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Local resident recieves Purple Heart after 56 years



Dave Fraser (left), Fred Maholland with Purple Heart (center); Post 800 Commander, Nacho Garcia (right)
PHOTO BY DOM SURINA

Corporal Fred Maholland, United States Marine Corps, was wounded during combat action in Vietnam, April, 1968. He was awarded, but never received, his Purple Heart Medal. Fifty-six years later Maholland received his overdue Purple Heart Medal at a ceremony at the American Legion, Idyllwild Post 800, on Saturday, August 3rd. Post Commander, Nacho Garcia, USMC, presenting.

Holstege – mother, council member, attorney – busy, very!



Christy Holstege
member of the Palm Springs City Council and served a term as Mayor – the first woman to serve as mayor in the history of Palm Springs.

Editor's Note: California will hold its 2024 Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 5. Besides the races for President, the U.S. Senate and Congress, voters will have a choice between incumbent Greg Wallis (Republican) and Democrat Christy Holstege for California's District 47 Assembly seat.

Although the election is still three months in the future, the Town Crier wanted to introduce both candidates as individuals to the readers.

This story with Holstege and a similar story with Wallis, which will appear in next week's issue of the Town Crier, do not discuss campaign issues. Closer to the election, the Town Crier will report on those topics and the candidates' views and opinions.

Calvert has always been active in politics



Ken Calvert

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This story and a similar story with Rollins, which appeared in the July 25 issue of the Town Crier, do not discuss campaign issues. Closer to the election, the Town Crier will report on those topics and the candidates' views and opinions.

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View of the mountains taken from Garner Valley

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Campaign finances for California Assembly District 36 low key through June

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

On the November 5 ballot, Jose “Joey” Acuna, the Democratic candidate, and Jeff Gonzalez, the Republican candidate, are vying for the California Assembly District 36 seat. The incumbent, Democrat, Eduardo Garcia, announced in December that he would not seek re-election.

There were seven candidates on the Primary ballot, Acuna won the Democratic Primary and Gonzalez was the Republican victor. He captured the most votes of all seven, but he had only one other Republican in the Primary.

Acuna
Through June 30, Acuna has received contributions totaling \$410,000. About a quarter of the money was received in the last few weeks of 2023 and the balance in 2024. Another \$60,000 was given since the June 30 filing date.

He has received nine contributions of \$10,900. Several of these were employee or labor organizations, such as the United Food and Commercial Workers Union PAC and the California State Council of Service Employees Small Contributor Committee.

In total, Acuna has received 211 separate donations, nearly 80 have been for less than \$500. Only 8 have been from individuals or organizations outside of California,

such as United Parcel Service and United Food workers.

He also has received two \$5,500 donations from both Assemblyman Garcia and one from Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez as well as several other Assembly candidates.

In the first six months of 2024, Acuna has expended about \$385,000 and has about \$144,000 in cash available.

Gonzalez
Through June 30, Gonzalez has received nearly \$700,000 in contributions, of which only \$13,000 was collected in 2023. He has received only one donation, for \$5,500 since the June 30 filing.

However, nearly 75% of his contributions have come from the California Republican Party, these have all been nonmonetary.

He has been given nine contributions for \$5,500 each, three from fellow Republican Assembly candidates and two from Frederick Noble and Affiliated Enterprises.

Republican Assembly candidates have donated \$40,000 to Gonzalez’s campaign.

Thirty contributions were for \$1,000 and another 33 for \$500. Slightly less than half of all his contributions (99 of 201) were for less than \$500. Nearly 75% of the contributions, totaling 10% of the money, came from individuals.

In the first six months of 2024, Gonzalez has expended about \$588,000 and has about \$112,000 in cash still available.

Holstege
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school, she mentioned.

“Everyone deserves equal rights and I’ve committed my career to help achieve that,” she said earnestly. “I care very much about access to jobs.”

This is very much the definition of Holstege’s life. When asked about how she recreates, she replied “There’s not a good answer. I have three full-time jobs. Mother of a four-year-old is one, the Palm Springs City Council is full-time and running my legal practice.”

But equality and advocacy have had to share her time. Holstege is a former avid soccer player. Her Dad coached soccer for more than 10 years. She was on varsity soccer, refereed in high school and coached a girls’ under 16-years team.

“My life growing up was soccer,” she admitted “And soon, I hope to take my son to see some classes.”

As an adult, the family enjoys hiking when time permits. “I enjoy seeing the beauty of the mountains,” she said. “We like living in the Coachella valley and Palm Springs.”

This is her second attempt for the 47th Assembly District seat. In addition, she has run several campaigns for her Palm Springs City Council seat. She said there are significant differences between the two types of races.

“First is the size. The scale is much bigger, the Assembly District is nearly 500,000 people, the City Council district is about 43,000,” she related. “The issues are

much wider at the Assembly level. It a very diverse and different community.”

The size of the Assembly District has affected her choice of transportation. Now, she has an electric vehicle to travel around the District and the State. “This saves on the cost of gas,” she said proudly.

She acknowledged that there are charging stations around the District, but it is still difficult making these long trips. “It’s two hours from end-to-end in the [Assembly] District. California needs to build out more electric vehicle charging stations.” She charges her vehicle at home, nearly every night.

While not sharing the details, Holstege said one of the funnier moments of her campaign occurred one afternoon whenw` they were walking a neighborhood in order to speak to voters about the coming election.

“At one house, we knocked several times, and we could tell someone was home,” she related. “But we were surprised when they came and opened the door in their underwear! After a change, we did discuss the election.”

