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Curt Sauer brings crisis management to IWD

By DAVID JEROME CORRESPONDENT



Curt Sauer
PHOTO BY BRE MURILLO

Last week the Crier sat down with Idyllwild Water District's new interim general manager (GM) in his office to learn more about him and the values he brings to the job. Curt Sauer worked for the National Park Service for 35 years, the last eight as superintendent of Joshua Tree National Park. His first attempt at retirement in 2010 was short lived, as he was called back to national service as an incident commander on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. After over two-and-a-half years based in New Orleans, he was again ready for retirement, but instead applied and was hired as GM of the Joshua Basin Water District. His retirement from that position also was short.

CS: I've worked with the National Park Service since 1972. The first seven years was as a seasonal ranger. At that time, I worked at Rocky Mountain National Park and Grand Canyon National Park. I became permanent in 1979, as a park dispatcher for Grand Canyon National Park. My primary job there was as River Unit manager, overseeing the activities on the Colorado River. Commercial river. Concessions. It was a very political job. I had the opportunity to meet Congressman [John] McCain, before he was a senator.

After Grand Canyon I went to a place called Stehekin, which is on the east side of the Cascades. It's a little town at the head of a 50-mile-long lake. The only access is by boat or float plane, there are no roads connecting it. There were 75 year-round residents, and 10 were National Park Service employees. I was there for three-and-a-half years as unit manager.

Then I transferred to Olympic National Park. I was there for 12 years, as East District and chief ranger. In that position I was responsible for all the administration of the ranger operations, which included law enforcement, emergency medical services, wildland firefighting, and working with the natural and cultural resource managers. After that I was fortunate enough to be selected as superintendent of Joshua Tree National Park, 2002. I retired in 2010. I was responsible for all of the park operations: maintenance, administration, budget, human resources.

Two weeks after I retired, I was contacted by the National Park Service Southeast Region office, and asked if I would be available to come back to work for two months on the BP oil spill. A "Spill of National Significance," the first one in our country. [The largest accidental spill in history, more than 19 times as much oil as Exxon Valdez.] That two-month assignment ended up being two-and-a-half years. I was stationed in New Orleans. The Coast Guard was in charge, but there was a unified incident command. [This is the protocol for "Spills Of National Significance," or "SONS." Sauer was the incident commander for the Department of Interior in the multiagency unified incident command organization.]

CS: Are you familiar with the IC [incident command] system?

TC: We all know fire agencies use them, but they are used for other types of events?

CS: Almost all response agencies use the Incident Command system now: search and rescue, law enforcement, EMS. [For SONS], there is the incident commander [IC] and the unified incident command. There was an IC for the states of Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. There was a British Petroleum IC and a Department of Interior IC. The IC for the Coast Guard was responsible because of the legality. By the time I got there, there was one national park that was heavily oiled, and four national fish and wildlife reserves.

TC: So you are used to big messes?

CS: It was a huge mess and it was highly political in the states because it affected tourism, which affected all the local communities; the number of visitors that came to tourist areas was significantly reduced. Many people lost their businesses.

See Sauer, page A6



Between folk parking over the white line and walking across the highway, it was a dicey situation on Highway 243 this weekend.
PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District will test its emergency siren alert system at 1 p.m. the third Saturday of the month. The test will last 1 minute. In an emergency, you will hear three consecutive 3 minute alerts. Tune into WNKI-AM 1610 to receive information regarding the emergency alert. The following websites will also have information regarding the reason for the alert and action that needs to be taken: idyllwildfire.com, fernvalleywater.com and mdpidyllwild.org.

Who discussed forming a Community Services District

By DAVID JEROME CORRESPONDENT

In an interview with Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Chief Mark LaMont last week, he further clarified, beginning at the crowded Idyllwild Water District (IWD) meetings in mid-January, why he is interested in a Community Services District (CSD).

"When we attended those meetings at the IWD, I started to opine that a CSD may be a benefit to the residents of Idyllwild and opened the dialog with [General Manager Victor] Jimenez of [Fern Valley Water District (FVWD)], who was also present. After that dialog was opened, at a second meeting of the IWD, I mentioned this to [IWD Director] Steve Olson. He thought that idea might be something they'd be interested in discussing, and I made a phone call to our legal counsel who has worked with creating CSDs before, and queried him as to the benefits and process.

"I then facilitated a meeting between IWD, IFPD and FV water with our legal counsel, who explained the intricate nuances of a CSD, and its possible benefits to the community of Idyllwild. Very preliminary discussions regarding the possibility of a CSD.

"I did say that until Idyllwild hires a GM, these discussions have to be incredibly preliminary. In this discussion were myself, our board President [Dan] Messina and Commissioner [Stephanie] Yost, FV GM Jimenez, FV President Jon Brown, IWD board member Steve Olson and President Charles Schelly, and our legal counsel Steven Graham."

According to California code establishing a CSD, "Between 1955 and 2005, the voters in more than 300 communities have formed community services districts to achieve local governance, provide needed public facilities, and supply public services.

Also, according to the legislature, a CSD is "[a]n effective form of governance for combining two or more special districts that serve overlapping or adjacent territory into a multifunction special district."

And, "[a] form of governance that can serve as an alternative to the incorporation of a new city."



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Plenty of rain last week and more in the future

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Enjoy the dry and mild weather this week. The National Weather Service (NWS) is forecasting two more rainfall storms between Feb. 17 and 23.

During the first 10 days of February, the Hill experienced quite a bit of rain and snow. Although it was disruptive, and for some, a problem, the worst possibilities of heavy precipitation were not experienced locally.

Throughout California, the death of nine people has been attributed to the recent glut of storms. Fallen trees, flooding and car wrecks were the cause of these deaths from Northern California from Feb. 3 to 7, including one person in San Bernardino County.

The City of Los Angeles reported more than 500 mudslides from the inundating rain. Two tornadoes were sighted in San Luis Obispo County, the first tornadoes in 20 years and the strongest in more than 70 years.

Locally, the rain amounts varied largely due to the colder temperatures at higher elevations creating snow rather than rain. Between Feb. 2 and the morning of Feb. 10, the Idyllwild Fire Station reported 3.03 inches of rain. Further south, the Keenwild Ranger Station accumulated 6.41 inches and slightly north in Dutch Flat, the rain total was 5.9 inches. This is similar to the precipitation along the Southern California coast, which ranged from 3 to 5 inches. NWS also reported 19 inches of snow in Pine Cove and 2 feet of snow in Long Valley from the last storm.

While this is a lot of rain, and the second consecutive February with significant rainfall, it was insufficient to dull the overall hydrology conditions. Since Oct. 1, the beginning of the rain year, Idyllwild Fire has recorded 6.88 inches of rain. That is about a quarter of rainfall for the year (October through September) and about half the normal rain from October through February.

In the past 10 years, the average rainfall recorded at the Idyllwild Fire Station has been 24.3 inches.

The rain year volume at both Keenwild and Pine Cove-Dutch Flat is 11.7 inches, still slightly less than the normal in this period.

Statewide drought conditions are virtually nonexistent. However, the snowpack is below normal for this time of the year.

After its Feb. 1, snowpack measurement, the state's Department of Water Resources (DWR) reported, "State-wide, the snowpack's snow water equivalent is 4.9 inches, or 27 percent of the Feb. 1 average." On average, the snowpack supplies about 30% of California's water needs as it melts in the spring and early summer, according to DWR.

"The snow survey today shows water content far below average for this time of year," said Frank Gehrke, chief of the California Cooperative Snow Surveys Program who conducted the survey at Phillips. "Today's measurements indicate an anemic snowpack to date, but there is still the possibility of a wet February and March."

Prior to February, the jet stream was split. One portion north of San Diego and the other stream south, according to Warning Coordination Meteorologist Alex Tardy, at the NWS San Diego office.

"It was avoiding us," he said in his YouTube post. "The most recent action was pointed right at us."

His forecast is for some precipitation this coming weekend and "more between Feb. 19 and 24."

For the next two weeks, the NWS Climate Prediction Center's (CPC) forecast is for a high risk of heavy precipitation for much of California, between Saturday, Feb. 17 and Wednesday, Feb. 21. During this same period, the CPC forecasts a high risk of high-elevation heavy snow for the Sierra Nevada range of California. From Feb. 17 through Feb. 21, the CPC forecast is a moderate risk of heavy precipitation for California, southern Nevada, and parts of Arizona. and a heavy risk for the Desert Southwest between Feb 17 and 23.

Feb. 4, Gov. Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency for eight counties, including Riverside, due to the recent winter storms, which created havoc and damage with high winds, voluminous rain and heavy snowfall.

According to the governor's news release, the emergency proclamation covers authorizing a California National Guard response if tasked, facilitating unemployment benefits for impacted residents, and making it easier for out-of-state contractors and utilities to repair storm damage.

Three days later, Newsom requested a Major Disaster Declaration from President Biden for San Diego County as it recovers from the Jan. 21 through 23 devastating rains. Three people died as a result of this storm.

Longer term, the NWS is forecasting a transition from the current El Niño to ENSO-neutral during the spring of 2024. Possibly between June and August 2024, La Niña conditions could potentially return.

