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Hill water customers using less water in 2024

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, the state's Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced that the state's groundwater supplies were improving. Although more groundwater is needed, the rain year 2023, which was October 2022 through September 2023, resulted in significant increases in the state's groundwater inventory.

Many of California's urban areas rely on surface water, such as the Colorado River project transferring water to Los Angeles. But Hill residents and visitors are much more dependent on groundwater. Only two of the local water districts — Idyllwild and Fern Valley — use any surface water. Pine Cove relies exclusively on groundwater.

However, groundwater supplies on the Hill are not threatened as in the lower elevations. While the winter of 2023 removed the drought conditions and water emergencies, these could return in the future, especially if the possible La Niña weather pattern forms and continues for several years.

But supply seems safe and Hill water consumers are conscious of the need to conserve.

In the first four months of 2024, usage had declined in all three districts compared to 2023. Idyllwild Water District (IWD) had the greatest decrease: 2.2 million gallons or 7.8%. However, usage is greater in IWD. It's the largest of the three districts. Much of the commercial customers are located in IWD.

In Fern Valley Water District (FVWD), the 1.4 million gallon savings was equivalent to a 14.9% drop. Pine Cove Water District's (PCWD) consumption fell 4.5% also.

Comparing consumption for all of 2023 to 2022 and to the 10-year average, the results are similar but some significant differences do stand out. During the drought, water consumption in 2022 was greater than the 10-year average, as expected. But the drought ended in 2023 with massive winter precipitation. Water consumption fell in both FVWD and PCWD. However, usage continued to increase in IWD, much of that between August and December. As noted above, this year consumption, in IWD has been declining since January.

During the 10 years, the highs and lows were similar as expected. The greatest water consumption for IWD was 97 million gallons in 2019 and 2015 had the lowest with 77 million gallons. In FVWD, the largest volume of consumption was 36.7 million gallons in 2020, and the lowest was 30.9 million gallons in 2015. PCWD recorded 38.7 million gallons — its highest — in 2020 and again 2015 saw the least water consumption in the past 10 years at only 31.7 million gallons.

But it is clear that as the last drought began and became drier, water consumption grew until the districts imposed water emergency conditions that encouraged effective conservation for the next three years, thus demonstrating that Hill

District	2023	2022	10-year average	4 mos 2024
Idyllwild	94.5	90.9	87.8	-7.8%
Fern Valley	32.5	34.9	34.0	-14.9%
Pine Cove	33.2	38.0	34.9	-4.5%

The Aurora Borealis paints the skies of Idyllwild on Friday, May 10th.
PHOTO BY SACHER WILSON

FVWD 2024-25 capital program not just pipes

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

The Fern Valley Water District (FVWD) Planning Committee, composed of Board Chair Jon Brown and Director Kevin Scott, met May 9 to develop the capital improvement plan (CIP) for the draft fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 budget. This will be submitted to both the Budget Committee May 13 and to the board of directors at its regular meeting May 16.

The total proposed capital program is \$718,667. It will include replacing most district vehicles, office renovation, a pipeline project and several other smaller projects. The largest expense will be replacing three trucks and the dump truck. General Manager Victor Jimenez estimates the cost of four new vehicles would be about \$300,000. However, he has been working on the project and believes the district can obtain about \$125,000 for the trade-in value of these vehicles.

In total, this project, which includes some accessories for the trucks and a second loader, the total direct cost will be about \$210,000.

The new vehicles will yield significant annual savings for fuel costs, Jimenez told the committee. He also added, depending on the price of the dump truck, that he would consider acquiring a used truck if it were in very good condition rather than new one., which would cost more.

This is a high priority and he urged the committee to approve this proposal. "Prices are coming down and the mileage, 30-plus miles per gallon, is about twice what we get from our trucks," he reported.

The pipeline project will be a replacement of the main and about 700 feet of pipeline between Wayne and Tahquitz View. The estimated cost is \$260,000.

"[This will be] difficult because there is no access for equipment and must be done mostly by hand," Jimenez said. "[There] have been quite a few leaks on that line over the last couple of years. None are major, but they have become more frequent."

Although Jimenez thought it could be deferred to have a smaller capital budget, the committee felt it would be effective to replace the old pipe before a major leak might occur.

"My inclination is to do it now," said Brown.

The third major project will be renovating the office. The conference will be enlarged to enable greater attendance and a handicapped bathroom installed. It will include new roofing, lighting, cabinets, carpets and furniture.

This was initially proposed in 2018, but the cost estimates were much greater than FVWD had planned. It has been deferred until this year. Jimenez expects to use FVWD staff to do some of the work, which will reduce the direct cost, and his estimated cost is \$150,000.

Some of the other projects in the draft proposal include \$60,000 for buying new fire
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Smart Budgeting and Conservation Drive PCWD’s Plans

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Pine Cove Water District’s May 8 meeting focused largely on the draft budget, as the financial year draws to a close. The new budget totals only about 2% more than last year, well below the rate of inflation, currently around 3.5%.

General Manager Jeremy Potter reported that the district’s static well rose 4.4 feet to 74.5 feet, and is expected to raise further as high country snow continues to melt. Water production for April was 2,539,957, down slightly over previous years as consumers have learned to conserve during drought.

Potter discussed the process of “dialing in” the right rate to draw from wells: each well has a rate at which water can be pumped without the level falling. Low levels make pumps work harder, which costs more in electricity. Electricity rates change through the day, so pumping, which may be done from 2 to 12 hours a day, is done during off-peak hours. New smart meters on the wells are helping make the process more accurate, and balanced with demand.

The leaks that resulted in high water loss figures last month were all found within a week of the report bringing them to light. Two were attributed to hydrants not fully closed after flushing, and a substantial leak was found where Sunrise Dr. meets the highway.

Potter said the installation of smart meters is about 50% completed. He hopes to have all meters installed by September. The first of the new meters went in the ground in April of last year. Each meter replacement requires problem-solving from the crew, for both the plumbing and the antenna placement.

The Dutch Flats equipment, a variable frequency drive, has been replaced and the treatment plan was back on line the morning of the meeting. The Dutch Flats wells provide a helpful supplement to the main wells, and are especially useful in summer months.

Closer to home, the district’s back yard project now includes landscaping; butterfly attractor bushes and trees, some fruiting, line an upper level held back by a block retaining wall. Irrigation has been installed. The next step will be forming and casting piers for the shade cover over the vehicle maintenance pit, which is already lined with blocks, and is now covered with plywood for safety. The slab will be expensive, and the work goes slowly in stages.

One much talked-about item will not be included in this year’s budget: the replacement of the district’s light pickup truck, which was worked to death. The plan now is to replace its engine in-house, once the maintenance pit is complete. Potter says he and his crew can do this for about \$7,000, well below the cost of even a used truck.

Last year’s budget was \$1,261,000, and we will see how close reality came to that figure in the next months. At recent meetings directors have commented that actual expenses were exceeding budgeted figures, but not by enough to sound alarms. The new total in the draft budget is \$1,285,000, an increase of around 2%.

Director and former office manager Becky Smith asked present office manager Jennifer Hayes to make sure that the numbers used for insurance are up to date, and should reflect an expected 3 to 5% increase in January. The draft budget figure for medical and life insurance, \$120,000, reflects present costs, and is already 20% above last years budget, of which 92% was spent as of third quarter. The district has added an employee, balancing Smith’s departure, so projected salaries and benefits have risen 6%.

The draft budget also predicts a slight increase in water sales, around 2%. The new meters will also register use more accurately, including slow leaks. Smith pointed out that with our local districts now at conservation level 1, rate payers may begin to use slightly more water. The down side of creating a culture of conservation among users is that income also goes down. Any increase in rates requires a rate study, and Smith pointed out that this would have to wait until after the new meters are installed.

The next meeting will be June 12, and will also be a public hearing on continuing the standby charge rate.