When asked about Idyllwild, Holstege repeated an earlier story to demonstrate its value to her.

In December 2022, after conceding the Assembly race, “The first place I went to was Idyllwild. To spend time there, meeting Mayor Max, the restaurants, and enjoying life,” she admitted. “I love Idyllwild and am very much appreciative of its connection to my community. I wanted to get away and enjoy the town and the restaurants.”

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From the National Weather Service




Wednesday 8/7
85°F / 63°F
Sunny




Thursday 8/8
86°F / 65°F
Sunny




Friday 8/9
89°F / 68°F
Sunny




Saturday 8/10
88°F / 66°F
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Sunday 8/11
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Monday 8/12
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8/7/23	93°/59°F
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8/9/23	93°/59°F
8/10/23	94°/58°F
8/11/23	91°/61°F
8/12/23	90°/62°F
8/13/23	89°/61°F



Flash flooding

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Soul Quest Group of Cincinnati performs at the 3rd annual FWB Fest at Idyllwild Arts

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Madison McKay, Shelly McKay, Lady Sham, Alex Cameron, and Stephanie Yost at The Peak's Drag Queen Bingo night last Tuesday.

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Larajji performing a Sunset Set at FWB FEST 2024

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“ASK SPIRITUAL WORKOUT”
By Steven Morrison, M.A.

• **Editor’s Note:** Spiritual Workout is a practice of these 15 concepts: Be Compassionate • Beliefs Matter • Be Present • Choices Abound • Everything Is Energy • Have an Attitude of Gratitude • Intentions Matter • Judgments Separate Us • Listen to Inspiration • Mind & Body Are Connected • Take Responsibility • The Law of Attraction Is Always On • We Are All Connected • We Are Here for a Reason • We Belong to the Planet, Not the Planet to Us. More at spiritualworkout.com.

Dear Spiritual Workout,
Your column often sounds rather simplistic to me, but people’s problems are real and not always so simple. I just wanted to make that comment.

Dear Reader,
And I’m glad you did! (Actually, this comment wasn’t made to me directly. It was made to a reader/supporter who relayed it to me after some cajoling.) It’s a common refrain and I’d like to respond to it on two levels. First, there’s the level of this format, which obviously forces responses to reader questions and comments into written soundbites, if you will. It is always my intention here, in this format, to start a conversation, not complete one, so thanks for the opportunity to say that. Next, it sounds to me like “simplistic” in this sense, is not exactly a compliment! Fair enough, but the truth of the matter is it is very much a compliment because SW practice is, on its face, utterly simple — conceptually anyway. Want to be a doctor? Simple! Go to medical school. Want to see the view at the top of that mountain? Simple! Hike up this 6,873-ft trail. Tired of never having enough money? Simple! Stop thinking all the time about never having enough money. As you can see, every bit of such simplicity requires considerable effort. Indeed, “workout” is in the name of this practice because simple as it may be to uncover a non-serving belief, for example, and change it into one that serves, it’s still going to take some effort. And lots of practice. Spiritual Workouters don’t shy away from such effort. Rather, they take advantage of having a safe, consistent space in which to “train” for whatever mountains they’re climbing.

Dear Spiritual Workout,
I’m having a bit of an issue with seeing people I know well on Facebook doing things I want to do like being in happy relationships and having traveling adventures. But I’ve been single for a long time, my finances aren’t strong, and it’s just so hard.

Dear Reader,
I dare say what’s making all of that extra hard is whatever it is you’re believing about what you’re seeing. Anything in the realm of “that will never happen for me” or “that ship has sailed” are examples of not-helpful beliefs that you’d benefit from changing. Intentions for what you want (what they have) would also be key right here, of course, but here is something that might help with that. It’s the idea that what we see “out there,” what attracts us, what we notice, exists within us as well. That means that if you are interested in and drawn to the notion of being in the kind of relationship you see others having, you have the capacity for that within you. If you are interested in and drawn to the notion of traveling the way you see others traveling, you have the capacity for that within you. So instead of lamenting what isn’t, the opportunity is to cultivate what is — already within you — which we do with shiny, clear intentions.

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Dear Reader
Please send issues and questions you’d like to see addressed in this column to dearspiritualworkout@spiritualworkout.com. (Confidentiality assured.) And please send your comments about the column itself to the editor.

Trustee of Dia Abrams’ estate asks court permission to dispose of personal property, disputes Harper’s accounting

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

At a July 29 hearing in Palm Springs probate court, the court appointed trustee of the estate of missing Mountain Center resident Dia Abrams asked judge Russell Velasquez for broad latitude to dispose of her extensive personal property, in preparation for putting her 117 acre Bonita Vista Ranch on the market. The trustee, Richard Munro, also disputed the accounting provided by former co-trustee Keith Harper, who requested almost half a million dollars in compensation for his efforts caring for the estate after Abrams’ disappearance in 2020. Harper was represented by Maryann Briseno, his third attorney in this case.

Harper says he was Abrams’ fiancé, and was made the executor of her estate in a trust amended less than two weeks before her disappearance. Abrams’ adult children, Crisara and Clinton, dispute this trust. At present, if Ms. Abrams does not return, she will be declared legally dead in June of 2025 and the estate divided, 50% to Harper and 50% to her children. Harper was removed as trustee last year and left the ranch after Munro initiated eviction proceedings in January.