Historic meetings suspended for lack of a quorum

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The Idyllwild Historic Preservation District's (IHPD) Local Review Board President Terry Shirley dropped by the Crier office last week and gave us an update on that group: "We are still waiting on two board reappointments and one new board member. Parks and Recreation, the county department we are under, has contacted Supervisor Perez' office to try to get these approved so we can move forward with actions we have been working on — website and signage. We hope to have supervisory approvals soon so we will be able to resume our regular quarterly meetings."

Shirley and David Wicker are still on the board, with members Stephanie Yost and Warren Monroe requiring reappointments. The county also has three applications to fill the fifth seat. At least three members are required for a quorum.

The board is advisory only, and does not make judgments, levy fines or enforce ordinances. It passes advice, through Parks and Open Spaces Historic Preservation Officer Bridget Lawlor, to the planning director.

IHPD encompasses the downtown area, but only 57 of the over 100 buildings within its borders are considered "contributing" structures. Owners of contributing structures join voluntarily, and receive tax benefits, but may not alter the exterior appearance of their buildings without the consent of the county planning director. The contributing buildings include both commercial and residential properties.

We reached out to 4th District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez' office, and Communications Director Darin Schemmer answered only that, "We are working on it." Shirley confirmed that Lawlor is working with the supervisor's office to get the board up and running again.

Forest seeks public comment for 2025 off-highway vehicle grants

San Bernardino National Forest staff are planning to apply for 2025 grant funds from the state of California to help enhance and manage off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation on the forest. To inform the grant proposal with ideas from the public, forest staff will hold a virtual open house.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, virtually on Teams. The public can join the meeting via Microsoft Teams or by calling on a phone. For the audio call, the public can dial (323) 886-7051 and use conference ID 474937146#. For the Teams meeting, the link is <http://tinyurl.com/3tpznbb>.

Attendees also will be able to interact with USDA Forest Service staff to learn more about the grants and other OHV funding opportunities.

After staff gather public comment, a preliminary grant application will be submitted to the state's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR) by March 4. The application will then be publicly available on OHMVR's website for a second public commenting period between March 5 and May 6. Forest staff must submit a final grant application by June 3.

The forest has been a recipient of state OHV grants for more than 20 years and has received several million dollars to create and maintain staging areas and trails, patrol and enforce regulations, and restore damaged lands. For information about the grant process and its requirements, visit www.ohv.parks.ca.gov.

Interested members of the public who are unable to attend the virtual meeting or have questions may email, call or send USPS mail to OHV Program Manager Kyle Silva by Feb. 19, 2024. Silva's email is kyle.silva@usda.gov; his phone number is (909) 382-2691; the mailing address is San Bernardino National Forest, Kyle Silva/ OHV Grant Application, 390 W. 5th St. #1100, San Bernardino, CA 92402.

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ARTS ENTERPRISE LABORATORY PRESENTS
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Friday, February 16th at 7:30pm in Rush Hall

Experience a dynamic production of "The Last Five Years," a musical by Jason Robert Brown, in a performance funded by an Arts Enterprise Laboratory student grant and completely conceived and produced by Idyllwild Arts Academy students.

The story explores a five-year relationship between a rising novelist and a struggling actress, exploring one character's story in chronological order (starting just after the couple have first met) and the other's in reverse chronological order (beginning at the end of the marriage), only intersecting once in the middle.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT SHOWCASE CONCERT
Sunday, February 18 at 2:00pm in William M. Lowman Concert Hall

Join us for a musical performance from across all departmental areas, including classical, jazz, voice, and songwriting, as students showcase the results of their collaboration and hard work this semester.



IDYTalk WITH DEVIKA AGGARWAL & YUVANA PANCHAL
Sunday, February 18 at 2:00pm in Krone Library

Presented by the Art in Society (AIS) program, the IDY Talks series gives students the opportunity to share their creative journeys in a public speaking forum. IDY Talks builds confidence, promotes public speaking skills, and enhances community. Join us as Devika Aggarwal (Visual Arts '24) and Yuvana Panchal (Film & Digital Media '24), share their stories with us.



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Wednesday 2/14




51/31
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Thursday 2/15




52/36
Mostly Sunny

Friday 2/16




58/40
Mostly Sunny

Saturday 2/17




57/36
Partly Cloudy

Sunday 2/18




51/38
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Monday 2/19



50/38
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Tuesday 2/20




50/36
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Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

Idyllwild this year				
Date	High	Low	P	S
2/6	38	33		
2/7	35	31		
2/8	37	27	0.26	
2/9	38	28	0.50	
2/10	46	27		
2/11	50	22	0.00	
2/12	53	25	0.00	

Idyllwild last year				
Date	High	Low	P	S
2/6	49	27	0.17	
2/7	52	25	0.00	
2/8	58	30	0.00	
2/9	59	33	0.00	
2/10	63	37	0.00	
2/11	49	34	0.00	
2/12	47	23	0.00	

The Town Crier's Idyllwild daily high and low temperatures and rain and snow totals in the past were taken directly from the National Weather Service website, which gets its Idyllwild weather information from automatic weather sensing equipment at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. [We are seeking reliable Idyllwild and Pine Cove full-time residents to provide this information. Residents who follow CoCoRaHS procedures would be strongly preferred. CoCoRaHS is an organization of private, amateur weather observers that provides carefully collected data for use by the NWS. If you are interested in providing us with rain and snow reports, please contact jack@towncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



Two dogs bundled up for their snowy morning walk.
PHOTO BY JESSICA COOPER

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Added election tests not sufficient, according to skeptics

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

At the Feb. 6 session of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Kevin Jeffries (1st District) and Karen Spiegel (2nd District) submitted a proposal to enhance trust and faith in the county’s election process. But after six public speakers, both supervisors agreed to withdraw the proposal.

The goal of the proposal was “... continuing to strengthen public trust in our elections. Our offices have asked the [Registrar of Voters] to identify additional steps that can be taken to enhance manual verification of the accuracy of our election system, in conformance with election laws and regulations, which go beyond those steps already required by the Secretary of State of all counties,” according to the supervisors’ memorandum to their colleagues.

Two more steps were proposed to ensure that voting results were accurate. The first was to increase the mandated manual tally of 1% of precincts to 2%.

Currently, the state requires a manual tally of all ballots in a randomly selected 1% of the precincts. These totals are then compared to the tabulated results.

The second verification step would be to conduct a risk-limiting audit during an upcoming special election. According to the proposal, a “Risk-Limiting Audit ... provides for elections officials to manually tally randomly selected ballots in close races, stopping as soon as it is implausible that a full recount would show a different result than the ballots reviewed.”

Both steps would be available for public observation. Their estimated cost was \$360,000 for the March primary.

However, none of the public speakers supported the proposal although Jeffries said that they had cooperated with the county in formulating this proposal.

In their comments, they stressed that their concern or worry was not the accuracy of the tabulation of the submitted ballots. Rather, their major issue was apparent discrepancies between the number of voters and the number of counted ballots.

As several speakers stressed, these two numbers should be the same. According to the first speaker, Greg Langworthy, the county had 22,564 people vote at the vote centers during the June 7, 2022 Primary Election. “When the ballots were taken to the Registrar of Voters and fed through the machines, the machines counted 36,033 ballots, 13,469 more ballots than voters.”

A similar result occurred with the number of ballots the U.S. Postal Service said were delivered to the Registrar of Voters (ROV). The post office collected and billed for about 217,000 mail-in ballots, but the ROV office reported counting 252,661 ballots.

Similar discrepancies were found for the 2022 General Election, according to Yvette Anthony, a member of the group concerned about the election process.

“No explanation was given at the time the board certified the election,” Langworthy emphasized to the board.

Basically, the county has said that vote-by-mail ballots were also fed into the voter tabulation machines, thus augmenting the total ballots counted.

In response to Anthony’s questions, on Jan. 13, ROV Art Tinoco, wrote in an email, “... The additional 13,469 votes that were added to the election night results is normal practice especially when there is sufficient time on election day after in-person votes are processed. We continue scanning vote-by-mail ballots that may have been received or are ready to be scanned, which was the case in this election. It is important to note that the Registrar of Voters also ran a Mid-day ballot pick up program during this election. This process consisted of ROV staff visiting select Vote Centers throughout the county and collecting voted vote-by-mail ballots from inside the ballot boxes.”

Regarding the discrepancy in the vote-by-mail ballots, which the Postal Service delivered and the Registrar’s Office counted, Tinoco wrote, “... The ROV main-

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BLACK HISTORY CONCERT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AT 7:00PM
IN WILLIAM M. LOWMAN CONCERT HALL

LIVESTREAM ALSO AVAILABLE
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In honor of Black History Month, Idyllwild Arts Academy will again present its annual Black History jazz concert. The event is the brainchild of Idyllwild Arts iconic Jazz Program founder Dr. Marshall Hawkins, together with Dr. Daniel Bassin (IA Director of Orchestras), and will be hosted by the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging committee. This year’s theme is the “Replacement of the Drum,” reflecting both the hardships and triumphs black Americans have experienced in the United States when drums, a principal form of communication in Africa, were taken away during slavery. Africans in America had to fashion different types of drums and percussion instruments from whatever materials they could gather, profoundly reinventing and reshaping music for generations to come.

The concert will feature Dr. Marshall Hawkins’ Seahawk Modern Jazz Orchestra (MoJO), which he formed in 2002, joining the school’s own Jazz and Classical music students, faculty, and alumni along with a plethora of professional guest performers for this highly anticipated event. Don’t miss it!



