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## IWD GM cleaning up issues

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

The March 30 meeting of the Idyllwild Water District (IWD) Board of Directors included the swearing in of Mitch Davis to fill a seat that has been vacant for the last year.

This also was the first meeting at which interim General Manager (GM) Curt Sauer was able to give a report of his management style in action. Sauer began his service the first week of Feb. , after the board voted to terminate then-GM Leo Havener, first putting him on one month's administrative leave.

The longest public comment came from John Jacobs, longterm resident and IWD ratepayer. Jacobs expressed appreciation for the difficult decisions the board has made recently including the "need for a change in leadership and management" and the "the reinstatement of a couple of key employees that had honorable histories here and deserved more opportunity." This was the first public reference to the return of Tyla Wheeler to the office and Brian Wilson to the field. Fired by the last GM, Sauer put both on administrative leave as he began to sort through the district's personnel issues. Later, President Charles Schelly confirmed that the former GM's chief water operator has been placed on administrative leave.

Sauer began his operations report with a recap of the all-employee team-building meetings he had called. He said he had asked staff two questions: "What do you need to be better at what you do?" and "What do you need to turn the district into something you could be proud of?" The top three answers to the first were: Office staff need to go into the field to see operations, better communications and radio communications, and improved record keeping and documentation. The top answers to the second question were: customer relations, cost savings, and improving communications between field and office.

In a sign that these exercises are leading to action, Sauer noted that "office staff is shadowing field staff to gain a better understanding in the field." This will take up to four hours once a month. Sauer underlined that the office staff is the face of the organization, and he hears calls from ratepayers with concerns. "We can do a better job training [office staff about operations] so they can relay that to the public."

Sauer noted that work had finally begun on the lower office, with the foundation in progress and heating and AC being installed that day. The parking area will be repaved and the district's field crew has voluntarily cleaned up the property in preparation for landscape improvements.

Planning for the largest undertaking, replacing the aging Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), is going slowly. The firm in charge of the initial plans is still three months away from finishing 30% of the engineering, a benchmark that allows the application process for grants and loans to begin. Sauer noted three things that have held this up: the geotechnical report, "which we have received," the 30-day period for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) tribal consultation, ending April 13; and another 30-day comment period for the entire CEQA, which will be "about the end of May."

Although most of IWD's meters were recently replaced, there were still a few old units in service, all in especially difficult situations. Four of these tricky replacements have been completed, and now only seven remain. About 15 of the new meters each month do not read remotely; "We are looking into changing out their MXUs, the signal producing box on top of the meters." This will save time staff spends manually reading these. Sauer's "housecleaning" includes some literal housecleaning: the maintenance shop has been inventoried and staff has identified "surplus property," also known

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Idyllwild Arts students perform a scene from "Cinderella" at the Spring Dance Concert Friday night in the Bowman IAF Theater on campus.

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



## WE'RE MOVING!

On April 5th, the Town Crier will be located at  
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## Perez heads State of the 4th District

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

State of the County addresses were annual events in Riverside until COVID. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez decided to create a State of the 4th District event this year to bring together people he calls partners. Idyllwild was joined to the 4th District, and Perez, in 2021. Every 10 years, the county adjusts these boundaries.

The event, Monday, March 18, occupied a large hall at Fantasy Springs Event Center in Indio. Tables were set for over 500 people and were mostly full. The title of Perez's address was "Place Matters," meaning "where you live determines how well you live."

In introductory remarks, Perez recounted briefly his public service career: He served on the Coachella Valley school board, and in the state Assembly before becoming the first Latino on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, a county that is now majority Hispanic/Latino (52%). He said he had brought more money into the district in his seven years than had come in the 12 before. Throughout the fast-paced morning, the emphasis was on partnerships between governments at all levels, businesses, nonprofits, faith organizations and labor. "Government cannot do it alone" is one of his mottos; also, "The county can do anything, but it cannot do everything."

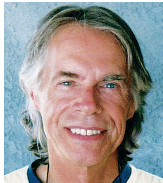
The 4th District covers 75% of the county by area, 5,406 square miles, and includes both very wealthy areas like Palm Springs and Palm Desert, and a vast desert, stretching to the Colorado River, spotted with unincorporated communities that often lack access to basics like clean water. Perez name-checked Idyllwild several times, first as among its scenic and creative attractions, and later when speaking of roads.

County Executive Officer Jeff Van Wagenen touted the county's balanced \$8.6 billion budget and growing General Fund reserves. Growth, and the challenges and opportunities it brings, were the recurring theme of the day. Van Wagenen called the county's growth "truly staggering," saying that between 1990 and 2020, Riverside County has doubled in population. "Between 2010 and 2020, more people moved to Riverside County than any other county in the state of California, and during 2021-22, the county was behind only Maricopa in Arizona in new residents. This growth is our greatest opportunity; it also becomes our biggest challenge ... With customers, with employees, with dollars, comes 20 to 30,000 people a year who need services."

Van Wagenen said the county has been "blessed" by over \$480 million from the

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# Possible state deficit getting Legislature’s attention

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

When Gov. Gavin Newsom released his proposed \$300 billion fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 budget in Jan. , he acknowledged that there would likely be a deficit. Twice since then the Legislative Analysts’ Office (LAO) has advised the Legislature of the deficit potential and the likelihood of it increasing by May.

On March 14, the state’s Senate Democrats agreed with release of their “Shrink the Shortfall” proposal to address the impending and increasing deficit for the FY starting July 1.

Four days later, Newsom, Senate Leader Mike McGuire (D-North Coast) and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Salinas) announced that they had collectively agreed to a plan to address the pending deficit.

“Thanks to leadership in the Assembly and Senate, California is stepping up with a balanced approach that will take a significant chunk out of the projected shortfall,” Newsom said in the news release announcing the executive and legislative agreement. “Despite the uncertainty due to the federal tax deadline delay last year, historic reserves and fiscal responsibility will assure a balanced budget that meets California’s needs.”

While the Senate had previously released its “Shrink the Shortfall” plan, the Assembly has taken no action nor offered any alternatives other than despair of the consequences of the expanding red ink. Neither the speaker nor the Assembly Budget leaders have announced any specific proposals.

“The Assembly is committed to a deliberative, transparent budget process that protects hard-working Californians,” Rivas said in the press release, without sharing any details. “I appreciate our partnership with Governor Newsom and Pro Tem McGuire to finalize this preliminary and initial budget package in early April, which is an important first step. But the Assembly’s budget work continues, including more than two dozen budget and oversight hearings scheduled next month. There are tough choices on the horizon, which is why our process is so critical.”

However, not quite in accord with the Democratic leaders’ budget actions, Senate Republican budget leader Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks) issued the following statement, “The budget process has been degraded in the last several years with unilateral decision-making

happening behind closed doors by one political party. The fact remains that the state is facing a major deficit that has continued to grow, and this process should be open, transparent, and deliberative ... Not allowing public discussions or different viewpoints to weigh in is a disservice to the millions of Californians we represent and erosion of democracy.”

Recognizing the deficit could exceed \$53 billion, the Senate Democrats, led by McGuire and Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, had earlier offered several areas to make \$17 billion in reductions now and in the future budget, which could yield a more manageable and less intractable deficit.

“This is why the state must move quickly to reduce the deficit. There are no easy options for closing this shortfall,” their report stated.

In the news release with the proposals, McGuire stated, “When times are tight at home, people buckle down and do what needs to be done. That’s what the Golden State has to do right now, too. The quicker we move, the quicker we’ll be able to reduce the deficit, and we know we have to move decisively because the budget shortfall is real and serious.

“The Senate’s plan to shrink the shortfall protects core programs, includes no new tax increases for Californians, makes necessary reductions, and takes a prudent approach to utilizing the Rainy Day Fund so we can be prepared for any future tough times.”

Of the \$17.1 billion in proposed cuts, \$3.7 billion would occur during the remainder of this FY. Then \$13.4 billion is proposed for next FY. With the use of \$12.2 billion from the Rainy Day Fund, the remaining potential deficit would be between \$8.6 billion and \$23.6 billion.

However, this proposal assumed the deficit would not be larger than \$53 billion, but the latest LAO report warned of a deficit greater than \$70 billion.

About a third of the proposed reductions occur in transportation and public safety programs and another quarter in health and human services.

Most were in the range of \$50 to \$300 million. However, the largest proposed reduction is actually a tax increase. The proposal endorses the governor’s recommendation to impose a tax on managed care organizations. This would reduce General Fund expenditures by about \$2.8 billion. The actual tax increase would be about \$1.5 billion.

