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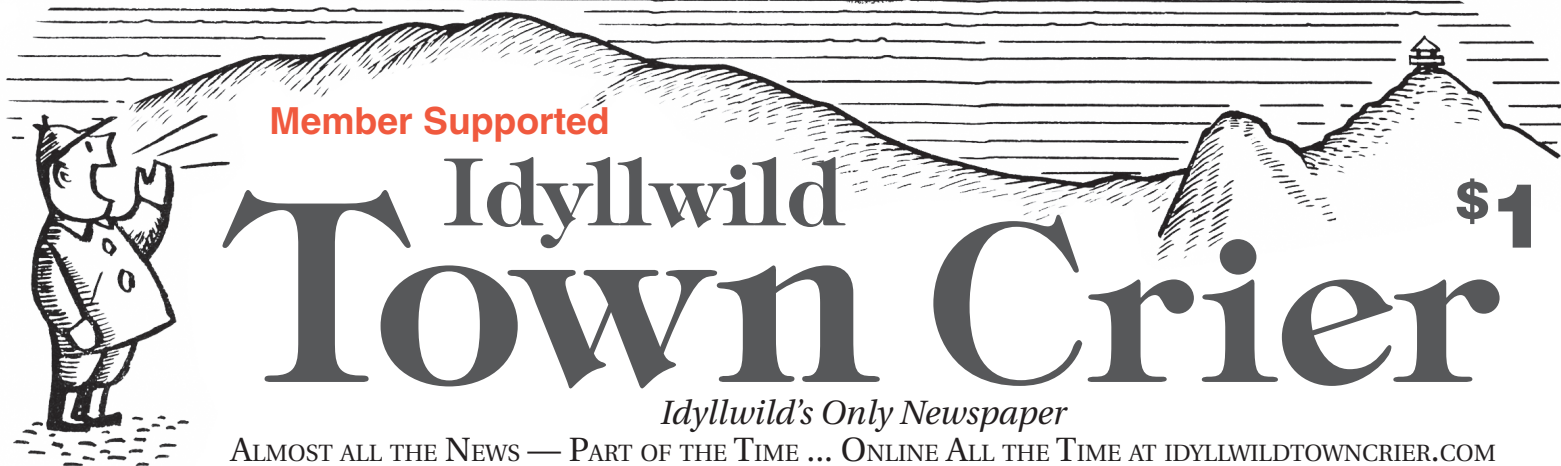
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Idyllwild School put on a shorter and less scary version of "Sleepy Hollow" Saturday. Parents and family filled the seats in the school gym to support all the students. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

2017 a busy fire season for IFPD

But no fires on Hill

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Fire season 2017 had been very busy at Idyllwild Fire Department and it continued during Battalion Chief Mark LaMont's discus-
sion of the season.

In the midst of his presentation of the fires, to which IFPD sent staff from June through early October, the department received another call to join a strike team being formed for the Freeway Fire in Rancho Cucamonga.

"We've been assigned to 13; today it's 14 fires," he told the commission. "Not bad for our size." (See accompanying list of fires to which IFPD sent staff and the hours spent at the fire.)

The opportunity to work in this many fires of-

fers invaluable, "priceless" training, LaMont told the commission. "What we learn will serve you."

Although IFPD staff were gone for more than 7,000 hours, LaMont assured the commission that all of this time, as well as the necessary over-
time at the Idyllwild Station while staff was gone, is reimbursed.

"That also includes the use of equipment, which the other fire departments essentially rent from us. IFPD is not paying for equipment or manpower on these events," he stated.

Commissioner Jerry Buchanan, chair of the fi-
nance committee, reported the committee would meet on Nov. 8.

"The first quarter financials look good," he told his colleagues.

Through Sept. 30, the end of the first quar-
ter of fiscal year 2017-18, found expenses were

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Cannabis dispensaries closed

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Riverside County Code En-
forcement office has said that the
three marijuana (cannabis) dispensa-
ries in Idyllwild agreed to close.

"Site investigations [were con-
ducted] at each of the three dispen-
saries operating in Idyllwild. Each of
the business operators and the prop-
erty owner were served with a Notice
of Violation for the prohibited dis-
pensary activity. A short time after
their initial site investigation, officers
met with each business operator and
property owner on site, clarifying the
steps necessary for voluntary compli-
ance," according to Marr Christian,
supervising code officer.

Additional site visits were con-
ducted at each dispensary. Officers,
at that time, verified that "... all can-
nabis dispensary-related items had
been removed and the dispensary
closed," he added.

Ancillary business operations,
such as tattoos or pool, at these sites
could continue, as Christian said in
his email, "cannabis dispensaries re-
main prohibited by Riverside County
ordinance."

Readers are reminded that the
Board of Supervisors is reviewing
the current ordinance regarding can-
nabis businesses. The Planning De-
partment's website, <http://planning.rctlma.org/Home/Cannabis.aspx>, is
where the ordinances can be found
and public comment submitted. The
board may take action to revise its or-
dinances in 2018.

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County cautiously pursuing authority to supply electricity

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Riverside County Board of Supervi-
sors moved one step closer to becoming
an electric-power provider for the unincorporated
areas of the county, largely replacing South-
ern California Edison.

In 2002, the Legislature passed Assembly
Bill 117, which authorized local governments
to procure or develop electrical power for
themselves or their residents and businesses.
In the 15 years since the law was enacted, only
six Community Choice Aggregators have been
established and are active in the state.

A CCA may purchase the electricity from
an existing investor-owner utility, such as
SCE, or generate the power itself.

Riverside County has studied the possibi-
lity of establishing a CCA, which would pur-
chase electricity from SCE. The county proj-
ects savings for consumers — residents and
businesses in the unincorporated areas —
would range from 7 to 13 percent. Lower rates
will be achieved through the purchase of elec-

tricity at wholesale rates rather than retail,
according to the Implementation Plan pre-
pared by Good Energy of New York.

The power will continue to be transmit-
ted and delivered over existing SCE lines and
equipment. SCE walso would do the billing
and meter reading.

The supervisors reviewed a draft ordi-
nance establishing the CCA and have sched-
uled a public hearing for Tuesday, Nov. 14.
The adoption of an ordinance and Implemen-
tation Plan are required. These are final steps
on the process, which began in 2015, when
the county executive authorized a feasibility
study. In December 2016, the board went for-
ward with an Implementation Plan that was
presented last week.

The consultants estimate that the annual
staffing costs for a county CCA would be about
\$370,000 and \$1.3 million for other services.

The exit fee, a charge that goes to the pri-
vate utility, is not fixed yet. This concerned
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries (1st District). If the
California Public Utility Commission agrees
with a significant increase, which SCE and

other utilities are requesting, it will change
the benefit calculation.

According to Brian Nestande, the county's
deputy executive officer, the CPUC will ad-
dress this issue sometime in 2018.

If the board approves the CCA, the coun-
ty will notify residents and businesses with-
in the unincorporated area. It will take many
months to be ready to operate and during that
time, residents and businesses will have four
opportunities to opt out of CCA service.

Accounts, which do not opt out of the CCA,
are automatically enrolled after a notification
process. The average participation rate in other
CCAs is about 95 percent, according to the
report to the board.

Despite the risks associated with the ven-
ture, the history of CCAs in California and
other areas of the country led Good Energy,
which prepared the Implementation Plan, to
conclude that "the risk seems small."

The Implementation Plan emphasized
that only SCE customers are eligible for CCA
service. Customers of other electric providers

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Soccer

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Michael Holato** gave this report on Youth Soccer. Below are the scores, standings and players of the game for Town Hall Youth Soccer. For the 4 to 6 year olds we are only doing player of the game.

Ages 4-6

Idyllwild Shell Bears' **William Archer** scored 2 goals and **River Fernandes** and **Tate Donovan** each added a goal for the Bears. The Bears' defense didn't allow any goals against the Village Market Avengers.

Miles Sechrest and **Katherine Rodriquez** scored goals for the Ferro Lightning Bolts and their defense shut out the Idyllwild Automotive Spinjitsu. Spinjitsu **Caden Meyer** scored a goal and **Danielle Rodriquez** made some outstanding defensive plays in their game against the Avengers. Both teams played outstanding defense.

Bears' William scored 2 goals and River added another goal to his totals. Also for the Bears, **Yunah Jang** scored her first goal of the seasons in their game against the Lightning Bolts.

Ages 7-9

Tony Solario scored 2 goals and **Oliver Gonzalez** added another in the Idyllwild Star 3-0 victory over the Goal Busters. Again, **Finn Carpenter** was spectacular in goal for the Goal Busters.

