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IHA - Idyllwild Historical Society Annual Meeting



Photo by Tom Pierce Idyllwild Area Historical Society

IAHS President, Charlotte Groty presented information about up-and-coming events. Bob Greenamy, IAHS archivist, gave an excellent presentation along with a slide show on the history of downtown Idyllwild. The Q and A session was lively, as Bob brought up history that many folks were unfamiliar with.

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IDYLLWILD Water District Report



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IWD President Dr. Charles Schelly meets with THE STAR

After going through July and now into August, Idyllwild residents have received their first water bill with the rate increase.

To review the issues, consider what factors were present prior to the vote of the IWD Board of Directors, and look into the future of the cost of water and the waste treatment plant. The Star went directly to Dr. Schelly, Water District President, to ask if he would give an overview of the factors the Idyllwild Water District faced prior to voting for the 8% increase for the water rate and 13% sewer rate.

First, when looking at the direct rate increase to residents versus a 100% grant funded infrastructure, consideration included the requirements placed on grant applications. In general, grants require a contribution from the requesting party, to match contributions requested in the grant. Question: Does the Water District have the funds to match a grant request, to meet the needed expenses for the project?

Second, is the current facility sustainable? Years have passed since the original projected life for the facility was reported. Is it reasonable to assume that it will be sustainable to support the ..

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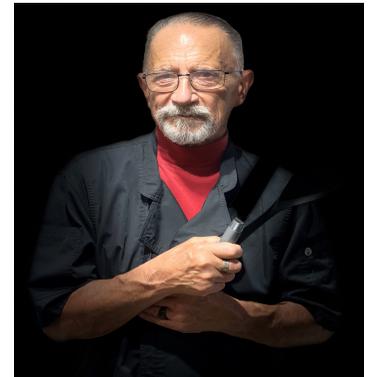
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**YARD SALE and FREE
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Saturday September 2, 2023 9a.m. to 3p.m.
54470 North Circle at Oakwood Special visit
from
MAYOR MAX III & Staff
1:30 p.m.

THE ASSIGNMENT

Why publish a newspaper? Why did this editor/publisher leave retirement, sell her home and move to Idyllwild? Why not do what most would do and work for someone else, take a paycheck and punch a clock? Well, here is the answer. I believe that God gives us all assignments. He has always asked someone to give their life for a worthy cause. He seems to be quite interested in providing opportunities for the individuals to whom He gives an assignment.

Q: Do You Have An Assignment? A: Yes!

Simply: Take a moment and consider whatever you hate the most, and put your heart and effort into it to make a change. If it only impacts one person's life, your own, make the commitment to help someone in need.

For years, our communities have suffered a saturation of negative focused and opinionated reported news. My assignment: Would I be that someone to report the good news about the community with integrity, honesty and unopinionated reporting.

The Star has a team that already possesses the right values, a desire to do more than what they are asked to do, and enjoy challenging themselves.

The Star will progressively get better. We are working to produce the paper with photographic and editorial perfection.

To all readers: With my deepest gratitude, thank you for your encouragement and support.

*From my heart and pen,
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Deshaundra Jones

Help at The Time Of Need Because She Cares You Can Enjoy A Sigh of Relief

A Sigh of Relief by Deshaundra Jones

I'd like to share with you why I help individuals with finding the right insurance plan for them.

First, not long ago, a client who was also a friend, was injured in an automobile accident. After being rushed to the hospital, several tests were taken, and the doctor shared his treatment plan for her injuries. She was also advised to see another doctor to get an opinion about a spot that was found on a kidney. There was an anxious hope that it would not be diagnosed as cancer. Contemplating the cost of surgery, chemotherapy, and hospitalization, on top of the injury recovery, was just too much!

Fortunately, no cancer was found. Once the money for the accident had been received from her Supplemental Accident Plan, there was a huge sigh or relief for the entire family!

Second, another client tripped, fell, and rolled down the stairs, at home. Fortunately, she only broke an ankle! After being transported to the hospital, the doctor assessed her injury and advised her of treatment options.

Once home, she reviewed the expensive medical bill. She remembered that she had purchased an Accident Supplemental Plan a few months earlier.

When she called me, we completed her claim, and she was set to have her money deposited directly into her checking account. She exhaled a huge sigh of relief, followed by a smile, as she expressed how happy she was to have selected a Supplemental Plan, and so now she has money coming in while recovering from her fall.

An office clerk and I were talking about the need for 24 hour accident coverage, with accidental death insurance and preventative care monies included. She needed this especially for her sports active son. While she was contemplating her decision, an emergency call from her son's school was received. He had been hit in the face with a baseball bat during practice. She was advised to pick him up right away.

