcia’s resources.
Much of the contributions to Garcia have come from labor groups, such as teachers, service employees and food workers. And he attributes this to the fact that his parents were farmworkers in the fields of Imperial Valley. But there are businesses supporting him, such as Southern California Edison, Ford Motor and Paramount Pictures.

At the end of the interview, Garcia said, “I am humble to be considered as a representative of this region of the district. It is new to me and I hope voters will look at my accomplishments. I look forward to spending time on the Hill and in Hemet.”



Riverside County Supervisor **Chuck Washington** leading a community meeting at Town Hall on short-term rentals Monday, Oct. 3.

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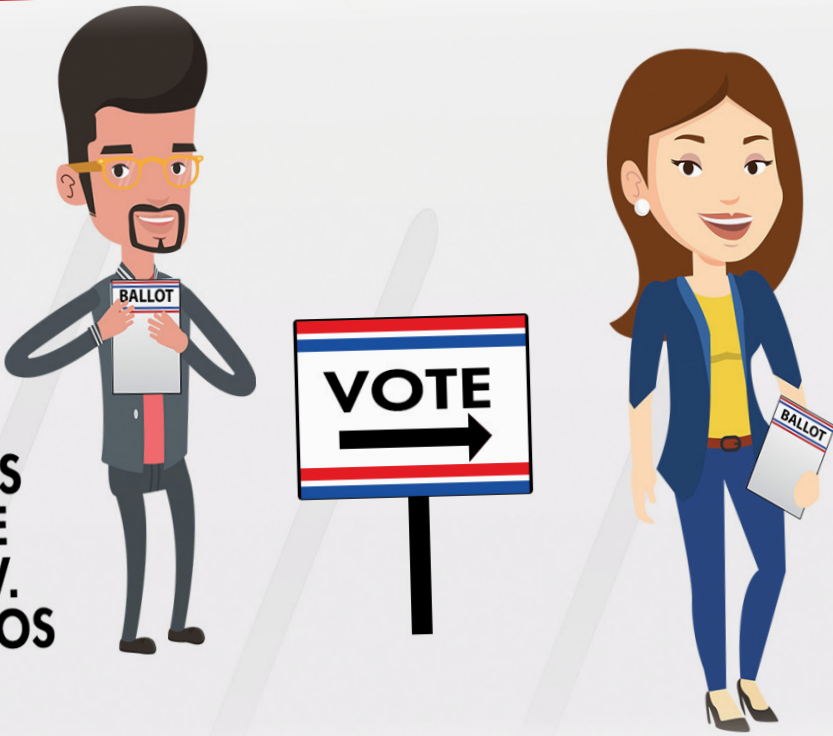
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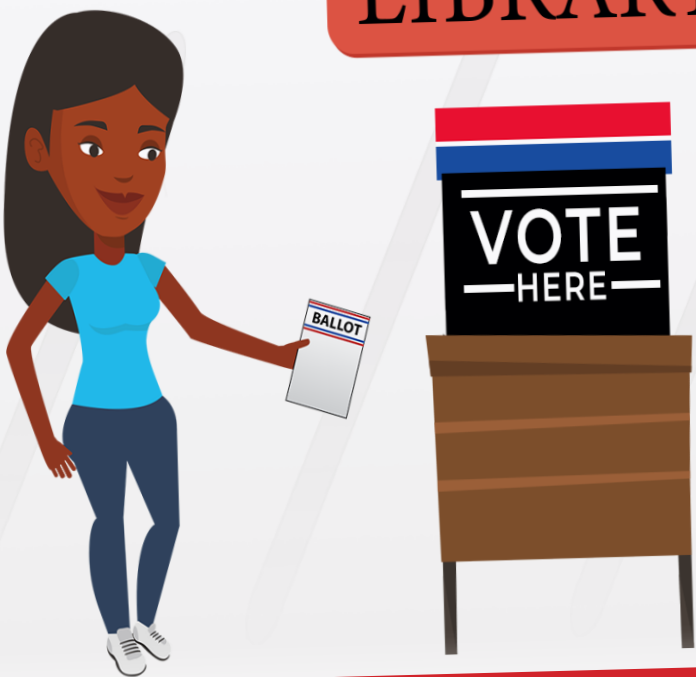
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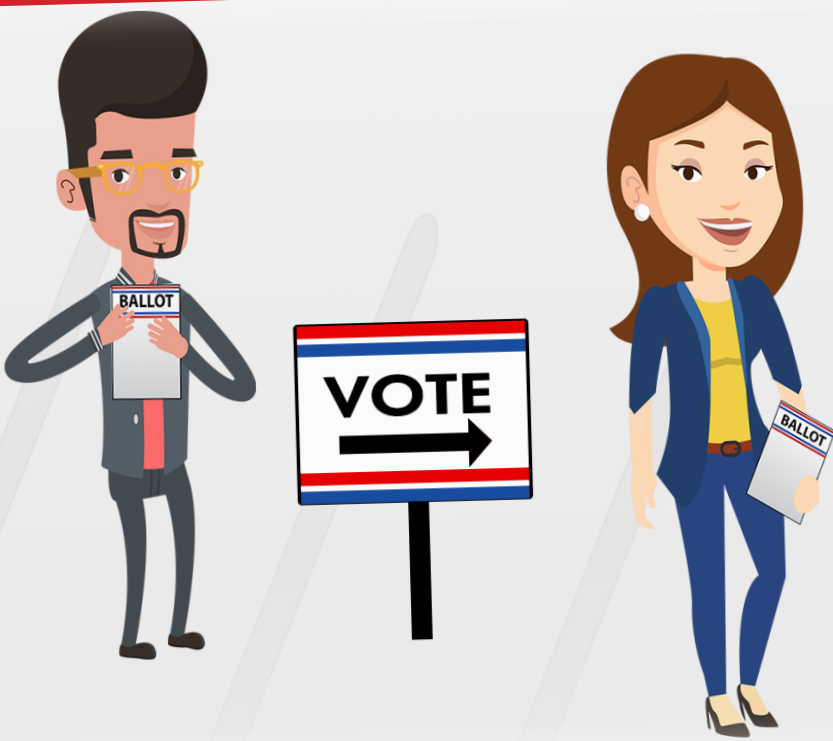
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- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 951-659-6049 for location.
 - AA, noon. Zoom.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Community Church Guild, noon. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 N. Circle Dr.
 - Idyllwild Elders, noon-1:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - High Valleys Water District board meeting, 3 p.m. HVWD

- office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway 243.
 - Climate Change Lobby, 6 p.m. Zoom info by email to palmstoptines.ca@citizensclimatelobby.org.
 - Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Thursday, Oct. 20**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. Noon-1 p.m. Zoom.
 - Lake Hemet Municipal Water District board meeting, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
 - American Legion Post 800 board meeting, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Al-Anon, 6-7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
 - AA "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Courtyard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

- Friday, Oct. 21**
- Fern Valley Water District

- board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
- AA, noon-1 p.m., Zoom.
 - Mountain Area Genealogy, 1-2:30 p.m. Call 659-2300 for Zoom info.
 - Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat. Call 951-659-2523 for Zoom info.