Munro submitted two new filings. One objects to Harper’s accounting, saying it is “missing documentation and detail.” The accounting adds up to a request for reimbursement of \$256,000 in “loans advanced” to the trust, and compensation of \$236,000 for his 43 months of work maintaining the property. The court appointed trustee argues with these figures, saying “It is not credible that Harper spent 10 hours per day, 7 days per week taking care of trust property. Additionally, Harper represents that he already paid various persons to maintain the ...properties...”

Beyond asking the judge to turn down Harper’s request for payment, Munro argues that Harper instead owes the trust and should pay back into it. The petition lists over \$30,000 “in trust monies that he admits were used for personal expenses,” estimates that Harper owes \$236,000 in rent for his three and a half years at the ranch, claims he should pay the trustee’s legal fees as they prepare for repeated court dates to litigate these matters, and ask for \$10,000 in sanctions for “failing to provide an accurate accounting.” They also say he should return personal property they believe

he has taken: a WWII vintage army jeep; gymnasium equipment; an ornate wood cabinet from Dia’s bedroom; eight watches and other jewelry present in 2023 but missing in 2024; “an unknown quantity of vintage firearms;” and a large safe. It was noted that Dia’s main collection of jewelry was removed early on and put in safe keeping. In addition, the trustee asks the judge to instruct Harper to turn over access to Abrams’ Mountain Center post office box, Box 1.

The trustee also filed an application for authorization to dispose of Dia Abrams’ personal property as a prelude to selling her ranch. One of Abrams’ houses, on Tool Box Springs road, was sold in March. They expect to market the Ranch property “before the fall of 2024.”

The trustee says that the ranch’s buildings and containers are “completely full and cluttered with personal property.” The application lists a cabin, a cottage, the four-bedroom 3,500 square foot main house with attached garage, enclosed and outdoor barbecue areas, a large barn, and “at least six forty-foot shipping containers.” Abrams loved to shop, according to those who knew her. The trustee maintains that this is a “suboptimal” condition in which to market real estate and “attract the best price.”

The petition asks permission to clear the ranch of Dia’s thousands of personal items, “ranging in value and condition from valuable to trash.” Three estate sale firms estimated that just having the items inventoried and appraised would cost “upward of \$200,000.”

The trustee proposes dividing the items into three categories; “furniture and antiques worthy of appraisal and sale”; “clothing and personal effects which have little commercial value” but which may be offered to Abrams’ children before being donated to charity; and “personal property to dump” including items damaged by rats, mice and other “critters.” The first group of items would be appraised, with Crisara Abrams to have right of first refusal before they are sold, and their value subtracted from her final inheritance. “If another beneficiary is interested in purchasing property” (like son Clinton Abrams) they may also bid before public auction. Some of the furniture and equipment may stay with the property when it is sold.

The judge continued the hearing until November 7.



Brother **Chuck** and daughter **Lauren Marchioni** speak at the memorial service of Rob Muir on Saturday at Town Hall.
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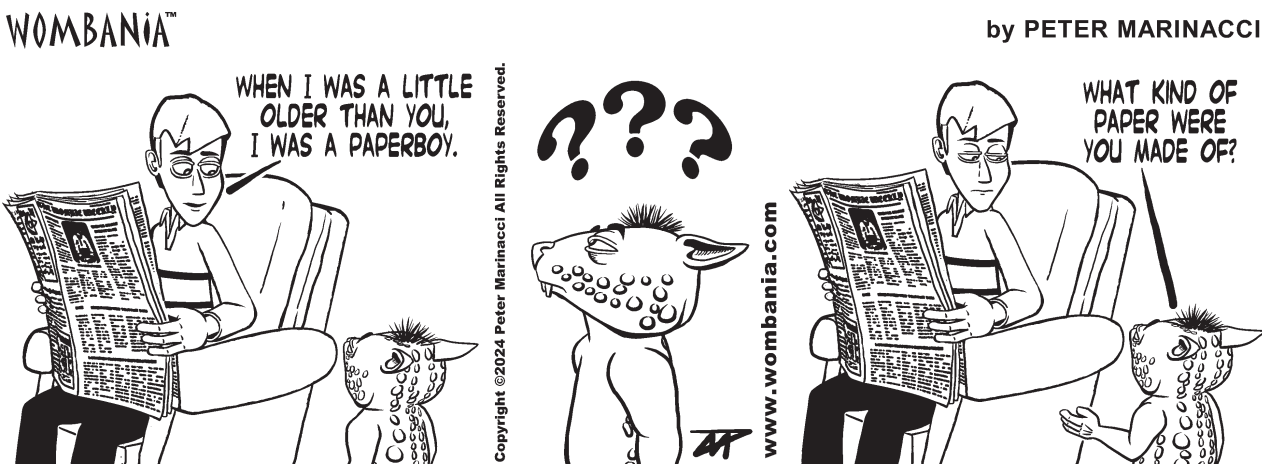


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- Wednesday, Aug 7**
- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Philosophy Discussion Club, 5 p.m. in the Spirit Mountain Retreat Hill House, 25661 Oakwood St
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Thursday, Aug 8**
- 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, Aug 9**
- 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
 - AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. Ark of Light, 54445 N. Circle Dr. (behind Idyllwild Acupuncture)

- Saturday, Aug 10**
- American Legion Post 800 meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. Free lessons
 - 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, Aug 11**
- 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, Aug 12**
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Codependents Anon, 6 p.m. Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.

- Tuesday, Aug 13**
- Riverside County Board of

- by PETER MARINACCI
- 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.
 - Feeding America, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St. Bring box for food.
 - 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.
 - 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
 - Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

- Wednesday, Aug 14**
- 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.
 - 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. Fri., Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
 - Idyllwild Help Center, 26330

- Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 11 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.