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Joey Acuña, one of several seeking AD 36 seat

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: California will hold its 2024 Presidential Primary Tuesday, March 5. Besides the races for president and the U.S. Senate, to succeed Diane Feinstein, many local races need a primary to determine the November candidates.

The Town Crier will be writing about the races for the U.S. Congressional District 41, California Assembly Districts (AD) 36 and 47, and the Riverside County Board of Education District 4.

Seven candidates are vying to represent AD 36. The five Democratic candidates are Joey Acuña, Waymond Fermon, Egard Garcia, Tomas Oliva and Eric Rodriguez. The two Republican candidates seeking a place on the November ballot are Jeff Gonzalez and Kalin Morse. Of the seven candidates, the two receiving the most votes on March 5 will be on the November ballot.

Eduardo Garcia, the incumbent Assemblymember for AD 36, announced in December that he would not seek reelection and would support the candidacy of Joey Acuña (Coachella city).

AD 36 spans across three counties — Imperial, San Bernardino and Riverside. Lake Hemet and all of Garner Valley to the west of Highway 74 and much of the southern portion of Garner Valley, Anza and Sage are included in AD 36. Going further west, it includes portions of Hemet and Winchester.

Although all of Imperial County is in AD 36, its 87,000 registered voters represent about one-third of the district's total voters. Riverside County has the majority of the AD 36 voters, 58% of the total with merely 1% living in the San Bernardino portion of the district.

Acuña lives in Coachella City. He has worked in construction and is now in health care. At a local clinic, he does data management, grant writing and outreach. He also writes grants for one of the local tribes.

While not yet well-known throughout the district, Acuña has been involved in elected politics for more than 30 years.

He is currently the president of the Coachella Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) Board of Trustees and is serving his fifth term. He was a member from 1992 until 2000 and elected again in 2014. Subsequently, he was reelected in 2018 and 2022.

The gap was the result of seeking election to the state Assembly. He was the Democratic candidate in 2000 and 2002, but lost two close races. When he ran for the Assembly, he did not seek reelection to the CVUSD board.

Acuña believes he has learned some lessons from those previous races. But first he has to obtain a place on the November ballot.

"Those were very different times," he said. "There was more personal engagement and digital resources were less important."

During his campaign, Acuña stresses three overriding priorities: education, health care and infrastructure. "I am very passionate about education," he stated. "And I work in healthcare and see the disparity of service. This district is very rural and much of it is unincorporated status and needs a lot of help with infrastructure."

AD 36 includes the Salton Sea and Acuña recognizes its importance and growing value. The state and federal governments have done much to help protect its environment. But its economic value from the potential lithium mining is becoming more important and is a double-edged sword, according to him.

"There is the conflict with the economic development and the jobs. These are good paying jobs," Acuña emphasized. "But we have to be careful with the environment and not adversely impact it. It could be 'win-win' if we all work together and everybody is vigilant."

He also shared that his platform does not imply that he will "save you." If elected, he will try to make life better for his constituents, but he knows they do not need saving. "Every community is different," he said.

Although Acuña announced his candidacy Dec. 11, 2023, barely three months before the primary, he quickly secured the support of Garcia, the retiring Assemblyman.

In his retirement announcement, Garcia stated, "Joey Acuña has dedicated much of his life to serving local communities. He is smart, thoughtful, and exactly the kind of leader our region needs representing us in Sacramento. I believe that Joey is the best candidate to succeed me in the State Assembly and continue the fights to address climate change, build affordable housing, expand access to higher education, and improve mental healthcare infrastructure. I'm proud to endorse Joey Acuña, and I look forward to playing an active role in his campaign."

As of Jan. 20, Acuña had nearly \$47,000 in cash available for the campaign, which is significantly more than any of his opponents. Through January, he had already spent nearly \$132,000 toward his election.

Unions have contributed more than \$60,000 to his election campaign. Garcia has sent \$11,000 to Acuña and 4th District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez has donated \$5,500 in support of Acuña.

"I learned a long time ago that I'm not taking anything for granted," Acuña said. "There is still a month before the election and that's a lifetime of things that could happen."

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Monday, Feb. 19, to observe President's Day are:

- Area post offices
- Fern Valley Water District
- Hemet Unified School District
- Idyllwild Water District
- Pine Cove Water District
- PNC Bank
- Riverside County offices
- U.S. Forest Service district office

These will be open:

- Idyllwild Pharmacy
- Idyllwild Town Crier
- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park

MATTER OF FACT

In last week's photo on page A3 of Greg Wallis and his wife, the photo credit should have been by Phyllis Mueller.

Our coverage of the Jan. 30 meeting of Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) included an inaccuracy. IFPD Fire Chief Mark LaMont's preliminary talks about creating a Community Service District were with Fern Valley and Idyllwild water districts presidents, not with the Pine Cove Water District president.

Town Crier regrets the error.

AT&T landline service not last resort for Hill

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Hill residents may have heard that AT&T has asked the state Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to grant permission for the company to give up its "carrier of last resort" (COLR) status in many California communities. This applies to landlines, not to cellular for mobile service.

On the Hill, Frontier is the COLR. So, the CPUC proceedings regarding AT&T's request do not apply to the Hill communities.

A COLR provides the following basic services: lifeline rates for eligible customers; free access to 9-1-1; directory services; unlimited incoming calls without per minute or per call charges; unlimited access to 800 number toll free calls; telephone relay service; free access for information about Universal Lifeline Telephone Service, service activation, termination, or repair; bill inquiries and one-time free blocking for information services; and billing adjustments for charges incurred inadvertently, mistakenly, or without authorization as well as operator services.

Holstege seeks rematch for Assembly seat

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: California will hold its 2024 Presidential Primary Tuesday, March 5. Besides the races for president and the U.S. Senate, to succeed Diane Feinstein, many local races need a primary to determine the November candidates.

The Town Crier will be writing about the races for the U.S. Congressional District 41, California Assembly Districts (AD) 36 and 47 and the Riverside County Board of Education District 4.

Three candidates are running for the AD 47 seat — incumbent Republican Greg Wallis and two Democratic challengers, Christy Holstege and Jamie Swain.

California's AD 47 encompasses Idyllwild, Pine Cove and north. It also includes the desert cities and Yucaipa and Yucca Valley in San Bernardino County. Valle Vista, Beaumont, and Banning are on the western edge of the district.

Three candidates are on the March primary ballot. Two are quite familiar to the district's voters. Greg Wallis (R-Bermuda Dunes) is the incumbent and his likely challenger is Christy Holstege (D-Palm Springs). The third person on the ballot is Jamie Swain, a Democrat. The two with the most votes will be on the November ballot.

In the 2022 election, Holstege and Wallis paired off in one of the closest Assembly races in decades. Wallis was the victor by less than 1% of the vote, less than one-tenth of a percent. He outpolled Holstege by 85 votes out of nearly 170,000 ballots cast. The election was not decided until December.

Not waiting until 2024, the election year, Holstege announced her intent for a rematch with Wallis last summer — less than a year after the previous race.

Holstege, the Democratic candidate, lost an extremely close election even though voter registration in the 47th favored the Democrats.

In October 2022, two weeks before the election, 40% of voters registered as Democrats in the district. The Republican registration was 33.6% and No Party Preference was 18.5%.

As of Jan. 5, 2024, the California Secretary of State reported 3,200 more registered voters in the district than in 2022. The percentage of registered Democrats or Republicans is only one-tenth of a percent different from 15 months ago.

Holstege attributed lower than expected turnout to her defeat. The total ballots counted were 55% of registration. In 2024, a presidential election year, she expects turnout to be closer to the historical presidential election turnouts of 81% in 2020 and 75% for the 2016 election.

"We will do all the work we can to get greater participation in this election," she promised.

She started with organizing and holding community meetings throughout the district. "From Yucaipa to La Quinta, and everywhere in between," she said. "I'm asking what matters. And understanding how the needs of Idyllwild are different from Yucaipa."

This district is not the largest of the 80 ADs, but it is big. Holstege noted that it's two hours from east to west compared to a few square miles for some Los Angeles districts.

Her transportation around the district and the state is an electric vehicle. She acknowledged there are charging stations around the district, but it is still difficult making these long trips. "California needs to build out more electric vehicle charging stations." She charges her vehicle at home, nearly every night.

Holstege is a 37-year-old mother of a 3-year-old son. She is still a member of the Palm Springs City Council and served a term as mayor — the first woman to serve as mayor in the history of Palm Springs.

Before her involvement in elective politics, she was an attorney. Her practice has been focused on providing community aid to individuals who need help. Her clients range from tenants, homeless, discrimination victims, the disabled, domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, LGBTQ clients, seniors and veterans seeking legal advice and assistance.

When asked why her life's works seems to focus on aiding the downtrodden, she replied, "My mom was a teacher. She spent 16 years in special education in the classroom.

"Being raised by a teacher, I learned about disabilities at

a young age," she added. "I saw girls impacted by violence, discrimination and sexual harassment. Consequently, I dedicated my career to help those achieve justice."

The state's current budget problem will be addressed before the November election, but it may continue. Holstege was adamant that the Legislature should protect public education, public safety and ensure disaster relief is always available.