The Dragons cruised to a 5-0 victory over the Assassins with a hat trick from **Darius Esparza** and 2 goals from **Kail Mock**. Idyllwild Star, behind a hat trick from Tony, won easily over the Goal Busters to set up championship game with the Dragons at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

In the most exciting and most spectacular game of the season, the Dragons won over the Assassins in a shoot out after the game was tied 0-0 through regulation and OT. **Jaden Fogle** was brilliant in goal for the Assassins, stopping goal after goal attempts from the Dragons. **Tyler Sonnier** and **Emily Brosterhaus** of the Assassins were all over the defensive end keeping shots away from their goal, a truly remarkable performance along with their other teammates. The Dragons had exceptional play from Darius, Kail, **Indigo Dagnall**, **Zoey Mason** and **Isiah Merkins**. What a great game played by both teams. The Assassins also will play the Goal Busters at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

Standings	Wins	Losses	Ties
Idyllwild Star	8	1	0
Dragons	7	2	0
Assassins	3	6	0
Goal Busters	0	9	0

Ages 10-14

The Idyllwild Brew Pub Wildcats scored 2 early goals from **Kilo Reynosa** and **Eddie Rincon** but the Muir's Mountain Blue Stars answered back with goals from **Aiven** and **Roman Honarvar** to tie the score at 2-2. Then, after a penalty shot attempt stopped by Wildcats goalie **Joel White**, the Blue Stars took the lead with a goal from **Travis Rocha**. **Silas Tibo** scored a goal late in the game for the Wildcats to tie the final score at 3-3.

Blue Stars won a gold medal 3-0 over the Wildcats with 2 goals from **Rene Montoya** and a goal from Aiven. The highlight of the game was when Wildcat Kilo came from nowhere to kick away a goal attempt from the Blue Stars. Congrats to both teams for a great season.

Standings	Wins	Losses	Ties
Blue Stars	8	0	1
Wild Cats	0	8	1

Adults

Fox scored a goal in the second half to tie Red Time 2-2 while F.C. Los Huevones scored 11 goals in the second half in a 14-4 win over 503. Red Time hangs on for a 4-3 win over F.C. Los Huevones and the #1 Playoff Seed. Fox edges 503 4-3.

Red Time routs F.C. Los Huevones 9-2, sets up a championship game at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1 against Fox. Fox scores late in the game to win 2-1 over 503 in a defensive battle.

Fox was 1-0-3 against Red Time during the regular season. It should be an exciting game on Wednesday. 503 will meet F.C. Los Huevones for the consolation game at 5:30 p.m., also.

Standings	Wins	Losses	Ties	Points
Red Time	4	2	3	11
503	4	4	1	9
Fox	3	3	3	9
F.C. Los Huevones	3	5	1	7



Local soccer ages 7 to 9 years old went into the playoffs on Friday. There were two games with four teams playing against each other. Here, the Assassins take on the Dragons.
PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Idyllwild Middle School girls volleyball team played Noli Indian School from San Jacinto Wednesday afternoon at Idyllwild School.
PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Pete Capparelli (right) accepts the trophy for 2017 Club Champion of the Palms to Pines Golf Association from **Jim Crandall** at Menifee Lakes Golf Course on Friday, Oct. 27. Capparelli beat Crandall in the final playoff game for club champion at Menifee Lakes a week earlier. Capparelli is president of the club, and Crandall is the handicap chair.
PHOTO BY PETE HOLZMAN

Golf

Jim Crandall, Palms to Pines Golf Association handicap chair, provided this report about the association's regular monthly tourney in October and the club championship match of its year-end playoffs.

Idyllwild's Palms to Pines Golf Association held its regular monthly tourney on Friday, Oct. 27, at the Lakes course at Menifee Lakes Golf Course.

Pete Capparelli is the 2017 Club Champion of the Palms to Pines Golf Association. He beat **Jim Crandall** in the final round of playoffs a week prior to the regular monthly tourney. Capparelli will represent the club in the Southern California Tournament of Club Champions in
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Steele/Bradley team in QBE Shootout
Daughter Victoria Steele is newest fan

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele will once again team with Keegan Bradley in the QBE Shootout on the Tiburón Golf Club course in Naples, Florida, Dec. 6 to 10. The Shootout is a two-man unofficial PGA Tour event Brendan and Keegan teamed up to win in 2011 when it was named the Franklin Templeton Shootout.

This time the native Idyllwilder will have a new fan: Daughter Victoria Steele was born Friday, Oct. 27, 2017. She'll be rooting her dad's team on with the help of her mom, Anastassia.

Brendan currently stands second on the FedExCup points list for the new 2017-18 season and has moved up this week to 44th place on the Official World Golf Ranking. The OWGR is a two-year, rolling ranking, so it is possible to move up the list even without playing, which is what Brendan has done during the past week.

Brendan's next official PGA Tour event is the \$6.3 million Sentry Tournament of Champions in Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii, on Jan. 4, into which he gained entry by virtue of his win in the Safeway Open at Napa last month.

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From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 11/1
61/24
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Thursday 11/2
54/29
Mostly sunny.

Friday 11/3
61/34
Mostly sunny.

Saturday 11/4
58/34
Chance of showers.

Sunday 11/5
55/38
Showers likely.

Monday 11/6
62/39
Chance of showers.

Tuesday 11/7
55/35
Partly cloudy.

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

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
10/24	88	65	0.00	0.0	
10/25	82	51	0.00	0.0	
10/26	77	46	0.00	0.0	
10/27	79	45	0.00	0.0	
10/28	79	45	0.00	0.0	
10/29	75	45	0.00	0.0	
10/30	66	39	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
10/24	60	50	0.78	0.0	
10/25	68	42	0.02	0.0	
10/26	72	40	0.00	0.0	
10/27	70	42	0.00	0.0	
10/28	64	47	0.00	0.0	
10/29	71	50	0.00	0.0	
10/30	60	50	0.12	0.0	

Moisture in inches					
To date this season (Idy): 0.83					
To date last season (Idy): 2.67					
Total last season (Idy): 28.61					
To date this season (PC): 0.86					
Total last season (PC): 37.56					

Snow in inches					
To date this season (Idy): 0.0					
To date last season (Idy): 0.0					
Total last season (Idy): 31.3					
To date this season (PC): 0.0					
Total last season (PC): 63.3					

Idyllwild temperatures, moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. Pine Cove moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. by resident George Tate at personal weather station KCAIDYLL1, an official www.wunderground.com reporter. Moisture inches include all precipitation such as rain, melted hail and melted snow.

Weather season is July 1 to June 30. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at www.idyllwildtowncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



It was a little damp and dreary on this Halloween Tuesday afternoon on the Hill. PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

Jo'An's to become Idypark soon

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

As reported last week, Jo'An's has sold. Dave and Loie Butterfield, who own Idypark LLC which purchased the property, plan to raze the building by the end of the year. As he said, the restaurant will not reopen. "As the center of town, we envision it to be a peaceful, beautiful location for all to enjoy," Dave wrote in an email.

Their intention is to remove all the structures and make the property a public park, as it was originally from the 1950s into the middle of the 1970s.

Dave confirmed that the Butterfields "... will continue to support the tree lighting and other community programs that for years have been held at the site."

Other local business people also have helped in this effort, according to Dave. "The acquisition of Jo'An's was made possible through the efforts of Shane Stewart, broker of Idyllwild Realty, who waived his entire commission, and Bob Hughes of Hughes Properties, who waived a portion of his compensation in order to make Idypark a reality for the benefit and enjoyment of the community."

Demolition has already begun on the property. The Butterfields are the donors of the Idyllwild Community Center site and matching donors of the ICC.

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Capt. **Leonard Purvis** of the Riverside County Sheriff's Hemet Station receives an official Idyllwild Rotary mug from Vice President **Dennis Dunbar** at the Wednesday, Oct. 25, Idyllwild Rotary Club meeting. Purvis spoke about challenges facing the 800-square-mile area for which the station is responsible. No one offered to switch jobs with him. *PHOTO BY TOM KLIZAK*

Dan Ball, former journalist, to challenge Ruiz

Several Republicans competing in June primary

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

A second Republican has announced his intent to challenge Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz. Dan Ball, former news anchor at desert television stations, wants to unseat Ruiz with a page from Ruiz's script when he upset incumbent Mary Bono Mack in 2012.

"[Ruiz's] voting record is right down the line with the Democrats," Ball stated. "That's why he criticized Mary Bono because she lost touch with the district. He ran with good intentions but got consumed by the 'beast' in Washington."

Only a week earlier, Kimberlin Brown Pelzer, an actress, and owner of K. Brown Design, announced her intent to compete against Ruiz. Ball lives in Palm Desert, having moved to the district more than 20 years ago.

"Idyllwild reminds me of my home," he began. Ball is from a small town, Archbold, in northwest Ohio. Raised by his grandparents, who owned and ran the general store with a bona-fide soda fountain, he learned "to treat others as you want to be treated."

Ball enlisted in the U.S. Air Force even before graduating from high school. And that's where his journalism career began. "I had a rifle in one hand, a TV mike in the other," he said.

Ball met with the Town Crier Sunday, Oct. 22, and answered questions about his priorities and campaign plans.

When asked about his principal strength in the campaign, Ball quickly replied, "I have no political background. I have no prior public experience and I'm proud of that." Throughout the interview, he stressed that he wanted to represent the people in the district and was not serving himself nor a party or elected official.