Driver over the side above Vista Point

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

A driver went over the side of Highway 74 above Vista Point at around 6 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30. The guardrail had to be cut before a tow truck could retrieve the vehicle. Officer Torres of the Indio CHP provided these details: a 19-year-old male from Thousand Palms was driving down hill above Vista Point in a silver Subaru BRZ when he went off the road, ending up 50 feet below the roadbed. The driver was able to extricate himself without injury. The preliminary report lists unsafe turning as the cause of the crash. Drugs and alcohol are not believed to have been involved.

Sheriff’s log

The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls

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- July 26 — Public disturbance, 6:52 p.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 27 — Vehicle theft, 8:04 a.m. 26000 block of Hemstreet Pl. Report taken.
- July 27 — Public intoxication, 2:17 p.m. 54000 block of Village Center Dr. Arrest made.
- July 27 — Follow-up, 3:17 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 27 — Noise complaint, 7:07 p.m. 25000 block of Indian Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 27 — Noise complaint, 10:24 p.m. 25000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 28 — Emergency notification, 12:39 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 28 — Check the welfare, 9:50 a.m. 26000 block of Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 29 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 12:27 a.m. 55000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 29 — Vehicle code viola-

- tion, 8:48 a.m. 25000 block of Palomar Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 29 — Petty theft, 4:57 p.m. 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.
 - July 29 — Silent alarm, 6:35 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
 - July 29 — Noise complaint, 6:51 p.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - July 30 — Found property, 11:34 a.m. 25000 block of Cedar St. Handled by deputy.
 - July 30 — Silent alarm, 7:01 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
 - July 31 — Suspicious vehicle, 11:29 a.m. 54000 block of Ridgeview Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - July 31 — Assist other department, 12:39 p.m. 54000 block of Linger Ln. Handled by deputy.
 - July 31 — Check the welfare, 3 p.m. 54000 Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 1 — Alarm call, 5:41 a.m. 53000 block of Circle View Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 2 — Public assist, 12:54 p.m. 26000 block of Crestview Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 2 — Noise complaint, 9:37 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 4 — Noise complaint,

- 1:14 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Aug. 4 — Noise complaint, 3:50 a.m. 25000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 4 — Civil dispute, 7:12 a.m. 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 4 — Trespassing, 11:07 a.m. 26000 block of Crestview Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 4 — Alarm call, 11:24 p.m. 25000 block of Scenic Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 4 — Alarm call, 11:24 p.m. 25000 block of Scenic Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 5 — Public disturbance, 12:21 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.

- MOUNTAIN CENTER**
- July 27 — Suspicious circumstance, 9:01 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - July 30 — Noise complaint, 11:36 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - July 31 — Noise complaint, 1:03 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - July 31 — Noise complaint, 1:23 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - July 31 — Public disturbance,

- 7:51 a.m. 53000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

- PINE COVE**
- July 28 — Danger to self/other, 9:03 p.m. 53000 block of Oates Ln. Report taken.
- PINE MEADOWS**
- July 26 — Check the welfare, 8:21 p.m. 59000 block of Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - July 28 — Assist other department, 3:11 p.m. 35000 block of Pathfinder Rd. Handled by deputy.

- POPPET FLATS**
- July 28 — Assist other department, 9:03 p.m. 18000 block of Cryer Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - July 29 — Unlawful entry, 7:05 p.m. Address undefined. Unfounded.
 - July 30 — Fraud, 12:26 p.m. 18000 block of Cryer Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 4 — Check the welfare, 3:54 p.m. 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Report taken.
 - Aug. 4 — Follow-up, 8:04 p.m.

- SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST**
- July 27 — Follow-up, 12:27 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
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 - July 27 — Assist other department, 11:34 p.m. 33000 block of Bautista Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - July 28 — Battery, 3:07 a.m. 20000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
 - July 28 — 911 call from business, 3:26 p.m. 56000 block of Apple Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 3 — Alarm call, 6:39 a.m. 48000 block of Twin Pines Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 3 — Alarm call, 6:39 a.m. 48000 block of Twin Pines Rd. Handled by deputy.
 - Aug. 3 — 911 hangup from cellphone, 10:40 a.m. 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
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Idyllwild Laundry Service to add dog washing to services

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The Crier spoke with Randy Montes of Idyllwild Laundry Service to hear about his progress and plans as proprietor of a business many locals depend on. His family took over operations in spring of last year, have introduced a few changes, and have a lot more in the works.

Patrons will notice that the old line of “single load,” home-style washing machines are gone, and the front part of the main room is partitioned off. Four new machines, all larger commercial units, have been added to the second aisle, and so capacity has increased. “Two new triple loaders, a quadruple loader and six-times loader. People will have a lot more room to wash their big items.”

The partitioned section is a bold new idea: a self-service dog washing station. Dog lovers know that professional grooming can be expensive, and soon they will be able to find a lower-cost alternative: everything they need to do the job themselves, without making a mess at home. Grooming supplies and accessories will be on offer. The plumbing is all done, and the actual station is built. The finishing touches and creature comforts for people are still in the works. Randy sees a “big demand in the community for maintaining and caring for animals.”

The office is slated to be opened for more machines and a “lounge” area with seating around the brick fireplace. Two vending machines offer drinks and snacks, and more of them are planned.

‘Wash and fold’ is another popular service the Montes will keep up, and Randy hopes to offer pick-up and deliv-

Mural on the back-side of Idyllwild Laundry Service by artist **Robert Gomez** of Blank Canvas LA. Gomez, now a resident of Idyllwild, also has murals on Rustic Theatre and Idyllwild Beauty Salona.