But she recognizes that the state's revenues fluctuate from highs to shortages. She noted that Palm Springs has a similar situation and the council has managed to balance the city's budget for seven years.

She expressed her support for Proposition 1. "We need these services and homeless housing," she said. "But most important we need to get resources to the district — the Inland Empire and the mountains, not just the areas where these types of funds have traditionally flowed. And focus on results."

Holstege also thought her experience in Palm Springs dealing with short-term rentals would benefit the Hill.

"Short-term rentals had an impact on our housing. We enacted regulations to limit them and looked at their concentration," Holstege related. "We regulate them not only to bring revenue to the city but also to maintain safety in a controlled way."

As of Jan. 20, she had \$440,000 cash available in her campaign account. In the first week of February, another \$35,000 had been contributed to her campaign. The state Democratic Party has already sent nearly \$80,000 to her campaign. Unions or associations, such as service employees and education, also have been major contributors.

In 2022, her expenditures were about \$3.1 million and she expects the 2024 race will cost this much, too.

After Holstege conceded the 2022 race in December, "The first place I went to was Idyllwild. To spend time there, meeting Mayor Max, the restaurants and enjoying life," she admitted. "I love Idyllwild and am very much appreciative of its connection to my community. I want to earn the support of Idyllwild."

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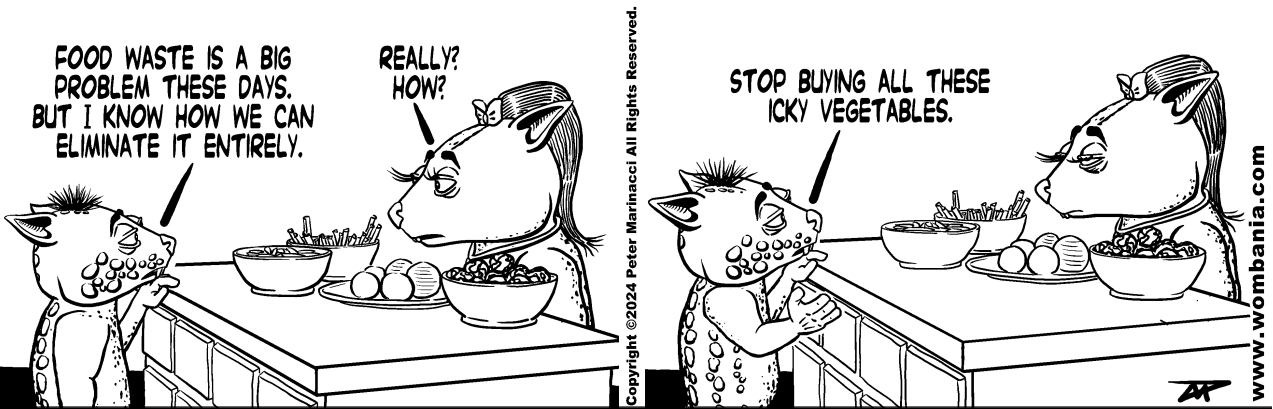
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Election tests

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tains the running total of vote-by-mail ballots using our ballot envelope sorting equipment. Unfortunately, we are not able to speak for how the USPS operates since they conduct their business differently than the ROV. Over the years, we have witnessed their process of determining how they will charge the ROV for all mail processed. Their process includes counting pieces of mail or estimating by weight. This means that the USPS receipts may not contain a count of the number of ballot envelopes processed that is as precise as those counted by the ROV. Additionally, the USPS processes a variety of mail pieces that may not be ballot envelopes. Using the USPS receipts to reconcile vote-by-mail ballots against the ROV reports will therefore not yield an exact match on vote-by-mail envelopes.”

What this group of skeptics seeks is a review of the election audit logs. This request has been denied. Jim Niederecker said the county counsel argued that sharing the logs would endanger voter information security. But this reason confuses the group since one can buy lists of voters, with their address, phone number and party registration, at the ROV office.

“The election management system is completely different from the voter registration system,” asserted Niederecker. “Ballots themselves contain no voter information.”

“As long as the registration process is online, any bad actor can register to vote on a third-party site without

providing any information to verify they are a qualified voter and they can repeat this process,” alleged the final speaker, Shelby Bunch.

She again stressed that their principal worry is not the counting of the ballots, but whether there may be fraudulent ballots submitted and counted. She recommended a forensic audit of election results to improve trust.

After the public speakers, Jeffries said, “We were attempting to work with the group to restore trust in the elections process. It was not intended to be an all-encompassing fix all.”

After withdrawing the proposal due to a lack of a motion, he added, “We all need to have residents and voters trusting our election system.”

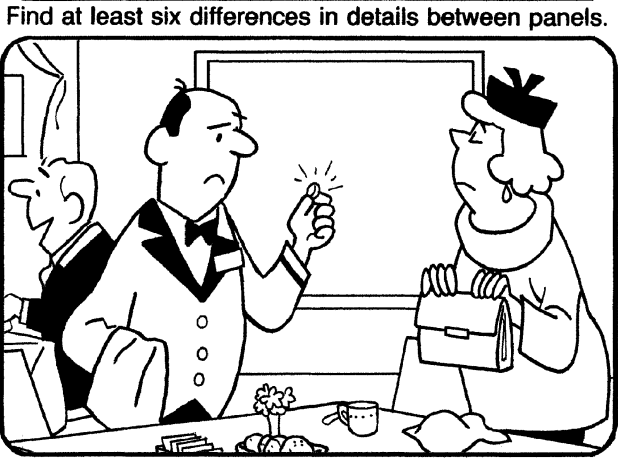
Spiegel intends to bring the proposal and the group’s questions to the board’s ad hoc committee to work with the ROV, of which she and Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (4th District) are members.

Election trust is on the county’s agenda. On Feb. 2, prior to this board meeting, the ROV conducted a logic and accuracy test of its voting system in preparation for the March primary election. These tests are designed to evaluate the performance of the voting system and were open to the public. Notices were distributed so that the public could be aware of the test.

Later that day, Tinoco distributed the results, which showed the equipment’s accuracy. The test involved every candidate or measure on that ballot. The results are available for review.

“During the test, all possible combinations of bal-

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lots were cast on all Accessible Voting Units, HiPro Optical Scanners, and Precinct Ballot Scanners to be used in the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election. These votes were then tallied and compared against expected results previously made available to the public at the start of the testing. The comparison showed that the equipment performed with complete accuracy,” he wrote in his notice.

Further testing of equipment and process will not occur before or after the election. This issue will go the board’s ad hoc committee to work with the ROV.



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

- Wednesday, Feb. 14**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Pine Cove Water District board meeting, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
 - Grief Support Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - “Ashes to Go,” noon-4 p.m. Center of town.
 - Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

- Thursday, Feb. 15**
- Fern Valley Water District board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
 - Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - AA discussion & birthdays, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Mountain Communities Mutual Aid food distribution, 1-2 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
 - Lake Hemet Municipal Water District, 3 p.m. 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
 - Idyllwild Community Zen, 6 p.m. Text/call Valerie Velez at 951-392-6507 for information.

- Friday, Feb. 16**
- Idy A’s (AA, NA, Alanon, CODA, etc.), noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Women’s Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat. Call 951-659-2523 for Zoom info.
- Saturday, Feb. 17**
- Antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd.
 - Healing Rooms, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
 - AA, discussion, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Dog Park Saturdays, 3-4 p.m. Rick Barker Dog Park, 26375 Hwy. 243.
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 4 p.m. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. or Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.
 - AA happy hour & birthdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Behind Idyllwild Water District, 54255 Pine Crest Ave. (bring chair)

- Sunday, Feb. 18**
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - AA, discussion, noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243.
 - Mixed Nuts, 5:30-7 p.m., Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Monday, Feb. 19**
- Day of Mindfulness, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Codependents Anon, 6 p.m. Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.
- Tuesday, Feb. 20**
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Idyllwild Garden Club board, 10 a.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
 - Tai Chi for Seniors, 10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Wednesday, Feb. 21**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Mobile health clinic, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - 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.
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 6 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.-7 p.m. Tues.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thurs-Sat., 659-2300.
 - Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
 - Idyllwild Ranger Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 8 a.m.-noon Tues.
 - Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. (Closed New Year’s Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day); Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Sunday to Saturday, Feb. 4 to 10.

- Feb. 4 — Walk-in medical.
- Feb. 4 — Smoke investigation. Maranatha Dr.
- Feb. 5 — Medical. Delano Dr.
- Feb. 5 — Ringing alarm. Temecula Dr.
- Feb. 5 — Smoke investigation. Hwy. 243.
- Feb. 5 — EMS. Pine Crest Ave.
- Feb. 6 — Walk-in EMS.
- Feb. 8 — Commercial structure fire. Hwy. 243.
- Feb. 8 — Power lines down. Tahquitz Dr.
- Feb. 8 — Structure fire. Meadow Dr.
- Feb. 8 — Power lines down. Saunders Meadow Rd.
- Feb. 8 — Power lines down. Rockdale Dr.
- Feb. 8 — EMS. N. Circle Dr.
- Feb. 8 — EMS. Green Craig Dr.
- Feb. 8 — EMS. Meadow Dr.
- Feb. 8 — Low hanging lines. Tahquitz Dr.
- Feb. 8 — Walk-in referral to sheriff’s department.
- Feb. 9 — Lines down. Sugar Pine Dr.
- Feb. 9 — Lines down. San Jacinto Rd.
- Feb. 9 — Lines down. Lodge Rd.
- Feb. 9 — EMS. N. Circle Dr.