Thursday, March 21, the Legislature did approve this tax increase, which Newsom signed Tuesday.

Another proposed cut was a \$1.7 billion shift of General Fund moneys for climate and energy programs. Rather than actual cuts, the programs’ funding source would be the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The actual programs will be determined later, according to the report.

The third largest “cut” was agreement with Newsom’s proposal to return to a former payroll accounting plan, used from 2010 through 2019. This would trim another \$1.6 billion from the proposed budget.

The largest actual program cut was \$1 billion from the Formula Transit and Intercity Rail Program. The next largest was \$500 million from the School Facility Program.

The plan does include a proposed reduction of \$9 million in this year’s Cal Fire budget. This would affect the prescribed fire and hand crews, Forest Legacy and Forest Data Hub programs.

“After years of strong progress to advance California values, we face a huge budget challenge ... Time is truly of the essence. The early actions we’re proposing, including \$17 billion in General Fund solutions, not only reduce the size of the deficit in this budget year and the next, but also give us more time to develop thoughtful solutions to address the shortfall that will remain,” Weiner said in his release.

“Let’s be clear: Shrinking the shortfall early in the process is step one. The Senate’s 2024-25 budget plan will be released later in the spring and will provide a comprehensive proposal for a balanced, responsible budget that protects core programs and services and positions the Governor and the Legislature to best protect California’s progress,” he added.

However, dissenting views have already been offered. “The unwillingness to cut spending demonstrates a complete misunderstanding of the problem, which is why the Senate plan to ‘shrink the shortfall’ is destined to fail,” wrote Dr. Wayne Winegarden and Tim Anaya, both with the Pacific Research Institute. “The budget games the Senators are proposing only make sense if current expenditure levels were affordable and the shortfall was a one-time event. Neither condition holds. Total state expenditures are still elevated and are about 10 percent of personal income, which is well above the long-run average of 7.9 percent.”

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Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	P	S
3/18	52	36	0.09	
3/19	56	33	0.00	
3/20	60	32	0.00	
3/21	65	34	0.02	
3/22	65	33	0.00	
3/23	48	37	0.36	
3/24	40	31	0.29	

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	P	S
3/18	58	28	0.00	
3/19	48	40	0.06	
3/20	47	40	0.56	
3/21	35	34	0.75	
3/22	34	30	0.06	
3/23	41	29	0.00	
3/24	48	28	0.00	

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Margot enjoying the snow from the weekend storm.

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# Prop 1 back and forth barely passes

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Elections, including referenda on propositions and constitutional amendments, can be won overwhelmingly or they can be close and undecided for several weeks.

Surprisingly, Proposition 1, for mental health services on the March 5 ballot, has taken three weeks to reach a consensus on its final disposition. As of Saturday morning, March 23, "Yes" is leading by 28,000 votes, less than half of a percent, out of 7.2 million ballots counted. And during this period, the opponents have conceded, reversed this position, and conceded a second time.

On March 12, the opponents issued a concession statement. At that time, "Yes" was ahead by 19,600 out of more than 7 million votes.

Six days later, on March 18, Prop 1 opponents withdrew their concession and revived their campaign against the proposition. At the same time, Gov. Gavin Newsom, who proposed and strongly supported the proposition, urged voters to verify that their ballots had been counted.

Californians Against Prop. 1 said it would join Newsom in battling to get some mail ballots counted after they were rejected over signature mismatches and other issues.

Their news release stated, "Prop. 1 opponents have overhauled their campaign website, prop1no.com, to focus on helping voters confirm whether their ballot was counted, and to help those whose mail ballots were rejected."

"We believe all ballots should be counted," said Paul Simmons, a director of Californians Against Prop. 1. "We know that many Democrats voted against Prop. 1, so the governor's effort is no slam dunk ... If your ballot was rejected, don't ignore the notice."

Then on March 20, the Associated Press (AP) called the election, indicating that the final vote tally would be in favor.

In the news release with the AP's call, Newsom said, "This is the biggest reform of the California mental health system in decades and will finally equip partners to deliver the results all Californians need and deserve. Treatment centers will prioritize mental health and substance use support in the community like never before. Now, it's time to roll up our sleeves and begin implementing this critical reform — working closely with city and county leaders to ensure we see results."

Then, the opponents released their second concession accompanied with the following statement, "Prop. 1 is not a 'huge' win for Gov. Newsom. It's an embarrassing squeaker of a victory that contains a strong warning."

Proposition 1 is multifaceted. It combines a \$6.4 billion bond with changes to the Mental Health Services Act, initially approved in 2004. Not only do these proposals intend to provide mental health care and drug or alcohol

# Fern Valley to consider bigger capital budget

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

Financial questions, plans and a notable local official were the major topics of discussion during the March 21 meeting of the Fern Valley Water District (FVWD) Board of Directors.

Idyllwild Fire Chief Mark LaMont visited the FVWD meeting to leave a copy of the latest International Organization for Standardization (ISO) report for the fire district. He was both proud and disappointed with the latest rating for the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD).

"Five years ago, it was 80.36," LaMont said. "The latest is 89.33, an incredible jump."

However, a fire department needs a rating of 90 to qualify as "exemplary fire protection," the highest ranking. He thanked the Board for Fern Valley's contribution to the recently improved rating.

"There is a large number of points for water systems," he told the board.

Nevertheless, he is collecting more water data from both FVWD and Idyllwild Water District (IWD). With this information, he will then request an interim audit with the goal of nudging the score above 90. This accomplishment should assure fire insurance companies and underwriters that Idyllwild is a safe location to provide fire insurance.

"The state of insurance coverage is rough. No one wants to underwrite in the high threat of the west coast," he opined in an email to the Town Crier.

LaMont shared that the chances of improving the ISO rating were somewhat better with more water district data. To improve the rating based solely on IFPD's activities would most likely require more staffing, which is not feasible with the current budget resources, "... so we're turning to water districts for help."

This would include the water districts increasing the number of fire hydrants tested on an annual basis, he suggested in response to a question.

"Reliability and maintenance are options to get us more points," he said and added, "There's not a lot of room for your district to do more."

But he shared that he is working with IWD "... to help us get additional points as we work toward a Class 1 rating. The earliest we can ask for that is 18 months," he wrote in an email.

While the current and future years' budgets were not on the agenda, there were several financial questions and preliminary discussion on the schedule for preparing the fiscal year 2024-25 budget, which is effective July 1.

One director asked about the recent expenditure of \$21,000 for added testing. FVWD General Manager Victor Jimenez replied that the payment to Babcock Laboratories in Feb. was greater than normal because of the need to do more testing for synthetic organic compounds (SOCs).

"We had to test all sources for SOCs due to the fact that the system had never been sampled for SOCs before," he wrote in an email to the Town Crier. "Since they came back good, we will apply for waivers going forward."

During the review of the district's assets and investments, the board discussed the longterm liabilities for both its retirement plans and other post-employment benefits. The district has no current liability for the latter, but almost \$700,000 for the retirement plans. The board expressed interest in fully funding these as future budget plans are developed.

During his monthly report, Jimenez suggested the board investigate the merits of increasing its capital investment program (CIP) over the short-term in order to reduce future costs, which could likely be greater than doing the work now.

"It's just something to consider being that costs have increased as much as they have over the last 5 years," he wrote in his email.

While this may require some short-term loans, he believes that long-term savings would easily offset these interest costs. He stressed that bigger projects yield savings by being completed sooner which reduces the time contractors need to deploy equipment on the Hill. But he added, "It will depend on the kind of interest that we will pay on the loan."


"It's worth exploring," Jimenez told the board. "I'll update the CIP for the next 10 years as we begin the budget process." This will be the initial step in his evaluation of whether to borrow now in order to manage a larger portion of the CIP sooner rather than in the future as costs continue to grow.

During the Jan.-Feb. billing period, FVWD's water production decreased nearly a million gallons to 4 million from the same period in 2023. Groundwater supplied about 60% of the total water in Feb. compared to only 20% in February 2023. The other districts also had decreasing usage this winter.

When asked what the cause might be, Jimenez replied, "I'm really not sure. I would guess it's a combination of different factors, less visitors, more conservation awareness, perhaps a cooler climate for the same period, possibly a reduction in construction activity."

treatment to people, a large aspect is aimed at homelessness.