Cast of Cabaret performed last weekend in Bowman Theatre at Idyllwild Arts Academy. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Emcee Andre Real PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



One of the many student groups performing at Idyllwild Arts Academy on Friday night at Fisher dance studio. PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

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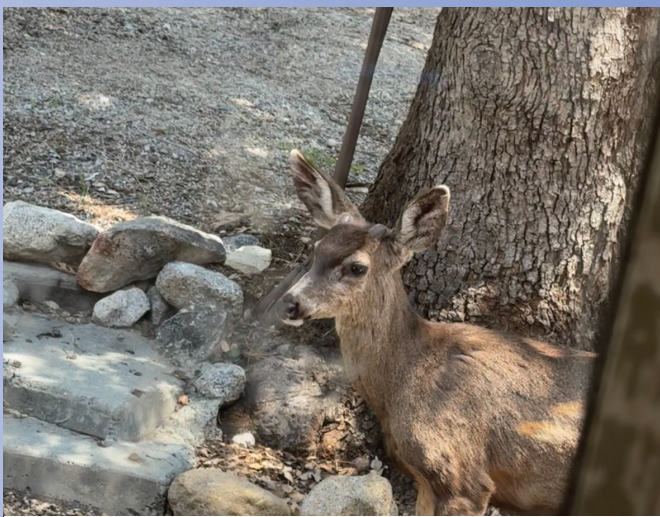
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This deer likes the warm weather PHOTO BY MIKE FERRO

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Idyllwild Scholarship Awards 2024

The Idyllwild Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that scholarships have been awarded to the following local graduating students: Sarah Brosterhous Agner, Bailey Easley, Jessa Smith, Yuvana Panchal, Claudia DeLucien, Mei Li Stroud, Colby Sonnier, Adan Ortiz, Brody Posey, Drake Malloy, and Mason Dunn. Our generous mountain community and local organizations donated \$24,500 to our fund, and all of it was distributed to these most deserving students. Donations can be made at anytime to the Idyllwild Scholarship Fund, PO Box 778, Idyllwild, CA 92549.



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hydrants to replace smaller and older equipment. This has been an ongoing project for several years.

Both Brown and Scott discussed how the capital budget might affect the board’s goal of paying off the pension liability in FY 2024-25. Although Jimenez offered to defer the pipeline project, Scott recommended that decision on when and the amount of the liability payment could be deferred until winter 2025, after the property tax receipts have been received. At that time, the board can reconsider when to pay off pension liability.

During the discussion of acquiring mapping software (\$10,000), Brown suggested the district hire a part-time college student who could enter this data. Assistant General Manager Jessica Priefer agreed to include this in the operating budget proposed next week.

Following the meeting, Brown summarized the committee’s plan. “We do have a 10-year CIP plan that focuses on pipeline replacements, and that contemplates doing them in alternating years. While that long-term plan didn’t anticipate office expansion and dump truck replacement, it was made flexible enough to accommodate them, as well as moving replacement projects around as needed.

“This year’s CIP budget is higher than anticipated for a ‘low’ CIP year, but I feel there are well-considered reasons for that and the long-term plan remains solid. Very happy that above-ground line replacement can be done sooner rather than later and is going to cost substantially less than I’d anticipated.

“We’ve tackled the worst of leaking lines over the last several years, with this above-ground main appearing to be the last critical one. The other lines that are well past their expected service life still need replacement before they become critical, but I have confidence in our ability to adjust the timing of those replacements as necessary to keep the long-term budgets in line,” Brown said, affirming the district’s capital plans.



Giovanni Cosetti and Woody Henderson at the MC Fire Safe Council event on Saturday afternoon, offering information on fire abatement and insurance.

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Driver loses control

**By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT**

A driver lost control and went off the road while southbound on highway 243 north of Twin Pines, at approximately 3:58 p.m. Wednesday, May 8. Beaumont California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Jonathan Torres told the Crier that a red 2004 Mercedes 300, driven by a 78 year old male from Palm Desert, "for reasons still under investigation veered off the roadway." The driver was trapped inside the vehicle, but sustained only minor injuries and was transported to Desert Regional. Alcohol or drugs are not suspected. The only passenger was a canine, for whom "arrangements were made" with animal control.

Motorcycle crash

**By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT**

Two motorcyclists were involved in a crash on highway 371 near Burnt Valley Road, at around 3:31 p.m. on Sunday May 12. According to Beaumont California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Jonathan Torres, a black 2023 Suzuki driven by a 42 year old male from Clovis and a gray Harley Davidson driven by 44 year old male from Escondido collided under conditions "still under investigation." The Harley was also carrying a passenger, a 46 year old female from Oceanside. All three involved parties received moderate to major injuries, and one was airlifted to Desert Regional while the others were transported by ambulance.

Idyllwild Arts Presents Grand Film Showcase & Awards Ceremony on May 22 at 7pm

Idyllwild Arts presents their Grand Film Showcase & Awards Ceremony on May 22, 7pm at Lowman Concert Hall located on campus (52500 Temecula Road, Idyllwild). Idyllwild Arts invites the public to join the Film Department's most anticipated event of the year with students taking center stage like never before.

Led by the Student Showcase Committee, the evening celebrates their talent and hard work. Attendees can expect VIP industry guests, a glamorous red carpet affair complete with Step and Repeat, live music, and a strict black tie dress code.

As one of California's top arts high schools, dedicated faculty and community support guides students who come together to channel their artistic passions into collaborative filmmaking. The evening is about showcasing their films, which this year all have youth-related themes, raising difficult topics like mental diseases, trauma, healing process, and following one's dreams. Idyllwild Arts student-created film "Off the Record" will also be shown, an impressive collaboration between 70 students, marking one the biggest projects the art school has ever done in the film department.

Some of this year's films will be spoken in Mandarin, adding a unique and inclusive dimension to the showcase. Don't miss out on this extraordinary evening of talent, creativity, and cultural diversity. For more information, visit: <https://idyllwildarts.org/event/idyfilm-awards-night/>



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CPUC approves fixed rates and lowers usage rate

**By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT**

Thursday, May 9, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) unanimously approved a change in how large investor-owned utilities may bill for electricity in California.

In late 2025, electric bills will be the total of a fixed or flat rate and a usage charge. Current bills are based on usage alone. The change introduces the separation of the electric bill into two costs.

The flat rate portion would be based on the cost to build and to maintain the electric grid, that is, the industry's infrastructure, such as power lines between stations and to and from structures, such as homes.

The charge for usage will be 5 to 7 cents less kilowatt-hour for all residential customers, according to the CPUC's news release.

The flat rate charge will be \$24.15 per month, as proposed in the March tentative decision. Low-income customers and customers living in deed-restricted affordable housing will be eligible for discounted flat rates of \$6 or \$12, the CPUC said.

The chosen flat rate is toward the lower end of the recommendations submitted to the CPUC. The Solar Energy Industries Association recommended a flat rate of \$9.72, the lowest of eight recommendations. San Diego Gas and Electric suggested a flat rate of \$73, the greatest recommendation. Southern California Edison (SCE) and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) recommended a rate of \$51. It is the same as the Sacramento Municipal Utility.

The new billing plan will become effective in late 2025 for SCE and San Diego Gas and Electric and in early 2026 for PG&E. However, before it is implemented, the CPUC and the utilities will provide information to educate the public in advance of the new bills.

CPUC estimates that a customer who powers their home and vehicle with electricity would save an average of \$28 to \$44 monthly compared to today's billing structure. The commission believed the new rate structure would encourage people to buy electric vehicles and replace home gas appliances.

"This new billing structure puts us further on the path toward a decarbonized future, while enhancing affordability for low-income customers and those most impacted from climate change-driven heat events," said CPUC President Alice Reynolds. "This billing adjustment makes it cheaper across the board for customers to charge an electric vehicle or run an electric heat pump, which will spur greater uptake of these technologies that are essential to transitioning us away from fossil fuels."

The new billing structure does not introduce any additional fees or generate extra profits for utilities. In-See CPUC, page A6



Dave Cutter thanks Ken Dahleen for sharing his time at the Idyllwild Rotary meeting on Wednesday. Ken is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Summer Concert Series, which kicks off on July 4th.

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Bob Lippert presents a substantial check to Mary Morse, Executive Director of Spirit Mountain Retreat to fund a special project.