- Feb. 9 — EMS. Delano Dr.
- Feb. 9 — EMS. S. Circle Dr.
- Feb. 10 — EMS. Pine Crest Ave.
- Feb. 10 — EMS. N. Circle Dr.
- Feb. 10 — EMS. Tahquitz Dr.
- Feb. 10 — EMS. Ponderosa Dr.
- Feb. 10 — EMS. Live Oak St.
- Feb. 10 — EMS. Pine Cove Rd.
- Feb. 11 — EMS. Hwy. 243.
- Feb. 11 — Lines down. Hwy. 243.
- Feb. 11 — EMS. Hwy. 74.
- Feb. 11 — EMS. Marian View Dr.

Sheriff’s log

The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Monday to Sunday, Feb. 5 to 11.

Idyllwild

- Feb. 5 — Suspicious person, 8:27 p.m. 24000 block of Upper Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 6 — Incurable minor, 10:16 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 7 — Alarm call, 12:38 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 8 — Check the welfare, 1:41 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 8 — Assist other department, 8:18 a.m. 53000 block of McKinney Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 8 — Brandishing a weapon, 10:30 p.m. 26000 block of

Hwy. 243. Arrest made.

- Feb. 9 — Check the welfare, 10:41 a.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Report taken.
- Feb. 9 — Public disturbance, 3:54 p.m. 54000 block of Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 9 — Check the welfare, 4:32 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 9 — Public assist, 11:57 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 10 — Unattended death, 3:42 p.m. Address withheld. Report taken.
- Feb. 10 — Check the welfare, 9:20 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 11 — Check the welfare, 1:39 a.m. 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Feb. 6 — 911 call from business, 12 p.m. 52000 block of Cedar Crest Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 6 — Noise complaint, 5:38 p.m. 52000 block of Sylvan Wy. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 7 — Check the welfare, 8:22 a.m. 25000 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 7 — Danger to self/other, 9:26 a.m. 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 7 — 911 call from business, 11:36 p.m. 25000 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 8 — Check the welfare, 9:26 a.m. 52000 block of Green Craig Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 8 — Hazard, 9:42 a.m. 25000 block of Shadow Oaks

Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 9 — Public disturbance, 2:27 p.m. 25000 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 9 — 911 call, 3:32 p.m. 25000 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 10 — Vicious dog, 7:24 p.m. 24000 block of Ponderosa Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 10 — Unattended death, 10:43 p.m. Address withheld. Report taken.
- Feb. 11 — Assist other department, 11:48 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Feb. 10 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 6:55 p.m. 22000 block of Soboba Rd. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino

National Forest

- Feb. 8 — 911 call from business, 11:39 a.m. 56000 block of Apple Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 8 — 911 call from business, 3:59 p.m. 56000 block of Apple Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 11 — Runaway child, 7:34 a.m. 51000 block of Old Mine Trl. Unfounded.
- Feb. 11 — Assist other department, 8:21 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 11 — Suspicious circumstance, 11:09 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 11 — Suspicious circumstance, 11:09 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 11 — Assist other department, 5:40 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

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Sauer

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es because of the oil spill. Plus, you had all the impacts to the environment. That was an interesting two-and-a-half years. We dealt with large budgets that had to be approved by the Coast Guard and funded by British Petroleum. That was the administrative part. Out in the field I had over 50 people just working on the oil spill, through the chain of command. I answered directly to the Fish and Wildlife Service supervisors and the Park Service superintendent, took their needs, brought them back to the Coast Guard, got that implemented into the plan.

TC: After the Deepwater Horizon?
CS: Then I went and took a two-month road trip, figuring out what I was going to do living in Joshua Tree. I came back, received a phone call from a local in Joshua Tree who said, “The general manager position at the Joshua Basin Water District is open and we think you should apply for it.” I applied for it, and got it, primarily I believe, because the area’s people, familiar with my actions and activities managing Joshua Tree National Park, felt that I could manage the water district.

TC: Trust?
CS: Yes. I was there for five-and-a-half years. We had 9,750 customers, 260 miles of pipeline, a hospital and a wastewater treatment plant [WWTP] that we oversaw, but I want to stress that we handled that treatment plant through an engineering firm. They handled it through another company that managed and operated it. Joshua Tree depends on tourism. Not so much Yucca Valley or Twenty Nine Palms, but everybody loves to go the Joshua Tree National Park, and so they come through Joshua Tree. I retired in 2019.

Sauer notes that he was not required to get certified (the “D” and “T” numbers that water operators have) and that GMs are not usually required to have certification. “However, I was well known in my district as a GM that was in the field. When there were emergencies I was notified, and it wasn’t uncommon for me to be out beside my workers, learning what they were doing, learning what they needed, what new or improved equip-

ment. What I’m most proud of at Joshua Basin Water District is that we built a team out of practically the same people that were there when I arrived, and removed the lack of communication between administration and operation, with the full support of the board.”

Sauer also said that as an interim GM he hoped to “have a program in place that the new general manager can implement.”

TC: So you see your job as making life easier for the next guy?
CS: Or next gal.
TC: The GM is in charge of hiring and firing?

CS: It’s much more than hiring and firing. It’s building a team. The GM serves at the pleasure of the board. The GM is responsible for developing a cohesive program which the board approves for implementation through the budget and capital improvement plan. It includes human resources management, it includes training, safety, long-term and short-term planning. Fortunately, there was a rate study that was recently completed, so we won’t need another rate study, but the next GM will.

TC: Can you tell us anything you’ve learned in your first few days here?

CS: This is day four. I’ve learned that we have a very supportive board of directors, we have a WWTP [waste water treatment plant] and distribution system that meet state standards. I haven’t had the opportunity to learn much about Idyllwild itself because of the weather, but I’ve already met some really nice people.

TC: Is building a new sewer plant is a big undertaking for a small district?

CS: It was a large project in the ’60s or ’70s. [The plant came online in 1970.] Its 50 years old. My understanding is that initially Pine Cove, Idyllwild and Fern Valley were talking about doing it together; it turned out Idyllwild did it itself. They issued a bond. That bond is paid off, a 30-year bond. I haven’t had time to get into the specifics of why [it] needs to be redone. But 50 years is a long time for a treatment plant, and it is still functioning.

I asked about the WWTP only serving 600 customers but

having more capacity and Sauer pointedly asked “commercial or residential customers?”; those downtown businesses serve a lot of people.

CS: 50 years ago where were we? When we build another WWTP we need to think about where we will be in 30 years and 50 years, and maybe build it to that capacity. I never thought that I would see Joshua Tree go from ... when I left there in 2010, we were just getting to one-and-a-half million visitors. There’s 3 million visitors now. They all go through Joshua Tree, Twenty Nine Palms, they all drink water and they all flush toilets. Our water table, fortunately, up there is a good 400 feet underground. The water table here is anywhere between 8, to, during drought, a 100 and some ... its right there. You put your septic tank in, that effluent goes down and at some point in time it’s going to meet the ground water. So as the population grows, or as visitation grows, you have an increased threat to the ground water. You can wait until the ground water is polluted or you make plans in advance, so you can treat it, so that it doesn’t get polluted.

TC: Rules are getting more stringent for septic tanks?
CS: In some cases, that’s what I have heard. Big picture, [yes,] which is a problem for small communities.

TC: I don’t want to tear my tank out and pay \$50 a month for sewage, but I understand why that may be a good idea.

CS: To add additional sewage connections you need to run new sewer lines ... it’s not on our immediate horizon.

Sauer is presently living in the Cherry Valley area, but is undeterred by our local snowfall; he was there Thursday morning as the town dug itself out of the first deep snow of the year.

TC: You’re not afraid of snow?

CS: When I lived in Rocky Mountain National Park, when I lived in Stehekin in the North Cascades, there’s a lot of snow. I have the experience of driving in snow. Mostly I have the experience of knowing how other people drive in snow.

Sauer added that he was looking forward to meeting Idyllwild Fire Chief Mark LaMont as well as Pine Cove and Fern Valley water districts’ GMs, activities for his second week on the job.

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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as COOLHAUS AIR CONDITIONING AND PLUMBING, COOLHAUS AIR CONDITIONING, COOLHAUS at 6717 ARABY AVE, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA 92277. COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO. Mailing Address: 532 SCENIC OAK DRIVE, MOORE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29369.

DAVID GORDON BAYLES
532 SCENIC OAK DRIVE, MOORE, SC 29369.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Registrant Signature: DAVID GORDON BAYLES
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 01/12/2024.

FILE NO.: R-202400504

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CERTIFICATION

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDY ESTY, 55525 N CIRCLE DR, UNIT 3, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: PO BOX 1966, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

MICHELLE LYNN WOOD
PO BOX 1966, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above. I declare that all information in this 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: MICHELLE WOOD
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 01/12/2024.

R-202400505.

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as MELANIE ROE FOR THE DEFENSE, 44268 SILVER CANYON LANE, PALM DESERT, CA 92260. RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: 74-923 HIGHWAY 111, #226, INDIAN WELLS, CA 92210.