Her sigh of relief was that his injuries were not as severe as she imagined, and she could protect him from any future unexpected injuries. It is better to be safe than sorry. Sighs of relief are worry free relief.

Planning doesn't mean you are thinking the worst will come, but if it does, it is a relief to have an insurance plan in place in case it does. You deserve to get answers to your questions when it comes to your health care.

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LIFE IS FULL OF SWEET SURPRISES



Photo by Jo Monroe

Teenage life can be full of challenging surprises. A surprise for Amelia was to find her true love and future husband Jim McMahon, while still in high school. They faced a lot of surprises along the way. They built a trusting team and strong relationship, taking them into a life-long marriage, and to venture into a working business partnership.

A little history: Married at a young age, Jim served his country as a Marine while Amelia served as a nurse within the community and school system. On the days that Amelia treated co-workers and students to her special cinnamon-sugar donuts, it appeared that the donuts made everyone feel better. As the song says, *a teaspoon of sugar helps the medicine go down*. Even if your day was good, Amelia's donuts made your day better.

At that time, Amelia didn't have a plan to change her profession, but when Jim suggested that they change their future and open a donut shop, Amelia agreed to no longer

check her students' temperature. Instead, she teamed up with Jim in his testing of the temperature and barometric pressure for the production of Amelia's treasured donut recipe which was given to her by her 8th grade home economics teacher at Ensign Middle School. Amelia and Jim remember their first customer Beth Iyaman. Since then, they have come a long way from making that first donut to now serving breakfast and lunch. Today, Jim and Amelia are making a little donut history of their own: Jim's dream to someday own a donut shop is no longer a dream, it is a reality. Once serving his country in the Marine Corp, and Amelia serving as a nurse at Idyllwild Arts, you can now find them serving the community breakfast as early as 7 a.m. That is when the doors open at Amelia's Donuts & More. Starting up at midnight, baking donuts and sweets, Jim and Amelia get ready to serve breakfast sandwiches, burritos, donuts and fritters, along with a cup of hot or cold brew coffee, to those just waking up.

Today, many of Amelia's and Jim's dreams are a reality, and now Idyllwild residents and visitors enjoy the sweet benefit of Jim and Amelia teaming up to create Amelia's Donuts and More. As two became one, they became a force to face life's many challenges. Jim and Amelia together had taken a *faith over fear* approach to their teenage life, and this has continued through good times and bad. Their gift to Idyllwild is in bringing something to sweeten up the day with their donuts, muffins, apple fritters, and so much more.

Stepping through the doors in the morning, you will meet the early risers, road workers, hikers, and local residents ready for a great breakfast, a warm smile and a good morning from Jim and Amelia.

They welcome every visitor to the Idyllwild they love and call home. Life is truly Full of Sweet Surprises!

Breakfast:

**McMahon or the McJack
Breakfast Burrito Fritters,
Muffins, Donuts**

Lunch:

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Turkey Sandwich
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the BLT
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IDYLLWILD ARTS ACADEMY



photo courtesy of Stuart Young II
Maroonist Bassoonist

Idyllwild Arts Academy Introduces Talented Teachers to The Hill Stuart Young II

Idyllwild Arts hosts a fully energized music program with extraordinary individuals, one of whom The Star recently interviewed.

Many believe that there are no coincidences in life. The Star would agree that meeting two amazing musicians in Amelia's Donut shop was no coincidence. Even if it was, what a grand occasion to visit with Dr. Martin Kuuskmann and Master Student Stuart Young II, both are teaching bassoon at Idyllwild Arts.

In addition to learning how they were collaborating

in music was the fact that Stuart was from Arlington, Texas. Surprised that a fellow Texan was here in Idyllwild took a moment to enjoy, then the curiosity took over.

How, what, why, and when did Stuart Young II find himself at the amazing Idyllwild Arts Academy? It didn't take long to learn that it was by Dr. Martin Kuuskmann's invitation that Young, as a Master student, would teach at Idyllwild Arts. During his first week, Young began instructing students and working along side of the Idyllwild Arts Academy staff.

As a bassoon Teacher's Assistant, Young assisted students in reed building. Young expressed his observation of the students working so hard. He shared his understanding of the struggles that many

students experience and expressed his concern for students who often burn out too quickly because they try so hard. "Enjoy the instrument, the music, the sound, it can become your voice," Young shared. "It was wonderful to work with people who love teaching and shared an entrepreneurial spirit."