The next steps are in the bailiwick of the state's Department of Health Care Services, which is responsible for developing the policy and guidance to implement the proposition. This includes support for counties to understand their new statutory requirements. Guidance will be released in phases, according to the news release.




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- Idyllwild Nature Center
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American Rescue Act, and that the supervisors have made different decisions than those of many counties, opting to "invest the bulk, over \$400 million, back into our community" on things like infrastructure, housing and homelessness, workforce development, economic development, and childcare. Part of that investment is the county's Unincorporated Communities Initiative, \$5 million annually. "We recognize a significant portion of our residents live in the unincorporated areas."

Perez pointed out that those small communities each have their own culture and values and affirmed that they deserve solutions based on collaborations with local organizations. "Not my way, our way."

Dr. Jeffrey Leung, Riverside County health officer, spoke to "highlight how Riverside University Health System is working to make a healthier Riverside County." Perez and Leung were classmates at Harvard from 2000 to 2002. Perez earned a master of education degree in Administration, Planning and Social Policy there. Before COVID, Leung said, the health of a community was seen "primarily driven by medical conditions, by healthcare workforce, by access to care. Now we see that those communities that did best though different crises were those with tight human connections, good transportation, good jobs, resilience." These factors are what informs the "Healthy Places Index."

The Public Health Alliance of Southern California, whose website describes it as a "coalition of 10 health departments ... representing 60% of the state's population," produces the index. The index put Riverside County at 39 on a scale from 0 to 100. (A look at the map shows that the only part of the 4th above the 50th percentile is the west end. The rest is below 25%, although Idyllwild seems to be an area excluded from the data.) The map uses data to rank communities' conditions in eight categories: economic, education, social, transportation, neighborhoods, housing, clean environment and healthcare access.

Leung said he finds hope in that Riverside County outperforms in terms of life expectancy what would be expected from its economic conditions. He believes this may be because the county does a better job of connecting the services it can provide. Instead of a "fragmented" approach to areas like education, community services, housing and economic development, "we have a countywide integrated service delivery effort. Our goal is to take away the silos between different departments and think about how we can support... families and communities holistically."

The county has developed its own Whole Person Health Score using six categories: physical health, emotional health, resource utilization, socioeconomics, ownership and activation, and nutrition and lifestyle, with the initials spelling PERSON. He presented this as one example of how the county is thinking differently about health, not just about disease. It also is asking if residents have meaning and purpose, stable housing, healthy neighborhoods, social connections; all these "drive how long, and how well, people live."

Perez segued from health to parks, calling the investment in parks an investment in the health of residents, and part of the mission he developed fresh out of college when he first thought of running for office, alongside his friend "Eddie," now Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia. Perez has a long list of parks newly open, under construction or soon to break ground.

Desert Recreation District General Manager Kevin Kalman said Perez's zeal for parks was there when he took over from Supervisor John Benoit, and the projects now completed "were not born yesterday... We were going to build parks where parks didn't exist." Beyond the supervisors, the recreation district also works with county Transportation and Land Management, Economic Development, and Emergency Services. He said the recreation district also provides community emergency shelter with electric generators during outages and distributes food during other emergencies. He said parks and rec played a big part during the pandemic when schools were closed, opening up Learning Hubs at community centers, with teachers and librarians.

Kalman noted that 12,400 students were enrolled in afterschool programs last year in the district. Kalman listed other park projects, all of which were in the desert.

Tanya Torno, deputy director of Housing and Workforce Solutions, described housing as the basis for stabil-

Political letter

Editor's note: During an election year, political letters are 10¢ per word. Contact suzanne@towncrier.com.

DEAR EDITOR:

Turning on the news channel this morning, it was showing our vice president explaining that our borders were secure and under control. She explained we have to address the root problem of why illegal immigration is a problem.

The picture then cut to a large crowd of immigrants breaking down a border fence, rushing and overwhelming uniformed national guard men and women.



Organic label toolkit available

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, National Organic Program has published an online retail toolkit of consumer-focused, educational resources to highlight the unique value of the organic label. Consumer research shows that consumers do not always understand what the organic label means. This toolkit was designed for retailers to use in stores and online to educate consumers on what the organic label means and how USDA protects the label. The toolkit will also increase consumer understanding of and trust in the USDA organic seal and label.

View the toolkit at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/organic-basics>.

ity and security, saying that last year the board adopted a homelessness action plan, its goal to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. People struggle to pay for housing, she said, and 46,000 in the valley "do not have access to an affordable home." Of these, "80% pay more than 50% of their income for housing." To bring this to a manageable level, she said, would mean a \$33 hourly wage, more than twice the present minimum.

The Housing and Workforce Taskforce, a 2020 initiative, counts over 1,100 homeless in the valley, seeking refuge in emergency shelters, their cars or the streets. The vision is to build a "housing continuum of care." This starts with access to immediate shelter, where victims fleeing domestic abuse can have access to supportive housing, and those struggling with mental health issues or suffering from substance abuse can get treatment. The taskforce's plans include market-rate housing as well, and so is partnering with developers to build all types of housing. "All housing is good," Torno said. "In 2018, we had less than 38 housing units in production. Today... we have over 1,600 units in production here in the Coachella Valley."

Perez told more of his own story; his mother picked grapes for 20 years, working for the KK Larson family. Those with long memories may remember KK's wife, the late Patricia "Corky" Larson, who was the 4th District supervisor from 1982 to 94. Growing up in Coachella, Perez saw people tired and sweaty at the end of the day, and then sleeping in their cars, or under palm trees. He would frequently come home from school to find folk he had never met before in the family house; his mother and father would open up what they had to fellow workers who had no place. Perez choked up recounting this, the longest silence of the event. "We are going to continue to help all our folks, no matter who they are or where they come from. Especially our farm workers." (Another long pause... applause.)

Other community improvement projects Perez listed included new firehouses: House 41 in North Shore, and House 49, in Lake Tamarisk, the first new firehouses in unincorporated areas in over 10 years, both replacing older stations. Desert Hot Springs is also working on a new fire house.

Cástulo Estrada, vice president of Coachella Valley Water District, spoke of the county and state working to push water and sewer lines into the East Valley with a task force and master plan. Estrada is another Coachel-

I can only guess that Vice President Harris' idea of "addressing" the root problem is to make things so miserable here that no one will want to leave their own country to come here.

President Biden has a well-earned reputation of being the dumbest president we have ever had. His attitude and those "new age Democrats" who are advising him regarding his failure to honor the oath he took when he was sworn into office and ignoring the laws and Supreme Court decision interpreting the Constitution will eventually solve the problem of millions of uninvited immigrants wanting to come here.

He should have and probably would have been impeached years ago if he had not been protected by the "new age Democrats." It's evident that they want to control the country and protect the "big guy" at any cost. It seems to be that it's "party over country" and common sense is not an issue.

BOB RAHMAN  
IDYLLWILD

VA clinic in the desert

The Veterans Administration (VA) Loma Linda Healthcare System opened a new state-of-the-art primary care facility at 72700 Dinah Shore Drive in Palm Desert.

Veterans will have access to primary care, behavioral health, telemedicine, preventive medicine, neurology, infectious disease, lab, audiology services and more.

The clinic will serve veterans from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday. The clinic will be closed weekends and federal holidays.

Veterans enrolled at the Palm Desert VA clinic can schedule appointments through the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System central appointment line at 909-825-7084 ext. 5085, or at [www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home](http://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/home).

la native. He remembered being raised in a trailer park, and as youngster noticed, on trips to the city, the difference between east and west. This left an early impression of the importance of infrastructure; the benefits for those who have it, the challenges for those who do not. He said he studied civil engineering to play a part in the development of the valley.

The project to bring safe drinking water to the east valley began with county data locating mobile home parks, usually served by wells, and overlaid this with a map showing existing water distribution and sewer systems. The task force came up with projects for extending pipelines. Estrada showed a map of the eastern Coachella Valley with red dots for these small water systems, over 70 of them.

They are mostly old and are often pulling water from a part of the aquifer with arsenic, chromium and other contaminants. The push is to consolidate these with existing, better systems. The master plan is the roadmap for water and sewer projects. They have created about 40 projects on the water side, and 20 other projects on the sewer side, costing an estimated \$200 million to complete. They then set out to secure funding. Over the years they formed strong relationships with the state water board and Legislature.