MELANIE NELL ROE
44268 SILVER CANYON LANE, PALM DESERT, CA 92260.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 2012.

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: MELANIE NELL ROE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 01/16/2024.

FILE NO.: R-202400548

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as THE PILATES CO. CORONA, 6 LATITUDE WAY, CORONA, CA 92881 RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: 6 LATITUDE WAY, CORONA, CA 92881. CARTIER COUSINS, LLC
2706 MONSERAT CIRCLE, CORONA, CA 92881

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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: CLAIRE M. SUMMERS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 01/08/2024.

FILE NO.: R-202400242

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as WYLIE GALT, 53007 ROCKMERE DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: PO BOX 786, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

JOHN WYLIE MCCULLY
53007 ROCKMERE DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Registrant Signature: JOHN W. MCCULLY
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 01/17/2024

FILE NO.: R-202400592

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2024.

CVPS2305647

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 3255 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Branch name: Palm Springs Courthouse.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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

a. Present name: Ashley Acda changed to Proposed name: Ashley Elizabeth Bledsoe.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 03/08/2024. Time: 8:30 am, Dept. PS4.

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

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier. Date: Jan. 11, 2024.

JAMES HODGKINS
COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPERIOR

COURT
Pub. TC: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

NOTICE OF CHANGED HEARING TIME AND DATE. MORONGO TRIBAL COURT
12700 Pomarra Road, Banning, CA 92220

MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS MORONGO TRIBAL COURT.
Case No.: MTC-23-37-NU

Notice of Changed Hearing time and date.
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024.
Time: 1:30 PM.

Place: Morongo Tribal Court.
MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, Complainant

v.
JOSHUA MCDADDE, Respondent

Please take Notice that the evidentiary hearing in the above-captioned matter previously set for January 23, 2024, has been re-set to Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. The hearing will be taking place via Zoom video. It is your responsibility to provide the Court with a valid e-mail address. Please contact the Court Clerk’s office if you have any questions.

January 26, 2024
Evelyn Barajas
(951) 572-6031

tribalcourt@morongo-nsn.gov

Pub. TC: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as KISMET BEAUTY BAR at 73900 EL PASEO UNIT 4, PALM DESERT, CA 92260 Riverside County. Mailing address 50093 PASEO MADRID, COACHELLA, CA 92236

LINDESEY-INGUEZ
50093 PASEO MADRID, COACHELLA, CA 92236

BRITTANI FABRINA SUAREZ
47750 ADAMS ST APT 1321
LA QUINTA , CA 92253

This business is conducted by co-partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 01/01/2018.

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: LINDESEY-INGUEZ
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 12/28/2023.

FILE NO.: R-202318420

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CERTIFICATION

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: Feb. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as KOUR ELECTRONICS at 2108 N ST STE. N, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816. COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO.

CORSTANIAN LLC
2108 N ST STE N, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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: TREVOR HARRISON
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 02/01/2024.

FILE NO.: R-202401403

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: Feb. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as SKINOLOGY AESTHETIC CENTER, 24021 ALESSANDRO BLVD. STE 123A, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

SKINOLOGY AESTHETIC CENTER
22940 ALESSANDRO BLVD, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 06/26/2017.

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: LEIZA CHAVEZ
MANAGER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 02/02/2024.

FILE NO.: R-202401502

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Mile High Café reopens after two years

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The sign went up last week; Alpaca's is once again the Mile High Café. Monday, Feb. 5 was the first day open under the new (old) name.

After a well-earned, two-year break, Mile High founder Nam Park is "happy to come back." Nam managed the restaurant for 14 years before "retiring" and leaving her son Jason in charge. The space was completely remodeled, and diners found many new items on the menu.

During Nam's hiatus, she traveled to Morocco and Korea and volunteered "in town." Her activities included playing piano at the Idyllwild Community Church, working at its thrift store and joining the board of the Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation.

When asked what she missed about being the face, heart and brains of Mile High, she answered quickly, "I missed

the people. I cannot just be home alone. I missed a lot of friends, connections. I'm happy talking with people."

A number of the specialties that built the restaurant's following have reappeared: Bibimbap, Bulgogi and Chicken on Fire. These join the innovations that customers of Alpaca's have come to count on, like its "Grab and Go" breakfast burritos.

Alpaca's Coffee and Tea is still going strong, and Jason and the staff are still providing high-end coffee, loose-leaf tea, boba and baked goods. He has a few new drinks in mind for summer, and looks forward to making locals and visitors alike comfortable. "I'm looking forward to Mile High being back, working as a collaboration together."

Mile High is open for breakfast and lunch now, but is looking forward to opening for dinner again. Jason tells us that Nam will be hanging works by local artists, and Alpaca's is always looking for local vendors to partner with.



The sign is back up for Mile High Café. PHOTO BY DAVID JEROME



Nam Park is glad to be back after a two-year hiatus. PHOTO BY DAVID JEROME

Eduardo Santiago returns to Idyllwild with IIFC film

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

One of the films nominated for Best Feature at this year's Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) is "Proof Sheet." Aside from its artistic merits, (11 nominations), one unique aspect of this film is Eduardo Santiago, who co-wrote the screenplay with Richard Kilroy, is a former Idyllwild resident.

He lived here in the 2010s, while writing and also teaching creative writing at the Idyllwild Arts Academy. Now he's teaching creative writing at the University of California, Los Angeles extension program.

He was born in Cuba and about 50 years ago. His family emigrated to the U.S. and settled in the Los Angeles area. His father collected discarded books, sometimes without covers, for him to read. Not only did he learn English reading these books, but the writing seed was planted.

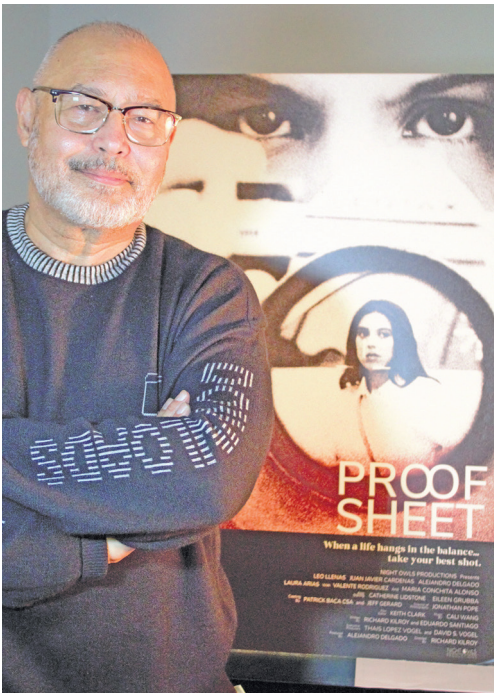
He has written two novels, "Tomorrow They Will Kiss" and "Midnight Rumba." The latter involves the connection of three families during the 10 years leading up to the Cuban Revolution.

But loving books is not sufficient motivation to write them, Santiago confirmed. During his years of creative writing instruction, he has encountered and taught many individuals.

"I've seen the difference between someone who wants to write because they love to read and those meant to write," he acknowledged. Before his first novel, he often dreamed of writing it, but his job and life never provided the opportunity for it.

And that became his motivation. "I couldn't find time," he said. "When circumstances keep you from doing something that your soul is crying to do, you need to go the races." He left his full-time job, sold his house, began writing and produced a first draft within a year.

"My life changed completely," he said proudly.



Former Idyllwild resident Eduardo Santiago with a poster of his film entry. PHOTO BY NOEL ALUMIT

CONGRESSMAN KEN CALVERT IS DELIVERING RESULTS FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY



CAL FIRE TO GET SEVEN C-130 PLANES WILDFIRE COVERAGE

Ken led the successful bipartisan effort to transfer seven C-130 aircraft to CAL-FIRE to combat wildfires.

Ken is endorsed by Riverside County law enforcement organizations and public safety leaders.



Ken voted to stop runaway federal spending that was fueling inflation and raising costs.



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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

African American Newspapers

First African American Newspaper

Freedom's Journal was the first African American owned and operated newspaper. The newspaper editors said, "Too long have others spoken for us." They wanted to write about and for their fellow African Americans. Starting in 1827, *Freedom's Journal* helped lead the way for other Black-owned newspapers in the 1800s.

Standards Link: Read informational text about Black history and journalism.



1827

so popular that he became one of African American newspaper. Abbott started the newspaper about \$7.30 today. His paper was In 1905, Robert Abbott founded Chicago's first Black millionaires. with 25¢. That's the same as *The Chicago Defender*. It was an



Cut out each piece and paste the paragraph in the correct order in the space below.

1847

Frederick Douglass started a newspaper called *The North Star* in 1847. This was a newspaper where black people could write about their news, ideas and share opinions.

Use the code to find out what Frederick Douglass said about reading.