Young spoke of when he first began his music career when he was 13. He thought that he would follow his father's lead in playing the trumpet. However, with the unfortunate experience of a puppy's bite, his upper lip would not allow him to pursue playing the horn

No matter the challenge, Young continued to seek the proper instrument to participate in his high school's marching band. He considered the drums.

However, as band instruments were laid before him, in the high school cafeteria, he reached for the bassoon. Picking up the instrument, placing his lips to the reed, his first note caught the attention of the whole room. Everyone was in dead silence. He had found his instrument, or his friends would say it found him.

Young progressed from his high school marching band to attending the University of Texas at Arlington, where he training with Dr. Scott Pool. Later, he participated at the International Double Reed Society, attending the Master class with John Miller, former Principal Bassoonist of the Minnesota Orchestra. Young was honored as a Fellowship recipient and studied under Professors Carl Rath and Gabriel Beavers at the Sewanee Summer Music Festival (SSMF) in 2019.

Young is currently attending the University of Denver-Lamont School of Music. He began in 2022, and will continue through 2024. As a Graduate Teacher's Assistant and a Master of Music in Bassoon Performance, he studies under Professor Martin Kuuskmann who introduced Young to Idyllwild Arts Academy.

When Stuart Young II is not studying music he is dedicated to working with autistic children using sound and music.

The Star found a genuine Wisdom in this young man. In his words, "There is a thin line between love and obsession." He added, "Art and music as a career is good, it gets you to think. Make music where ever it is needed. Music gives a voice to many." The Star thanks Stuart Young II, Dr. Martin Kuuskmann, and Idyllwild Arts Academy for the most enjoyable interview.

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SCIENCE - CERN and CANCER



Scientist Dario Crosetto

After More Than 20 Years-Scientist Crosetto's Early Cancer Detection Invention Is Reaching The Public Awareness.

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CERN is the European Organization for Nuclear Research. Since 1954, CERN and Italian scientists have made strong contributions to almost all-important projects. ([https://international-relations, web.cern](https://international-relations.web.cern))

A future Circular Collider Workshop debuted in Italy, July 14, 2022. The FCC study is exploring the technical and financial feasibility of a KM-circumference collider situated under French and Swiss territory.

CERN Scientist Dario Crosetto speaks to scientists, cancer survivors, and the medical industry with concern for the next generation.

During this month-long celebration of Women's Equal Rights, The Star recognizes the efforts to save lives in the fight against cancer. Saving the lives of young women that will join the amazing women now recognized in the fields of Science, Engineering, Medicine, Health and Education.

Women, now and in the past, have overcome great obstacles in these fields that depend upon shared information, along with their personal, and professional experience.

Over the last 20 years, thousands of women have lost their lives to Cancer. Thankfully, the number of those who have survived has increased. Medical reports state that, when detected early, cancer is curable.

This month we celebrate those who have made their mark in history, sacrificed their lives, and have dedicated their lives to find a cure and eliminate Cancer from the medical dictionary, left only to the history books.

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Scientist Dario Crosetto announced that after 20 years of his patented 3D-Flow invention being suppressed, he had received an Appeal response letter from the Director of the DOE Office of Hearings and Appeals dated February 1, 2017. Stating: " The Appeal filed on January 6, 2017, by Dario B. Crosetto, Case No. FIA-17-001, is hereby grant-paged. This matter is hereby remanded to the Department of Energy's Office of Public Information which shall issue a new determination in accordance with the instructions set forth in the above Decision."

As investigation could proceed with further questioning about the issue of suppression (meaning the disappearance) of the 271-page proposal proven feasible by 59 quotes from reputable industries," Dario states.

Documented comparisons on implementation of the design and cost show that Dario's 3D-Flow invention would have cost taxpayers 1/1000 of the \$100 Million already spent for the 1998 CMS Level-1 trigger, installation and maintenance of the system. (Documented and signed by author, Wesley Smith. Wesley J. Smith is an American lawyer and author, a Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute's Center on Human Exceptionalism, a politically conservative non-profit think tank. He is also a consultant for the Patients' Rights Council. Born in 1949, Los Angeles, CA - Wikipedia)

Dario's 9 electronic boards of the 3D-Flow OPRA system invention can replace 4,000 of the 1998-CMS Level-trigger electronic boards and the 2016-100 boards. Neither currently are reported successful in their application. Whereas, scientists have enforced that Dario's patented design and accuracy of the 3D-Flow would provide early, accurate detection of cancer cells.

Reports show the costs to Taxpayers are in the millions in funding failed inventions, when an affordable invention is available. In addition, individuals have spent millions of dollars on medical treatment for diagnosing late-stage cancer only to lose a loved one.