California state policy is that water is a human right. All Californians having a right to "clean, safe and affordable drinking water." The state has been making funds available. Last year, it "bundled up about \$100 million" to start executing these projects. "That's huge... we are going to start using the money, making a dent." This also helps with affordable housing projects. It just broke ground on a \$30 million, 5-mile long, 30-inch-diameter pipeline project cutting through the east valley; Oasis, Torres Martinez Reservation, the Mecca region. Estrada believes it will "start transforming that whole region."

This type of regional master plan is unusual in the state and is attracting attention; the state water board is looking to replicate the master plan.

Perez briefly touched on economic development and energy infrastructure, SCE and Integrated Distributed Energy Resources (IDE). This is a program to make the grid a "plug-and-play platform" that integrates small energy sources into the regional system.

In parting, Perez offered two more longterm goals: a four-year university and daily passenger rail service.



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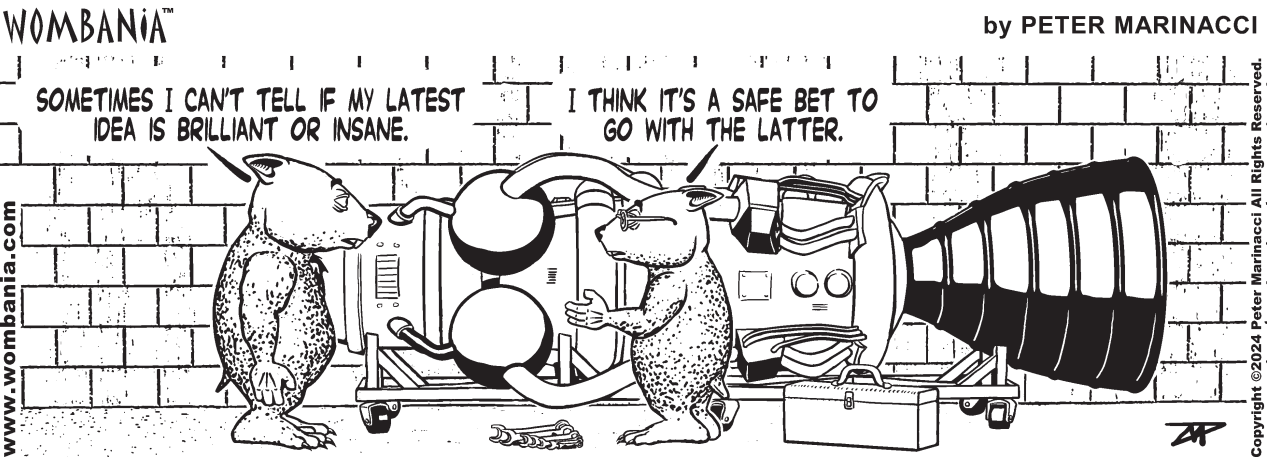
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- Wednesday, March 27**
- Grief Support Group, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St
  - Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Philosophy Discussion Club, 5 p.m. in the Spirit Mountain Retreat Hill House, 25661 Oakwood St
  - Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
  - Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 6 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge, 25955 Cedar St.

- Thursday, March 28**
- 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.
  - Idyllwild Community Zen, 6 p.m. Text/call Valerie Velez at 951-392-6507 for information.

- Friday, March 29**
- Idy As (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, March 30**
- 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.

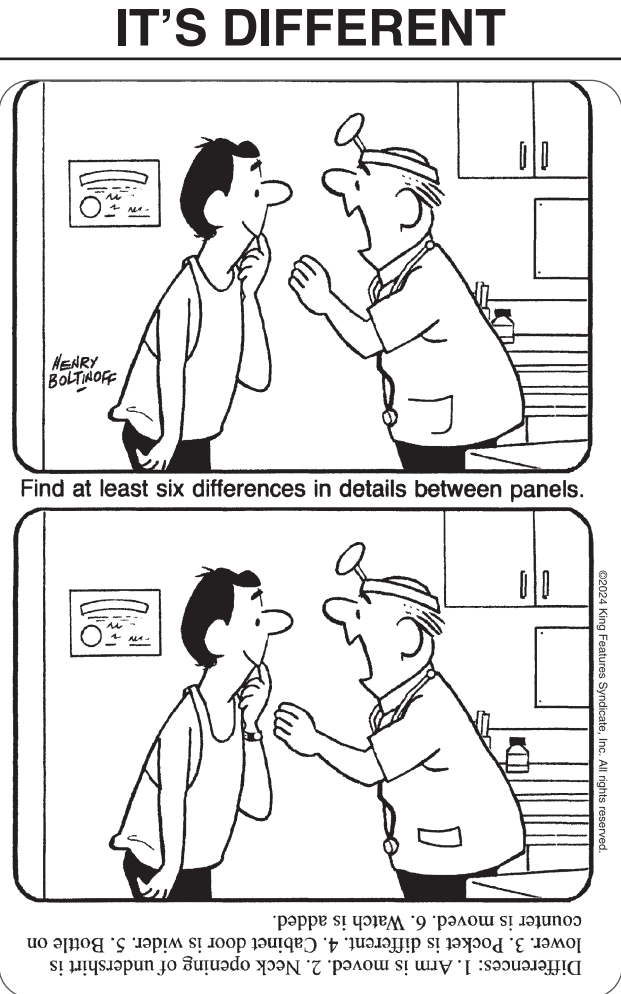
- Narcotics Anonymous, 3-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 54255 Pine Crest Ave.
  - AA happy hour & birthdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Behind Idyllwild Water District, 54255 Pine Crest Ave. (bring chair)
- Sunday, March 31**
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain 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, April 1**
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Codependents Anon, 6 p.m. Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.

- Tuesday, April 2**
- Riverside County Board of Supervisors, 9:30 a.m. Board Chambers, 4080 Lemon St., First Floor, Riverside.
  - Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Mountain Quilters of

- Idyllwild, 10 a.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
- Tai Chi for Seniors, 10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Death Cafe, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Hill House, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

- Wednesday, April 3**
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
  - Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
  - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
  - Idyllwild Elders, 1-2 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
  - 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 Vil-

- lage 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 Monday to Sunday, March 18 to 24.

- March 18 — EMS. Unknown location.
- March 18 — Walk-in EMS.
- March 18 — Lines down. Lilac Dr.
- March 18 — Walk-in EMS.
- March 19 — EMS. Hwy. 74.
- March 19 —EMS. Hemstreet.
- March 20 — Walk-in public service assist.
- March 20 — EMS. Lookout Ln.
- March 20 — EMS. Hwy. 243 & Keenwild Fire Station.
- March 20 — EMS. Tahquitz Pines.
- March 21 — Walk-in EMS.
- March 21 — EMS. Pacific Crest Trail.
- March 21 — EMS. S. Circle Dr.
- March 22 — EMS. Lodge Rd.
- March 22 — EMS. Tollgate Rd.
- March 22 — Walk-in EMS.
- March 22 — EMS. S. Circle Dr.
- March 23 — Inaccessible EMS.
- March 23 — EMS. Bluegrass Ct.

- March 24 — Traffic crash. Pine Crest Ave.

Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire log

The Riverside County Fire Department/Cal Fire responded to these recent dispatches from Monday to Sunday, March 18 to 24.

Pine Cove

- March 20 — Traffic crash, unknown situation, 6:21 a.m.
- March 21 — Inaccessible rescue, 5:27 p.m.
- March 23 — Inaccessible rescue, 1:10 p.m.
- March 23 — Sick person, 3:11 p.m.
- March 23 — Hemorrhage, 8:34 p.m.
- March 24 — Traffic crash, high mechanical, 9:09 p.m.

Garner Valley

- March 19 — Fall, 12:46 a.m.
- March 19 — Stroke, 9:01 p.m.
- March 20 — Traffic crash, unknown situation, 6:21 a.m.
- March 20 — Accidental overdose, 5:27 p.m.

- March 21 — Inaccessible rescue, 5:27 p.m.
- March 22 — Chest pain, 1:25 p.m.
- March 23 — Structure fire, false alarm, 7:18 p.m.
- March 24 — Back pain, 2:21 p.m.
- March 24 — Traffic crash, unknown situation, 7:26 p.m.
- March 24 — Traffic crash, unknown situation, 10:11 p.m.

Pinyon

- March 23 — Electrical hazard, 10:51 a.m.
- March 24 — Unknown medical, 10:18 a.m.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Monday to Sunday, March 18 to 24.