A = 16	E = 12	N = 8	U = 4
B = 15	F = 11	O = 7	V = 3
C = 14	I = 10	R = 6	W = 2
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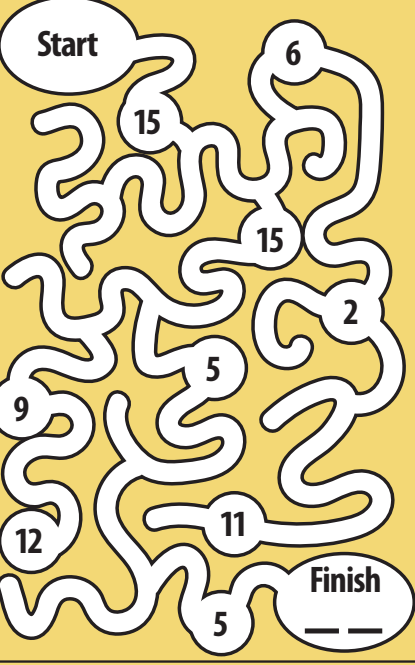
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— FREDERICK DOUGLASS

How many papers?

Add up the numbers on the correct path of the maze to find out how many African American owned and operated newspapers circulated throughout the U.S. in 1861.



Standards Link: Read informational text about Black history and journalism.

SUNDAY CHICAGO BEE

Twenty-one years after Robert Abbott founded *The Chicago Defender*, Anthony Overton, an African American millionaire, started *The Chicago Bee* to compete with *The Chicago Defender*. It was a remarkable business as the staff was mostly women. That was very unusual in 1926. Olive M. Diggs was one of the newspaper's managing editors. Other female editors included Ida B. Wells. She helped start the civil rights organization known as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

What year did Anthony Overton start *The Chicago Bee*?

Simeon Booker Jr.

In 1952, Simeon Booker Jr. became the first Black reporter for a well-known and well-read newspaper that still publishes today. Circle every other letter below to find out the name of this newspaper.

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Newspaper ABCs

On one page of the newspaper, find and circle every letter of the alphabet that you can. Then connect the letters to create a design. Color your design and share! Have fun!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written instructions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

1964

The Washington Informer is a weekly newspaper published in Washington, D.C. It is owned by a woman and reports on the African American community in the D.C. area.

The publisher is Denise Rolark Barnes. Her father, Calvin W. Rolark, founded the paper in 1964.

Fill in the missing vowels to find out something special about *The Washington Informer*.

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INF _RM _R P _BLISH _S
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Standards Link: Language Arts: Spell words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

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

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A	W	U	T	S	L	B	I	F	H
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Analyze the News

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Standards Link: Mathematics: Graph data.


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Above, **IdyPark** Thursday afternoon before the snow tourists came up for the weekend.
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Right, **Jay and Julie** from Mission Viejo, frequent visitors to Idyllwild, were up for a five-day stay on Thursday.
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Santiago

Continued from B1

“Proof Sheet” is his first screen play. He and Richard Kilroy, his co-writer, met at an LA gym. “He’s kind and open hearted,” Santiago said describing Kilroy, who had an idea for a screenplay and wanted to discuss it.

“I went to see an evening of spoken word with several writers reading their stories, among them, Eduardo,” Kilroy wrote in an email. “It was Eduardo’s gift for humor and humanity that made me want to collaborate with him on a script I had been outlining.”

And the team was formed and created “Proof Sheet.”

“I like collaborating when writing a screenplay,” Santiago said. “It’s more fun bouncing ideas off each other. With a novel, you can only bounce ideas off the wall!”

“Proof Sheet” sprouts from the mystery genre. A photo lab worker cleaning up after closing discovers a roll of film in the drop box marked “Rush.” The prints are of a woman being attacked in an apartment.

The Film Threat website describes “Proof Sheet” as neo-noir. “It starts with a sad sack of a private investigator, ... smitten with the femme fatale, ... who begs for his help, [and] this amateur investigator starts stirring up trouble, he quickly finds himself in over his head.”

“Proof Sheet” has already received 11 award nominations at the IIFC. It was an honorable mention at the Best in London Film Festival and received three nominations at the North Hollywood Cinefest — Best Picture, Director and Actor. Leo Llenas, who plays the novice detective, won the Best Actor award at North Hollywood.

When asked if he had much opportunity to assist in the casting, Santiago said there were moments. Since this was his first film, he discovered casting is not always about “who you want or don’t want, but who can you get.”

He did see many audition tapes. He was a firm advocate for Allene Quincy, who plays “Skinny” and was impressed by Llenas’ work. “He’s a phenomenal guy, playing Angel,” according to Santiago.

And Kilroy added, “I’m very proud of Leo and considering that this is his first acting work ever, I’m continually impressed with his range and depth of feeling. He has a big career ahead of him.”

Since Kilroy was the director as well as co-writer, Santiago was seldom seen on the set during filming. They sent him film cuts to review. “But nobody on the set knew me,” he confessed. As the filming finished and everybody was invited for the final moments, he recalled a Nora Ephron quote to describe his situation, “Screen writers are like wallflowers at an orgy.”

After 10 years, in the midst of the COVID pandemic, he moved back to Los Angeles. Our house sold in three days and we had to move out in 10 days. There was very little time to say goodbye to our friends and acquaintances.

And now he is working on another screenplay. But this effort is alone and sometimes harder. It eventually becomes collaborative, he admitted. He uses a critique group, who offer their comments, and he weighs in on their work.

Santiago admits, “You can take the boy out of Idyllwild, but you can’t take Idyllwild out of the boy.”

This work, “Kill me Twice,” is set in Idyllwild. He envisions a 10-episode series.

“It features people I know and thought were interesting,” he said. Its inspiration was an Idyllwild Rotary Club meeting. That morning’s speaker was female and very knowledgeable in the practice of nontraditional medicine.

He is looking forward to visiting Idyllwild, and seeing and talking with many of the folk whom he knew here. But this was not his initial reaction when he heard about the status of “Proof Sheet’s” submission to the IIFC.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Physical Education teacher Mr. **Darren McKay** chose **Tristan Bilecky** (above) and **Hazel Mocerino** (not shown) as Idyllwild School Students of the Week. "These students always show good sportsmanship and have been positive role models for the rest of the class," McKay said. "They are motivated and self-driven. Not afraid to push themselves in whatever activity they are doing."

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ARF is always ready and willing to help an owner look for her lost dog, and more importantly, ARF is ready and willing to help dog owners find ways to better secure their beloved pets. It is dangerous for dogs, no matter where they live, to be out on the streets, but it is especially dangerous here on our mountain. Predators, elements and a fast-moving highway are a recipe for disaster!

No matter how "tough" an owner thinks his dog is, the fact remains that the dog could easily succumb to a severely cold, snowy night, an attack by a mountain lion or a pack of coyotes. And even if he was lucky enough to avoid predators, a call to animal control by an irritated neighbor could land the innocent dog on death row at a shelter.

Walking a dog off-leash is iffy, at best. No matter how convinced an owner is that her dog will always stay by her side, there is never any guarantee. She could be startled into the path of an oncoming car or irresistibly lured away by rambunctious squirrel or loping deer. And once she's gone, can the owner guarantee she will return when summoned? And even if she could, how can she protect her from what awaits around the corner or behind the tree while running loose?

Another thing to consider is mountain residents who are not so tolerant of dogs running loose in their neighborhoods. Owners who allow their dogs to run free in the neighborhood and owners who walk their dogs off-leash are in violation of the law (6.08.150 & 8.04.050 Riverside Co Municipal Code) and are subject to citations should a disgruntled resident file a complaint.

ARF strongly encourages all dog owners to seriously weigh the consequences of not keeping their dog secure at home or on a leash while out of the home and yard.

Because none of us can guarantee the behavior of a dog, it is imperative that dog guardians make certain their dogs always wear some sort of identification. We have heard multiple times that the dog's ID tag somehow "fell off" of the collar. Maybe, but it shouldn't matter because the guardian's phone number can be written in permanent marker onto the collar. Collars with phone numbers embroidered on them can be ordered online.

Micro chips are so important (even required by county ordinance) in the event your dog gets out without a collar. Any veterinarian's office, rescue or shelter will scan the dog for his micro chip ID, and get him home right away. But PLEASE be certain to update your phone number and/or address with the micro chip company when there is a change. Nothing is more frustrating than being thrilled the dog has a chip, yet being unable to reunite him because the info is no longer accurate.

CREATURE CORNER

By **JANICE MURASKO**

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats met the litter of puppies hoping for forever homes.

Smokey: Another reason to celebrate!!

Pepper: I know! The four puppies found their forever homes.

Harley: And there were many people vying for them.

Smokey: Yeah. And it was crazy in here with puppies and people.

Whiskers: Do we now have no dogs?

Pepper: For just another week. I've heard a new pup will join us soon.

Harley: And I heard that ARF's Pets of the Year contest and fundraiser is just around the corner.

Smokey: That's right. Pet guardians should start taking photos of their cat, dog or "other."

Pepper: I give. What is other?

Harley: Other is any animal that is a family pet, such as a horse, goat, bird, pig, rat, guinea pig. You get the idea, right?

Whiskers: How does an animal win, and what does it win?

Harley: The top three vote getters in each category win a variety of prizes valued at hundreds of dollars.

Smokey: And locals who cannot afford vet care for their four-leggeds are the benefactors. With funds earned through votes, ARF helps with financial assistance.

Whiskers: When does this contest begin?

Harley: Pets may be entered beginning March 1. Details will be announced soon.

Whiskers: This sounds like a win-win!