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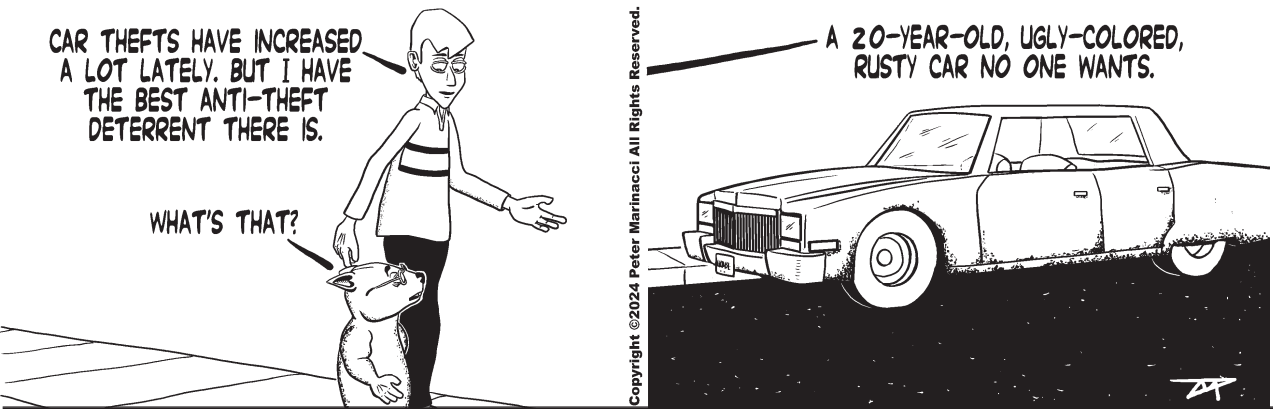
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- Wednesday, May 15
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Mobile health clinic, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 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.

- Thursday, May 16
- 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, May 17
- 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, May 18
- 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, 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, May 19
- 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, May 20
- 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-

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- Tuesday, May 21
- 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.
 - 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.
 - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
 - Sons of the American Legion board meeting, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Palms to Pines Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby, 6-6:50 p.m. <https://zoom.us/j/4391478344>
 - Return to Yourself Virtual Support Group for Women Vets with PTSD, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
 - Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
 - Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

- Wednesday, May 22
- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m.



- American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- 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.
 - 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., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 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 Monday to Sunday, May 6 to 12.

- May 6 — Walk-in EMS.
- May 6 — EMS. Hwy. 243.
- May 7 — Public service assist. Pine Crest Ave.
- May 7 — Traffic crash. McGaugh Rd.
- May 8 — Ringing alarm. Temecula Dr.
- May 8 — Wildfire. Stonewood.
- May 8 — EMS. McGaugh Rd.
- May 8 — EMS. Wildwood Dr.
- May 9 — EMS. Fern Valley Rd.
- May 9 — EMS. Hwy. 243.
- May 9 — EMS. Hwy. 243.
- May 10 — EMS. Fern Valley Rd.
- May 10 — EMS. North Circle Dr.
- May 12 — EMS. Pine Cove Rd.
- May 12 — EMS. Hwy. 243.

Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire log

The Riverside County Fire Department/Cal Fire responded to these calls from Monday to Sunday, May 6 to 12.

Pine Cove

- May 6 — Headache, 6:02 a.m.
- May 7 — Over the side traffic crash, 7:56 a.m.
- May 7 — Inaccessible rescue, 1:48 p.m.
- May 7 — Traffic crash, 1:54 p.m.
- May 7 — Vegetation fire, 2:08 p.m.
- May 7 — Vegetation fire, 6:27 p.m.
- May 8 — Vegetation fire mop up, 6:02 a.m.
- May 9 — Hwy. traffic crash, unknown situation, 1:10 p.m.
- May 9 — Miscellaneous, 5:50 p.m.
- May 11 — Immune response during methotrexate administration, 5:34 p.m.
- May 12 — Chest pain, 9:26 p.m.

Garner Valley

- May 6 — Breathing problems, 9:39 a.m.
- May 7 — Over the side traffic crash, 7:56 a.m.
- May 7 — Inaccessible rescue, 1:48 p.m.
- May 7 — Vegetation fire, 2:08 p.m.
- May 7 — Vegetation fire, 6:27 p.m.
- May 8 — Hemorrhage, 11:10 a.m.
- May 8 — Fall, 1:50 p.m.
- May 9 — Chest pain, 7:01 a.m.
- May 12 — Hwy. traffic crash, motorcycle,

- 12:24 p.m.
- May 12 — Traffic crash, 3:38 p.m.
- May 12 — Motorcycle crash, 5:55 p.m.
- May 12 — Vegetation fire, 7:40 p.m.

Pinyon

- May 7 — Vegetation fire, 2:08 p.m.
- May 8 — Vegetation fire mop up, 6:02 a.m.
- May 11 — Commercial structure fire, 5:22 p.m.
- May 11 — Traffic crash, unknown situation, 6:34 p.m.
- May 12 — Chest pain, 10:43 a.m.

Sheriff’s log

The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Monday to Sunday, May 6 to 12.

Idyllwild

- May 6 — Vehicle theft, 8:10 a.m. 53000 block of Double View Dr. Report taken.
- May 6 — Parking violation, 2:38 p.m. Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — Follow-up, 1:55 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — Trespassing, 6:07 p.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Alarm call, 1:09 p.m. 53000 block of Circle View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 9 — Illegal lodging, 8:36 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.

- May 9 — Alarm call, 10:16 p.m. 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - May 12 — Suspicious person, 3:54 p.m. 53000 block of W. Ridge Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - May 12 — Suicide threat, 9:48 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
 - May 13 — Public disturbance, 12:35 p.m. 54000 block of Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Mountain Center
- May 12 — Suspicious person, 4:23 p.m. 29000 block Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
 - May 12 — Danger to self/other, 9:42 p.m. 2900 Block St Hwy 243. Handled by deputy.
 - May 12 — Danger to self/other, 9:42 p.m. 29000 block Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- May 12 — Public assist, 3:28 p.m. 24000 block Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- May 11 — Vandalism, 4:09 p.m. 46000 block Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- May 6 — Unknown trouble, 12:22 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Emergency notification, 9:59 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 9 — Assist other department, 5:38 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

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Newsom submits revised budget to eliminate current deficit

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced his May revision for the coming fiscal year (FY) budget. For FY 2024-25, beginning July 1, Newsom’s revised total expenditures, including federal, special and bond funds, will be nearly \$288 billion, of which \$201 billion will be for the General Fund accounts. This is about \$25 billion less than available for the current FY, which ends June 30.

From the beginning of the news conference, Newsom acknowledged a deficit as a result of capital gains being such a large percentage of California’s revenues. Capital gains vary greatly from year to year. The economy, interest rates and other reasons influence when and how much of their portfolio an individual may sell.

In 2021, the state collected nearly \$350 billion from capital gains. That declined nearly \$200 billion in 2022 and was \$137 billion in 2023.

Nevertheless, he did not consider this situation a crisis. “We need to right size expenditures in relationship to revenue,” he began. “Our approach is not looking at just the budget year, but looking at the next two years ... We’ve got to be accountable. I’m submitting a balance budget.”

The governor and legislators have been working to address the deficit problem almost from the day after his initial budget proposal.

The January proposal assumed a deficit of \$37.9 billion. The Legislature took some actions in April to pare it by \$17.3 billion. The deficit balance of \$20.6 billion grew another \$7 billion with the May revision.

Thus, Newsom and his financial staff needed to reduce the \$27.6 billion imbalance. Furthermore, Newsom said the initial budget estimates for FY 2025-26 resulted in a \$28.4 billion deficit.

As he began explaining the details of his proposals, Newsom emphasized, “This is not just a short-term strategy It is appropriate and prudent for us not only to solve just this year, but also solve it for next year.”

If the legislators agree with Newsom’s proposals, he said the FY 2024-25 would end with a \$3.4 billion surplus and a \$650 million surplus in FY 2025-26.

His news release stressed, “Governor Newsom is balancing the budget by getting state spending under control — cutting costs, not proposing new taxes on hard-working Californians and small businesses — and reducing the reliance on the state’s ‘Rainy Day’ reserves this year.”