Idyllwild

- March 19 — Alarm call, 9:21 a.m. 25000 block of Indian Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- March 19 — 911 call from business, 7:16 p.m. 54000 block of Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 20 — Check the welfare, 1:18 p.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- March 20 — Public distur-

- bance, 5:56 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 20 — 911 call, 7:10 p.m. 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 20 — Public disturbance, 5:56 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 20 — 911 call, 7:10 p.m. 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 22 — Public disturbance, 12:36 a.m. 26000 block Hwy 243. Handled by deputy.
- March 22 — Alarm call, 2:52 p.m. 25000 block of Tahquitz Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 23 — Alarm call, 1:25 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- March 23 — Alarm call, 7:52 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- March 23 — Public disturbance, 9:23 p.m. 53000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 23 — Follow-up, 9:54 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- March 24 — Check the welfare, 1:56 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- March 24 — Alarm call, 10:50 p.m. 53000 block of Hillsdale St. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- March 18 — Petty theft, 3:04 p.m. 53000 block of E St Hwy 74. Report taken.
- March 20 — Alarm call, 8:40 a.m. 53000 block of Vista Vy. Handled by deputy.

- March 20 — Man down, 4:37 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- March 21 — Public disturbance, 1:58 a.m. 2500 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 23 — Suspicious circumstance, 12:43 p.m. 2500 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 23 — Unknown trouble, 12:53 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- March 24 — Suspicious circumstance, 12:58 p.m. 25000

- block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.

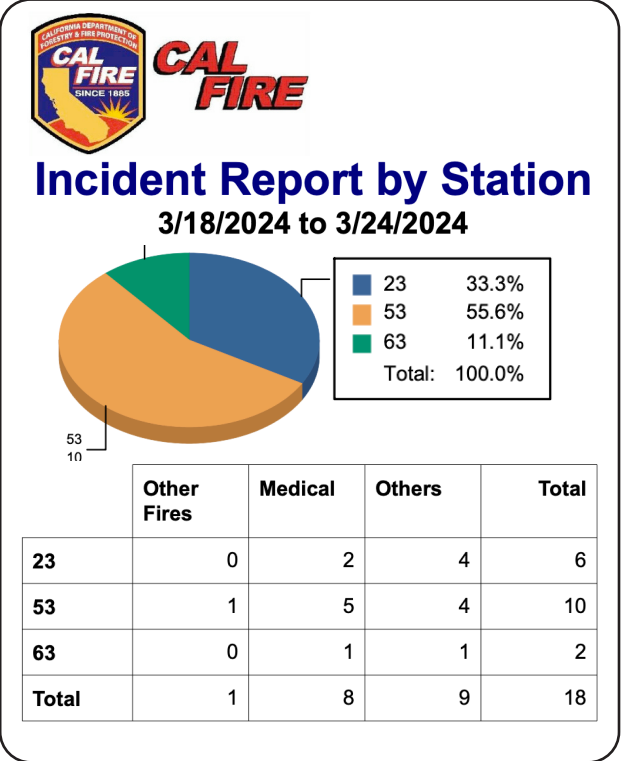
Pine Meadows

- March 21 — Search & rescue operation, 5:25 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino

National Forest

- March 21 — Search & rescue operation, 5:19 p.m. Address undefined. Report taken.
- March 24 — 911 call from business, 6:58 a.m. 5600 Block Apple Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.



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IWD

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as “piles of junk, that will be removed by the end of the summer.”

Sauer also addressed one of the issues which had caused friction between IWD and Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD). His operations report includes a note that it was based on data from Feb. 2024, and two items that are part of “non water sales” (water that was lost or used internally and not sold) were “based on data submitted by employees no longer collecting that data, and I will be revisiting those.”

These items were WWTP back wash, 10,000 gallons and fire department usage per IFPD, 100,000 gallons. This last was the bone of contention. The previous GM was claiming a uniform monthly 100,000 gallons in nonmetered water IFPD used, but IFPD had stopped using IWD hydrants for training activities and had worked out a plan with Fern Valley Water, collecting hydrant flushing water and reusing it. This, it follows, would have skewed all of the former GM’s monthly loss figures.

One item was removed from the consent calendar, the approval of minutes from the last several months. Director Stephen Olson noticed errors in the submitted corrected versions and asked that these be repaired.

Schelly also noted that the interim GM’s contract was included in the board packet. Public employees have public contracts. Sauer is being paid \$144,000 annually, with few perks, one being the use of a district vehicle for commuting, or reimbursement for mileage. Sauer’s pay is less than that of the former GM, whose pay was \$168,000, with perks bringing it up to \$180,000, according to publicpay.ca.gov.

Sauer has hired colleagues on a part-time basis to assist while the chief water operator is on leave: Randy Little from Joshua Basin Water District and Bill Rojas from Oceanside. Each comes one day a week. Little’s 33 years of water experience includes expertise with the SCADA data acquisition systems the district depends on. Rojas has been coming up Fridays for training.

Thursday and Friday, 11 applicants from a field of 24 were to be interviewed for the operator in training position open with the departure of a commuting employee who found a job a few minutes from his home. In other

HUSD may avoid potential staff layoffs

By JP CRUMRINE  
CORRESPONDENT

At its Feb.13 meeting, the Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) Board of Trustees approved two resolutions to reduce staffing levels in the next school year although enrollment is expected to increase slightly.

The proposals would have affected 37 classified positions. Eventually, 42 district employees were given notice of potential action. Many of the positions were initially funded with one-time monies and employees were made aware of this fact when they were hired, according to Sonia Ramirez, HUSD chief communications officer.

The recommendation was the result of changes in estimate of future budget balances. HUSD is anticipating fewer funds available from the state as well as the end of special COVID funding. The total expected revenue decrease is about \$46 million, according to the March 5, 2nd Interim Budget Report. The resulting balance is a \$29.1 million deficit and another \$24.9 million deficit was forecast for the following fiscal year 2025-26.

However, the actual reductions may be obviated before the budget is approved, Ramirez wrote in an email to the Town Crier.

“Our intention is to either rescind the notices or find suitable alternative positions as opportunities arise,” Ramirez said. “Due to attrition, we have already identified successful placements for many of these individuals. In fact, please note that 64% of the people identified for official layoff have already retained another position for which they are qualified.”

employee news, office manager Kayla Stevens has begun billing system training, and Wilson has received his certification for grades D2 and T2.

After the public session the board went into closed session to discuss exposure to litigation. No action was reported from that session. The next regular session is 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 17.

Those employees who do not find an alternative position will retain re-employment rights, which would allow them to be considered for future vacancies.

As early as Jan 16, Deputy Superintendent for Business Services Darrin Watters alerted the board to the evolving deficits. In his presentation two months ago, he estimated that the current year would end with a \$22.2 million deficit and the fiscal year 2024-25, which begins July 1, would have a \$11.9 million deficit.

HUSD has built reserves to help offset these deficits; nevertheless, the short-term projections were not optimistic about the growth of expenditures and the declining revenues. Over two fiscal years, nearly a third of the reserves could be used to offset the lower revenues.

At the Feb. 13 board meeting, two resolutions were adopted to reduce classified staffing levels. Classified positions are non-teachers such as aides, food-service workers and custodians.

The first (3045) specified five schools (Bautista Creek, Cawston and Ramona Elementary schools, Cottonwood School and Rancho Viejo Middle School) as well as the Expanded Learning Opportunity Program. None of these were teachers, and most were aides.

The second resolution (3046) simply approved a reduction in staffing totaling 37 positions. While some were office staff, it targets 16 mental health professionals, behavioral intervention assistants and others.

Projected savings was expected to be about \$2.3 million.

HUSD is not the only Riverside County school district taking these precautionary budget steps. Among the others are Alvord, Moreno Valley, Redlands, Riverside and Temecula Valley school districts.

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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).)

Registrator Signature: ROSARIO MARIA NOWELL SCHUTTE Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 02/26/2024. FILE NO.: R-202402497

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: March 7, 14, 22, 28, 2024.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name(s) IDYLLWILD TOWN CRIER, HOMES ON THE HILL, IDYLLWILD PHONE BOOK, IDYLLWILD GUIDE, IDYLLWILD VISITORS GUIDE, IDYLLWILD VISITORS MAP, WINTER SURVIVAL GUIDE, IDYLLWILD CALENDAR, ESSENCE OF IDYLLWILD, GOING GREEN, HOME AND LAND IMPROVEMENT, EXPLORE IDYLLWILD DIRECTORY, EXPLORE IDYLLWILD MAP, 54391 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE #5, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 COUNTY, RIVERSIDE, has been abandoned by the following persons:

IDYLLWILD HOUSE PUBLISHING COMPANY, LTD. PO BOX 157 IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The fictitious business names referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 12/27/2023. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signed: REBECCA LOU CLARK CEO Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 02/27/2024.