- Saturday, Oct. 22**
- Healing Rooms, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
 - AA, noon-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. Noon-1 p.m. Zoom.
 - Dog Park Saturdays, 3-4 p.m. Rick Barker Dog Park, 26375 Hwy. 243.
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 4-5 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - AA, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Parking lot next to the Butterfield Amphitheatre (bring chair).

- Sunday, Oct. 23**
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - AA, noon-1 p.m., Zoom.

- AA, Living sober group, noon, Idyllwild Water District.
- AA, 5:30-6:30 p.m., all 12 Steps, Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Monday, Oct. 24**
- AA, noon. Zoom.
 - 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, Oct. 25**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Meditation in Motion (based on Tai Chi), 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr; noon-1 p.m. Zoom.
 - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.

- Wednesday, Oct. 26**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.

- AA, noon. Zoom.
- Fit After 50, noon-1p.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, Thanks-

- giving and Christmas Day); Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.
- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 8 a.m.-noon Tues.

ShakeOut Day is Oct. 20

This year's International ShakeOut Day is Thursday, Oct. 20, when millions of people worldwide will participate in earthquake drills at work, school or home.

At 10:20 a.m., you can join millions of people across California practicing earthquake safety. No organization has signed up from Idyllwild, but you can register your ShakeOut drill for any day of the year, and drill at a time of your choice at <https://www.shakeout.org/california/>.

Also, Earthquake Warning California is the country's first publicly available, statewide warning system that could give California residents crucial seconds to take cover before they feel shaking. Managed by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Earthquake Warning California uses ground motion sensors from across the state to detect earthquakes before humans can feel them and can notify Californians to "Drop, Cover and Hold On" in advance of an earthquake.

To receive earthquake warnings, download the free iMyShake App, a free smartphone app that provides iPhone and Android users with audio and visual warnings [magnitude 4.5 or higher and Modified Mercalli Intensity III (weak) shaking]. Available at in the Apple App and Google Play stores.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Sunday to Saturday, Oct. 9 to 16.

- Oct. 9 — Walk-in EMS rescue.
- Oct. 9 — Special outside fire. 25000 block of Rim Rock Rd.
- Oct. 10 — Walk-in EMS, transport.
- Oct. 10 — EMS, treat & release. Circle & Village Center drs.
- Oct. 10 — Smoke check in area, Toll Gate Rd.
- Oct. 11 — Walk-in public service assist.
- Oct. 13 — EMS. Fern Valley Rd.
- Oct. 13 — Walk-in EMS.
- Oct. 13 — Walk-in EMS, transport.
- Oct. 14 — Rescue, EMS. Linger Ln.
- Oct. 15 — Extrication, rescue. Lotion not given.
- Oct. 15 — Public service assist. Hwy. 243.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Saturday to Friday, Oct. 8 to 14.

- Idyllwild**
- Oct. 8 — Public intoxication, 5:15 a.m. Village Center Dr. Arrest made.
 - Oct. 8 — Alarm call, 11:51 a.m. Humber Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 8 — Vicious dog, 2:11 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 8 — Suspicious person, 2:16 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 8 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 5:45 p.m. Riverside County Playground Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 8 — Public assist, 8:03 p.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 9 — Area check, 12:03 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 9 — Narcotics, 5:32 p.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Oct. 9 — Public disturbance, 6:02 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 9 — Miscellaneous criminal, 6:37 p.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 9 — Follow-up, 7:26 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Alarm call, 7:17 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Alarm call, 8:57 a.m. 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Suspicious person, 12:40 p.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Public disturbance, 9:23 a.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — 911 call from business, 10:38 a.m. Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Narcotics, 1:18 p.m. Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Follow-up, 8:15 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 13 — Suspicious person, 12:20 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 14 — Vandalism, 3:07 p.m. Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Oct. 14 — Public disturbance, 6:27 p.m. Live Oak St. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 14 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 7:58 p.m. Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 14 — Burglary, 8:32 p.m. 55000 of block S. Circle Dr. Report taken.
- Pine Cove**
- Oct. 11 — Alarm call, 7:02 a.m. 2300 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 12 — 911 call from business, 6:45 p.m. Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 12 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 8:30 p.m. Cascade Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 13 — Trespassing, 8:24 a.m. Hotel Ln. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 13 — Vicious dog, 10:59 a.m. Oak Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 15 — Public assist, 6:53 a.m. Acorn Ln. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 16 — Check the welfare, 3:14 p.m. Sunset Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 16 — Open door, 6:01 p.m. 52000 block of Sylvan Wy. Handled by deputy.

- Pine Meadows / Garner Valley**
- Oct. 11 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 3:15 p.m. Penrod Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Poppet Flats/Twin Pines**
- Oct. 12 — Illegal lodging, 3:11 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 13 — Assist other department, 8:41 a.m. 47000 block of Twin Pines Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 14 — Vehicle theft, 9:21 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 14 — Check the welfare, 10:04 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- San Bernardino National Forest**
- Oct. 8 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 10:09 a.m. Apple Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 8 — Suspicious circumstance, 12:42 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Report taken.
 - Oct. 8 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 2:52 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
 - Oct. 8 — Burglary, 3:49 p.m. 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.