In developing his plan, Newsom was not an enthusiastic budget cutter. Reductions are just \$15.2 billion of the solution. He proposes to use \$4.2 billion of reserves, \$7.5 billion from some additional revenues and borrowing, \$14.8 billion from pausing some new programs or growth of programs and shifting funding sources, and \$3 billion from achieving state efficiencies.

The efficiencies come from several directions. More than \$750 million will be elimination of state vacant positions. The rest will come from changes to state business such as use of artificial intelligence for some programs and elimination of landline phones in many offices.

The reductions include one-time cuts as well as ongoing reductions. Examples of the one-time cuts include \$426 million from the Children and Youth Behavioral Health program, \$500 million from water storage and \$620 from health care workforce. Ongoing reductions will include \$300 million from the state and local public health and \$500 million from Middle Class scholarships.

Program pauses include deferring the start of the California Food Assistance Program for two years from October 2025. Also, the Childcare Assistance program that has already employed 119,000 individuals will be maintained at this level rather than expanded to 200,000.

Many of the program shifts will move program funding from the General Fund to the Cap and Trade Fund. This includes many transit and zero-emission vehicle programs.

Specific Proposition 98 funding for schools decreases about \$150 per pupil to \$17,500, the overall per pupil funding will increase to \$23,940.

In a joint statement, Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas (D-Salinas) and Assembly Budget Committee Chair Jesse Gabriel (D-Encino) said, “... We are encouraged that the Governor’s May Revision improves budget prospects for future years and saves rainy-day reserves. Nobody knows what challenges California may face, so we must always stay prepared.”

Senate Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach) released the following statement: “Today, the Governor’s May Revise marks another step in the process toward delivering an on-time and balanced budget for the people of California. As early forecasts last year indicated a budget deficit, discussions between the Legislature and the Governor have been ongoing to safeguard essential programs and services while making strides to reduce the deficit.”

The Republicans were less kind to Newsom’s proposals, Sen. Roger Niello (R-Fair Oaks), vice chair of the Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee issued the following statement, “At first glance, as I’ve heard kids say these days, the math is not mathing. The governor is in denial with these partial and unverified numbers.”

Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones (R-San Diego) listed several concerns in his statement, including a fear that revenue projections were continuing to be overly optimistic.

Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) slammed the plan “as wasteful and irresponsible. Despite warnings from Republicans, the governor has unsurprisingly failed to propose a budget that meets the moment ... Newsom’s plan includes draining billions from the rainy day fund, leaving our state (and the next governor) dangerously unprepared for even a moderate recession. It cuts resources from water storage and youth mental health programs, while funding money-incinerating projects like the bullet train.”

Not only as he began his news conference, but as he concluded it, Newsom emphasized that the state’s budget is highly dependent on a very volatile revenue stream — capital gains taxes. The difference between revenue in 2021 and 2023 was nearly \$200 billion.

He would like to see some legislative changes to moderate this volatility. He suggests establishing a new budget account for that would be available for expenditure if the actual revenue collections achieved the projections. The intent would be to hold aside a portion of revenues greater than the historical trends.

As he concluded his conference, Newsom said with pride, “No new taxes. I’m not proposing new taxes. We can achieve all without cutting core service or a tax increase.”

CPUC

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stead, it redistributes existing costs among customers. This approach aligns with billing practices employed across the nation and by most other utilities in California.

This change in the rate structure is the result of Assembly Bill 205, which became law June 30, 2022. It gave the CPUC until July 1, 2024, to develop a new rate structure.

The text of the bill, in section (3) of the introduction states, “... The bill would eliminate the cap on the amount of the fixed charge that the PUC may authorize. The bill would require the fixed charge to be established on an income-graduated basis, as provided, with no fewer than 3 income thresholds so that low-income ratepayers in each baseline territory would realize a lower average monthly bill without making any changes in usage ...”

The new rate provisions still maintain both current income-based discounts for electricity customers.

The California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) low-income assistance program enrollees will have a \$6 reduction applied to the flat rate on their bills. Currently, CARE offers a 30 to 35% discount in rates based on

income and family size. For example, a family of four with an income of less than \$60,000 would qualify for some reduction. About 30% of the customers of large, independently owned utilities qualify for these reductions.

Customers who are part of the Family Electricity Rate Assistance program will receive a \$12 reduction for their flat rate. Families in this program live in deed-restricted affordable housing with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income.

Customers with roof-top solar also will be shifted to the new billing plan. The CPUC noted that these customers also rely on the grid to store and to transmit the power generated from the solar equipment.

Leading up to the decision, many opposed the change. In the past several months, strong and vocal opposition has been expressed more frequently and publicly. The largest — a coalition of several hundred groups, including Center for Biological Diversity, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, Western Center on Law and Poverty, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, and Utility Consumers’ Action Network — have protested and written a letter to the governor and

legislative leaders in both the state Senate and Assembly. Members of California’s Congressional delegation have independently supported the coalition.

Just this week, California Senate Republicans wrote the CPUC opposing the decision and strongly criticized the fixed rate provision. “This proposal comes at a time when Californians are already facing sky-high electricity prices, with rates that are the third highest in the nation, only behind Hawaii and Rhode Island. We must do more to rein in the ever-growing cost of living in our state, not find new ways to add to it.

“Beyond its excessive nature, the concept of a fixed charge is inherently flawed. First, it contradicts the principles of fair pricing and consumer protection. Customers should primarily pay for the electricity they use, plain and simple.

“Furthermore, the fixed charge discourages energy conservation, as customers will be forced to pay \$24.15 extra, regardless of their energy use,” Republican state senators, including Kelly Seyarto representing the Hill’s District 32, wrote in their letter to the CPUC days before the decision.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ALEVATE REALTY AT 22291 SAFE HARBOR CT, CORONA, CA 92883. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

JONATHAN BARRY

SIDERS

22291 SAFE HARBOR CT, CORONA, CA 92883.

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:
JONATHAN BARRY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 04/03/2024.

FILE NO.: R-202404403

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ALLURE MEDICAL WEIGHT CONTROL AND WELLNESS at 1352 RIMROAD, RIVERSIDE, CA 92506. RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

J & P WELLNESS, INC

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This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above ON 10/01/2018.

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Registrant Signature:
LA SHAWNITA JACKSON, PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 04/19/2024.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as BUCHANAN STREET PUBLISHING, 51775 AVENUE CORTEZ, LA QUINTA, CA 92553. RIVERSIDE COUNTY. Mailing address: 51775 AVENUE CORTEZ, LA QUINTA, CA 92553.

SCOT SIER

51775 AVENUE CORTEZ, LA QUINTA, CA 92553.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced 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:
SCOT SIER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 04/29, 2024.

FILE NO.: R-202405679

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024.

CVCO2403034

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 Court.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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

a. Present name: Arianna Danielle Rodriguez changed to Proposed name: Aria Valentina Martinez.

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: 06/26/2024. Time: 8:00 am.

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: 05/10/24.

TAMARA L. WAGNER
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to notify the public that there will be a public hearing on June 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Pine Cove Water District Board Room regarding Water Stand-By Assessments for unimproved lots for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The amount will remain unchanged - \$30.00 per acre (or portion thereof) per year within the Pine Cove Water District.

Resolution No. 587
PINE COVE WATER DISTRICT
PO Box 2296, Idyllwild, CA 92549
Phone: 951-659-2675

Pub. TC: May 16, 23, 30, 2024

NOTICE OF CHANGED HEARING TIME AND DATE. MORONGO TRIBAL COURT

12700 Pumarra Road, Banning, CA 92220

MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS MORONGO TRIBAL COURT.

Case No.: MTC-24-07-NU

Notice of Changed Hearing time and date. Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: Morongo Tribal Court.

MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, Complainant

v.

CLIFFORD WILSON MATHEWS, Respondent

Please take Notice that the evidentiary hearing in the above-captioned matter previously set for May 14, 2024, has been re-set to Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. The hearing will be taking place in the Morongo Tribal Court. 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.