Follow Scientist Dario Crosetto on Crosetto Foundation (<https://crosettofoundation.org>)

Update on the Crosetto investigation will follow in future editions. You can also follow Crosetto on FaceBook.

IWD cont. from front pg.

needs of residents currently and or in the future. What risk of failure is the Water District facing to meet those needs currently? As it stands today, there is a constant sliding scale with the projection moving as does the cost to replace the system. "We see the prices go up, as skilled labor becomes scarce. At present, it is impossible to set a timeline without the risk of all the variables changing." Dr. Schelly said. "This makes accurate assessment of needed funds almost impossible. However, the facility needs to be, we would be in serious trouble if the current system failed," Dr. Schelly stated.

Third, are there other finance considerations factored in for this initial decision-making process? "Yes, we experience labor and material costs to be higher as they become less available. We also considered building the new facility with the existing facility serving as a backup." Dr. Schelly stated. "There is a genuine concern that the present facility is not sustainable as it operates currently, in consideration of its age and original estimated sustainability."

The financing of the new facility will be open to continued re-evaluation, to obtain supplement funds in the future with grants. Once there is an operational demonstration of the Water District's investment in the facility, grants can be sought resulting in a reduction of the cost to residents.

The Star thanks Dr. Schelly, President of Idyllwild Water District for his time to be interviewed regarding the status of the project for a new Water and Waste Treatment Plant.

Future Reports from Pine Cove Water District will be coming next edition.



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Ladies, Laughter and The Law

The History of Women's Equality Day was August 26th. At the behest of Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), in 1971 and passed in 1973, the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day." The date was selected to commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York. The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality. Joint Resolution of Congress, 1971 Designating August 26 of each year as Women's Equality Day. (Selection from The Month Calendar)



Here are some of my bf's (girl friends) from the suffrage days. Ladies let's be sure to share with our younger ladies about these women in history. "We have come a long way baby."

THE SECRET IS OUT - Idyllwild, Dawn Finlayson is Back and In Style



Photo by Tricia Pilkington

Dawn Finlayson Hairstylist

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Hairstylist:
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DAWN YOU ARE A
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You know her! If you don't, The Star would like to introduce you to Dawn Finlayson, hairstylist extraordinaire. She has been styling hair since she was 11 years old. Offering to do hair for free, in exchange she would select the color or style. If you were to research Dawn's career genealogy you could trace at least four generations of hairstylists in her family, including her husband's. Her DNA may just share a special gene for her career. Her formal training began at Fullerton College in 1984.

The Star learned that in preparing for a cruise, Dawn ran into, Denise Ciccarelli, owner of Cedar Street Salon, on her way to renew her passport. "We had been friends for years, since 1991, we always worked well together." Denise mentioned to Dawn that she might be looking for a salon renter. Dawn jumped at the opportunity and said, "I'd like to be that renter!"

"We always got along, we are really really good friends, I just love her and her husband John." Dawn exclaimed.

In November 2022, Dawn was working when her mom was diagnosed with cancer. "I kept working, but doing just those that were already coming to me. I have a lot of Idyllwild people that I've been doing, but they were coming down the Hill." Dawn shared. At that time, Dawn didn't feel ready to make an announcement that she was back. "I've been doing hair in Idyllwild; guess I've been undercover."

For now, Dawn is available on Thursdays. "Living here in Idyllwild, I'm only four minutes away." Dawn shared that she will no longer have to give herself an hour and a half to get to the salon. "It is so nice to be back, I will add days and hours as the phone calls come in."

Dawn specializes in dimensional hair coloring. "I take mature hair and make it young, I make it look beautiful, what I really like to do is make younger looking hair, and I do it well. Whatever enhances you, that may be highlights or lowlights." Dawn explains that a person may be getting washed out as they are turning gray, and an all over color may not be necessary. "I have such a pallet and have so many options," Dawn states.

To enjoy youthful healthy hair, Dawn recommends organic products. She is committed to using products that are not harmful to her clients, but not harmful to herself as well.

"I'm taking care of myself, a stylist can become sensitive to chemicals," she said. "I became so sensitive to haircare products that I thought I couldn't do hair anymore." Dawn shared, "Even in using the best products, we can become sensitive no matter how excellent the products are. Knowing the products and using them for the best results includes products used by men, as well. Men no longer must use an all over color. Dawn has been coloring men's hair since the 80's, when 6 o'clock in the morning was the normal time for a man to step into a salon to have his hair colored. Another grand announcement for Dawn is that she is currently working on a private label, to offer her clientele the very best in organic hair products. She has always looked for the cutting-edge product, and after trying every new line on the market, as well as having the experience of lab work with the Avenda product line, she is excited to be once again working in the lab with experts to formulate products worthy of her clients and that meet her expectations.