PHOTO BY DAVID JEROME

ery, especially helpful for elders in winter. They arrange alterations and dry cleaning with a 6-day turnaround. The U-Haul business also continues, another essential for locals without trucks.

The south wall of the building’s exterior sports a mural with howling canines, a work by new resident Robert Gomez, whose paintings can also be seen outside the Rustic Theater and Idyllwild Beauty

Salon.

The Montes are new to the Laundry business. Randy tells us he is a loan officer and his mother, Rosa, is a real estate broker. They have had a property in Idyllwild for over six years. “We have a lot of relationships that we’ve built over the last few years.” Randy says that Rosa learned about Idyllwild as a desirable location for vacation homes, and “fell in

love” with it as a get-away from city life. Randy lives upstairs, from the laundry. “If somebody calls, I can immediately respond, anything that needs to be addressed.”

Idyllwild Laundry Service, 54221 Maranatha Drive, self-service every day 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Office for wash and fold open Mon-Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (951) 659-2217

Enhancing Relationships at Amore Retreat

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Dr. M.P. Wylie’s Amore Retreat has been a part of Idyllwild’s therapeutic tourism community for 11 years now. Amore’s website calls their couple’s retreats “A journey of renewed connection and lasting intimacy.” The Crier spoke with Dr Wylie about her innovative approach to couples therapy this week.

Wylie works out of a spacious yet cozy home office, and only sees one couple at a time. “The original home living room is my office and where I hold the retreats. It has its own entrance, deck, and rock fireplace, and is a very warm and welcoming environment; with the original knotty pine walls and ceiling and wood flooring.”

The retreats last five days, with daily three-hour sessions in which she “guides them through some of the challenges in the relationship. We usually cover four or five personal challenges; each gets to pick two things they would like to discuss and work on.” Mixing vacation and inner work and removed from the routine and stress of daily life, couples reconnect and find their path forward. “It’s so rewarding to see them transform before my very eyes.”

To compete the retreat experience, Wylie partners with local businesses. “I have an Idyllwild page on my website, they pick from lodging I have listed.” Amore has partnered with two local inns, The Creekstone and the Grand Idyllwild Lodge, with other options to come on the list. The site also lists local restaurants with an emphasis on the romantic. “I am so delighted that I live here in beautiful Idyllwild, and the couples find it delightful too. The restaurants, they go to, they say ‘that was the best meal I’ve ever had.’ Some have done a lot of traveling, and say this is one of their favorite places.”

Dr. Wylie shared a bit of her own back story. She has a double Master’s Degree in Counseling and Healing Resources, and when she finished her PhD in Psychology in 1999, she moved from Phoenix to Southern California. In Orange County, she started a nonprofit orga-

nization that provided workshops, seminars and sessions for couples, funded by federal grants.

She moved to Idyllwild in 2013, a few years after her first visit. “I came to Spirit Mountain for a personal, private retreat, for a couple of days. Before I left, my inner voice said, ‘Someday you’re going to live here and provide marriage retreats.’ I needed to figure how that would work or look. It sort of unfolded in the process, day to day, week to week, month to month.” Wylie added a note of gratitude for her husband Jim Billman and how “extraordinarily supportive Jim is in the retreat work I do and how very helpful he is in assisting in setting up for each retreat.”

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Tally your score from each pencil event on this page. Then, have a friend try!

High Dive

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Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Boxing

Look at the rows going up and down. Circle the things that the boxers have in common in each row.

Find all six things and score 5 points. Find 3-5 to earn 3 points. Find 1-2 and score 1 point.

ANSWERS:
1: Bald boxers.
2: Black gloves.
3: Black hair.
A: Facing same direction.
B: All have beards.
C: Stars on clothes.

Archery

Place a pencil on the archer's bow. Close your eyes. Trace a path to the target. Open your eyes and check your score (the number in the ring of the target that you "hit"). Repeat two more times and add up your score.

Standards Link: Math: Compute sums.

A-MAZE-ing Runner

Only one will take you to the finish. Find it in less than 30 seconds and score 5 points! 30-60 seconds earns 3 points. 60+ seconds earns 1 point.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Eye-hand coordination.

Hurdles

Place your pencil on START. Close your eyes. Draw 10 dots, trying to put one on each hurdle. Score 1 point for each hurdle that contains one, and only one, dot.

Go the Distance!

On one newspaper page, find and circle the letters that spell each of the following words:

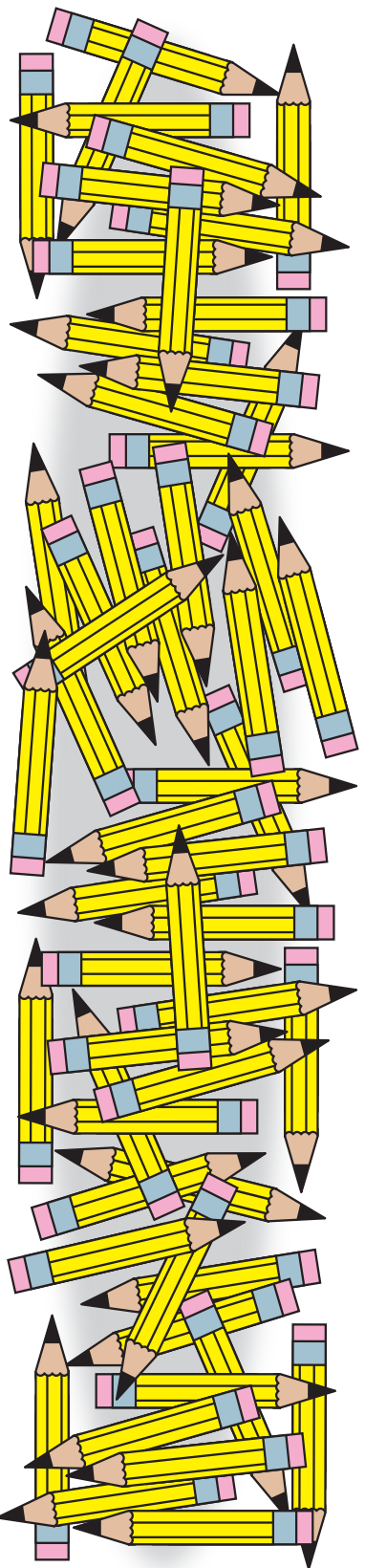
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Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade level words correctly.