May 8, 2024
Evelyn Barajas
(951) 572-6031
tribalcourt@morongo.nsn.gov

Pub. TC: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given The undersigned will sell at Public Auction by competitive bidding on or after 12:00 pm, May 31st, for the purpose of satisfying lien for the storage and will be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com. The property has been stored at San Jacinto Self Storage, 1137 San Jacinto Ave. in the city of San Jacinto, County of Riverside, State of California. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 ET. Seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

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All units listed contain miscellaneous household items and furniture. Unit numbers and identity of Occupants renting each space are as follows:

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313 - Catrina Monique Gipson

Pub. TC: May 16, 2024.

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IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., MAY 16, 2024

Town Crier asks about: Nathan Masters and Crooked

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Nathan Masters is a recent Idyllwild transplant. He and his wife Kseniya Melnik are both writers. Master’s just won the Mystery Writers of America Edgar Allan Poe Award for “Fact Crime” for his first book, *Crooked:The Roaring ‘20s Tale of a Corrupt Attorney General, a Crusading Senator, and the Birth of the American Political Scandal*. The book is non-fiction, but borrows from the mystery writer’s tool kit to present its story. About the award, Masters says “I consider it a tremendous honor; past recipients have included Truman Capote, David Graham, Eric Larsen... the biggest names in best selling non-fiction.”

Masters may already be familiar to readers who watch PBS; he also writes and hosts *Lost LA*, a co-production of USC Libraries and Public Media Group of Southern California. The Crier spoke with Masters and began our interview there.

TC: The USC Library website calls *Lost LA* “ a unique collaboration between an university library and a public media company.”

NM: Yes, unique. There’s probably not another series co-produced by an academic research library. it’s an extension of the library’s role in preserving and sharing the history of Southern California.

TC: What is your position with the USC libraries?

NM: I’m not a librarian or archivist but I work for the library in public programing. My job is to talk about how important library collections are.

TC: You work at USC as a writer or researcher?

NM: As a writer. They hired me to write about collections, services and programs. One part of that was writing about California history, a series of articles using images from the USC libraries collections, and also from collections and archives across SoCal. That first series was for the website for KCET, now known as PBS SoCal.

Lost LA presents the history not just of LA, but of the southland and California through a local lens, with different stories requiring different methods of research: one episode tells the stories of three people who lived through the transition from Spanish colony to state; in another, visits to the graves of the rich and famous uncover the role of segregation in the development of the region. The series starts with an exploration of the natural world that white settlers encountered here, and how they changed it.



Masters receives the Edgar Allan Poe Award for *Fact Crime*
PHOTO BY ASLAN CHALOM.

TC: The series uses a lot of different techniques to tell different kinds of stories?

NM: The program has changed over the years, in the first season we were interested in showcasing different forms of documentary storytelling. The initial concept for the show has evolved into a hosted format, like a travel log. As the host I take viewers to different locations.

TC: What drew you into the long form, writing a book?

NM: Yeah, what led to giving up 5 years of my creative life for a single project? I’d always wanted to write a book since I was a little boy, but I just took several decades to figure out what kind of book. Eventually I was drawn to the idea off writing a narrative non-fiction thriller, set in the past. Its frankly the kind of book I like to read, I thought ‘Why not write one myself?’

TC: How did you come to this subject?

NM: I started working on this around 2019. I was trying to think of historical precedents for presidential administrations that were plagued by scandal. I naturally came upon the administration of Warren Harding, about a hundred years ago, one of the most notoriously corrupt presidencies in American history.

TC: Teapot Dome is part of the book?

NM: I started reading about the Harding administration, it turns out that Harding himself was not corrupt,

not complicit in any of the corruption during his administration, but I did come across his attorney general, who was up to his ears in corruption.”

TC: Harry Daugherty.

NM: Yes. I came across Daugherty, then I found the story of a crusading freshman senator [Burton “Boxcar Burt” Wheeler] investigating the attorney general, and just as he is closing in on the truth he finds himself in the crosshairs of the department of justice. When I got to that part of the story I thought “now there’s a book!”

TC: So you had a villain and a protagonist?

NM: There are many other fascinating characters in the book, J. Edgar Hoover is another major character. Con artists, bootleggers, the 1920s was a colorful time in American history.

TC: And there’s a murder too?

NM: At least a suspicious death. I started the book out like a good mystery novel, and what better way to start a mystery than with a dead body?

TC: The Edgar Allen Poe award recognizes that?

NM: It’s especially gratifying, a big part of my research was reading mystery novels and learning from the masters how a mystery should unfold on the page, when to reveal information, how to keep the reader on the edge of their seat.

TC: Do you want to give a shout out to some favorite mystery writers?

NM: I’m an LA guy, so Raymond Chandler, Michael Connelly, Ross MacDonald, of course Daschel Hammit, James M. Cain who wrote *Double Indemnity* and *The Post Man Always Rings Twice*, I could go on and on...

TC: How did you come to Idyllwild?

NM: We moved here during the heart of the pandemic, in 2020. I’ve always been a mountain person, I used to come up here by myself. My wife and I were living in Los Angeles and going stir crazy during lock-down, as I’m sure a lot of people were. We wanted a change of scenery. It was always my dream to live in the mountains. It was a bold move but we did it, and couldn’t be happier with the decision..For a writer it’s a bit of a cliché to live in a house in the woods, but it does help with the creative process. My wife is a writer too, a fiction author who also writes for television, so we’re living that cliché together.

Crooked:The Roaring ‘20s Tale of a Corrupt Attorney General, a Crusading Senator, and the Birth of the American Political Scandal is published by Hachette Books.

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To rest my head.
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My favorite books are thrillers
And they can give me quite a scare.
That's why I keep a very
bright light on
When reading in our easy
_____.

I like to read adventure books.
They're really quite dynamic!
But I kick back to read them
While relaxing in a backyard
_____.

When I read,
I try to sit up straight.
My mom says,
"Please don't slouch."
But it's hard to do that
because I read while sitting
on our fluffy _____.

Standards Link: Identify words from context clues.

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Unscramble the titles of these famous books. Have you read any of them? You can find them at your local library.

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by Patricia MacLachlan

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B	I	R	E	H	N	O	I	A	A
D	T	I	I	T	N	D	R	G	P
C	L	T	H	A	A	M	P	D	U
L	E	T	T	E	R	S	A	I	N
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Youth Baseball

With the temperatures in the 60s and 70s, it was yet another beautiful week of ICC Youth Baseball at Top Field of Idyllwild School. Our young players are starting to improve in big ways throughout all three divisions. Whether the team wins or loses, the kids are learning much about team comradery and good sportsmanship; how to have a positive attitude no matter what the outcome of the games are. Let’s dive in to the highlights.

Wednesday, May 8: T-ball League

The 4:45 p.m. T-ball game was between the Idyll-Beasts (sponsored by Wild Imaginations) and the Golden Eagles (sponsored by Coyote Reds), both teams looking for their second victory of the season. **Clementine Bradish** got things going with a lead-off single that helped put the Idyll-Beasts up 2-0 in the first inning.

Then it was **Bella Martin** who got the bases loaded for the Golden Eagles which set it up for **Kevin Freer** to smash a double into centerfield that brought **Olivia Caruth** home to gain the lead 3-2. “Olivia’s attitude is always awesome and she is the best baserunner that we have,” said Golden Eagles Coach **Carl Dewese**. However, in the final inning, it was **Liam Gillot** who brought in the game-winning run (his second RBI of the day) which enabled the Idyll-Beasts to squeak by with a 7-6 victory.

The 5:45 p.m. T-ball game was between the undefeated Wildlings (sponsored by Amelia’s Donuts) and the Manzanitas (sponsored by Hilltop Music Lab) who were still looking for their first W of the season, but at least this time they had their full roster and a healthy coach.

The Wildlings got off to a great start with a 6-2 lead in the first inning. Then the Manzanitas went on a 5-run hitting streak in the second inning which brought the score a little closer. It was a 9-7 lead for the Wildlings going into the final inning. With an outstanding performance by **Theodore Hopper** both at bat and in the field, the Wildlings scored two more runs to make the score 11-7. And now the Manzanitas were last to bat. Would they get the final word and upset the undefeated Wildlings?