The Star welcomes Dawn back home to Idyllwild and offers heartfelt congratulations on her continued career and love for styling and making us look good!



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Dog Jokes

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A: Anything that is on your plate!

Q: Why do dogs always race to the door when the doorbell rings?
A: It's hardly ever for them.

Q: Where does a dog go after it loses its tail?
A: The Re-tail store

Not a Dog Joke

Q: How many opticians does it take to change a light bulb?
A: Is it one or two? One... or two?

What is Black and White and Read all over? **THE STAR**
We hope the jokes made you smile!

Did You Know?

- The tallest tree in the world is the Hyperion Redwood, located on the Northern Coast of California.
- The largest tree in the world, by volume, is the General Sherman Tree, located in the Giant Sequoia Forest, California
- The oldest living trees in the world are the Bristle Cone Pines, located in the White Mountains, California
- The oldest living tree in the world is located at the Pechanga Reserve in Temecula, California
- We old Hippies were called Tree Huggers. I'm still fine with that moniker!

OLD HIPPIES AND TREE HUGGERS

By Kristy Frazier

When we see trees, we don't imagine that they are communicating with each other, that they are caring, or that they are even clever and smart! These are human characteristics not considered when observing the trees around us.

When some trees are being munched on by an animal or insect, they send out a scent that neighboring trees pick up. The receiving trees then send out toxic chemicals to their leaves so the foraging critters will not find them palatable. Some trees send out a scent that attracts the predator of the insect that is eating its leaves. That's very clever!

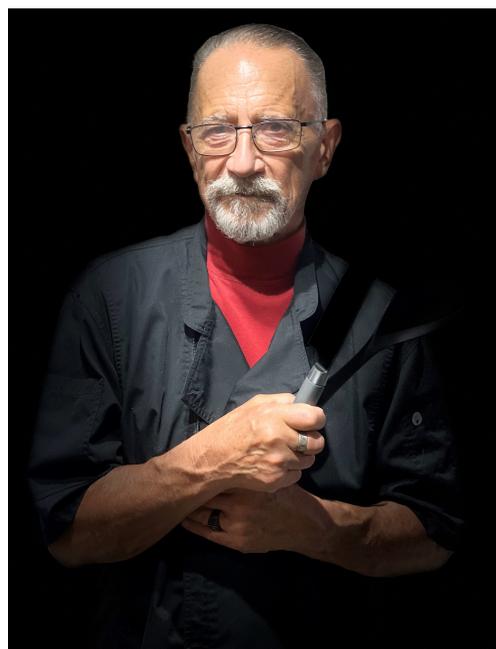
The Pine trees here "on the Hill" have a way of protecting themselves against bark beetles. When a beetle bores a hole in the bark, the trees pitch-out. That is a process where they send sap into the hole the beetle has made and plugs it up. That's pretty smart! Unfortunately, if a tree is weak because of drought conditions, they cannot pitch-out enough to stop the beetles and will eventually die.

Trees care about each other so they help each other in creating an environment where they can all grow and thrive. They communicate with each other through a system of fungal networks at the tips of the roots. Messages are sent between the trees by chemical compounds, or by electrical impulses, similar to humans! These fungi can often cover many miles of area and connect an entire forest. Like most living things, trees eat and drink. They have a vascular system of xylem and phloem that carries water and nutrients to and from the roots, leaves, and cells. Sounds similar to us!

Trees are amazing living beings, and without them life as we know it would not exist. They are the lungs of the Earth, taking in and filtering carbon dioxide, cleaning the air we breathe. Then they create oxygen for us, and many other life forms. Some Species of trees create food for us to eat, while others provide shade, and homes for birds and other wildlife. Tree roots hold the soil, so it doesn't wash away during heavy rainstorms. Trees are also continuously sending us healing energy. Just their presence can bring a sense of calm and peace to our thoughts and lives. Seeing the green trees against the blue sky is inspiring. Trees also provide building materials, paper bags, paper towels, copy paper and TP, so please use recycled paper products whenever possible!

We old Hippies were called Tree Huggers. I'm still fine with this moniker!