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- Event charges may apply. See ads throughout the issue. Email editor@towncrier.com.
- Friday, Feb. 16**
- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14**
- Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m.-noon Idyllwild Library.
 - Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - Shaolin Qi Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 11 a.m.-noon & 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
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 - Afterschool STEAM, "Be MY Valen-Slime!", 3:30-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Thursday, Feb. 15**
- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Saturday, Feb. 17**
- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)
 - Black History Month jazz concert, 7-9 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Sunday, Feb. 18**
- IDYTalk, Devika Aggarwal & Yuvana Panchal, 2 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Music Department Showcase Concert, 2 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Monday, Feb. 19**
- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m.



75 years ago - 1949

There were 30 to 40 inches of snow on the ground in town. Art Morris, county road foreman, reported more than 96 hours of overtime worked by his snowplow crew during January.

70 years ago - 1954

Fire destroyed a Pine Cove cabin owned by Vera Dews. It had formerly been the Pine Cove Store.

65 years ago - 1959

Snow finally arrived, depositing 14 inches in town. December and January had been dry and the season rainfall was 5.82 inches.

60 years ago - 1964

In spite of a strong "Yes" vote in Idyllwild, the \$3 million Mt. San Jacinto Junior College bond issue was defeated at the polls.

55 years ago - 1969

Pine Cove was all set to dedicate its recently completed fire house.

50 years ago - 1974

After the Idyllwild Fire Department responded to four chimney fires in one week, Chief Bud Hunt urged homeowners to check their chimney flues to make sure they were not clogged.

45 years ago - 1979

Improved reading scores at Anza's Hamilton Elementary School were attributed to the success of a new reading program. Students' scores jumped from an average in the 48th percentile to the 70th percentile.

40 years ago - 1984

For a Valentine's Day feature, the Town Crier looked for the Hill couple who had been married the longest. The honor went to Leana and Gentry Gog-

- Idyllwild Pines Camp.**
- Tuesday, Feb. 20**
- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Idyllwild Chess Club, 4-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)
- Wednesday, Feb. 21**
- Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
 - Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - Shaolin Qi Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 11 a.m.-noon & 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
 - Fireside Book Club, "This Time Tomorrow," 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Idyllwild's Best Book Club, "A Place to Hang the Moon" by Kate Albus, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Thursday, Feb. 22**
- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Friday, Feb. 23**
- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - "The Last Five Years," Arts Enterprise Laboratory, 7:30 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Saturday, Feb. 24**
- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)
- Monday, Feb. 26**
- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Tuesday, Feb. 27**
- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Idyllwild Chess Club, 4-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)
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gins, who had celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in October.

35 years ago - 1989

The Hill Municipal Advisory Council sponsored a special parking forum to propose solutions to parking woes on the Hill.

30 years ago - 1994

Chamber members supported teaching Idyllwild School students about the consequences of shoplifting and working to deter the act. The idea was proposed as a practical method of reducing crime.

25 years ago - 1999

The Max and Bee Krone Memorial Library opened at Idyllwild Arts Academy.

20 years ago - 2004

The construction of a new shopping plaza began in downtown Idyllwild on the southeast corner of Village Center and North Circle drives.

15 years ago - 2009

A second major winter storm that began Friday, Feb. 6, and continued through Monday night, Feb. 9, raised the question of what constitutes a winter emergency to state and county officials tasked with responding. "What is a winter emergency and when does that differ from normal snowfall? That is what we're all struggling with," said Caltrans spokesperson Shelli Lombardo.

10 years ago - 2014

The father of one of the victims in a 2006 triple homicide in Pinyon Pines remained unsatisfied with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department investigation of the crime.

5 years ago - 2019

Riverside County posted a notice warning residents in the Cranston Burn area the coming rain storm may create flooding.

1 year ago - 2023

The Idyllwild Poetry Society, a new organization "formed with the purpose of promoting poetry and the literary arts in the Idyllwild community," was to hold its first event that weekend at the new Recht Gallery.



Ernie Maxwell (left) received a surprise award in February 1984 from **Walt Walker**, president of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, at the regular monthly Izaak Walton League meeting. The award recognized Maxwell, lkes president, as one of the original mountain rescue men and thanked him for his years of support to the volunteer rescue group.

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Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

2 Services Idyllwild Bible Church
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Jeff Giampa
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship
Sunday Worship & Nursery Care 9-10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, Nursery & Sunday School, 10:45-11:45 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups
Call Church Office for Information, 951-659-4775

Community Church
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935
www.icpchurch.net
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship - Child care available
Tuesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. - Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

Calvary Chapel Mountain Center
29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center, Ca. 92561
Church Office 951-659-0097
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Ministries
Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA
Father Charles E. Miller
Mass Schedule: Sun. 10 a.m.
Confession: by appt. 951-659-2708

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church
Sunday Services 3 PM
Phone (951) 659-4471 • www.sthughsidyllwild.org
25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Shiloh Christian Ministries
54295 Village Center Drive
Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Sleme
Sunday Service - 10 am
951.659.2416

Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild
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Saturday afternoon in Idyllwild.

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Oliver (left) and Milo (right) striking poses while up enjoying the snow from Palm Springs. PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD



The usual snow play crowds flocked to the Highway 243 turnout just north of the Idyllwild Transfer Station over the weekend. PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD



Strawberry Creek Plaza was another congested area Sunday with snow visitors seeking areas to park. PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD



Another Saturday afternoon photo in Idyllwild. PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

WORD SEARCH

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

MAGIC MAZE

START WITH AN "ST" TO MAKE A NEW WORD

NBYUROKHS DAXUQN
KHEBYVSPRET TUMJ
HEBYVTQOALHIGDB
YWTRPMKITFDSPMU
BYWUSQGNIHCR AOS
MKIFDBZNFSYARSM
XWUSQOISITCHEDA
NLJHFADCELANGYE
WVTSRQPNDGLGNUR
LKIHFECBZLAOART
YWVUSRQPIYAWRIA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: **Falling Condensed Moisture**

Ages

Airway

Arching

Art

Ashes

Illness

Itched

Ranger

Ratified

Rays

Reams

Rolling

Rung

Umps

Utter

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

Become a Town Crier Member!

Less than \$9 per month.

<http://www.IdyllwildTownCrier.com/membership-signup/>

CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Kapow!"

4 React in horror

8 Pitcher Nolan

12 Flamenco cheer

13 Genesis shepherd

14 Spanish greeting

15 Squealer

16 Drive- -- window

17 "-- the picture!"

18 2014 biopic about actress Kelly

21 Rowing tool

22 Expert

23 Japanese verse

26 Glutton

27 Ultramodernist

30 Rhine feeder

31 Golf prop

32 Basketball tactic

33 Tibetan beast

34 4, on a phone

35 Dollar divisions

36 Observe

37 Texter's chuckle

38 Where something is created

45 QB Tony

46 Ocho --, Jamaica

47 Hollywood's Thurman

48 Country singer Jackson

49 Gaelic

50 Fuel stat

51 Partner

52 Bump into

53 Sound from a hot wok

54 Mr. Guinness

55 Post-WWII alliance

56 Pepsi rival

57 URL ending

58 Stable diet?

59 Small battery

60 Annoy

61 JFK Library architect

62 Convent resident

63 Tolkien creature

64 Approves

65 Math statement

66 Sub shop

67 "My word!"

68 Waist-cinching garment

69 Tea biscuit

70 Unfettered

71 Baby carriage

72 "Damn Yankees" role

73 Latin 101 word

74 Blaze

75 Periodontist's concern

76 Rascallions

77 Kvetches

DOWN

1 McEnroe's rival

2 Winged

3 Transcending (Pref.)

4 Fancy cake

5 Loathe

6 Lowly worker

7 Fruit-filled dessert

8 Horned beast

9 Meditative practice

10 Mr. Guinness

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate

♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOROSCOPES

February 2024 — Week 3

March 21 – April 19

Put that restless Arian surge to good use this week by preparing your winter-weary home for spring. Also, be more flexible about accepting a workplace change.

April 20 – May 20

Your well-known ability to be patient is challenged as you wait for more news about a promising opportunity that could lead you down a new career path.

May 21 – June 21

A setback in your travel plans could prove to be a blessing in disguise. Use this extra time to help close a growing gap between you and a family member.

June 22 – July 22

Don't let a sudden sense of separation between you and your partner go unchallenged. It's important to make a strong effort to clear things up.

July 23 – August 22

Use the information you recently received to make some long-deferred changes regarding a personal situation. Also, continue to exercise financial restraint.

August 23 – September 22

That new responsibility you're now considering could lead to many opportunities. But be sure you have all the facts before you agree to take it on.

September 23 – October 22

A friend might try to advise you against a potentially risky move. Ultimately, the decision is yours, but hear them out before you decide.

October 23 – November 21

You might feel justified in demanding an apology, but it might be wiser to settle things so that today's adversary doesn't become tomorrow's enemy.

November 22 – December 21

Good news: Expect a more positive aspect to dominate your personal and professional lives. In addition, someone close to you seeks your counsel.

December 22 – January 19

A disappointment can turn into a learning experience. Now, at least, you know what not to do. Meanwhile, expect more options to open up.

January 20 – February 18

What goes around comes around as a friend from the past returns a favor. Don't be timid about accepting it with good grace. You deserve it.

February 19 – March 20

Your spiritual strength helps you deal with a family member's problem. Expect some difficulties, but stay with it until it's ultimately resolved.

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