- Oct. 8 — Alarm call, 4:45 p.m. 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 9 — Battery, 4:02 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 9 — Assist other department, 4:43 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 8:46 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Public disturbance, 7:19 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 13 — Public assist, 11:08 a.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 14 — Robbery, 8:18 a.m. Ribbonwood Dr. Arrest made.
- Oct. 14 — Public disturbance, 11:24 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 15 — Follow-up, 2:56 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 15 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 1:40 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 15 — Illegal lodging, 2:43 p.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 15 — Follow-up, 3:29 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Public Notices

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as KERN'S WOODWORKING at 21830 Crystal Ann Ct, Perris, CA 92570, Riverside County. BRIAN SHAWN KERNS at 21830 Crystal Ann Ct, Perris, CA 92570.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 10-1-2004.

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: BRIAN SHAWN KERNS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on September 15, 2022.

FILE NO.: R-202211936

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

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

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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: Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as FIRST CHOICE MECHANICAL; 1ST CHOICE MECHANICAL; BALLARD SERVICES; CHOICE PLUMBING HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING; BALLARD SERVICE EXPERTS; SERVICE EXPERTS at 3157 Chicago Ave, Riverside, CA 92507, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 5140, Riverside, CA 92517. STEPHEN OTIS BALLARD at 3157 Chicago Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact

business under the fictitious name listed above July 26, 2000.

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: STEPHEN OTIS BALLARD

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on September 21, 2022.

FILE NO.: R-202212236

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

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CERTIFICATION

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as FIRST CHOICE PLUMBING HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING; 1ST CHOICE PLUMBING HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING; FIRST CHOICE HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING; FIRST CHOICE AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING; STEVE BALLARD FIRST CHOICE PLUMBING HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING; 1ST CHOICE SERVICES; FIRST CHOICE PLUMBING; 1ST CHOICE HEATING; 1ST CHOICE AIR CONDITIONING; FIRST CHOICE AIR CONDITIONING; FIRST CHOICE HVAC; FIRST CHOICE HEATING at 3157 Chicago Ave, Riverside, CA 92507, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 5140, Riverside, CA 92517. FIRST CHOICE PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC. at 3157 Chicago Ave., Riverside, CA 92507. The List State of Corporation is CA.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above July 26, 2000.

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: NIKKI JEANNE BALLARD

SECRETARY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on September 21, 2022.

FILE NO.: R-202212235

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CERTIFICATION

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDYLLWILD BEAUTY SALON at 54240 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1223, Idyllwild, CA 92549. CELINDA CEE ALLERT at 25325 Point of Rocks Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549. RICHARD NOBLE ALLERT at 25325 Point of Rocks Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above January 1976.

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: CELINDA CEE ALLERT

RICHARD NOBLE ALLERT

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

FILE NO.: R-202212415

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TION 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: Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as SCHNALZER ELECTRIC, INC. at 55025 Darryl Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 972, Idyllwild, CA 92549. SCHNALZER ELECTRIC, INC. at 55025 Darryl Road, 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 SCHNALZER

CEO & CFO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on October 14, 2022.

FILE NO.: R-202213278

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 2022.

NOTICE OF SALE OF AUTOMOBILE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 3071 of the Civil Code of the State of California the undersigned will sell the following vehicle(s) at lien sale at said address below on: 10/28/2022 09:00 AM Year of Car / Make of Car / Vehicle ID No. / License No. (State) 2008 PETE IXPWD49X48D755225 IXPWD49X48D755225CA To be sold by JOSE G. VAZQUEZ 2651 AVALON ST RUBIDOUX CA 92509 Said sale is for the purpose of satisfying lien for together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

Pub. TC: Oct. 20, 2022

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THURS., OCT. 20, 2022

Jon King is 2022 Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award recipient

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The votes have been tallied and the recipient of the 2022 Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award is biologist Jon King. The award is given to recognize those who have demonstrated a tangible, perhaps physical, effect on the community. The honor is given to an individual or group who represents EMax's spirit of community and volunteerism. Prior awardees took actions that created a spark sufficient to bring others into the fray just as Maxwell did with his activities involving the environment.

The wider world knows King as "San Jac Jon," and his "San Jacinto Trail Report" is available to the world at sanjacjon.com. It dovetails with his volunteer work for the Pacific Crest Trail Association, the U.S. Forest Service and local search and rescue operations. King has spent hundreds of hours searching for missing Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hiker David O'Sullivan, and will soon be part of a foundation created by O'Sullivan's father.

The trail report began as "hard copy" bulletins he provided to local rangers to distribute to hikers. It has since become easier for the whole world to access through the internet. A reader described the trail report as "an archive of conditions on the mountain." King said that in addition to hikers, it is, "Hopefully of value for historians, water managers, foresters, (the agencies at state and forest consult it) search and rescue teams, and interested residents. I have a lot of readers who don't hike the trails but experience them through the report." Indeed, the reports are readable and engaging, and you don't need snowshoes to tag along and find out what it is like to be on the peak during a blizzard, or follow the ever-declining state of the springs and high-country water sources.

King has received a fair amount of media attention, and can be quite talkative about his trail report and the things he learns while making it, but he is not one to blow his own horn, and speaks little about himself. Those who talk to him or watch his videos sometimes take him for Australian because of his accent and his time "down under" managing a field station, but he is British. The Crier was able, with some coaxing, to pry loose a bit of Jon's back story.

TC: "You were born in England?"

JK: "I was born in Kenya."

TC: "What about your family?"

JK: "Parents met there, both British."

TC: "What brought them there?"

JK: "Back in those days, in the 1950s, it was an employment opportunity for young British people. I basically grew up in England."

"I became a biologist. That started back in Africa; the whole family had a fascination with wildlife. We came back to the UK. I used to hike since I was a few years old, hike with my dad, and started wildlife watching. I was able to turn that into a career."

TC: "Where are some of the places you worked?"

JK: "I did postgraduate work in Spain. Then I took a job in Canada, which then led to a similar job in Northern California. I worked on the Farallon Islands."

TC: "That is pretty isolated. There are no people there?"

JK: "Among the few there was Anne."

TC: "What were you doing there?"

JK: "We worked on great white sharks and migrating whales and bird biology. It was the early days of great white shark research. We worked with pioneers in GWS [great white shark] photography. That's where I met Anne; we've been married for 26 years."

TC: "You were a team after that?"

JK: "Yeah."

TC: "After the Farallons?"

JK: "We worked in the Northern Sierra around Lassen National Park, the Southern Cascades. Anne and I trained Forest Service and National Park Service staff in wildlife monitoring techniques. Then we moved to Sacramento for a decade. We ultimately both worked for large international environmental consultancy companies. Then we quit that and went to Australia for two years to work for non-profit wildlife conservation organizations."