He pointed out that Sen. Diane Feinstein is 84 years old. She is finishing her 20th year in the Senate and will



Dan Ball, Republican candidate for California Congressional District 36 seat, visited Idyllwild with fiancée **Peyton**. *PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE*

See Dan Ball, page A8

Obituary

Cheri M. Bentley-Buckman
1941-2017

Cheri M. Bentley-Buckman of Palm Springs and Idyllwild passed away Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017.

Born in Kilgore, Texas, on Sept. 1, 1941, she was an avid writer/poet and was published in several journals.

Cheri was passionate about the Idyllwild Arts Academy and was on its board of trustees since 2007. She was an active member of Summer Poetry in Idyllwild, Palm Springs Writers Guild, National League of American Pen Women and Romance Writers of America. Cheri was also an ER and trauma volunteer at Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs.

Cheri is survived by her husband Charles Buckman, children Hartwell Bentley and Deborah (Bentley) Mattern, stepchildren Karl Buckman and Kim Buckman, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

A memorial service will be planned by Idyllwild Arts at a later date. In lieu of flowers, tax-deductible donations may be made to Idyllwild Arts at www.idyllwildarts.org/giving/.



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Town Crier Memberships include businesses and nonprofits

By BECKY AND JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHERS

So far, eight businesses have acquired Town Crier Memberships: Baily Winery; The Family Business (tax preparation); Fern Valley Inn; Idyllwild Backhoe; Idyllwild Vacation Rentals; Middle Ridge Inc. (winery & art gallery); Sandlin & Son Refrigeration; and Sub Rosa Apothecary.

Also, three nonprofit organizations have joined as Members: Idyllwild Arts Academy; Friends of San Jacinto Mountain County Parks; and St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church.

And The Red Kettle is the first business making special discount offers to all Town Crier Members.

Town Crier business advertising has begun to pick up somewhat, too. We very much appreciate the contributions all these businesses and nonprofits are making toward keeping a real newspaper on our Hill. Please remember to support these business and organizations that are supporting your community newspaper.

Meanwhile, readers of the Town Crier on and off the Hill are converting their old subscriptions into new Memberships. This can be done at any time; no need to wait until your old subscription runs out. Becky is adept at tacking on remaining subscription weeks onto new Membership dates, so you will lose nothing.

You will gain uninterrupted, continued subscriptions to both printed and online issues of the Town Crier, our “Idyllwild Town Crier Member” car-window decal, designed to be displayed on the “inside” of the window to encourage others to join us, in-print recognition of your Membership in the Town Crier (unless you request anonymity, which we kind of hope you don’t since your Membership will encourage your friends and associates to join also), occasional offers from local businesses (see the current offer by the Red Kettle in the following paragraph), invitations to what we hope will be an annual Town Crier Membership Party, and — most important of all — the satisfaction of knowing you are doing your part to save and support a real newspaper on our Hill.

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Many thanks to all you Charter Members. Your responses are encouraging other community-minded readers to join with you.

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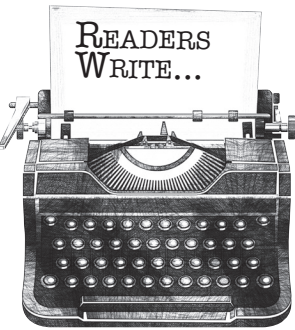
Re: evolution and entropy

EDITOR:

One phrasing of the second law of thermodynamics is: “The entropy of a closed system cannot decrease.”

Entropy can be identified as a measure of usable energy. This leads to the notion that things invariable proceed from order to disorder. Stuff left alone falls apart. But all of this applies to a “closed system.” There is no flow of energy or material into or out of a closed system.

However, the fact is that life (or the Earth, for that matter) is not a closed system. The Sun’s radiation and the decay of radioactive material all provide energy input. Clearly, a fruit of a summer tomato plant has more



“order” and “energy” than the spring seed from which it grew. Surely, this is order out of disorder.

More profoundly, a serious question in cosmology is whether the expanding universe itself is open or closed.

In contemplating the notion of “evolution,” one is advised not to dwell on either your Bible or on your “Introduction to College Physics” book.

BYRON EDWARDS, PH.D.
IDYLLWILD

(Editor’s note: As always, the views of our columnists and letter writers are not necessarily the views of the Town Crier editors. The Town Crier welcomes views from all writers, including those in letters to the editor.)



By MARSHA KENNEDY
IDYLLWILD SNOW GROUP

On Oct. 23, the Idyllwild Snow Group attended a very productive meeting with County Supervisor Chuck Washington and a host of officials representing 10 federal, state and county agencies — many of whom we have met with over recent months.

We were delighted at the amount of progress that has been made. Many of our suggestions are being considered and acted upon, and it was clear at the meeting that inter-agency collaboration has been taking place.

Everyone in the room seemed to have a grasp of the snow-visitor problems that have been plaguing Idyllwild and only getting worse in recent winters — the jammed streets, the littering, trespassing, threatening behavior ... well, it’s all been discussed in previous columns. Several solutions to these problems are on the table, and a number

will be enacted shortly.

For example: Idyllwild has two county snow-play areas and a third will be designated soon. Snow-play visitor traffic directed toward these areas will result in less congestion in residential areas as well as safe, open places with facilities where visitors can enjoy the snow.

New signage will prohibit parking on the upper portion of Fern Valley Road for snow play. The road leading into Humber Park Trailhead will be be barricaded at unsafe times to prevent cars from entering. Only foot traffic will be allowed. In the future, more of Fern Valley may be designated a “no parking” area.

Both the California Highway Patrol and the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department have expressed their desire to provide the Hill with greater coverage, but are constrained at this point by lack of funds.

More details on these and other actions being taken or considered by various government agencies will be the subject of a future column.

We appreciate Supervisor Washington and all the agency representatives who attended this meeting, including Idyllwild’s own Fire Chief Patrick Reitz.

It is gratifying to see the progress being made to help keep Idyllwild a safe place for residents and snow-play visitors alike.

More in the next column. Stay tuned with us at Idy Snow Talk on Facebook and on our web site idysnowtalk.com.

Fire season

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nearly \$180,000 greater than revenue. However, as with the other special districts, Riverside County does not distribute any property-tax revenue until December.

“Salaries are high because of the fire season,” Buchanan acknowledged, and also said, “We’ll catch up with the reimbursements.”

He also noted that emergency medical calls had dropped this year compared to 2016, but these are not seasonal and could increase as winter arrives.

In other business, the commission reviewed six board policies. Four were approved as is or as amended. Staff was asked to review and revise two policies. These include property claims against the district and employee records.

The commission also sent its Conflict of Ethics poli-

Fire	Location	Date	Hours
Holcomb	near Big Bear, SBNF	6/19	632
Manzanita	Lamb Canyon, RIV	6/26	288
Alamo	San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara City	7/9	432
Long Valley	Cal Nevada border	7/11	384
Bridge II	Highland, SBNF	7/14	384
Detwiler	Mariposa County	7/16	1,344
Bryant	Yucaipa	8/3	288
Blaine	Riverside	8/13	384
Salmon August	Klamath NF	8/16	432
Eclipse	Klamath NF	9/8	816
Canyon 1	Anaheim, Orange Cty	9/25	432
Canyon II	Anaheim	10/9	240
Central LNU	Santa Rosa, Napa Cty	9/9	1,152
			7,208

cy to the Board of Supervisors, which has not acknowledged a new policy since 1978.

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Carla Mann (left) attended Carol McClintic (right) and Katya Williamson’s 10,000 Women’s Voices Writing Workshop on Saturday at the Idyllwild Library

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Toy drive at Soboba Casino

Soboba Casino is holding a toy drive from noon to 8 p.m. the Mondays of Nov. 13, 20 and 27, and Dec. 4

Bring one unwrapped toy valued at \$20 with receipt and receive \$40 in Free Slot Play.

MATTER OF FACT

In last week’s story on page B1 about the Forest View Tea House, the location in South Africa where owner Anna Allen was a resident was incorrectly reported as Durbin. The correct city name is Durban.

Town Crier regrets the error.

How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps). Letters must be identified with the author’s name, address and weekday phone number.

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Last month, IHP and the Town Crier published our annual **Fall-Winter Explore Idyllwild Directory and Explore Idyllwild Map**. Thousands have been printed and distribution on and off the Hill.

Please contact Lisa Streeter at 951-659-2145 to place an ad for your business in our two Explore Idyllwild publications coming next spring.

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State says fire fee litigation has taken too long

Asks court to dismiss Jarvis case

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association objects to the State Responsibility Area Fire Fee, filing litigation to overturn the fee's collection within months of Gov. Jerry Brown signing it. This summer, the Legislature suspended collection until 2031.

The litigation was originally filed in October 2012, a few months after the fee's passage. HJTA argued that the fee, which only requires approval of a majority of the state Assembly and Senate, is really a tax that requires approval of two-thirds of each house. Consequently, it should be disallowed for failing to meet the state's constitutional requirements for a tax and refunded.