Here is Coach **Michael Maple**: “**Esme Maple** hit a 2-run homerun as our only southpaw, and **Khyana Panchal** ran the base paths with lots and lots of joy,” as they tied the game 11-11. Only one batter left for the Manzanitas with a runner on third base. It would just take an RBI single to win the game. But then who comes to the rescue for the Wildlings? None other than Theodore who got the last out and avoids defeat as the final score ends with an 11-11 tie! (And yes, there can be a tie in our T-ball League.)

Coach **Mel Norman** had a lot of great things to say about the young Hopper kid: “Theo comes ready to play and is a natural. He is quick on his feet and has a swing that is guaranteed a hit. Next time you see Theo make sure you get one of his electrifying high-fives!”

Thursday, May 9: Minor League

Prior to this day, all three games between the Astros (sponsored by AstroCamp) and the Padres (sponsored by Idyllwild Pharmacy) have been decided by just one run. This game was close at the beginning but with the batting power of the Padres, led by young sluggers like **Cooper Jones** (who had multiple RBIs) and **Alexander Andre** (who hit 2 homeruns), it was the Padres who come out on top with a 21-14 victory.

A lot of credit has to be given on the Astros’ side for outstanding ballplayers like **Caleb Marich** and **Courtney Morris**. Coach **Megan Berg** had a lot to say about the young stars: “Caleb is always a standout player. He is a great leader and is always patient and kind with the younger players on his team. He’s a really talented player — had excellent hits and plays at 1st base. This is Courtney’s first season playing baseball and she’s doing amazing! Courtney always brings a smile and hustled to catch the grounders that came her way during the game.”

The next game will be played at 4:45 p.m. Thursday, May 16. And now, thanks to **Mike Van Zee** and Idyllwild School’s ASB, there will be concessions sold at this game!

Thursday, May 8: Major League

The Red Hawks (sponsored by SoCal Renovations) were ahead 2-1 in the series over the Blue Jays (sponsored by Idyllwild Garage) heading into their fourth bout of the season. The Blue Jays were not messing around as they took a 5-0 lead in the first inning. Then **Makai Githaiga** of the Red Hawks, with runners on first and second, hit a 3-run homerun deep into centerfield that made the score 5-3. The Blue Jays were not done yet as their catcher **Lennon Aramburo** hammered a solo homerun to give the Blue Jays a wider 6-3 lead.

Although the Red Hawks are known for their comebacks, it wasn’t quite enough that day as the Blue Jays got the three outs they needed before the game-tying run could be scored. The Blue Jays were



All smiles as the Blue Jays and the Red Hawks shake hands after yet another close game.

PHOTOS BY JOHNNY WILSON

victorious with a final score of 6-5.

Coach **Rodrigo Aramburo** was a proud dad as he spoke highly of his son after last Thursday’s game: “The Blue Jays ‘player of the week’ is Lennon Aramburo . He hit a solo homerun sending the baseball all the way to the centerfield fence, scoring the winning point for his team. It was a close game!”

With the series now tied at 2-2, the 5:45 p.m. Thursday, May 16 game will be a fun one to watch.

Major League Standings

	Wins	Losses
Red Hawks	2	2
Blue Jays	2	2

Minor League Standings

	Wins	Losses
Padres	4	0
Astros	0	4

T-ball Standings

	Wins	Losses	Ties
Wildings	2	0	1
Idyll-Beasts	2	1	0
Golden Eagles	1	2	0
Manzanitas	0	2	1

ICC Ping Pong

The second tournament of the ICC Ping Pong League of Champions is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at Town Hall with registrations and open practice starting at 1 p.m. Anyone aged 15 and up may enter the tournament for a \$10 entry fee. In addition to high-action ping pong games, there will be snacks, drinks and music for the spectators; and prizes for first, second, and third place winners (and of course each have their names engraved onto our Ping Pong Champions Plaque.)

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9	6	5	7	4	1	8	3	2
8	3	4	6	2	5	7	9	1
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

2	6	5	7	8	4	3	9	1
8	1	4	9	3	6	7	5	2
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5	7	6	4	2	1	8	3	9
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3	4	9	6	7	8	1	2	5

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The Town Crier is looking for a part-time Office Assistant. 10-15 hours per week. Please contact Suzanne Avalon at suzanne@towncrier.com

Idyllwild Water District is hiring a General Manager. If interested, please email your resume to Gm@idyllwildwater.com vApplication Deadline 5:00 p.m. Friday May 31st, 2024. Please visit www.idyllwildwater.com/job-openings for more information or contact out office at (951) 659-2143.

For Sale

Forest Knoll A-Frame

for Sale: Walk to Idyllwild Open living space, extra high beams, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and loft. Lily Rock view. \$520k. For sale by owner. Call/text Kristin @ 213-840-6978.

Announcements

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Dave Sandlin
(951) 659-3528

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2-inch ad (minimum size)	\$19.95
Each additional inch	\$12.45

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



We are pleased to announce the top students in 6th grade: **Maverick Marshall** (Top), **Noah Reeves** (Middle), **Gaige Schnalzer** (Bottom). Congratulations to these students and we recognize them for their hard work.

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CREATURE CORNER

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats met five new kittens and new dog Sonny.

Smokey: Wow! Life is good!! One kitten was just adopted, Waffle. And really good news is that beautiful Stella found her forever home!

Pepper: Oh my gosh! That is such great news. Both cats are going to make wonderful companions.

Sonny: And please keep your fingers crossed for me. I have two meetings this week

Stretch: I heard that you visited town this past Saturday, and the consensus was you are “magical.”

Sonny: Aw shucks. Thank you. I am pretty easy-going. Life is good!

Eeyore: And we took in two new kittens this last weekend.

Pepper: But they are pretty young. They are super cute but can’t go to forever homes yet.

Henri: Did you know that ARF also took in a puppy but before he could be advertised in print, he was adopted!

Stretch: Wow! So it was a good weekend, for most.

Sonny: Please don’t look sad, Stretch. The right family will come along for you.

Henri: That’s right Stretch. We just need to be patient.

Sonny: There must be the right person out there who is looking for a mature dog, one who has a known personality and just wants to be love.

Eeyore: Yes, Stretch, Henri, and Whiskey all fit that bill.

Sonny: Now that the weather is so beautiful, people will begin thinking about getting out, and the right dog will be perfect as a walking companion.

Henri: That would be any of us!

Sonny: And those who don’t get out to walk will love one of you cats or kittens.

Eeyore: Yes. We will entertain right in the home!



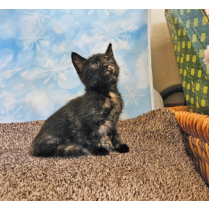
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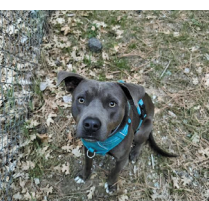
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Muffin



Sunny

Creature Corner is looking for sponsors! 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.



Past Tense

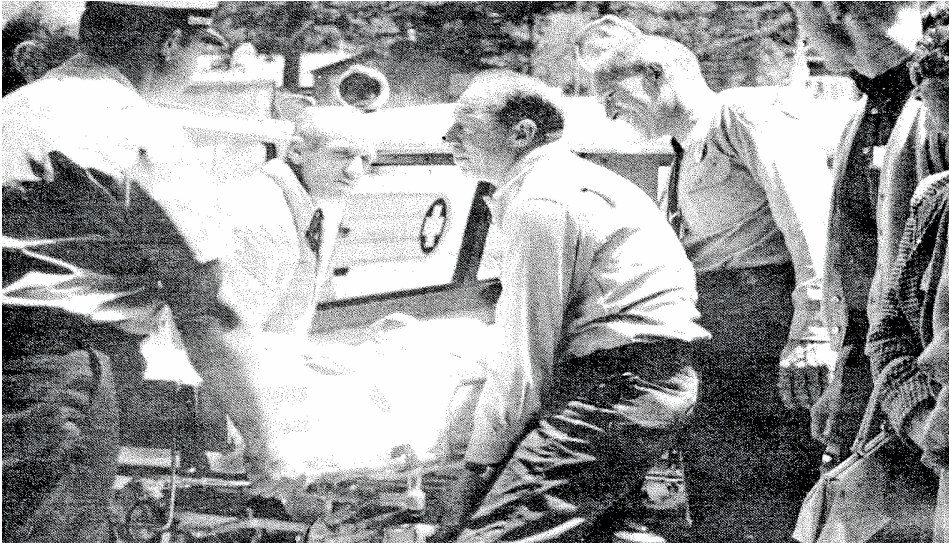
75 years ago - 1949
Dr. Harry Pearlman, Louis Pearlman, Louis Artin and Sam Melca started up Devil’s Slide Trail hoping to hike down the desert side. But after nine hours of floundering in snow up to their armpits, they reappeared in Fern Valley.