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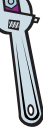
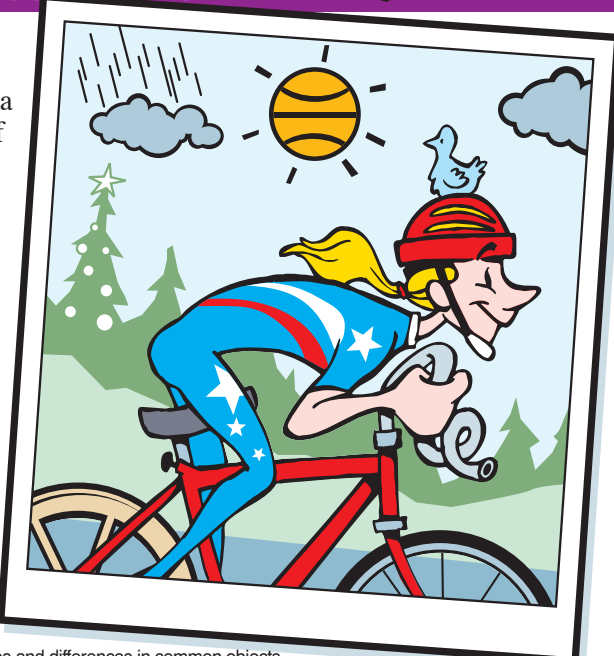


Photo Finish

Sonia took a picture of the bike races.

Find five or more silly things in Sonia's cycling photo.

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Double Double Word Search

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

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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ABBA LA this week’s Summer Concert headliner, The Broken Hallelujahs next

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Idyllwild’s free Summer Concert Series continues its celebratory 25th anniversary season with ABBA LA this Thursday. Jamie and the Jents will open that show. The Broken Hallelujahs will play on the 15th, with In the Pocket opening.

ABBA LA will be making their first appearance at the series, the one exception to founder and producer Ken Dahleen’s decision to emphasize bringing back audience favorites from among the over 80 groups that have livened up our summer evenings since 1999.

ABBA LA began as a heavy metal take on the Swedish pop sensations, but when lead singer Laura Bradley joined, they decided to go for verisimilitude, and have become a “crazy busy band” with a wild touring schedule. Bradley says she loves the intergenerational appeal of ABBA, with fans ranging from “four years old to ninety.” The Crier has heard from reliable sources that at least a few locals will be dusting off their sequins and bell bottoms, and dancing shoes. “On the first song people stand up and dance.”

Next week The Broken Hallelujah’s return to the Butterfield Amphitheater. Band leader Lisa Lynn Morgan likes to call their music “southern fried y’all-ternative rock ‘n’ soul,” or “rootsy, bluesy, swingy Americana.” They cover classic country, rock, and newer material with an emphasis on female vocalists, and always showcase a few originals.

Lisa Lynn told the Crier “I’m a daughter of the desert, born and raised with sand in my veins.” Her home is now in Joshua Tree, where she publishes a monthly magazine, Joshua Tree Voice. The Broken Hallelujahs are Coachella Valley staples, with

residencies at Casuela’s Cafe in Palm Desert and Shanghai Red’s in Palm Springs.

Asked about her experience here and with series producer Ken Dahleen, Morgan does not hold back “It doesn’t ever stop blowing my mind that we get to play this stage. I still remember the first phone call I got from Ken Dalheen 7 years ago. The band was still newly formed, and I was very green when it came to fronting, managing, and booking my own band. Ken and I had not yet met, but he was familiar with the guys that were working with me. Come to think of it... He really went out on a limb when he gave me the chance to be part of his incredibly reputable line-up. When someone gives you a platform like this, it’s more than just a boost to your resume, it’s life changing.”

She admits that she had been nervous that first time, but found the courage within. “When you get to play a concert series like this - a coveted thing among the most seasoned of musicians - it does something for you as an artist. You grow, you dig deeper, and you bloom. I’ve had some incredible opportunities in the last several years, but I can honestly say that my ability to meet them was formed on that one shot Ken Dalheen gave us back in 2017. I owe a lot to Ken and the people of Idyllwild for helping me find my voice, and I will forever be grateful.”

The Summer Concert Series is free and open to all. It is supported entirely by donations from the community. Contributions, checks payable to “Idyllwild Summer Concert Org,” may be sent to PO Box 1542, Idyllwild CA 92549-1542. Or call (760)413-4638.

Shows begin at 6:05 p.m. Butterfield Amphitheater, 54201 Ridgeview Drive, access through the Idyllwild Community Center Playground Parking lot on Highway 243, just south of town.