"Then we traveled, overlanded, in South America. The same pickup that I drive now, we had a camper on the back. We spent just over three years looking for rare and endangered wildlife in the remotest parts. We spent significant time in every Central and South American country."

TC: "Then you retired here?"

JK: "Anne's family lived in the area since at least the 1950s. Sadly, my mom-in-law had passed away and we came back to sort things out."

One of King's claims to fame is his recent record for ascents to San Jacinto Peak; in December 2021, he logged his 644th. It should be noted that the previous record was set by Palm Springs resident Sid Davis, who began most of his hikes from the Aerial Tramway's Mountain Station, reducing the route to a "mere" 12-mile round trip with more than 2,300 feet of elevation gain. Although King has done the tram-based "Cactus to Clouds to Idyllwild" route, his counted ascents were completed without mechanical assistance beyond snowshoes and crampons, and add up to an estimated 3 million feet of elevation gain. He takes a special interest in storms and snow. As he told the Palm Springs Desert Sun last year, "The worse the conditions the more likely I am to be up there."

JK: "We've been here for the last nine years. But I started hiking the peak 25 years ago. I didn't start counting the ascents until much more recently, once I started doing the trail report. I wasn't counting ascents to count ascents, the trail report came first. Three or four years ago the realization came that I was going up into the high country a great deal to produce the trail report."

TC: "You began a count?"

JK: "I had always kept a hiking log, I was able to reconstruct a tally. People are obsessed with records and numbers; it's like a sports thing."

King wanted to draw attention to Ernie Maxwell's life work and the debt the community still owes him.

JK: "I think it's an honor to be associated with him through this award. He's an icon in the hiking and environmental community up here. For me as a professional wildlife biologist, he was decades ahead of his time in terms of environmental activism, working to preserve the mountain's communities to the greatest extent possible. I feel related to and can find parallels with what I am trying to do, in different eras. He spent a lot of time on the trails, a lot of time on the mountain. With that background, you see the changes probably more clearly than others. That is one of the advantages of what we do, and also a disadvantage, because sometimes ignorance is bliss."

Gently, judiciously and without editorializing, King presents quantitative data about these changes. "I put the data points out there and trust people to draw the lines between them. I hope people understand the significance of the trends that are clear from the meteorological and water data that I provide in the report."

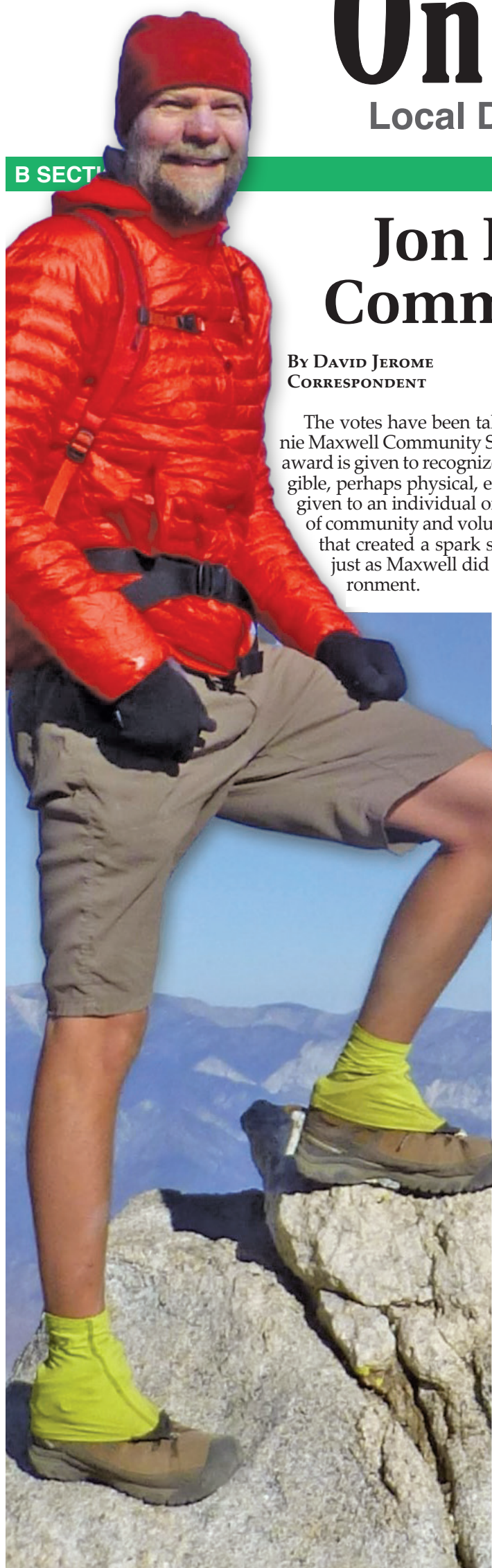
JK: "I wanted to give some numbers on website traffic. My view of the community is not just Idyllwild and Pine Cove; it's viewed by thousands of hikers in Southern California and PCT hikers. The average viewership is 100,000 a year. That equates to about 20,000 to 25,000 actual people per year. Probably as many as 90% of the people hiking the PCT every year look at the website; page views from over 60 countries because of how international the PCT is these days."

King pulled out his phone and scrolled through the stats. "So far this year, 73,000 ..." He showed the list of countries. "Just this year it's 76 countries."

King kept bringing the conversation back to his favorite topic: "The bottom line is the trail report work; the more people who know about it the more people it helps." Even a superficial reading can save a hiker's life. "The key parts I want all readers to take home I put in bold."

The report is written so anyone understands the basics, but there's always more there. The report has grown in importance in recent years for two reasons; first there are more people, some inexperienced, attempting the PCT, of which the San Jacinto Mountains are the first real alpine stretch. Second, the conditions in the mountains are changing and people who may have read material about the trails from even a few years ago may be surprised. The heat comes sooner, the water is

See Jon King, page B6




Jon King, winner of the 2022 Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award, at San Jacinto Peak Nov. 19, 2018. PHOTO BY MICHELE AUBUCHON


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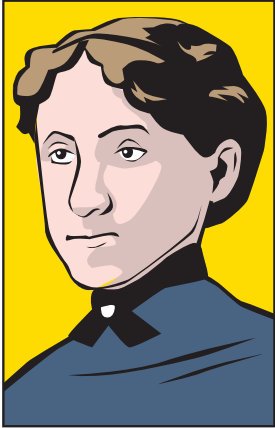
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Louisa May Alcott

Louisa May Alcott was born on November 29, 1832. She was the second oldest of four girls. Her love of her sisters helped her to become one of America’s most beloved children’s book authors.