70 years ago - 1954
A San Bernardino radio show host interviewed a local biographer of Davy Crockett, Marion Michael Null, about his just-published book, “The Forgotten Pioneer.”

65 years ago - 1959
Earth movers were grading Dutch Flat, preparing to build a nine-hole golf course.

60 years ago - 1964
Southern California Edison opened a second power line to Idyllwild from the valley. Better electrical service for all the mountain communities was promised.

55 years ago - 1969
Lt. Col. Charles Klinkert of Anza received the Silver Star for the rescue of four downed U.S. Marine helicopter crew-



Celia Bonney, 16, Sierra Madre motor scooter victim, got full treatment from Idyllwild Fire Department's first aid class in May 1964. She received minor injuries in a fall.

FILE PHOTO

men in Vietnam.

50 years ago - 1974
The Town Crier reminded folk it was time to harvest manzanita berries and published a recipe for manzanita jelly.

45 years ago - 1979
The California Department of Transportation was accepting public comments on a proposed curve realignment project on a “death trap” between Idyllwild and Mountain Center on Highway 243.

40 years ago - 1984
It was long overdue and some Hill residents had given up hope, but the first measurable snowfall of the season fell on Idyllwild April 27.

35 years ago - 1989
At a meeting of the Hill Municipal Advisory Council, local artists Jonathan LeBenne and Chuck Kawalchuck presented their proposal to turn Idyllwild’s landmark tree in the middle of South Circle Drive, which had

died from pine beetle infestation, into a 50-foot carved monument.

30 years ago - 1994
Preparations were being made for the fifth-annual Timber Festival that would be held in June.

25 years ago - 1999
Local high-schooler Jenny Kirchner was selected as one of 10 high school students from all over North America to attend the fifth International Photography Summit in San Diego. Kirchner is now a Town Crier freelance photographer.

20 years ago - 2004
An Italian-style mosaic that had taken students and community volunteers about two years to complete was installed at the entrance of Idyllwild School. The project was organized by artist and retired art teacher Gary Parton.

15 years ago - 2009
Idyllwild’s local science camp, AstroCamp, had a public star party the

prior Sunday night. The event brought in about 20 people and was free of charge.

10 years ago - 2014
Idyllwild School again was recognized as a California Distinguished School, as well as a Title 1 Academic Achievement Award School.

5 years ago - 2019
President Donald Trump concurred and declared the damages resulting from the Feb.13, 14 and 15 storms in California, including Riverside County, to be a major disaster.

1 year ago - 2023
The Local Short-Term Rental Committee held a public Town Hall meeting with County 4th District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. The hall was full. Although public comments were sometimes animated and often elicited response from the crowd, participants did adhere to Perez’ requests for decorum and civility.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

- Wednesday, May 15**
- Storytime “Princess and the Pea” with Miss Diane, 11 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
 - Coed pickleball, 9 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, “Four Agreements,” 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Idyllwild’s Best Book Club, “My Side of the Mountain” by Jean Craighead George, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - “The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare,” 6-8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
 - AEL Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.
- Thursday, May 16**
- Women’s pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - Self-Hypnosis, Emotional Freedom Technique, EFT Tapping, 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Idyllwild Chess Club, 3-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)
 - “The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare,” 6-8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Friday, May 17**
- Women’s pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - “If,” 6-7:45 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
 - Dramatic Arts Department Senior Showcase, 7:30 p.m. Bowman IAF Theater, Idyllwild Arts.
- Saturday, May 18**
- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)
 - “If,” 6-7:45 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
 - Comedy Supreme: Sean Williams, Nicole Tran, Richard Weiss & Donna Maine, 7:30 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Sunday, May 19**
- “If,” noon-1:45 p.m., 3-4:45 p.m. & 6-7:45 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Monday, May 20**
- Women’s pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - “Nonsense,” 5 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Tuesday, May 21**
- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - IdyFilm Showcase, 2:30-4:30 p.m. & 4:30-6:30 p.m. Bruce Ryan Soundstage, Idyllwild Arts.
 - “If,” 6-7:45 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Wednesday, May 22**
- Storytime “Butterflies” with Miss Susan, 11 a.m.-noon Idyllwild Library.
 - Shaolin Qi Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 11 a.m.-noon & 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
 - Faces & Places Reading Group: The Amazon, 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - “If,” 6-7:45 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
 - IdyFilm Red Carpet Awards Night, 7 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall. (Strict black tie event.)
- Thursday, May 23**
- Coed pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - Idyllwild Chess Club, 3-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)
 - IdyFilm Community Screening, 5 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Friday, May 24**
- Memorial Day yard sales. See Town Crier.

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- Friday, May 24**
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- Saturday, May 25**
- Coed pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - “If,” 6-7:45 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
 - Memorial Day yard sales. See Town Crier.
 - Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. (Beginners welcome; free lessons.)
 - “If,” noon-1:45 p.m., 3-4:45 p.m. & 6-7:45 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Sunday, May 26**
- Memorial Day yard sales. See Town Crier.
 - “If,” noon-1:45 p.m., 3-4:45 p.m. & 6-7:45 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Monday, May 27**
- Memorial Day yard sales. See Town Crier.
 - Coed pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - “If,” 6-7:45 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Tuesday, May 28**
- Coed pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Community Talk with the Sheriff’s Department, 1-2 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - “If,” 6-7:45 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild
LIVE! Rabbi Ilana Grinblat
Shabbat Service Fri 5/31 6pm + Potluck Dinner
Shabbat Study Sat 6/1, 9:30am + Potluck Brunch
St Hugh's 25525 Tahquitz Dr
- Every Fri 6pm Zoom Candlelighting
templeharshalomidyllwild.org (951) 468-0004

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

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

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

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.

Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale

Use the treasure map below to plan your yard sale adventure.
The number at the end of each yard sale listing corresponds to the location number on the map.