In August 2015, the court authorized HJTA to proceed with the litigation as a class action and for two years they collected and reviewed documents and statements. On Sept. 20, HJTA filed new papers requesting the court issue a summary judgment declaring the fee a tax. A hearing has been set for Dec. 8 for the court to hear the motion.

The state responded to this motion and argued that the time had expired for this case. Five years is the statutory limit, claimed the state's attorney general's lawyers working the case.

They began their response with the following statement: "The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) respectfully requests that the court dismiss this action under Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.360 for failure to bring this action to trial within five years. Plaintiffs cannot avail themselves of any of the statutory exceptions to the five-year dismissal statute. Dismissal is therefore mandatory."

The state attorneys pointed to several important steps during the case's lifetime. "The plaintiffs cannot prove that compliance with the five-year statute was impossible, impracticable, or futile. Discovery was completed in August 2014, over three years ago. The class action was certified in August 2015, over two years ago."

They concluded arguing that dismissal is not permissive. "But if the mandatory dismissal statute has any meaning, it requires dismissal of this case."

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Historic board reviewing permit process

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Local Review Board of the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District held a brief meeting, Thursday Oct. 26.

The board, with the help of Yun Baird, of the Riverside County Parks and Open Space District, is reviewing and possibly revising the process for obtaining a permit for outdoor alteration of significant historic resource within the Idyllwild district.

Baird will have some discussions with the county's Planning Department to ensure they are aware of the local historic resources and alert the LRB of possible construction that may affect a resource.

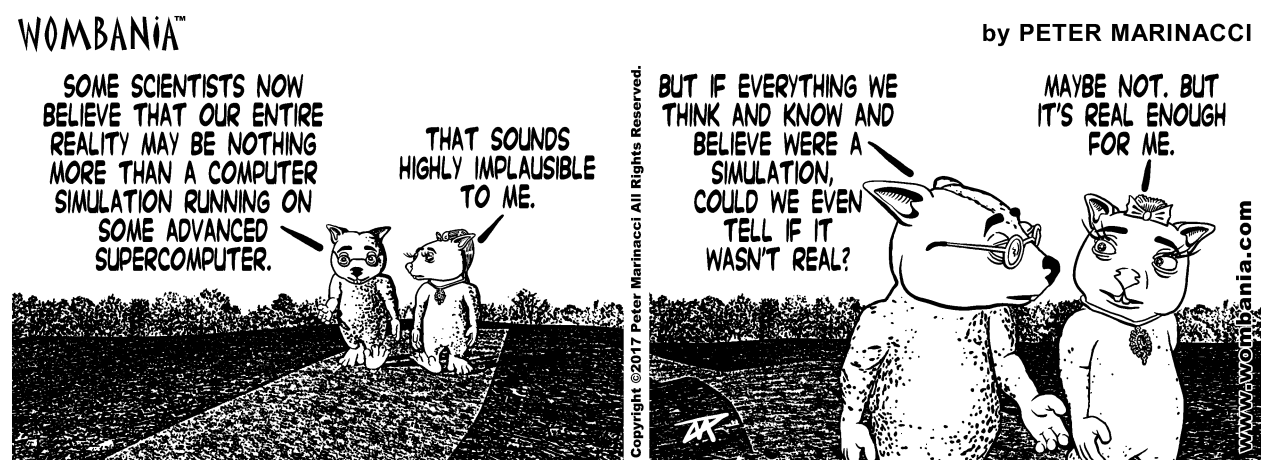
The LRB had not been notified of recent work on a structure within the district. While concerned about the failure in the process, the actual work satisfied the criteria and the Planning Department board members expressed no issues with it.

"It should pass through to us before [they] allow the work to start," noted LRB Chair Warren Monroe. "Perhaps we should update the agreement between your office and Planning."

The permit process, with any proposed changes, will be on the LRB's agenda for its Jan. 25 meeting.

The LRB discussed the recent changes to the front of the Village Market building and were satisfied, especially with the preservation of the original sign. Baird did confirm that the owners did obtain a permit for this work.

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Financial issues dominate Idyllwild Water meeting

Workshop planned for December

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Past financial issues were a major part of the Idyllwild Water District board meeting last week.

Scott Manno, partner in Rogers, Anderson, Malody and Scott, IWD's auditor, presented his firm's report for fiscal year 2016-17, which ended June 30, 2017.

"We are stating that the district's financial statements are in conformance with all the required financial standards," he reported to the directors. "This is the highest level of assurance that we can present."

The Audit Report stated, "... the financial statements ... present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the district."

"The biggest financial item in the past year was the district's decision to return the grant funds for the recycled water facility," he added. "Revenues increase 1.6 percent and in general net income was on par with last year."

While the return of the grant money resulted in a net decrease in revenue for the year, property taxes increased 6.1 percent in fiscal year 2016-17.

Operating expenses, excluding the recycled water-project finances, increased about \$75,000. The district's net position decreased \$206,000 compared to 2015-16, but that was the result of ending the recycled water project.

IWD employees' retirement funds are not administered by CalPERS. Consequently, IWD does not have an unfunded liability for its pension costs. However, the unfunded liability estimate for all post-employment health care is about \$900,000, according to the audit.

Similarly to other local special districts, IWD is too small to have enough employees to satisfy comments regarding internal controls and separation of financial actions. Manno acknowledged the district's size.

"With one person, it is difficult to segregate the issue. The only way to fix it is hire more people," he said. "That's the cost versus benefit — two more people at \$40,000 each or hear these comments again."

General Manager Jack Hoagland told the board that he reviews all invoices and Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman does not sign the checks. It's either Hoagland or directors. "We're doing the best we can given the structure and size of our staff," he replied.

In September, IWD had positive net income of \$29,000

in the water district and nearly \$4,500 for the sewer district, according to the financial statements. Hoagland added that 11 new water meters had been sold, four were pending and 15 "will serve" letters had been issued in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017-18.

The second financial issue to return for a repeat performance was the recommendation to purchase a skid steer loader for \$83,000. In September, the board tabled the issue. Since that meeting, Hoagland solicited another bid and recommended purchasing the equipment.

During the discussion, Director Steve Kunkle argued that the equipment was not necessary since the district has a new front-end loader and kept the older equipment.

"I haven't changed my position," he said. "This is a 'want' item, and not a 'need' item, and I don't see the savings."

Director Catherine Dearing offered a motion to approve the purchase, but none of the other directors seconded it and the action died.

However, the board did approve going forward with a new inundation study to assess the consequences in the event that the Foster Lake Dam failed. However, at the suggestion of Director Peter Szabadi, IWD will re-submit its 1974 inundation study for acceptance before starting a totally new study.

The inundation study calculates where the reservoir's water would flow and what might be endangered if the dam did burst. However, an emergency action plan is the second step. It identifies the steps the district could take to try to prevent this catastrophe or mitigate it if it were to occur.

Szabadi agreed that a new emergency plan was necessary, but argued that the water's path has unlikely changed since 1974. The lake's capacity has not changed either, which is why another inundation study is unlikely to identify new information.

In the aftermath of the Oroville Dam crisis this year, the state Legislature enacted a new law requiring dam owners to complete the inundation study and emergency plans, Hoagland told the board.

The cost of an inundation study he projected to be about \$70,000. He did not have an estimate for the emergency plan.

Szabadi's motion passed 4-0-1, with President Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly abstaining.

Before concluding, the board agreed to a special meeting on the evening of Dec. 6, to discuss a variety of issues Szabadi raised. Hoagland recommended that the board focus on a rate study and pipeline replacement plan at this meeting.

Readers

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Sustaining Readers (180) — \$100+ annually: Patricia Altman; D.M. Ankenbrandt; Bailly Winery (Carol & Phil Bailly) \$150; Robert Ballard; Cheryl & Lon Barr; Albert Bates; Jeanne Bauer; Nancy Beddingfield & Paul Leverenz; Kerry Berman; Rick Bernardin; Douglas & Maureen Boren; Ron Boustead & Ruth Riven Boustead; Bernard & Jorgine Brause \$200; Paul Browne; Kathy Bryson; Charles Buchanan; Kenneth Camoirano; Bruce Campbell; Garrett & Harmeet Capune; Steve Chadwick; Duane & Ermylee Chamlee; Reg Cohen; Nancy Collins; Roberta Corbin & Lawrence Kueneman; Virginia Criste; Joe Curtis; Barbara & David Cutter; Margaret & Michael D'Ambrisa; Jayne Davis; Mark Davis & Eduardo Santiago; Iris & Peter Davison; John & Linda Denver; Mizzi Diamond & Tim Doyle; Sherryn Digby; Ruthe Donlon; Carol & Dennis Dunbar; Greg & Nancy Dunlap; John Dunne; Jennie & Steven Espinosa; Fern Valley Inn (Gary & Marcie Erb); Farah Fisher; Amy Fogerson & Kent Weishaus; Chris Fox; Michael Franich; Françoise Frigola; Roland Gaebert; Bruce & Carolyn Gano; Merle & Rosemarie Gardner; Don & Louise Giger; John & Kathleen Gilliland; Cathy & Gil Gillogly; Dick & Jan Goldberg; Christine & Jan Gold-

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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see “On the Town,” on page B7. Submit listings and changes to becky@towncrier.com.