FILE NO.: R-202318352

Pub. TC: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDYLLWILD TOWN CRIER, HOMES ON THE HILL, IDYLLWILD PHONE BOOK, IDYLLWILD VISITORS GUIDE, IDYLLWILD VISITORS MAP, WINTER SURVIVAL GUIDE, IDYLLWILD CALENDAR, ESSENCE OF IDYLLWILD, GOING GREEN, HOME AND LAND IMPROVEMENT, EXPLORE IDYLLWILD DIRECTORY, EXPLORE IDYLLWILD MAP, 54391 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE #5, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 COUNTY, RIVERSIDE, has been abandoned by the following persons:

doing business as IDYLLWILD TOWN CRIER, HOMES ON THE HILL, IDYLLWILD PHONE BOOK, IDYLLWILD GUIDE, IDYLLWILD VISITORS GUIDE, IDYLLWILD VISITORS MAP, WINTER SURVIVAL GUIDE, IDYLLWILD CALENDAR, ESSENCE OF IDYLLWILD, GOING GREEN, HOME AND LAND IMPROVEMENT, EXPLORE IDYLLWILD DIRECTORY, EXPLORE IDYLLWILD MAP at 54440 N CIRCLE DRIVE, #F, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549, RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing Address: PO BOX 157, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. AVALON MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING LLC PO BOX 1144, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. 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).)

Registrator Signature: SUZANNE AVALON MANAGER Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 03/07/2024. FILE NO.: R-202403056

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ELM STREET INVESTORS, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, 41451 VIA CORDOVA, TEMECULA, CA 92592 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. This business is conducted by A Limited Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 07/05/2005. 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).)

Registrator Signature: LARRY ROSS MITCHNER DP OF ELM STREET INVESTORS, A CALIFORNIA LP GENERAL PARTNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 03/06/2024. FILE NO.: R-202402995

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as WILDFLOWERCHILD, 80800 SUNGLOW CT, INDIO, CALIFORNIA, 92201. RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

KARLENE LIZZETTE DE LEON 80800 SUNGLOW CT, INDIO, CALIFORNIA, 92201 MANUEL ALEJANDRO DE LEON LUI 80800 SUNGLOW CT, INDIO, CALIFORNIA, 92201 This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 07/01/2023. 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).)

Registrator Signature: KARLENE L DE LEON Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 03/05/2024. R-202402940

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as GRACE REAL ESTATE, 31100 HAPPY VALLEY DR., DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CA 92241. RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: PO Box 3017, INDIO, CA 92202.

ROGER LYNN GRACE PO BOX 3017, INDIO, CA 92202. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 1992

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).)

Registrator Signature: ROGER LYNN GRACE Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 03/12/2024. FILE NO.: R-202403303

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2024.

CVC02401501 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. Buena Vista Avenue, Rm. 201, Corona, CA 92882. Branch name: Corona Branch.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Holly Michelle Garduno-Pena filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: Holly Michelle Garduno-Pena changed to Proposed name: Holly Michelle Pena.

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: 05/01/2024. Time: 8:00 a.m.

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: 03/13/24.

TAMARA L. WAGNER JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Pub. TC: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as GREEN CAFE, 55260 SOUTH CIRCLE DR., IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. RIVERSIDE COUNTY. SAMUEL JEFFREY TAYLOR 55260 SOUTH CIRCLE DR., IDYLLWILD, CA 92549. This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 05/05/1997.

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).)

Registrator Signature: SAMUEL JEFFREY TAYLOR Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 03/19/2024. FILE NO.: R-202403655

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as TRUST AND PROMISE WHOLESALE, 44212 EAST FLORIDA ST, HEMET, CA 92544. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. Mailing Address: 6217 WEST AVE J9, LANCASTER, CA 93536.

MEGAHED ABDELHAKIM NOUH 6217 WEST AVE J9, LANCASTER, CA 93536. 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).)

Registrator Signature: MEGAHEH NOUH Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 03/20/2024. FILE NO.: R-202403756

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ZENDEJAS SERVICES 41097 MANCHESTER STREET, INDIO, CA 92203, RIVERSIDE COUNTY. DIANA -- ZENDEJAS 41097 MANCHESTER STREET, INDIO, CA 92203. 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).)

Registrator Signature: DIANA ZENDEJAS Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 03/15/2024. FILE NO.: R-202403525

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDY PRIVATE DRIVER & RIDESHARE at, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. 53355 RISING GLEN ROAD, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

LESLIE MOON GIN 53355 RISING GLEN ROAD, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

HOLLY ANN PARSONS 53355 RISING GLEN ROAD, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

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Registrator Signature: LESLIE MOON GIN Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 03/22/2024. FILE NO.: R-202403857

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# On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

B SECTION

IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., MARCH 28, 2024

## Taryn's Place open in Village Lane

By DAVID JEROME  
CORRESPONDENT

The Village Lane is once again part of Idyllwild's night life, as partners Taryn Scanlon and Rick Caughman opened Taryn's Place, their art gallery and tavern, Friday, March 22. They told the Crier they did a soft opening earlier in the week but were now ready for everyone. Even before 5 p.m., the place was full. We interviewed Scanlon in Dec., and this week Caughman took a few minutes out of the festivities to talk.

He said the project took about eight months from signing the lease to opening for business. "You run into setbacks, you feel defeated, you wake up the next morning, you don't let go of the dream."

During this time, while the county planning department was still deliberating, they gathered over 600 signatures supporting their effort. "What the supervisors look for is community, 'public convenience.'" On the bright side, the process "did allow us time to refine the space. I don't know if it would have turned out the same if we'd rushed." The space glows with the warmth of Scanlon's paintings and the woody interior.

Caughman said the intent was to "create a pub space like you'd see in Dublin or London. Designed for community, that's why you see the long table. You see people together. In the back there is a shelf where you can set a drink and stand." Asked about a favorite pub-crawling experience, he recalled his first try at "bangers and mash with scrumpy jack," a kind of "very hard cider," at a London pub in Piccadilly Circus.

In the future, they intend to add outdoor seating. They already have a railed-off "defined space," a legacy



Taryn Scanlon and Rick Caughman (left) with patrons at their new Taryn's Place that opened in Village Lane Friday night.

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

from the old Backroom where Scanlon also tended bar, but "want to make the outdoor space as special as the inside," maybe with black hand-cranked awnings sporting the Guinness logo.

Scanlon has lived here 10 years, much of that time "building a following" bartending. Caughman teaches art at San Bernardino Community College as an adjunct professor, and says he and Scanlon are just as happy working together in the studio as on the project. Scanlon, he added, is "an accomplished artist. This is an op-

portunity to show her work. It's another part of her that people might not know."

Beers range from Guinness and an Irish Red to Coors Light on tap. Wines include a broad selection of reds and whites, with several local offerings on both sides. Ages 21 and over only are allowed. Some snacks are offered.

Taryn's Place is in the Village Lane. Hours are from 4 to 9:30 p.m. daily except Wednesdays.

## Easter Bunny visit now in question

By STEPHANIE YOST  
IDYLLWILD COMMUNITY CENTER PRESIDENT

The Easter Bunny has reached out to the Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) and Riverside County Parks Ranger Richard Aguilera to raise weather concerns about the impending cohosted annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 30, at the Idyllwild Regional Park (54000 Riverside County Playground Road).

I previously reported last week in the Idyllwild Town Crier that the event would occur even if a few spring showers were predicted. However, the Easter Bunny (and event planners) have become concerned due to the prediction (as of the writing of this article on Sunday, March 24) of a significant possibility of rain and snow during event hours.

"We would love to hold the event and all preparations are complete. ICC and the county have more than 4,000 candy- and toy-filled Easter eggs ready for the Easter Bunny to hide for the participating children. But the health and safety of those participants, their fami-

lies and our volunteers are also top of mind. Currently there is a 60% chance of rain and snow that morning, with a daytime high of 46 degrees," stated Johnny Wilson, ICC's director of programs and recreation.

If the weather prediction improves so that the event can proceed, photos with the Easter Bunny will be at 10 a.m., with the Easter Egg Hunt starting promptly at 10:30 a.m. The hunt area will be divided into four age groups. Every Easter egg found will contain a candy or prize, and each age group area will have one special Golden Easter Egg Ticket that will entitle the finder to a special Easter prize box. There will be several coloring book and crayon prize sets hidden in eggs, as well.