Yard Sales

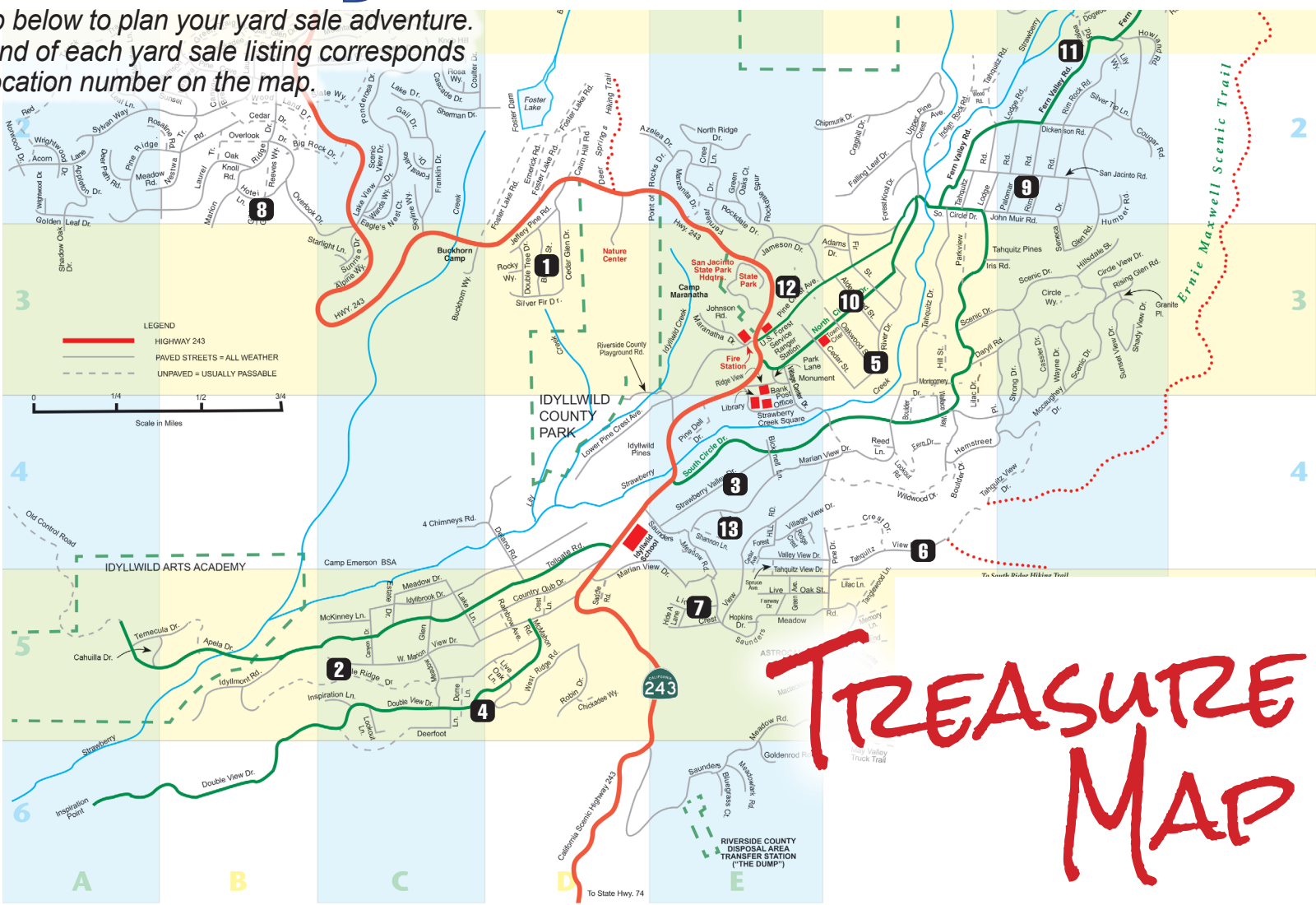
1 **YARD SALE** Thurs. May 23 to Sun. May 26 8-5 pm. Holiday items, furniture, collectibles, including dolls. Women's clothes, including Lu LA Rue XXS-4X, Disney, Xmas & Halloween, kid's newborn to 14. Origami, costume jewelry, Scentsy items and lots of other items! **25628 Big Pine, off Hwy 243 and Cedar Glen.**

2 **53015 W Marian View Dr** - 9am-5pm, Sat 25; Sun 26 & Mon 27 - Bicycles; furniture; homeschooling, kid's & art books; craft materials; games; Lego; Halloween & ice skating costumes.

3 **YARD SALE!! 54205 Strawberry Valley Drive, 5/24 – 5/26, 8 am – 3 pm.** Vintage and MCM items available, two original ranch-style sofas from our 1930's cabin, household & unique items, Don Featherstone Blowmolds, and items from our Vintage Store in Rancho Mirage. This is the yard sale you do not want to miss! NO early birds!

4 **Huge Sale! A little bit of everything.** Furniture, Western horse tack, saddle, tack box, kitchenware, skis and more! Saturday, Sunday, (Monday?) 8-3 No early birds! **53455 Double View Drive.**

5 **YARD SALE right in town!** Housewares, clothing, toys, bedding, patio furniture, tools, a BIG telescope, lumber, and more... and a 26 foot 2015 AIR-



STREAM Flying Cloud in excellent condition!! **54630 River Drive, Sat/Sun 10-2.**

6 **4370 Tahquitz View Drive.** Saturday and Sunday, 8-4. Women's and kids' clothing & shoes, camping gear, household & kitchen items, furniture, books, toys, and high quality tools!

7 **SALE 54111 Linger Lane** Friday and Saturday 9 to 4, Sunday Blowout 9 to

Noon, A set of 50's kitchen chairs, Massage table, filing cabinet, Quilt fabric and notions, craft supplies, oak and glass display cabinet, art, misc household items clothing FREE books .

8 **Good Stuff Yard Sale** Charles Stickly rocking chair, small Persian rug, Japanese and other ceramics, textiles, clothes, candles, photo frames, books and

more. **25417 Hotei Lane, Pine Cove.** 5/25 and 5/26 only and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. only. Come by! .

9 **Yard Sale.** Downsizing after years of accumulation! Pyrex, jewelry, china, skillets, tile top table, household goods and more! 8:30 – 2:00 May 24th and 25th **25425 Rimrock Rd.**

10 **Yard Sale!** May 24th and 25th. The Idyllwild

Community Garden on the corner of N. Circle Drive and Alderwood St in Idyllwild. Furniture, household goods, gardening tools and supplies.

11 **Yard Sale – The Lilac Garden, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.** Friday, Saturday and Sunday. May 24-26. 7 pieces of Belden Pincraft to be auctioned, winning bid announced on Sunday at noon. Morrison chairs, kitch-

en items, tools and much more.

12 **Uttermost yard sale at Idyllwild Bible Church, 25860 Hwy 243/ Pine Crest Ave.** May 24-25 8am to 5 pm.

13 **Yard Sale.** Household items, some tools, clothing and other treasures. **54167 Marian View Dr.** Saturday Only. 8am – 1pm.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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16 Blue Angels events
18 Australian red wine
20 Fedora feature
21 Medicinal plant
23 PC key
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31 Misery
32 Barbs
34 "Science Friday" network
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54 Forearm bone
55 Minus
56 Season opener?
57 Some July babies

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26 Fabric features
27 Calming drug
29 Tax pro
30 Mess up
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Answers to puzzles found on B4

HOROSCOPES

May 2024 — Week 3

ARIES
March 21 – April 19
The cautious side of your usually adventurous nature stands you in good stead this week. Someone might, indeed, be trying to pull the wool over the Sheep's eyes.

TAURUS
April 20 – May 20
Planetary alignment still causes unsettling situations. Consider delaying matters that aren't a priority until the weekend. Cheer up! The next such alignment isn't until 2028.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 21
Family matters take precedence. Spend more time with those close to you. A career move sounds promising, but ask for more facts before making a decision.

CANCER
June 22 – July 22
Your watchword this week is "tact!" While honesty is, of course, the best policy, it's best to temper your tendency toward bluntness with discretion.

LEO
July 23 – August 22
Nothing pleases our Leos and Leonas more than knowing they're admired, and this week, you'll be overwhelmed with compliments. Enjoy the adulation. You earned it.

VIRGO
August 23 – September 22
You're making progress in your dealings with a troubled loved one. Continue to offer understanding and support. You'll soon see positive results.

LIBRA
September 23 – October 22
Change is favored this week. You might want to reassess a situation that has become too demanding. Also, reconsider that job move you rejected earlier.

SCORPIO
October 23 – November 21
A loved one returns after a long separation. At work, a decision is made that could lead to the changes you hoped for. The next step is up to you.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22 – December 21
This is a good time to set things straight in your personal relationships. Some decisions might be difficult but necessary if you're to turn things around.

CAPRICORN
December 22 – January 19
Cupid rules the Capricorn Goat's heart this week. It's a good time to start a new romance or reaffirm your commitment to your current beloved.

AQUARIUS
January 20 – February 18
Travel and entertainment are favored for the rest of the month. You earned this good time. Enjoy it with friends and family members.

PISCES
February 19 – March 20
Someone you've been close to reveals a secret that could put this relationship at risk. Consider the full impact of the admission before making a decision.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

MAGIC MAZE — KEEPER

W J G D Z W L T Q N K H D A X
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: HONEY-MAKING POLLINATOR

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Brother's	Lock	Record	Time
Goal	Market	Saloon	Zoo
Grounds	Peace	Shop	

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