- Wednesday, Nov. 1**
- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
 - Soroptmist International of Idyllwild, 9 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr.
 - Qigong, 9-10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Garner Valley Women's Group, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devils Ladder Rd.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - From Shame to Grace (SAA) 12 Step Group, 5-6 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - American Red Cross volunteer meeting, 5:15 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

- Thursday, Nov. 2**
- AA women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; “We Don't Know” Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
 - Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 951-852-2306.
 - Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest

- Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
 - Assemblyman Randy Voepel Listening Session, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Friday, Nov. 3**
- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
 - AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
 - Feeding America, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
 - Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

- Saturday, Nov. 4**
- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr.
 - American Legion Post 800 & Auxiliary meetings, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Medicare 101, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Sunday, Nov. 5**
- Peace Meditation Prac-

- tice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- AA, Book Study meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
 - Al-Anon “Mixed Nuts” open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Monday, Nov. 6**
- AA women, (open), 9 a.m. & Women's Alanon Step Study, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Science lunch, 11:30 a.m. Mile High Café, Hwy. 243.
 - Wisdom in Spiritual Eldering, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Chronic Pain/Illness Community Support Group, 4-5:30 p.m. Hill House, Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Tuesday, Nov. 7**
- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income), 10:30 a.m.-noon. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.
 - Free Community Healing, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
 - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
 - Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.
 - Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call C.J., 951-392-5985.
 - Hemet Unified School District board, 6:30 p.m. HUDS offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.

- Wednesday, Nov. 8**
- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post

- 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
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 - Qigong, 9-10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Pine Cove Water District board, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
 - Idyllwild Fire Protection District Finance Committee, 1 p.m. Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
 - La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
 - Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
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- Community service hours**
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
 - Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
 - Idyllwild Help Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
 - Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
 - Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
 - Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon.; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.
 - Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

NEWS OF RECORD

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, Oct. 22 to 28.

Idyllwild

- Oct. 22 — Alarm call, 10:59 a.m., North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 22 — Public assist, 7:52 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 22 — Check the welfare, 8:17 p.m., North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 23 — Vehicle burglary, 9:06 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 23 — 911 call, 1:31 p.m., North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 23 — Unlawful entry, 6:49 p.m., 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 23 — Alarm call, 10 p.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 24 — Alarm call, 12:05 a.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 24 — Alarm call, 12:53 a.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 24 — Follow-up, 1:23 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 25 — Alarm call, 4:36 a.m., Idylmont Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 25 — Follow-up, 11:48 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 25 — Area check, 12:27 p.m., Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 25 — Unknown trouble, 6:06 p.m., Alderwood St. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 25 — Suspect info, 7:50 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 26 — Two reports of runaway child, 10:57 a.m., Scenic Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 26 — Fraud, 12:15 p.m., North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 26 — Suspect info, 3:35 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 26 — Suspicious person, 6:51 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 27 — Found property, 11:11 a.m., Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 27 — Fraud, 2:02 p.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 27 — Petty theft, 2:21 p.m., 54000 block of South Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 27 — Assist other department, 9:10 p.m., address

undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Oct. 28 — Suspicious person, 9:16 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Oct. 22 — Public disturbance, 5:35 p.m., Laurel Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 24 — Suspicious person, 9:30 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 26 — Suspect info, 5:50 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows

- Oct. 16 — Assist other department, 6:52 p.m., Morris Ranch Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 18 — Suspicious circumstance, 3:20 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Oct. 22 — Vandalism, 1:38 p.m., 16000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- Oct. 26 — Burglary, 10:51 a.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Report taken.
- Oct. 28 — 911 call from business, 12:50 a.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 28 — Shots fired, 3:27 p.m., Keyes Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 28 — Three reports of 911 call from business, 10:46 p.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 28 — Battery, 10:48 p.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Unfounded.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Oct. 22 — Public assist, 8:40 a.m., Bonita Vista Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 23 — Alarm call, 10:55 p.m., 21000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 25 — 911 call from business, 3:33 p.m., Canyon Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 25 — Suicide threat, 10:19 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 26 — Overdose, 1:30 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 26 — Assist other department, 1:30 p.m., Indian Mountain Truck Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 27 — Shots fired, 4:41 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 28 — Lost hiker, 7:18 p.m., Pacific Crest National Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 28 — Lost hiker, 7:18 p.m., Pacific Crest National Trl. Report taken.
- Oct. 28 — Lost hiker, 7:18 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Kellner released, another court appearance next week

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Michael Darranger Kellner, 24, of Idyllwild, was arrested Wednesday, Sept. 27, for suspicion of a stealing a tip jar from Christian Chalifour, a harpist, performing outside in Strawberry Creek Square. The theft occurred Friday, Sept. 15.

The charge was a misdemeanor and Kellner was released from jail Monday, Oct. 30.

Nevertheless, he has another court date for Tuesday, Nov. 7. He will be arraigned for suspicions of illegal entry at a store on Highway 74. This allegedly occurred on

Sept. 2 and also is a misdemeanor charge.

However, the Riverside County District Attorney's Office also has filed a motion to revoke his probation from earlier convictions. He was granted three years probation in April 2017 for pleading guilty to possession of a controlled substance, which was a misdemeanor conviction.

Last week, on Oct. 30, Hearing Officer Judith Fouladi sentenced Kellner to 69 days in county jail. The credit for time served permitted his release on Oct. 31. He is still required to meet the terms of his previous probation.

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Firefighters quash Highway Fire

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Friday afternoon, Oct. 27, the U.S. Forest Service contained a small near Bee Canyon.

The Highway Fire was 3.5 acres and contained within hours of its report. The fire was about 1.5 miles from Highway 74 and west of Bee Canyon Road, according to Freddie Espinoza, district fire management officer for the San Jacinto Ranger District in the San Bernardino National Forest.

The Forest Service attacked the fire with significant resources — eight engines, including Hotshots from Vista Grande and one from the Bureau of Land Management, a helicopter and Cal Fire assistance.

The fire's cause is under investigation, Espinoza said. Battalion Chief Matt Ahearn was the incident commander.

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Johnston pleads guilty

Work release and probation

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On Sept. 25, John W. Johnston, 31, of Idyllwild, was arrested for statutory rape.

He pleaded guilty at his Felony Settlement Conference on Oct. 5. Judge Mark Mandio sentenced him to 120 days in Riverside County jail, with credit for four days. He also will be on probation for three years.

He will serve 112 days in a work-release program, and was assessed court costs and fines of more than \$1,300.

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Mahjong Club at library

Open to anyone interested in the game, the Mahjong Club meets from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Idyllwild Library.

Legals

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this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: OCT 18 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St.,
Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: Superior
Court of California, County of Riverside.
WILLIAM WAYNE SEREMAK, JR. TO ALL

INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: WILLIAM WAYNE SEREMAK, JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 - a. Present name: WILLIAM WAYNE SEREMAK, JR. changed to Proposed name: FRANCIS JAMES GILLIES
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

- a. Date: 12/4/2017 Time: 8:30, Dept. 12.
- b. The address of the court is same as noted above.
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: OCT 19 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described Personal property will be held at the hour of 12:30 PM on November 16th, 2017 at: Locka-

way Storage, 1181 N. State Street in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, boxes, misc. tools & equipment. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 ET. Seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

G70 Armijo, Mark
E132 Butler, Donald - Ialana
G13 Aguilar, Stephanie
G20 Brown, Lisa
D118 Escobar, Vanessa
F107 Saenz, Norina
A123 & D104 West, Elizabeth
E129 Gonzales, Jerald

Auction to be held on November 16th, 12:30 PM

Lockaway Storage Hemet
American Auction Service
Bond # FS8632014
Pub. TC: Nov. 2, 9, 2017.

LIEN SALE

On 11/17/2017 at 779 N. BUENA VISTA ST. HEMET, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1981 SUNRA HULL: AVY00593M81N
STATE: CA CF#: 2911HA at 10:00 AM

AND

On 11/17/2017 at 779 N. BUENA VISTA ST. HEMET, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1981 TRLR VIN: IT057228
STATE: CA LIC: 4MP3702 at 10:00 AM
Pub. TC: Nov. 2, 2017.

LIEN SALE

On 11/14/2017 at 23155 ALMA ST. PERRIS, CA a Lien Sale will be held on

a 2017 RAM VIN: 1C6RR6FT3HS609818
STATE: CA LIC: X471285 at 10:00 AM
Pub. TC: Nov. 2, 2017.

LIEN SALE

On 11/14/2017 at 23155 ALMA ST. PERRIS, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2014 GMC VIN: 1GTR1VEC1E2138945
STATE: FL LIC: N/A at 10:00 AM
Pub. TC: Nov. 2, 2017.