Cookies also will be available at the event, which is free. Assuming the event moves forward, please plan to bring your own basket or bag to collect Easter eggs.

For now, please stay tuned to local social media for event updates. As we all know, the Idyllwild weather can change dramatically and rapidly. ICC will confirm the status of the event as we get toward the end of the week.

## ARF Pets of the Year

Please cast your votes in each of three categories-dog, cat, other

Votes, \$1each, will raise funds for community members who are unable to afford necessary veterinary care for their pets.

Help ARF help local pets!

Voting March 24-April 5 @ 9 p.m.

Vote online at [gogophotocontest.com/ARFpetsofyear](http://gogophotocontest.com/ARFpetsofyear) OR cash/checks directly to ARF

## EASTER SONRISE

Service at Inspiration Point  
SUNDAY MORNING

March 31st, 6:30-7:30 am

Take Highway 243 south to Marian View and follow the signs to Inspiration Point. Bring lawn chairs, hot drinks, and dress in warm clothing.

Sponsored by  
Community Church  
(Regular Service 9:30 a.m.)  
Calvary Chapel Mountain Center  
(Regular Service 10 a.m.)

Idyllwild Bible Church  
(Regular Services at 9 & 10:45 am)

In case of inclement weather, the Sunrise Service will not take place. However, Easter Services will follow at the various sponsoring churches at their regular time.

For info call 659-4775.



IDYLLWILD ARTS  
Native American Arts Center

IDYLLWILD ARTS & NATIVE AMERICAN LAND CONSERVANCY PRESENT

## E' SULENEM: YOU'LL BE STARS!

AN EARLY EARTH DAY SHOWCASE OF INDIGENOUS LIFEWAYS & SHORT FILMS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024 | 11AM - 4:30PM  
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

11:00am | Exploring Indigenous Lifeways  
Krone Library on the Idyllwild Arts Campus

Lecture on Cahuilla Trail Use by Elizabeth Paige (Desert Cahuilla), Native American Land Conservancy

Native Food Demonstration by Sienna Thomas (Cahuilla)

Elderberry Sticks Mini Workshop by Rosy Cabrera (Cahuilla)

1:00pm | Catered Luncheon  
Krone Library on the Idyllwild Arts Campus

3:00pm | Native Film Showcase with Q&A  
The Rustic Theater in Idyllwild Village

Saging the World (20 min)

Journey from Spirit Mountain (30 min)

Tuhaymani'chi Pal Waniqa (15 min)

Maathaaw: The Fire Within Us (trailer)

Pa'capa (trailer)

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# First Arbor Day Celebration

Sunday, April 28, St. Hugh of Lincoln in Idyllwild will host its first Arbor Day Celebration. The “seed” for this idea came from a discussion regarding the oldest tree in Idyllwild that graces the church’s memorial garden.

Part of the celebration for Arbor Day will include a “tree naming” contest. Leading up to that contest, St. Hugh is seeking essays with stories of the tree from local residents. These essays will be judged as well, and the winner will be published in the Town Crier.

The celebration will include nature-inspired vendors, kids crafts, live chainsaw carving, refreshments, music and loads of family fun. Admission is free.

Submit essays via email to keeleysgrandma@gmail.com or by mail to St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 506, Idyllwild, CA 92549.



A painting of Idyllwild's oldest tree by **Paul Duval** during the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Plein Air Festival in 2017. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church parishioners bought the painting at Middle Ridge Gallery and donated it to the church, which is the property where the tree lives.

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**Sarah Kay** performing with **Monica Sierras** in the background at the first Lily Rock Music Festival at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery over the weekend.

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From left, **Sandii Castleberry**, **Anne Finch**, **Jamie Guthrie** and **Sarah Kay** at the first Lily Rock Music Festival at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Saturday.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Idyllwild School Nutrition Manager Mrs. Sonya Dravenstatt chose Students of the Week **Jacqueline Lopez Chavez** (above) and **Jairo Lopez Chavez** (below). “Jairo has helped me many times and always does a great job with a smile,” she said. “Jacqueline is sweet and a great helper as well. Both have volunteered their time in the kitchen helping serve food in the morning. Thank you both for being kind and respectful.”

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CREATURE CORNER

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats met new dogs Roz and Noodle. **Smokey:** Finally, the new puppies may meet potential adopters. It was put off last weekend due to weather concerns. **Pepper:** Hopefully, this weekend they will find their forever homes. **Noodle:** I certainly hope so. **Roz:** Anyone who might want to meet us should call ARF right away to set up an appointment for this Saturday. **Sabrina:** ARF has so many options for wonderful, loyal, and loving furbabies. There are five dogs: Henri, Whiskey, Stretch, Roz and Noodle. **Noodle:** And LOTS of cats. There are Sabrina, Harley, Eeyore and Smokey, not to mention our brand new kittens! **Roz:** Right! Please meet Sebastian, Kailani, Serena, Pear, Moana and Coral. **Noodle:** Wow! When may people meet these adorable kittens? **Roz:** Well, they may come in on the weekend, or they may make an appointment to come in anytime during the week. **Smokey:** They just need to call ARF, right? **Roz:** That's right. It's important to make a specific time to see any of us. It really helps to keep the stress at a workable and healthy level. **Stretch:** Henri, Whiskey and I are residing at Living Free, as this wonderful animal sanctuary is a good friend to ARF. **Harley:** And dogs and cats, too! **Henri:** Any loving family may call Living Free to find a time to meet us. **Whiskey:** They will fall in love!



Kittens



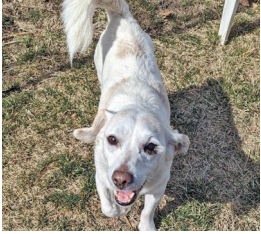
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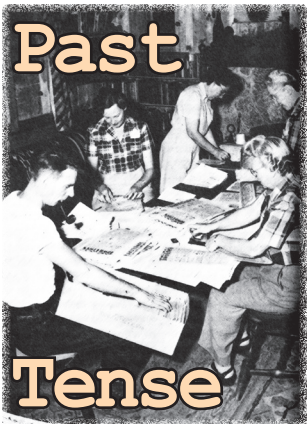


Stretch



Whiskey

Creature Corner is sponsored this week by Lois Sheppard. If you'd like to be a sponsor, please contact ARF. Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of Days of our Nine Lives each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy 243. ARF is open Saturdays 10-3, Sundays 10-2, and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.



- 75 years ago - 1949**  
Plans called for completion of the Idyllwild-Banning Highway by summertime.

**70 years ago - 1954**  
Three search parties were looking for three teenage boys lost in the mountains. They finally emerged, unhurt but hungry, in Tahquitz Canyon.

**65 years ago - 1959**  
Woodland Park Manor and Idyll-a-Wyle Cabins changed hands.

**60 years ago - 1964**  
A three-day blizzard, one of the heaviest snowstorms in several years, dumped 24 inches of snow on the village. Good Friday and Easter sunrise services were canceled due to weather conditions.

**55 years ago - 1969**  
Walter Houk, Southwest editor of Sunset, was a first-time visitor in town. He promised to hurry back when the snow was gone from back-country trails.

**50 years ago - 1974**  
Idyllwild's Chamber of Commerce pleaded with the Fuel Allocation Board in Sacramento to increase
- 45 years ago - 1979**  
Idyllwild Fire Chief Bud Hunt announced that emergency helicopter service between Loma Linda University Medical Center and the Idyllwild area could soon be a reality.

**40 years ago - 1984**  
A draft Environmental Impact Report on the proposed Garner Valley secondary school reported that the school would cause no significant environmental impact and could have some positive impacts.

**35 years ago - 1989**  
Plans were being made for a rededication of a Pine Cove site used in 1926 by a Nobel Prize-winning scientist in experiments to determine the speed of light.

**30 years ago - 1994**  
For the first time in 25 years, the lines of the Idyllwild Water District's sewer systems were cleaned. This was intended to prepare the system to be videotaped, which



Emsy Dunn, Idyllwild School's new principal, was to take up her post late March 1964. Dunn had been with the Hemet school district since 1948 when she first became a teacher at the local school.

FILE PHOTO

- the allocation of gasoline to the community's gasoline stations.

would allow IWD workers to see where repairs were needed.

the meeting emphasized the importance of being prepared for an emergency.
- 25 years ago - 1999**  
Idyllwild lost one of its legends with the passing of Robert E. Holmes, master conductor of choirs and founder of Idyllwild's "Messiah."