Gary's Corner



*Greetings Fellow Chefs!
I get to share my wealth of cooking skills with you in this and upcoming columns.
As you may know I owned Gary's Deli for 15 years in Idyllwild and had a catering production company in LA for over 15 years. I have worked with some of the best chefs. Please enjoy my recipes or let me cook for you!*

Chef Gary

Watermelon and Tomatoes Summer Salad



Artist Taylor Recht

"Watermelon and tomatoes may seem an unlikely pair, but they make a winning combination in this eye-catching salad."
Matthew Denton, Seattle, WA

Takes: 25 min. Makes: 18 servings

- 10 cups cubed seedless watermelon
- 2 pints yellow grape or pear tomatoes, halved
- 1 medium red onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup minced fresh basil
- 1/4 cup lime juice

In a large bowl, combine the watermelon, tomatoes and onion
In a small bowl, combine parsley, basil and lime juice
Pour dressing over the watermelon mixture; Toss to coat
Refrigerate until serving

3/4 cup: 33 cal. 0 fat(0sat. fat) 0 chol., 7mg sod., 10g carb.
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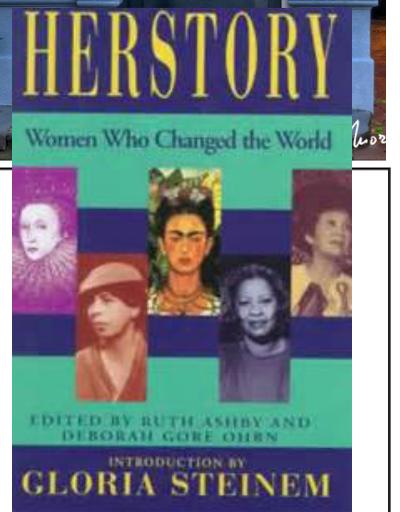
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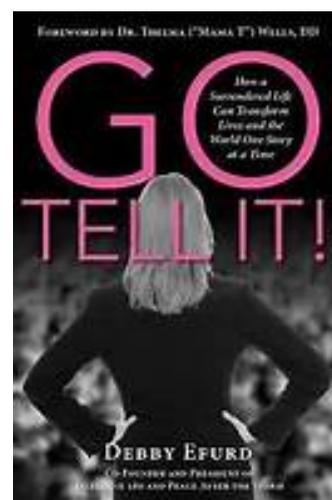
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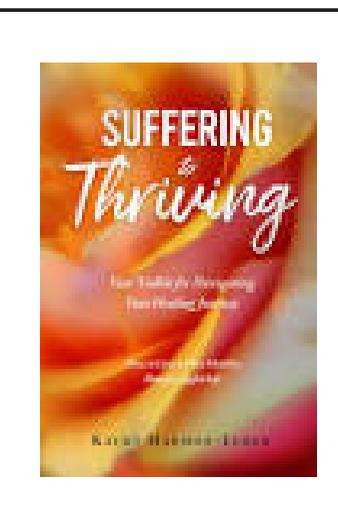
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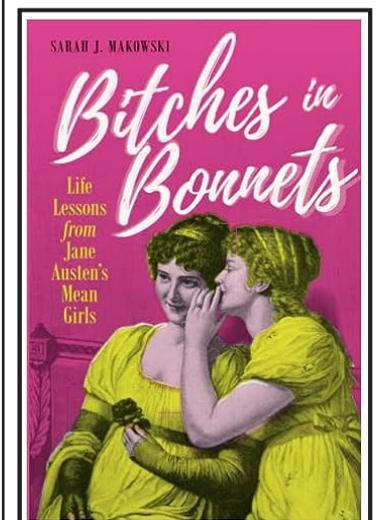
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A Tiny Bean with a Gigantic Dilemma

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Despite overwhelming records of exportation, the well-known worldwide Brazilian coffee's taste remains a paradoxical mystery for most Americans. There are extraordinarily peculiar and cultural components that inevitably ring a bell when it comes to Brazil; soccer, samba and coffee. In this trinity, besides being the only commodity, coffee stands out from the others since it is officially the most exported commodity in the largest country of South America.

Official figures from the Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services of Brazil confirm this fact. The coffee bean is in the top ten list of all products traded by Brazil.

As to the commercial relations between Brazil and the United States, the latest numbers for 2016 show, that alongside tea and spices, coffee by far leads the commodities category with exporting to America, accounting for \$82,046,408.

It is not by chance that in a global presence of 127 countries consuming Brazilian coffee, the US is the largest importers of the product, accounting for over seven million sacks. The year 2016 was a historical year for Brazilian coffee with sales reaching an income of \$5.3 billion.

A cup of Brazilian coffee, with its distinctive smell, bitter taste, and with more body than a cup of American coffee cannot only be experienced, but also purchased from some local roasters. "I am referring to the fresh coffee bean itself, not to the one we buy at grocery stores whose main competitors are the Colombian and Ethiopian coffees," states Luis Cardoso, a barista and coffee businessman.