LIEN SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 11/16/2017, AT 178 SAN RAFAEL, PALM SPRINGS CA 92262 AT 9:00 AM, 08, HOND, CRV, UT, 6EGA392, CA, JHLRE38398C041149
Pub. TC: Nov. 2, 2017.

CSA 36 Advisory Committee reviews positive recreation news

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

The County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee reviewed positive news about district recreation at its Thursday, Oct. 26, meeting. News included a report about a full program of well-attended events at Town Hall and completion of the new pickleball courts on the Idyllwild Pines Camp and Conference Center property.

The committee is charged by 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington with holding public meetings to review recreation management and services currently provided by the nonprofit San Jacinto Mountain Community Center, doing business as Idyllwild Community Center.

ICC President Janice Lyle attends CSA board meetings to report on recreation management. She thanked Barry Wallace, adult sports advocate and point person, on construction and completion of the competition-grade courts for his championing of the project and seeing it through on schedule. “I’m proud of Barry,” said Lyle. “The timing [for construction of the two courts] has worked out perfectly. People worked hard this year to make sure there was no gap [between closing existing courts on the ICC site because of site development and opening the new permanent courts].”

Wallace provided the board a budget for the courts. Of the \$54,846 budget, \$20,000 came from the county, \$22,875 from private contributions and \$12,000 from CSA 36 reserve funds.

Lyle also addressed construction

timelines for the first phase of ICC construction. “November/December is the target to have the permitting process done,” she said. “The contractor won’t sign the contract [for beginning construction] until we have the permit in hand. The six-month timeline will be entirely for site development and the site will be closed during that period. Completion of the amphitheater will not be part of the first phase [as originally planned].” Lyle indicated the change was made because of cost. She assured the CSA board and the community that Ken Dahleen’s annual summer concerts would have a pad and site for next summer, even though the amphitheater shell would not be completed.

Recreation Director Bob Lewis, who manages recreation programs for ICC, reported that Town Hall is busy with a full slate of programs including a new coed soccer league. Lewis noted plans are underway to create a day backpacking club, investigate buying a new stove for the downstairs kitchen (which could pave the way for an adult cooking class), and discussion with Lowe’s and Home Depot about donating materials to repair Town Hall’s outdoor stage.

Lewis hopes to hold a “Taste of Idyllwild” community event with vendors, games, food and entertainment on the repaired stage.

CSA 36 Chair John Metroka questioned Lyle and Lewis about plans for senior recreation programs. “What is being developed for seniors?” he asked. “We’re an older demographic and recreation must serve all age groups, not just the

young.”

Wallace noted that most of the local pickleball players are seniors and that it is a sport that can be played by all ages. “It’s the second-leading year-round sport for the community,” he said. “Hiking is number one.” There was also discussion of having regular adult ballroom dancing and scheduling it after Jazzercise classes in the evening.

The board reached agreement with ICC to be supplied regular financial reports showing how it is spending parcel-tax-funded money for specific recreation programs. Wendy Read, ICC treasurer, said the ICC board prepares a monthly 20-page report, the last three pages of which pertain to CSA 36 dollars.

Committee member Peter Szabadi asked Opal Hellweg, Washington’s legislative assistant, how the board is expected to advise the supervisor. Said Hellweg, “I attend the CSA meetings regularly and report to the supervisor what has been discussed and questioned. You can also schedule an annual review meeting with Chuck and attend his quarterly Idyllwild meetings.”

The board still lacks a fifth member. Hellweg said applications could be made through the end of the year to Hellweg at OIHellweg@rivco.org.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Town Hall. The public, especially members of the CSA 36 recreation district, are encouraged to attend to ask about and receive reports regarding community recreation services and programs.

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Park Service wants to nearly triple peak entrance fees at high-use parks

Joshua Tree is one that is targeted

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

The National Park Service is proposing to establish peak-season entrance fees for the 17 most-visited parks. A public comment period, which ends Nov. 23, is now open.

In Southern California, the fee for one vehicle to enter Joshua Tree National Park between Jan. 1 and May 31 will almost triple from \$25 to \$70. During the other seven months, the vehicle-entry fee will remain at \$25. For individuals not in a vehicle, the fee will increase from \$12 per person to \$30. Entrance fees for motorcycles and the annual pass also will increase. Each motorcycle would cost \$50. A park-specific annual pass for any of the 17 parks would be available for \$75.

The added revenue, estimated to total about \$70 million, will be used for maintenance. The NPS press release said 80 percent of fee collections remain with the park budget, where collected, the other 20 percent will be allocated across the system.

Funding from the fees is used from any project consistent with NPS goals and mission, although emphasis is on deferred maintenance, according to the NPS release.

The president’s budget submission for fiscal year 2018 — Oct 1, 2017, through Sept. 30, 2018 — requests a decrease in park-maintenance funding and a slight increase in park construction.

NPS also emphasized that only 118 NPS sites, out of 417 nationwide, charge any fee. Entrance fees are not charged to visitors under age 16 or holders of senior, military, access, volunteer or Every Kid in a Park passes.

Individuals who wish to submit their comments electronically, should visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=442&projectID=75576&documentID=83652> or send comments to NPS Planning Environment and Public Comment, 1849 C Street, NW, Mail stop:2346, Washington, D.C. 20240.

NPS also is proposing entry and permit fee adjustments for commercial tour operators. The proposal would increase entry fees for commercial operators and standardize commercial-use authorization requirements for road-based commercial tours.

Following the NPS announcement last week, Theresa Pierno, president and CEO of National Parks Conservation Association, issued the following statement, “We should not increase fees to such a degree as to make these places — protected for all Americans to experience — unaffordable for some families to visit. The solution to our parks’ repair needs cannot and should not be largely shouldered by its visitors.

“The administration just proposed a major cut to the National Park Service budget even as parks struggle with billions of dollars in needed repairs.”

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Dan Ball

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be 91, if she is re-elected and finishes her fourth full-term. “That’s why I’m for term limits,” he said.

He argued that the Founding Fathers knew what they wanted. “Elected officials should be citizens first, run a business, make legislation and then go back home. Politics is not a job.”

Since California employs the “top two” vote-getters in the June primary, Ruiz, Pelzer and Ball will be competing for the top two spots. The two candidates receiving the most votes will appear on the ballot for the November general election.

When asked about the possible primary fight between the two Republicans — Pelzer and himself — Ball focused on his 21 years as a desert and district resident to Pelzer’s recent interest in local politics.

“The bulk of the district relies on tourism and we always welcome visitors,” he replied, making note of Pelzer’s recent move to the desert.

He also stressed that, if elected, his time in Washington would be devoted to serving the district and not a party. As a journalist, he understands the need and value of independent thinking. For example, he stressed that he favors health care for all.

“We need to re-tool the laws, but we don’t need to scrap them. Fix it,” he said. “Democrats knew it wasn’t

perfect. Premiums have increase 20 to 25 percent, and now 12 percent this year. Both sides have to give to fix it.”

One of his platform issues is emphasis on improving conditions for small businesses. “From Blythe to Banning, from Idyllwild to Anza, the district is made up of small businesses. That’s what drives the economy,” he argued.

Ball also shared that he and fiancée Peyton were at the Route 91 Harvest concert the night of the shooting. He had been with friends, including performers John Rich and Jake Owen. On their way to another Rich performance, they left the concert about 30 minutes before the shooting began.

“One decision can change everything. I know how lucky we were,” he said solemnly.

“We’ll run and win for the people. It’s not simply ‘My way or the highway,’ I’ll examine the pros and cons of both sides of the issues,” he promised. “If elected, I’ll take it very seriously, just as when I put on the uniform.

“I won’t care about being re-elected,” he stated. “People will re-elect me when they see I’m doing what’s best for them.”

Having just announced his candidacy, Ball has not raised any campaign funds. From January through Sept. 30, Ruiz has raised \$1.3 million and has \$1.8 million in cash.

“It won’t be an easy 13 months,” Ball agreed.

Electricity

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in the county, such as the Imperial Irrigation District and Anza Electric Cooperative, are not eligible.

Former CPUC member and consultant with Good Energy Timothy Simon told the board, “... in 2013, I directed [Good Energy] to the Inland Empire and to the SCE region. You have high cost of electric; some of the highest in the country.”

The county’s goals, besides lower-cost electric, include less volatility of rates, greater participation of local renewable-energy projects, custom rates for economic development and energy services unavailable from SCE, such as more renewable energy.

While the board generally supported the idea of a CCA, its timing raised some caution for two supervisors. The vote to proceed with the public hearing was 3-2. Both 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington and Jeffries opposed moving forward this soon.

After the meeting, Washington told the Town Crier, “My ‘No’ vote was because I have concerns about Good Energy’s report and the depth of our analysis of the true costs and benefits. The [Western Riverside Council of Governments] has been doing due diligence for a CCA proposal. So, there are two proposals currently being looked at. I would like to see a side-by-side comparison so that I’m confident we are making the best choice and giving our constituents the best opportunities to save money.”

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Sports

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December, competing against club champs from throughout the SoCal region.