If she were alive today, how old would she be?

2022 - 1832 =

“I b _ l _ _ ve
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Teacher in the Family

As a child, Louisa and her family moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where her father, Amos Alcott, set up a school based upon his beliefs about education.

Put the vowels back in this sentence to find out what Amos Bronson Alcott believed about education.

Money Troubles

Louisa’s family did not have much money. To help out, Louisa started taking on as many jobs as a young girl could find. She read for an elderly man and his sister. Louisa and her sister Anna taught young children and mended and washed laundry.

In 1852, Louisa’s first poem was published in a magazine, and she made her first money from writing.

Use the code to find out the name of Louisa’s first published poem.

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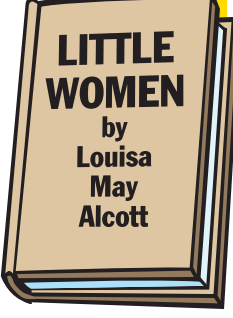
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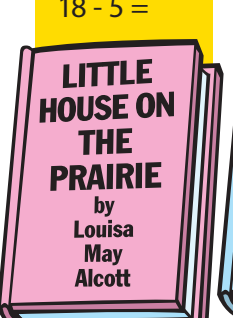
Two of the books below were not written by Louisa. Do the math and cross out the two with odd-numbered answers.

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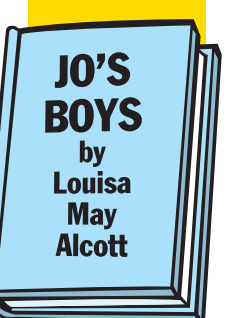
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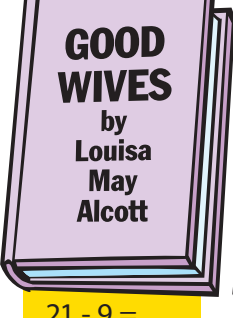



12 + 14 =


14 + 8 =



16 - 7 =







Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

Writing Success

In 1855, her first book, *Flower Fables* was published.

In 1862, Louisa went to Washington, D.C. to serve as a Civil War nurse. Like many other nurses, Louisa contracted typhoid fever. Although she got better, mercury in the medicine caused her suffering for the rest of her life. In Washington, Louisa continued to write and she published two more books.

Her publisher, Thomas Niles, asked that she write “a girl’s story.” Having spent her life with three interesting sisters, Louisa wrote *Little Women* based on her own experiences. The novel, published in 1868, was an instant success. It has now been a favorite book for generations.

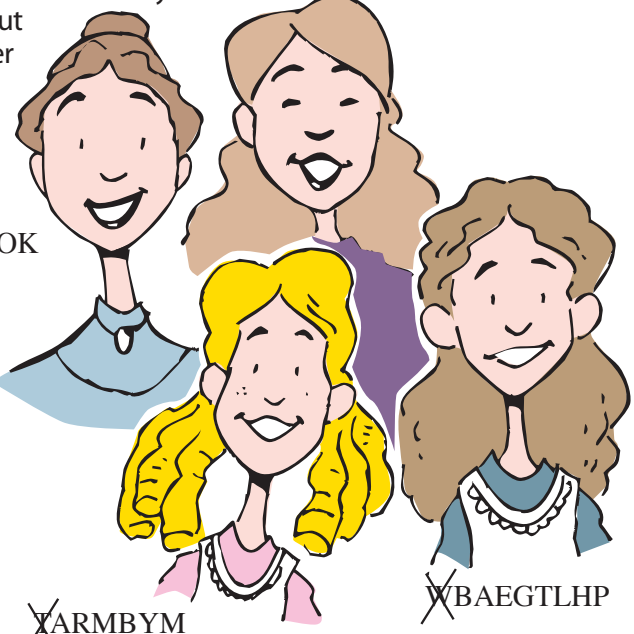
Discover the names of the sisters in *Little Women* by crossing out every other letter.

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XJTOK

XARBYM

XBAEGLHP



Extra! Extra!

Responsibility

Though poor themselves, Louisa’s family always tried to help people who were worse off than they were. Look through the newspaper to find a person or people you could help.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how character traits help fulfill personal responsibilities.

Rights for Women

Louisa worked hard to help women get the right to vote. She wrote articles about equality for women and went door-to-door encouraging women to register to vote. In 1879, Alcott became the first woman in Concord, Mass., to register to vote when she cast a ballot for the village school committee.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Louisa’s parents encouraged her to follow her dreams and to hold on to her freedom in life. Her father Amos had very advanced ideas about childhood and education. In fact, many people believe he is the founder of this part of the school day.

Assemble these puzzle pieces to reveal the answer.



Standards Link: Historical Understanding: Understand that specific decisions impact history.

Double Double Word Search

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

LOUISA
ELDERLY
TYPHOID
MERCURY
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INSTANT
VOTE
BALLOT
WORSE
VOWELS
LAUNDRY
POEM
FEVER
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



Kid Scoop Together: Newspaper Blackout Poetry

Louisa Alcott loved poetry. She loved to read it and to write it.

Modern day poet Austin Kleon came up with an idea for creating poetry with a newspaper, a black marker and creativity.

Here is an example of a poem he made by clipping an article from the newspaper and crossing out all the words, except for the ones he wanted in his poem:

BEFORE

The home needed extensive refurbishment. Jim Meadows, a local architect, was hired to supervise the project. He designed the award-winning Laurel Street Library in 2003.

Meadows worked with local historian Yolanda Henderson, who said, “Tradition and style were essential on this project.”

AFTER

The local architect designed Laurel Street with Tradition

Make a Newspaper Blackout Poem

- Grab a newspaper.
- Grab a marker.
- Find an article.
- Cross out words, leaving behind the ones you like.
- Pretty soon you’ll have a poem.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word LOUISA in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

L	O	U	I	S	A
O	U				
U		A			
S			U		
A				O	
I					O

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Women in the News

When Louisa May Alcott was alive, not many jobs were available to women. Look through the newspaper and make a list of all of the jobs a woman with the right experience and training could get today.