**20 years ago - 2004**  
It was announced that the Natural Resources Conservation Service was opening a local office to manage contracts for removing dead or dying trees.

**15 years ago - 2009**  
Wednesday, March 18, the same 12 people who found a Beaumont man guilty of arson and five counts of murder in the Esperanza Fire of October 2006 recommended sentencing him to the death penalty.

**10 years ago - 2014**  
Be prepared to evacuate your Hill domiciles, was the message of a Mountain Disaster Preparedness meeting. Nothing imminently threatened the Hill's residents, but all of the speakers at
- 5 years ago - 2019**  
Melvin Goldfarb, 90, died. He established Idyllwild's first pharmacy in 1977. He served as Idyllwild's beloved pharmacist until his retirement in 2014. He volunteered his time, heart and money to a myriad of community services and charity organizations, including the Mountain Community Patrol, the Idyllwild Water District board, Rotary Club, American Legion and Lions Club.

**1 year ago - 2023**  
Thomas Mountain Mutual Water Association in Garner Valley and the Lake Hemet Municipal Water District were working with the Small Community Technical Assistance of the State Water Resources Control Board to evaluate the merits of a possible consolidation. It was expected to take a year or so.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CALENDAR

- Event charges may apply. See ads throughout the issue. Email editor@towncrier.com.
- Wednesday, March 27**

  - Storytime "Easter" with Miss Susan, 11 a.m.-noon Idyllwild Library.
  - Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
  - Spirit Mountain Retreat Book Club, "In Love with the World: A Monk's Journey Through the Bardos of Living and Dying," Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche, 1 p.m. Zoom, Or if you have the Zoom Meeting ID: 834 5005 7065; Password: 188039.
  - Faces & Places Reading Group: Charlie Chaplin, 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
  - Shaolin Qi Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 11 a.m.-noon & 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Thursday, March 28**

  - Women's pickleball, 9
- Friday, March 29**

  - Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
  - National Vietnam War Veterans Day, 4 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Saturday, March 30**

  - Mindful Self-Compassion with Valerie Velez, 10-11:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
  - Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
  - Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)
- Sunday, March 31**

  - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Inspiration Point. Community Church, 9:30 a.m.; Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 10 a.m.;
- Idyllwild Bible Church, 9 & 10:45 a.m.

**Monday, April 1**

  - Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Tuesday, April 2**

  - Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
  - Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Young Artists of Idyllwild Community Interest Meeting, 5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Wednesday, April 3**

  - 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.
- Thursday, April 4**

  - Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
  - Idyllwild Chess Club, 3-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Be-
- ginners welcome; free lessons.)

**Friday, April 5**

  - Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Saturday, April 6**

  - Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
  - "E" Sulenem: You'll Be Starts," Lecture, Native America food demo & elderberry sticks mini workshop, 11 a.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts; Catered lunch, 1 p.m.; Native Film Showcase, 4:30 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
  - Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)
- Monday, April 8**

  - Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Tuesday, April 9**

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

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

Idyllwild Community Church

54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935  
www.icpcchurch.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  
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am  
Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Ministries  
Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups

Church Office 951-659-0097

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

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# ICC/county work together to make child care more affordable

BY JOHNNY WILSON  
ICC DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS & RECREATION

After several months of close coordination with the Riverside County Office of Education, Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) President Stephanie Yost announced that ICC is now a county-approved child care vendor. What does that mean? In a few words: subsidized or free child care for income-eligible families.

Yost had the opportunity to meet and work closely with the Early Care and Education Unit (ECE) through her work as a county commissioner with the Riverside County Children and Families Commission (also known as First 5 Riverside County). ECE is a division of Riverside County's Office of Education and can best be described with the words of ECE Coordinator Rosamaria Rodriguez:

"The Early Care and Education Unit is committed to providing exceptional child care and development services to Riverside County families. ECE strives to support families in accessing quality child care while working collaboratively with child care programs to support quality care."

Rodriguez continued: "ECE's California Alternative Payment Program offers subsidized child care services to income-eligible families and connects them with [approved] child care facilities across Riverside County."

About a dozen families have started the enrollment process with ECE through ICC's child care program and three families are already enjoying the benefits.

"ICC has provided child care to local families for years, including to some families who cannot afford to pay ICC's already low child care fees," said Yost. "While ICC has been happy to help these families, it has been a big strain on ICC's finances, as ICC has never received a financial subsidy for these families."

"I think this is a great opportunity for working parents," stated Johnny Wilson, ICC director of programs and recreation, who is currently raising two kids of his own (with his wife Halie.) Wilson continued, "There are so many basic costs associated with raising kids — child care being a major one. This is a great county program, aimed to provide financial relief for those who need it most."

Leo Rodriguez, ICC director of childrens programming, described the county's enrollment procedure, stating, "The process is pretty quick, as long as the parents are prepared with their [income] paperwork." ICC will help parents throughout the registration process.

ICC's child care programs (also known as "Kids Korner") are year-round and located at the Idyllwild Town Hall at 25925 Cedar Street. Child care programs, which are open to all school-age children (whether they attend public school or are home-schooled), include afterschool and holiday day camp care, as well as summer camp programs. Participation can be weekly or daily, and walk-ins are welcome.

For more information about ICC's child care programs and income eligibility, email [info@idyllwildcommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@idyllwildcommunitycenter.org).



Idyllwild Arts students perform at the Spring Dance Concert Friday night in the Bowman IAF Theater on campus.

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The San Jacinto Mountains Sunday afternoon.

PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

## Art Alliance to launch Young Artists of Idyllwild

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) announced its latest endeavor aimed at nurturing budding young artists within the community.

Any parent with a child eager to explore their artistic

talents further and/or has a passion for art and a desire to expand their skills, look no further. AAI introduced a new section named Young Artists of Idyllwild, dedicated to youth art classes. It offers an array of opportunities for young creatives to explore various art forms and techniques.

To kick off this initiative, parents and children are invited to a Community Interest Meeting at the Idyllwild Library at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 2.

During this meeting, attendees will have the chance to learn more about the vision for youth art education in

Idyllwild and provide valuable input on tailoring classes to best serve the needs and interests of young artists.

The AAI team will be on hand to give a brief presentation and gather information on attendees' specific interests and preferences. Whether children are passionate about painting, drawing, sculpting or exploring other art forms, AA is committed to providing enriching experiences that foster creativity and self-expression.

For more information, email Haleigh Lavy at [artidyllwild@gmail.com](mailto:artidyllwild@gmail.com).

### WORD SEARCH

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

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Unlisted clue hint: EARTH'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

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(Answers on previous classifieds page)

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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### CROSSWORD

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27 " — outta here!"  
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33 "Scram!"  
34 Preventive shot, in slang  
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## HOROSCOPES

March 2024 — Week 4



March 21 – April 19

You might feel a little sheepish about admitting your feelings for a certain someone. But do it anyway. Your sincerity will make the right impression.



April 20 – May 20

It's a good time to clean out the clutter in your home. It's also a good time to sort out personal priorities and make decisions about certain relationships.



May 21 – June 21

Avoid getting caught up in conflicting advice, even from trusted friends and family members. You need to dig for your own facts and make choices accordingly.



June 22 – July 22

Conflicting aspects cause some confusion, both on the job and in your personal life. Try to keep your balance as you work things out to your benefit.



July 23 – August 22

Money matters become especially taxing for many Leos this week. Pay careful attention to details so that you can avoid more complicated financial problems later on.



August 23 – September 22

Don't let regret for a past, rash act keep you from moving on. Meanwhile, a good friend reaches out to help you, and a family dispute needs to be resolved quickly.



September 23 – October 22

Someone you thought was an ally suddenly creates on-the-job problems. Wait for the fuss and fury to end before going ahead with your plans.



October 23 – November 21

You're moving into a more favorable period in your personal life. Continue to be patient and allow those pesky problems to work themselves out.



November 22 – December 21

Ask questions about a financial matter in your family. Don't rely on reassurances. Insist on proof that all is as it should be. And if isn't, why not?



December 22 – January 19

Personal relationships continue to improve. Vital information comes in about a matter that you almost gave up on. Ask a trusted friend for advice on a major purchase.



January 20 – February 18

Your financial situation continues to improve. Meanwhile, a family member makes demands on your time. Give what you can, but save some for yourself. You need it.



February 19 – March 20

That romantic attraction you've tried to ignore grows stronger. In addition, a former business associate turns up with important news that could affect your financial future.

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