"There is irrefutable evidence, although not enough to make Brazilians understand the phenomenon of why Brazilian coffee isn't found on the shelves of the largest supermarket chains," states Marcello.

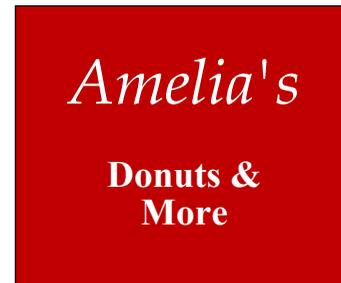
One of the reasons for the deterrent is the traditional and draconian bureaucracy in Brazilian ports and airports which halts the customs clearance process. A simple business transaction expected to be concluded in a couple of days, can be reported to take on an average of what seems to be an eternity.

Despite all discouragement, entrepreneur Jefferson Vasconcellos admits his intention to invest in a specific kind of coffee – gourmet, which is typically Brazilian, strongly flavored, and uses premium coffee beans – and he seems unfazed by the adverse reported import scenarios. Vasconcellos is encouraged after he researched large cities, he discovered that these areas are also among the cities with the highest number of job opportunities in the US. In addition, there are several motives for Vasconcellos to keep his enthusiasm towards Brazil and USA trading bonds

because trade in 2016 between the countries reached the significant sum of \$46 billion. This reinforces the relevance that the American market represents to Brazil; the US is the second largest commercial partner of Brazil, as well as remains the country with the highest direct foreign investment in Brazil according to data of the Brazilian Central Bank.

May trying this coveted and ancestral beverage soon be as available in the US as it is to Brazilians who enjoy the pleasantry of lolling with a cup before them, while encompassed in an inspiring chat. Preferably soon. Anytime. Anywhere.

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THERE'S ONLY ONE YOU

by Kathy Harmon-Luber

There's only one YOU in the entire Universe, and it's no accident you're alive at this immensely challenging time. Our world needs the unique gifts you (yes you!) were born to share. There's a seed within us all, that when nurtured, awakens and grows our connection to the Universe. It's time to discover who you are and awaken to why you're here.

Finding purpose is one of life's great joys-our most important work. It isn't difficult: everything in your life is fodder for discovery when you adopt a sense of adventure.

At some point in our lives, we're like a caterpillar in the chrysalis's messy soup, unable to imagine the glorious butterfly soon to emerge. A butterfly is the caterpillar's potential, what the caterpillar lives for.

That messy soup of challenges, obstacles, and disruptions facing you can illuminate your unexpressed potential, innate gifts, and passions. Your trauma, loss, disappointment, health crisis, or relationship/career trouble could be a blessing in disguise, a portal to a new life, an initiation, or catalyst for finding meaning and purpose.

C.S. Lewis wisely said, "Hardships often prepare ordinary people for extraordinary destiny." With compassion and self-love, we can learn that setbacks are quite possibly gifts-not the kind on our Wishlist, but a blessing for which we may one day be grateful.

"We should not feel embarrassed by our difficulties, only by our failure to grow anything beautiful from them" (Alain de Botton).

Finding purpose can't be solved by your rational mind. Learning who you are and why you're here requires in part, your listening to your heart, intuition, and your gut instinct.

Imagine there are clues in a basket of gifts. What's yours? If you don't know, it's as simple as asking the right questions. Find a safe place where you won't be disturbed, unplug your devices, get quiet, slow your breath, and ask:

- What are my passions?
- What makes me unique?
- What are my talents, skills, gifts?
- Knowing my gifts, what can I do with them? How can I offer my unique gifts to the world?
- What difficulties before me are opportunities to challenge myself?
- What could my legacy be? Listen to your inner voice and write your insights in a journal (this could be the basket to hold your thoughts and dreams). Say "yes" to your life's purpose by taking one

step in that direction today, asking: *What can I do in this moment, take a step onto this new path? What can I do today that my future self will be grateful for?* It's not a one and done" Tune in daily-and throughout your days-deeply listen to your heart, and soon the next step, in alignment with your mission, will reveal itself.

To write a different ending to your story-for a better ending, create a better story, no matter what life deals you. Our world needs the unique gifts YOU were born to share.

Our lives begin with one breath, one thought, one intention, one prayer, one step. Commit to identifying your gifts and your life's purpose.

Thank you Kathy for sharing you gifts and talents, making us all feel unique, and encouraging us to seek our purpose. You are a STAR!