Standards Link: Career: Understand general preparation for entering the workforce.

Why did the writer put her fingers in the alphabet soup?

ANSWER: She was searching for the right words.

Write On!

A Woman I Admire

Who is a woman you admire? Explain what you admire about her.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week’s word: **ENCOURAGE**

The verb **encourage** means to give support or advice to a person to do something.

My teacher likes to **encourage** us to keep our backpacks organized.

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

Double Double Word Search

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

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Patrick Reitz new Lakeport fire chief

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

On Nov. 1, Patrick Reitz, former Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) chief, will become the next Fire Chief for the Lakeport Fire Protection District in California. Lakeport is the county seat of Lake County and about 625 miles northwest of Idyllwild. “It was a tough decision to pull up stakes in Idyllwild,” Reitz said. And that also means Christina Reitz, his wife, will eventually follow him north. Both agreed the new position and location is good, but leaving Idyllwild is “bittersweet.” They visited Lakeport last weekend home shopping and meeting new people. But Christina, who works at the Idyllwild post office, will not move immediately. She will seek a transfer and finish other projects here before she departs. “That can take some time; could be months or over a year,” Patrick said. “I am honored to have been selected as the next fire chief for Lakeport FPD,” Reitz said. “The district has a long history (1894) of service and dedication that shows in its members. I am really looking forward to being a part of that with the district to the community.” Reitz became the IFPD chief Aug. 1, 2012, and resigned effective March 20, 2019. Since then, he has done some consulting with fire departments; but in the last six months, he said a couple of departments had approached him about the possibility of returning to the fire service.

“A lot of departments don’t want to hire a chief who will be a first chief position,” he noted. Lakeport loved his experience — fire, emergency medical, volunteers and the whole package. And he loved the opportunity. “Lakeport has a great base, a great relationship with the community,” he related. “They just passed Measure M with 74% of the vote. You don’t see that happen without a super committed department to the community and the community committed to the department.” Lakeport’s population is about 5,100 and the county’s population is about 68,800. While it is much further north and west of Idyllwild, it is an area of large fires also. According to Reitz, the city has been evacuated more than one time. There are four other fire districts in the county. “No turf wars, solid working relationships,” he added. Lake County officials have already reached out to Reitz and welcomed him. In their press release, the Lakeport Fire District Board of Directors said, “[They] are enthusiastic to bring Chief Reitz on board stating that his



Christina and Patrick Reitz in Lakeport Sunday.
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extensive background in emergency services will benefit the community with knowledgeable oversight of the Fire District.” According to the release, Lakeport Fire Protection District provides fire protection and advanced life support ambulance services to Lakeport and surrounding areas. Career staff includes the fire chief, three captain/paramedics, three firefighter/paramedics, six firefighter/EMTs, one administrative assistant and one office assistant, as well as 19 volunteer firefighters. Originally from eastern Ohio, the Akron area, Reitz was the fire chief and emergency services director for the city of Sheridan, Wyoming before coming to Idyllwild. And before then, he was chief of the Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District in Central Oregon. When he came to Idyllwild, he said IFPD is a department “that has everything I’m looking for in a department.” Christina has been in Idyllwild since 1999 and the post office since 2002. She will miss Idyllwild greatly. “It’s the longest spot in all my life. You’re ready to move but you’re not,” she said. Her former husband was in the Navy and they moved a lot. She knows she will miss all the volunteer opportunities she has cultivated here. “I’m not sure what they have or what new adventures I’ll find,” she added. “But I hope to find the lakes to go fishing.” She also stated that she would remain an IFPD commissioner until she does move.

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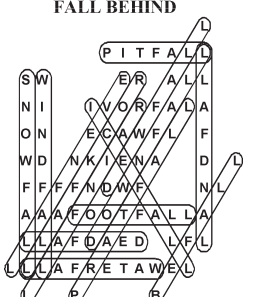
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Steele to play in CJ Cup

By JACK CLARK,
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele finished in a tie for 40th place last week at the ZOZO Championship in Japan, posting a three under par 64-73-67-73 — 277, 12 strokes off the lead.

The Idyllwild native’s drives averaged over 296 yards while finding about 58% of the fairways, allowing him to hit nearly 71% of the greens in regulation. His putter served him well last week, too, gaining an average of 1.784 strokes per round against the field.

Brendan currently is in 110th place on the FedExCup points list and stands 118th in the Official World Golf Ranking.

B will play this week in the CJ Cup on the Congaree Golf Club course in Ridgeland, South Carolina. He’ll tee off Thursday at 5:27 a.m. PT and Friday at 8:08 a.m. PT playing both days with Emiliano Frillo and Sanghyun Park. The CJ Cup will be televised on the Golf Channel. You can follow him stroke for stroke with TOURCast on computer or cellphone at PGATour.com or using the PGATour app.

First Idyllstock event rescheduled

Due to rain, the free event Idyllstock, scheduled for last Saturday, has been rescheduled to occur from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Spirit Mountain Retreat.



Jon King

Continued from B1

a hiker’s life. “The key parts I want all readers to take home I put in bold.”

The report is written so anyone understands the basics, but there’s always more there. The report has grown in importance in recent years for two reasons; first there are more people, some inexperienced, attempting the PCT, of which the San Jacinto Mountains are the first real alpine stretch. Second, the conditions in the mountains are changing and people who may have read material about the trails from even a few years ago may be surprised. The heat comes sooner, the water is harder to find and trail maintenance is inconsistent.

King brings trail maintenance issues to the attention of the relevant agencies and is sometimes gratified to see teams out clearing downed trees, as for example, after tropical storm Kay. He advises hikers to report these issues to the Forest Service or State Park. “The squeaky wheel gets the grease.” Readers of the report also will discover that trails listed by Forest Service as “not maintained” may in reality no longer exist, having become completely overgrown. A good thing to know before setting out.

King asked to include a few “thank yous. “Thanks to my family Anne and Anabell [their dog], everything I achieve is thanks to them, to Mark Dean for nominating me, and to the supporters of the trail report who read the paper and voted.”