Crandall and Capparelli delayed their match because it had been scheduled for the same Friday as the memorial service in Riverside for long-time P2P member **John LoGiudice**, who unexpectedly fell victim to pancreatic cancer, a fast-moving illness with little hope for cure.

In the regular club tourney, there was a three-way tie for first place. **Ken Garelick** (course handicap 24), **Pete Holzman** (14) and **Scott Schroeder** (20) all netted 69s for the top score that day.

Coincidentally, there was also a three-way tie for fourth place: **Mike Brown** (18), **John King** (24) and **Bob Wadlow** (15) all finished with a net 71.

The winners of the closest-to-the-pin contests on the four par 3s were Schroeder on hole no. 3, **Jeff White** on hole no. 8, **Barry Wallace** on hole no. 13 and Garelick on no. 17.

After three tournaments for the 2017-18 season, here are the current point standings for the club championship playoffs for the new season, which runs from August 2017 through July 2018:

Place	Golfer	Points
1	Pete Capparelli	13.5
2	Pete Holzman	9.83
3	Scott Schroeder	8.33
4	Ken Garelick	5.83
5	Dave Robb	5.5
6	Dennis Chavez	4.5
7	Lee Lanfried	4

8	Mike Brown	3.5
9	John King	3
10	Jim Crandall	2
tied	Bob Wadlow	2
12	Jerry Daquila	1.5
13	Gary Brown	.5
tired	Barry Wallace	.5
	Jeff White	.5
	Les Widerynski	.5

Flight B comprises high handicappers who don’t qualify to compete in the club championships, but participate in the monthly tournaments.		
1	Dave Curl	1.5
tied	David Hiemenz	1.5
3	Don DePalma	1
tied	Barry Zander	1
5	Tom Flanagan	.5
tied	Chris Kramer	.5

In regular season, points are awarded at each tournament as follows: first place, 6 points; second place, 4 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 2 points; fifth place, 1 point. Also, one-half point is awarded to everyone who participates.

A member has to compete in at least five regular-season tournaments to qualify for the playoffs.

The club is a member of the Southern California Golf Association and is sanctioned to establish SCGA handicaps for members.

If interested in joining the club or playing as a guest, contact Crandall at jim.crandall@verizon.net or 951-265-5732, or Capparelli at pete@capparelli.com or 951-452-5552.

Support for families of elderly

The Riverside County Office on Aging offers the Care Pathways Program. A support for families caring for older adults. Support for Families Caring for Older Adults.

A series of 12, two-hour support group workshop classes include “Living With Dementia,” “Signs of Stress,” “Communicating in Challenging Situations,” “Legal Issues Part I and II,” “Managing Medications,” “Taking Charge of Your Health,” “Emotional Health,” “Grieving,” “A Natural Reaction to Loss,” “How To Talk To Your Doctor,” “Caregiver Burnout” and “Healthy Lifestyles.”

To register for the next series of classes, call 951-867-3800 or 1-800-510-2020.

\$200; (9) Anonymous \$100.

Thank you all!!

Please remember that the Town Crier’s weekly News Meeting is open to the entire public. That’s where we decide on the stories we will cover in the next issue of the paper. Some readers have regularly attended and contributed for years. The meetings currently are at the Town Crier office at 54405 North Circle Drive, Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., unless Monday is a Town Crier holiday — then the meeting is at 8:30 a.m. the following day, Thursday. The next meeting is at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Readers

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Neil Passage; Gerald Pauley; Anthony Pearson; Barbara & Dave Pelham; Heather Perry; Cecil & Shirley Peters; Robert Peterson; John Petty; Marlene & Thomas Pierce; Jim Pomeroy \$150; Ed & Sandy Reed; Mike Reed; George & Kathryn Reeves; Margaret & Ned Roberts; Debbi Roeder; Maureen & Steve Rose; Sandlin & Son Refrigeration (David Sandlin); Vic Scavarda; Charles Schelly; Richard Schnetzer; Steve Shaw; Dale Sheneman; Judith & Ronald Shenkman; Doug & Lois Sheppard; Carol Simonek; Bill & Linda Smith; Jeannie

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Exhibit opens Saturday

Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery is once again introducing a new art exhibit in its 4,000-square-foot gallery. Appropriately called "The Idyllwild Collection: Peace, Love and Whatever," the exhibit aims to warm the heart and raise the spirit.

It features more than 200 works created by 33 artists from the Art Alliance of Idyllwild.

"Little did Chris and I know that when we started a winery we would end up in the art gallery business, too. And what a thrill it is to be surrounded by gorgeous art all day," said Melody Johnston who, along with her husband and winemaker Chris, opened Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery to create a space where their love of wine and love of art could come together.

"With this new exhibit, we invite art lovers to let the art speak to them and to find a little 'Peace, Love and Whatever' brings them joy."

Middle Ridge's Afternoon with the Artists is open to the public from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. The exhibit will unveil the talents of local artists, some of whom are being featured in Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery for the first time. Visitors will have the opportunity to sip, talk and walk through the Tasting Gallery while getting to know the artists.

In addition, guests attending the reception will be treated to the blues, pop, R&B and jazz guitar sounds of Lenny Hansell and Gilbert Hansen, who will be performing from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery encourages visitors to "spend the afternoon and with us ... and the day in Idyllwild."

Napkin folding class at library

Just in time for the holidays, Colleen Tell will teach people how to make your holiday table stand out with several classic and elegant napkin folds. Napkins/supplies will be provided.

The free class is for all ages and is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at the Idyllwild Library.

Associates present 'Love Letters'

The Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation are presenting "Love Letters," a play by A.R. Gurney starring Wendie Malick and Dan Lauria. This one-night-only production is a fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund of the Idyllwild Arts Academy and Summer Program.

Malick and Lauria are well recognized for their portrayal of memorable characters on the stage, in motion pictures, and on television. Wendie Malick, Golden Globe- and Emmy-nominated actor, is best recognized for her recent roles in "Mom," "Hot in Cleveland" and "Just Shoot Me!"

Stage credits include "Big Night" that had its world premiere in September at the Kirk Douglas Theater in Culver City.

Lauria played the role of Vince Lombardi in the Broadway hit "Lombardi." Lauria's roles include the film "Independence Day" and Jack Arnold in "The Wonder Years" television series.

Finalist for 1988 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, "Love Letters" tells the story of two star-crossed lovers who exchanged correspondences over a span of 50 years. With a real-life friendship that spans more than 25 years, the chemistry and timing between Malick and Lauria makes them a perfect duo for this two-person romantic production.

The play starts at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the IAF Theatre on campus. Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.associatesofiaf.org or at the door.



Wendie Malick
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Jazzercise founder attends Dance for Life

Receives award on U.S.S. Midway

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Jazzercise founder and CEO Judi Sheppard Missett experienced two major career moments in one week in early October.

Sheppard Missett, part-time Pine Cove resident, joined 1,180 Jazzercise instructors and customers from as far away as Japan on the flight deck of the U.S.S. Midway in San Diego on Saturday, Oct. 7, for a breast-cancer fundraiser called Dance for Life.

This annual Dance for Life event, started in 2011 by Jazzercise franchisee and breast cancer survivor Susan Shofner, raises money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation whose mission is to end breast cancer.

Since its inception, Dance for Life has earned from \$56,000 to \$90,000 each year. The 2017 event in which Sheppard Missett participated raised more than \$111,000, a record donation total for the event.

Said Sheppard Missett, "It's amazing to think that, over the years, our San Diego Jazzercise family has raised over \$425,000 in an effort to do our part to end breast cancer."

Noted Shofner, "It is a labor of dedication, action, determination and love. And the glue that brought and keeps us together is Jazzercise."

Sheppard Missett started Jazzercise in Chicago in 1969 as a fitness/dance program. Her innovation was to turn her students away from the mirror that is so often the centering piece for dance students.

Today, Jazzercise has 3,000 locations worldwide and more than 8,000 instructors.

Completing a historic week for her and her company, Sheppard Missett was honored in Chicago with the Gus Giordano Legacy Award for

her "Contributions to the World of Dance," at a ceremony at the Mayne Stage hosted by the Giordano Foundation. Said Sheppard Missett when presented the award by Gus Giordano's daughter Amy,

"Gus was my mentor, he was my friend. He was the one who enabled me to try a little idea that became what Jazzercise is today."

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Judi Sheppard Missett leading Jazzercise on the U.S.S. Midway in San Diego.
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Idyllwild Arts Spotlight on Leadership to discuss campus projects

John Newman and Laura Sherman speak

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

The Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation sponsors the series Spotlight on Leadership, designed to acquaint community members with academic and arts programs, and business leadership at the Idyllwild Arts Academy.

John Newman, director of business operations, and Laura Sherman, director of facilities management, will discuss campus infrastructure projects — what has been recently completed and what is upcoming during the next five years, as part of the academy’s strategic plan.