The Broken Hallelujahs

PHOTO BY KEN DAHLEEN

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Past

Tense

75 years ago - 1949

Jim Wellman displayed a 140-pound mountain lion, the 30th one he had killed in the mountain region since he began trapping as a boy.

70 years ago - 1954

The Idyllwild School of Conservation and Natural Science had 130 students enrolled for the summer session. The students were constructing log dams on Strawberry Creek to provide better fishing.

65 years ago - 1959

Rita Hayworth and her husband were weekend guests at the Bluebird Hill Lodge. Hayworth's daughter, Yasmin, was attending a local summer camp.

60 years ago - 1964

Principal Emsy Dunn announced that Idyllwild School would have five new teachers for the fall session. Three classrooms were to be rented until the new ones, under construction, were ready.

55 years ago - 1969

Town Hall completed a new outdoor stage, replacing a battered structure that had served for 20 years.

50 years ago - 1974

"Jesus Christ Superstar" was showing at the Rustic Theatre. Admission was \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

45 years ago - 1979

U.S. Forest Service officials opened the drain at Lake Fulmor to begin an extensive renovation project that would include dredging the lake bottom and repairing erosion.

40 years ago - 1984

Betty Jandl was the winner of the commemorative Olympic Coin Set in the drawing held at the Hemet Federal Idyllwild office.



Mike Bergstorm attended the Post 800, with his family, to report on his experience at Boys State. August, 1988
FILE PHOTO

35 years ago - 1989

A four-part redevelopment plan to solve Idyllwild's parking problems was approved by county supervisors.

30 years ago - 1994

A lightning strike was blamed for a grass fire that ignited near Anza and shut down Highway 74 for more than a day. More than 1,150 acres burned around the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation.

25 years ago - 1999

Idyllwild Arts received a \$500,000 grant from the California Community Foundation to help complete the Max and Bee Krone Memorial Library.

20 years ago - 2004

The Art Alliance's Dazzling Dessert Art Tour combined local culinary skills from restaurants all over the Hill with local art talent.

15 years ago - 2009

One-hundred butterflies bedazzled onlookers with their colors during the annual Butterfly Daze at the Idyllwild Nature Center. They were released in the late afternoon. Vendors also sold arts and crafts, and participants were invited to partake in art projects.

10 year ago - 2014

Lowman Concert Hall broke ground at Idyllwild Art's Academy. The new

\$6.5 million, 298 seat facility will become the centerpiece of the art campus.

5 year ago - 2019

Idyllwild Strong Music Festival returned for its second year to raise money for victims of the Cranston Fire.

1 year ago - 2023

ICC and FWB (an off the hill crypto organization) co-hosted an event to celebrate the recent upgrades to Idyllwild Skate Park.

CREATURE CORNER

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF celebrated Henri's adoption.

Pepper: Banshee, the cute orange kitten, has been adopted!

Eeyore: Such fabulous news.

Stretch: I hope he has a long, wonderful life.

Pepper: You know, speaking of long lives, so many people wish their pets lived longer.

Eeyore: That's why ARF is nearly ready to open its memorial wind chime garden. Folks may honor past pets with a wind chime. It looks beautiful!

Whiskey: Did you know that a partnership between the University of Washington and Texas A&M University – researchers conducted "rigorous scientific research designed to define, explain, and ameliorate the effects of aging," in their words.

Pepper: What did they learn?

Whiskey: They learned several things. They confirmed that the smaller the dog, usually a longer life span. They also learned that spaying and neutering life expectancy for male dogs by 13.8% and female dogs by 25.3%. It also decreases the chances of death from infections.

Marvel: And I heard that some older dogs experience cognitive decline, comparable to Alzheimer's Disease. Exercise was associated with better cognitive outcomes.

Eeyore: So I guess walking the dog is beneficial for both the dog and its guardian.

Logan: You know, cats can be walked, too. I know of a few who really enjoy donning a harness and leash to get out of the house.

Eeyore: Unless it's too darned hot!

Harley: No kidding. The paws of dog, and cats, will burn on the hot asphalt or concrete. Ouch!

Eeyore: Hey! I though ARF was getting some dogs this week.

Harley: They did, but one foster fell in love with the pup, so she's keeping it. The other two are still grieving the loss of their guardian, so they are taking their time to adjust.

Pepper: Poor dogs. They must be sad, but they are with a wonderful foster who giving them all the time and love they need.



Logan



Marvel

This week's Creature Corner is sponsored by Lois Sheppard. 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.



Kieth McCabe performs at Taryn's Place

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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

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Sunday Services 3 PM

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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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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.

KIC Construction wins the 2024 ICC Adult Softball Championships

By JOHNNY WILSON
ICC DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS & RECREATION

For the first time in six years, the ICC Adult Softball League came back to life in a big way this summer. Over 70 softball players joined the league which comprised five teams – some new, some have history.

The last time the co-ed adult softball season was played was in 2018 when team “Patty Perez” won the championships and took home the 32-year-old local softball trophy.

This year the torch has been handed down to her son Kadeem Perez who entered the league as KIC Construction, coached and managed by Kadeem Perez and Damien Yawman.

Perhaps the most well-known team name is Ajax (short for “Ajax Rock Company”). Out of the 27 local seasons played between the years 1992-2018, Ajax has won an astounding 15 championships.

This year Ajax was brought back into the league by coach/manager Maria Loutzenhiser with the help of as-

sistant coach/manager Carl Dewese.

Another softball team with local history is Pacific Slope Tree Company, or “Pac-Slope” for short. This year it was David Kenyon and Ryann Guy who coached and managed the team.