King allowed the Crier to include the personal note that Saturday was an eventful day: Within two hours he received news from England of his mother’s death and the Maxwell award. King’s San Jacinto Trail Report is supported by readers’ donations.

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(Answers on previous classifieds page)

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Unlisted clue hint: **Immediately Following Sunset**

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(Answers on previous classifieds page)

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.

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King Crossword

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6 Barrel parts
12 Without exception
13 Salsa brand
14 Sweetheart
15 Try to rip open
16 Regarding
17 Chore
19 QB's stats
20 Scrooge's cries
22 Droop
24 Embassy VIP
27 Proboscis
29 AAA jobs
32 South Dakota monument
35 Comic strip possum
36 Curved lines
37 Decorate Easter eggs
38 Dhahi predecessor
40 Comestibles
42 Flow out
44 Recipe meas.

DOWN

46 Golden rule word
50 Ray of
52 Like some swimming pools
54 Attractive person
55 Veteran sailor
56 Order by classes
57 Doctrine
1 Certain deer
2 Part of Q.E.D.
3 Ersatz chocolate
4 "The Greatest"
5 Overabundance
6 Lushes
7 Long journeys
8 — glance
9 "Impressive!"
10 "Zounds!"
11 Pre-college exams

12 Rx overseer
18 Guarantees
21 Busy insect
23 \$ dispenser
24 Music booster
25 Cattle call
26 Objects of fear
28 Daydreamer
30 Like some humor
31 Observe
33 San Francisco's — Hill
34 FDR follower
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41 Egypt's neighbor
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SAGITTARIUS

CAPRICORN

AQUARIUS

PISCES

March 21 – April 19

Someone has some suggestions to offer regarding your new project. You might find them helpful. Remember to avoid speculation and to stick with just the facts, dear Lamb.

April 20 – May 20

An old friend suddenly reappears. Whether this proves to be a boon or a bane in the Bovine’s life depends on the reason for this surprising reappearance. Be cautious.

May 21 – June 21

Vital information finally emerges, allowing you to make that important personal decision. You can now move your focus to an upcoming professional development.

June 22 – July 22

You might not like seeing so many on-the-job changes. But some of them could open new opportunities for your Moon Child talents to shine to your best advantage.

July 23 – August 22

Expect a challenge to the usual way you do things. Although you might prefer the tried-and-true, once you take a good look at this new idea, you might feel more receptive to it.

August 23 – September 22

A close friend could offer advice on how to handle a difficult family matter. But in the end, the decision has to be made based on what is best for you and those you love.

September 23 – October 22

Family problems are best worked out when all those concerned contribute suggestions that will ease tensions. Stay with it until a workable solution is found.

October 23 – November 21

Expect to hear more about an offer that has piqued your interest. You earn respect for insisting on solid facts, not just a fancy talk about potential opportunities.

November 22 – December 21

What seemed to be a reasonable workplace request might need to be defended. Don’t fret. You have both the facts and a surprise ally on your side.

December 22 – January 19

A bit of capriciousness might be just what you need. Plan to kick up your heels in a round of fun and games with family and friends this weekend.

January 20 – February 18

Although some of your plans might have to be put on hold, things do begin to take a turn for the better by midweek. Your financial crunch also eases.

February 19 – March 20

Your financial picture begins to brighten by week’s end. There are also favorable changes in your personal life. Someone you care for has good news to report.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Event charges may apply.
See ads throughout the issue.
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Wednesday, Oct. 19

• Shaolin Qui Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

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

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Fireside Book Group, "In a Dark, Dark Wood," 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, Oct. 20

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Friday, Oct. 21

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Mountain Area Genealogy Group, 1-2:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Saturday, Oct. 22

• Idyllwild Author Faire, Idyllwild Library & Idyllwild Reads, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Idypark.

• Idyllwild Garden Club's Discover Mountain Gardening, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• First Responder Appreciation Hoedown, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station.

Sunday, Oct. 23

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Monday, Oct. 24

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Lego Club, 4-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

• Movement Meditation, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

• Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

• Shaolin Qui Gong & Chicks with Sticks 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

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

Thursday, Oct. 27

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Presidents Book Club, Laura Bush, 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, Oct. 28

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Saturday, Oct. 29

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Sunday, Oct. 30

• Idyllstock: The new GenC Woodstock, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Monday, Oct. 31

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Chess Club, 2-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Idyllwild Halloween Parade & Carnival, 4 p.m. Fern Valley Corners to Park Lane.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

• Movement Meditation, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

• Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.



75 years ago - 1947

The newly formed house committee for Town Hall took steps to waterproof the basement, purchase oil heaters and provide restrooms.

70 years ago - 1952

Halfway through the deer hunting season, a record number of 374 bucks were tallied. Meanwhile, locals were spreading a tall tale about a hunter who took a snooze and awoke to a buck licking his face.

65 years ago - 1957

Town Crier founders and publishers Ernest and Betty Maxwell sold the newspaper to Mark Clevenger, San Clemente Sun Post news editor.

60 years ago - 1962

Emax watched Joe Rotchert's African game movies and was entranced by the giraffes: "From head to toe, nothing seemed in the right place."

55 years ago - 1967

Volunteers were busy constructing the Mile-High Trap Club shooting range on Baldy Mountain.

50 years ago - 1972

The Poverty Construction Company was building the first solar kiln in the world. It contained 8,000 mirrors, each cut by hand.

45 years ago - 1977

While working at a restaurant in Idyllwild, Michele McCann was asked to be in a 1978 Ford Bronco commercial. She agreed and added publicity work to her résumé.

40 years ago - 1982

Idyllwild merchants complied with a statewide removal of all over-the-counter drug sales of Tylenol regular and extra strength. The action was taken one week after Ty-

lenol capsules laced with cyanide reportedly caused seven deaths in the Chica-go area.

35 years ago - 1987

A two-day storm dumped nearly 3 inches of rain and was blamed for knocking out power to 170 Idyllwild residents.

30 years ago - 1992

Caltrans blamed contractors for the bridge delay on Highway 243 at Strawberry Creek.

25 years ago - 1997

The Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church celebrated more than 50 years of service.

20 years ago - 2002

Lawyers representing the Mountain Resources Conservancy (MRC), a Hill environmental group, increased pressure on Riverside County to shut down Idyllwild resident Paul Black's water exportation business. More than 50 pages of documents were sent to the county in support of MRC's charges that Black was illegally operating his company, Idyllwild Mountain Spring Waterworks.