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IDYLLWILD ROTARY CLUB MEETING



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Idyllwild Rotary President David Cutter sharing the Rotary cup JoAnne Monroe Matthew

Rotarians meet once a week on Wednesday morning, (7:30 AM) at the Idyllwild American Legion Hall.

Guests are always welcome and greeted at the door with warm smiles, handshakes, and hugs.

If the sun isn't shining that morning, the room is still beaming with energy, as members and guests give honor to The Flag.

Later, sharing a cup of coffee, Breakfast, and a Rotary Moment that gives all present an encouraging word for the week. Then, its down to business.

Then repeating Rotary's The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say, or do.

Rotarian JoAnne Monroe Matthews, owner of Monroe Publishing and The Star Community Newspaper, shared her reasons for becoming a member to the Idyllwild Rotary Club.

She stated that one reason she is a member in Rotary is because of The Four-Way Test which parallels the Code of Ethics by which she lives and has been her guide in business from the very beginning.

In addition, Rotarians voluntarily demonstrate their commitment to serve the community in which they live.

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Idyllwild-Pine Cove STR Policy Draft Ordinance Changes

From the Desk of Darin Schemmer
Communication Director, Riverside County
Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Good afternoon Idyllwild and Mountain Communities community members, county departments and community agencies,

I am writing with an update that the Riverside County Planning Department has a draft ordinance for proposed changes in short-term policy for Idyllwild-Pine Cove available on its Web site ahead of the August 23 Riverside County Planning Commission meeting, where this proposed ordinance will be discussed and considered.

As you know, Riverside County's short-term rental (STR) policy for unincorporated communities has been an ongoing discussion in the community over the last few years. Last year, the county adopted a revised countywide STR ordinance while putting in place a moratorium on new STR permits for Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Mountain Center, as well as in Temecula Wine Country (also an unincorporated community), in order to review and examine

options for potential STR policy changes going forward in these areas of the county. This year, an ad hoc committee began meeting and working with the Riverside County Planning Department on STR policy recommendations, and Supervisor V. Manuel Perez held Town hall meetings that also provided many perspectives on this subject. There has been a lot going on, and recently Supervisor Perez and Supervisor Chuck Washington worked with their fellow Supervisors to get significant new resources put into the county budget to improve enforcement of the short-term rental ordinance (see link to news release).

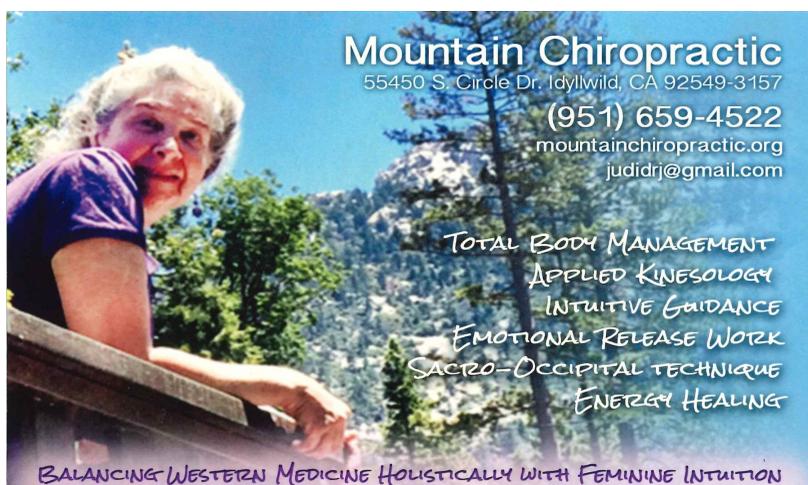
Over the summer, considering all the input that's been provided, County Planning staff have been working on a new draft STR policy for Idyllwild-

Pine Cove and Wine Country, and they now have draft language of proposed changes to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance for the community's review and comment.

The draft ordinance will be heard at the Riverside County Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2023. To provide comments on proposed ordinance 927.2 prior to the Planning Commission meeting please email Planning@RivCo.org.

Following the Planning Commission, the next step before any changes happen would be for the proposed ordinance to be considered by the Riverside County Supervisors at a public hearing during a Board of Supervisors meeting.

Lastly, I want to make everyone aware that the existing moratorium on new STR permits in Idyllwild-Pine Cove is proposed to be extended for a few more months. County planning staff is proposing to County Supervisors at the upcoming August 29 Board of Supervisors meeting to extend that moratorium a little longer, as it may take some extra months before a new ordinance could go into effect. The goal of this extension would be to make a smooth transition between policies before the moratorium. Contact Fourth District Supervisor V. Perez at Palm Desert Office for more information: 760-863-8211.



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