The name BBI Construction may sound familiar to some – they were the 2023-2024 ICC Adult Volleyball champions. This summer they brought the team from the volleyball court to the softball field; managed and coached by Buddy Beagle and Jeff Adams.

Pure Bean Idy (“Pure Bean” for short) is the fifth and newest team, as this summer was their first year in the league. Many of the players had just met each other for the first time at their first practice back in June. They were coached and managed by John Stamper and Jilian Graham.

After seven weeks of the regular season and one week of playoffs, it was KIC Construction and BBI Construction in the final ‘best-of-three’ championship series.

BBI Construction had a 5-run advantage going into the final inning, but somehow KIC Construction man-

aged to bat 6 runs in to win Game 1 last Wednesday.

Game 2 was played the following day and ended with another thriller for the spectators in the packed stands: KIC went on to defeat BBI in Game 2 with a final score of 7-6 to win the 2024 ICC Adult Softball Championship!

(No Game 3 needed.)
The players of the league nominated and voted for their league’s Most Valuable Players (one male, one female): Michael Smith of BBI Construction was the male league MVP and Tamara Bratten of Pacific Slope Tree Company won MVP amongst the female players.

What a great end to a great season.
ICC and sports director Johnny Wilson want to thank umpires Brennen Priefer, Steve Olson, John Stamper, and Jim Petrossi for all the time they voluntarily dedicated to the season.

And lastly a big THANK YOU to all the coaches, managers, players, fans, and supporters for making this a fun and successful season. Welcome back, adult softball. We hope to see you all again next summer!



1st Place: KIC Construction



2nd place: BBI Construction **Michael Smith** is league MVP amongst male players



3rd Place: Ajax Rock Company



The trophy (first plaque 1992, last plaque 2018)



Pacific Slope Tree Company (not pictured: female league MVP **Tamara Bratten**)



The league’s newest team: Pure Bean Idy

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate

♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Bow-wow!"

4 Dol. fractions

7 Ornamental jug

8 Ballet bends

10 Resident of Tabriz

11 Limber

13 Goes on

16 Sault — Marie

17 Quarterback Tom

18 La-la lead-in

19 Cat call

20 Antelope's playmate

21 Map feature

23 Goethe play

25 Thor's father

26 Sax range

27 Consumer protection agcy.

28 Ryan's daugh-

30 Ninny

33 Refuses to answer

36 Italian ice cream

37 Paris school

38 Turkish coins

39 Modern money

40 Lith., once

41 Compass dir.

DOWN

1 Not dozing

2 Actress Russo

3 Thrown beach toy

4 Tipped off, with "in"

5 In one's cups

6 Aug. follower

7 Part of Q.E.D.

8 "Hogwash!"

9 Schedules

10 "— a deal!"

12 Heron's kin

14 Jog

15 Listener

19 ISP choice

20 Pair with an air

21 Luggage attachment

22 Jefferson's coin

23 Chimney part

24 Withdrawal charges

25 Frequently

26 A Musketeer

28 Despots

29 Perfume ingredient

30 Earlier, in verse

31 Normandy battle site

32 "Thar — blows!"

34 Yale students

35 Hosp. areas

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Answers to puzzles found on B4

HOROSCOPES

August 2024 — Week 2

ARIES

March 21 – April 19

Avoid adding to the tension around you. Even a well-meant reaction against something you perceive as unfair could be misunderstood. Let things calm down, then talk about it.

TAURUS

April 20 – May 20

It's a good time for romance for unattached Bovines -- and for reinforcing the bonds between existing partners. Children's needs are important during the latter part of the week.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 21

A compliment from a surprising source sends you wafting way up into the clouds, where -- sorry to say -- your view of what's going on is obscured. Come on down and face reality.

CANCER

June 22 – July 22

Even a family-loving person like you can sometimes feel you're at the end of the line with contentious kinfolk. But things can work out. Remember that it's better to talk than walk.

LEO

July 23 – August 22

A job-related move might hold more positive surprises than you'd expected. Go into it with confidence and look for all the advantages it offers. Then decide what you'll do with what you find.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 22

Driving yourself too hard to get something done on a deadline that you set up can backfire. Ease into a more realistic finish date and add more breaks to your work schedule.

LIBRA

September 23 – October 22

Your sense of humor can brighten any dark period, and your laughter can dispel those gray clouds swirling around you. The weekend presents a surprising but welcome change.

SCORPIO

October 23 – November 21

Be careful about the words you use, especially in touchy situations. The old saying that "speech is silver, but silence is golden" could apply well here.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 – December 21

Some facts could emerge that shed light on unresolved past problems. What you learn might also help explain why a once-warm relationship suddenly cooled down.

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 19

Don't let your pride get in the way of checking into what could be a great new opportunity. Get the facts first, then worry about procedure and protocol later.

AQUARIUS

January 20 – February 18

A health problem in the family might have other relatives assuming that, as before, you'll take over the health care duties. Surprise them and insist they share in the caretaking.

PISCES

February 19 – March 20

A series of changes can be unsettling, but in the long run, it can pay off with new perspectives on what you plan to do. Keep your mind open to the possibilities that might lie ahead.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

MAGIC MAZE ● SONGS FROM THE 1970s

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M D E B S Q P O I N L D E B J
I R T E L H F S C E C T K M A
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E C B E V I L A N I Y A T S Z

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: **Keep Fallin' On My Head**

ABC	Landslide	Piano Man	The Joker
Cecilia	Last Dance	September	YMCA
I'll Be There	Lean On Me	Stayin' Alive	Your Song
Jamming	Let It Be	Superstition	

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