15 years ago - 2007

Two small earthquakes, centered in Blackburn Canyon, were distinctly felt in Idyllwild. The first tremor measured 2.8 and the second 3.1.

10 years ago - 2012

The Idyllwild Public Library opened its new and improved renovated building that included new technology, such as numerous computers.

5 years ago - 2017

A small fire ignited when a vehicle and trailer caught on fire just west of Mountain Center on Highway 74. The rapid initial attack included a helicopter and two air tankers besides the ground engine crews. Nearly 80 firefighters combated the fire and prevented it from expanding and spreading.

1 year ago - 2021

Highway 243 was closed after an officer-involved shooting occurred during a traffic stop off the highway in Banning. The highway from Twin Pines Road to Smith Creek in Banning was closed for many hours.

CREATURE CORNER



By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," new ARF cats shared their thoughts on the holidays and decorating.

Phil: You know, Halloween is almost here. Do you have your costumes?

Atlas: Not yet. Should I?

Don: Cats and costumes? Maybe? ARF has had more than one cat that is fine with wearing all kinds of things.

Phil: Regardless, pet guardians should keep it simple when costuming a pet, especially a dog.

Cuddles: If people start early in getting the pet accustomed to the costume, it will help the pet feel more comfortable wearing a fun get-up, and make it less stressful when it comes time to put it on.

Phil: Dressing them up in easy-to-find items, such as T-shirts, bandanas and wigs, is a workable idea. It's also important to make sure the costume fits well and allows the pet to move about freely and safely.

Atlas: People should remember that if the pet is not comfortable wearing a costume, toss out the plan!

Newton: You know, the Idyllwild Halloween parade will take North Circle by storm on the 31st. I can't wait to hear about it.

Don: I hope spectators who are passing out treats to the cleverly costumed participants will toss a small bag of dog or cat treats in trick-or-treaters' sacks if a dog is with them, or if they know they have pets at home.

Pepper: They need to remember to first get the green light from the pet's person because treats can be off-limits to pets on special diets.

Cuddles: Halloween can be fun for everyone, including cats and dogs, if humans remember that if the pets are not prepared or stressed, it can be upsetting.

Atlas: I have faith that all pet-loving folk will remember this.

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.

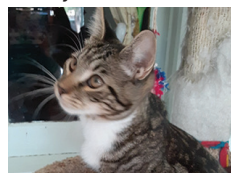
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Atlas



Harley



Newton



New officers of the Associated Idyllwild Rentals (AIR) executive board were announced in October 1978. From left, front, Vice Chair **Jim McEwan**; Secretary **Elizabeth Wallace** and Chair **Clyde Price**. Back row, from left, Member-at-large **Ken Vanderford**; Treasurer **Joann Johnson**; and Member-at-large **Phyllis Hunt**. AIR was a nonprofit organization, chartered by the state, to promote the rental of commercial accommodations in Idyllwild, Pine Cove Fern Valley and Mountain Center.

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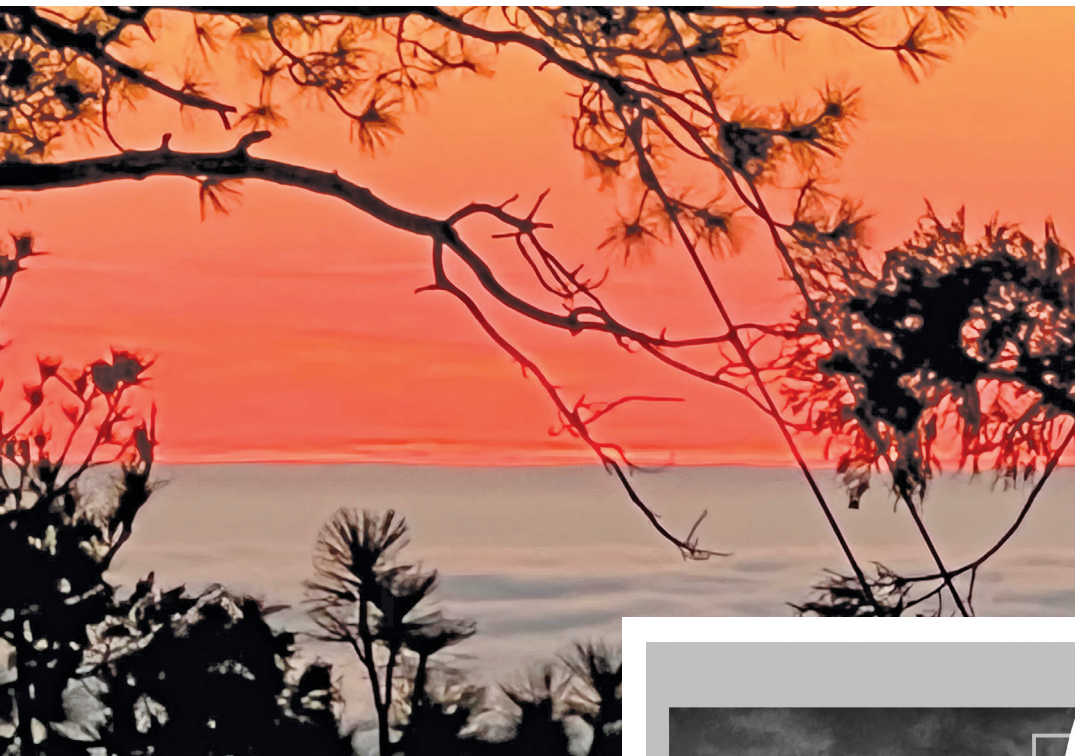
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Top left, Mrs. **Christina Tirheimer**'s students of the week for Idyllwild School are (from left) **Jordan Hopper** and **Clara Allen**. Both students put great effort into their school work and always try their best. They're also kind and thoughtful toward others.

PHOTO BY MARY PIMENTEL

Above right, The Sons of the American Legion Post 800 continued its support for Idyllwild School Tuesday, Oct. 11, with a \$500 donation toward graphing calculators needed in the math department. 1st Vice Commander **Jim Nutter** (right) hands off the check to Principal **Tim Poseley**.

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Bottom left, the sunset Sunday night from Crestview Drive.

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