Newman noted that what is currently underway is a renovation of the academy’s photo lab that will revive study of film as a medium, both for visual arts, as well as for film and digital media students. “This will allow us to preserve and continue the study of film photography rather than just digital,” said Newman. “We’re also creating a lighting studio where fashion students



John Newman (left), director of business operations, and **Laura Sherman**, director of facilities management, at the Idyllwild Arts Academy, are featured speakers at the campus series Spotlight on Leadership. Newman and Sherman will talk about campus building projects. Many have been completed since 2005 when Nelson Dining Hall brought a new level of food service to the campus. Recent highlights are the LEED Certified Health Center and the William M. Lowman Concert Hall.

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and others can photograph subjects and models.”

Newman noted a current project called “way finding” — using improved signage and building numbering to help visitors better find their way around campus. “Whether Jazz in the Pines patrons or new students and their families, we want them to have an easier time of navigating the campus,” said Newman.

Newman and Sherman also will discuss possible revision of the 2012 master plan to accommodate future build-out and cam-

pus additions. This should be an exciting talk for any interested in the history of the campus and the building that has occurred recently, including the completion of the state-of-the-art Lowman Concert Hall and the LEED-certified Health Center.

Spotlight on Leadership takes place at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, in the Fireside Room of Nelson Dining Hall. All are welcome to attend this free series.

Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.



Holly Kenyon (center) poses with Soroptimist President **Theresa Teel** after winning the Adventure basket during the Idyllwild Soroptimist’s annual Spaghetti Dinner at Buckhorn Camp Wednesday night. Other baskets and their winners were: Kids and Family, **Oniee Easley**; Man Cave, **Mary Guzman**; Mountain Garden, **Lorraine Kassarian**; Mystery, **Evelynn-Joy Kight-Moore**; Spa, **Pam Walton**; and Wine and Dine, **Julie Roy**.

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Halloween is clearly being celebrated at this Idyllwild home. The tractor driver was very cooperative when his photo was taken, despite the anguished expression.

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The Toler Gibson Band performed at the Idyllwild Brewpub Friday night. From left, **Lee Miracle**, bass; **Kenneth Gibson**, vocals and guitar; **Charlie Woodburn**, drums; and **Gavin Toler**, vocals and guitar.

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Barbara Keane, **Will Kleindienst** and **Kathy Kleindienst** with their Town Crier on a Rhine River cruise in Koblenz, Germany.

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Bud Wellman Memorial Dedication

Anza Civic Improvement League is holding a dedication ceremony for a memorial in honor of J.F. “Bud” Wellman, who passed away in July. The Wellmans helped settle Garner Valley and Anza during the pioneering days.

Bud attended Hamilton School, now known as the Little Red Schoolhouse, in Anza from 1927 to 1931. The public is invited to attend the ceremony, to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 56481 State Highway 371 at the corner of Contreras in Anza.

ACIL is the nonprofit organization that has owned and maintained the Little Red Schoolhouse and Minor Park since 1964.

Red Cross meeting in Idyllwild

Interested in becoming a Red Cross Volunteer? Do you want to help victims of home fires? Is working in a shelter is something you’d like to do? Do you want to be prepared to volunteer when a disaster happens here on the Hill?

Red Cross is holding a meeting at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Idyllwild Fire Station.

Chris Fielder, volunteer and youth services coordinator of the American Red Cross of Riverside County and Ernie Calderon, disaster program manager, will lead the meeting.

Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Poppet Flats and Mountain Center residents are invited. Refreshments will be served.

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Dave Pelham, guitar builder, advocate, artist, educator

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Hill resident Dave Pelham numbers the guitars he builds. Number one was completed in 1975 after an encounter with master guitar builder David Santo. “He was finishing a guitar for Kenny Loggins. He gave me quick verbal instructions [on building a guitar], said I probably didn’t need power tools for construction and that was it.

“After I built the guitar I showed it to him and he said, ‘This is a real guitar!’” And it has been in the world of real acoustic guitars that Dave Pelham has spent much of his free time — listening to masters and young students play, playing guitar himself while exploring chords and tonalities, building guitars, and travelling as often as he can to Paracho, Michoacán, Mexico, known for its master guitar builders and annual guitar festival, Feira de La Guitarra.

More than half of the 37,000 people of Paracho are invested in some form in guitar building, production, or marketing. The instruments crafted there are famous throughout Mexico and internationally because of their artistic design, construction and sound.

But it was not always guitars in Pelham’s artistic life. Born in Indiana but junior and high schooled in Sarasota, Florida, Pelham had the good fortune to live in the same city as master painter and water-colorist Hilton Leech. “At 19, I built this mandolin-like instrument out of maple,” said Pelham. From building the instrument, Pelham was awarded a sculpture scholarship.



Dave Pelham, teacher, guitar builder and guitar aficionado, is seen here in a contemplative moment in Paracho, Michoacán, Mexico. PHOTO COURTESY DAVE PELHAM

But it was, through exposure to the work of Leech, that Pelham began to work in painting — mixed media and watercolors. “I exhibited my work and received good critical remarks, with critics noting the influence of Leech in my work,” said Pelham. He later added acrylics and still photography into his art bag, but then it was back to guitars.

Pelham spent his professional life teaching special education. He began in Anaheim and Buena Park in 1970, and came

to Idyllwild in 1986 as director and instructor at Morning Sky School in Mountain Center. After completing his first guitar in 1975, teaching occupied his time. “It took me a decade to finish the next three guitars, because of my teaching responsibilities,” he remembered.

But throughout his teaching career, it was the sound of the guitar that entranced him. “It was the warm and expressive sound of the classical guitar that I liked,” he remembered.

“In 2002, I read a Los Angeles Times magazine section article about this guitar-building city in Mexico called Paracho. I was in Hermosillo, Sonora, as a special ed consultant and was not that far from Paracho. I arrived in Paracho during the guitar festival. The auditorium was full. World-famous guitarists like John Williams and Berta Rojas played there. And it was all free to the community and visitors. There were parades each week celebrating one trade or another.

And Michoacán has its own special kind of brass-band music that was played during the festival. It was amazing.

“After 2002, I went in 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008 and twice in 2009.” And for Pelham, what was the most amazing were the young kids who began playing guitars at very young ages. “These kids grow up to become nationally recognized concert artists,” he said. “Guitar there is like a second religion. The town is compelling. They hold the guitar festival during the monsoon season because it’s too humid to build guitars.”

Throughout his life, the guitar has occupied a central and centering place — a place of sonority, serenity and inspiration. And lately, in Paracho, he has become a familiar and respected face — for his love of guitar, and for his love of Paracho and its extraordinary young guitarists.

In an accompanying article, we’ll write about a free concert Pelham is producing featuring two young Paracho guitar players. Pelham is bringing them to Idyllwild for a concert at Lowman Concert Hall this November. They are, even though young, master guitarists. “After many years of wonderful experiences, wonderful music, and Mexican warmth and hospitality, I wanted to find a way to give back, to create something extra for the [Paracho] festival,” he said. He proposed a special award for the young guitarist, age 15 to 17, who reached the highest level in the competition. The award was to be a concert in Idyllwild.

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Fabled Paracho classical guitar comes to Idyllwild

Pelham brings gifted classical guitar players to Lowman Hall

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Guitar builder, player, artist and teacher Dave Pelham has for many years gone to Paracho, Michoacán, Mexico for the art and artistry of the classical guitar for which this small city is world renowned.

More than 200 guitar builders are within the 2 square miles of this city of 37,000. Many have studied the master guitar builders of Spain with the result that Paracho guitars have achieved international recognition for their quality and sound.

In recognition of the astonishing skills of young Paracho guitarists, Pelham will bring to Idyllwild the winner of the annual Paracho guitar competition and festival, Feria de La Guitarra, 18-year-old Juan Pablo Sixtos, for a free concert at Lowman Concert Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus.

Sixtos is a native of Paracho and is currently studying music at the Conservatorio de las Rosas in Morelia, Michoacán. For the youth of Paracho, learning to play guitar is a second religion. Many begin as young as 3 and become accomplished players in their teens.

Also featured in the Idyllwild concert is Mariana Gomez, Paracho native and now a master guitarist who has performed internationally and is the current artistic director of the Paracho Guitar Festival.

Mariana began her musical studies at age 7 at the Center for Research and Development of Guitar in Paracho under the tutelage of her father, Jaime Gomez, who was then studying with guitar masters Sergio Damian Wilson and Manuel Espinas. She has performed professionally in Mexico, the U.S., Brazil, Czech Republic and Peru.

As a child, her first-place awards in numerous competitions including in Paracho and Guadalajara, along with invitations to play at important festivals including the Latin-American Guitar Festival in Chicago and the Santa Catarina Music Festival in Brazil, are testaments to her extraordinary skills at a young age.

In 2011, the mayor of Paracho awarded her the distinction of “Woman with an Outstanding Career as a Promoter of the Guitar Culture in Mexico.”

She is a member of the Parachu Anapu Guitar Quartet composed of her two brothers and father, and is featured on the CD “Raza de Bronce,” showcasing native



Juan Pablo Sixtos (far left), winner of the Paracho Guitar Festival, and master guitarist Mariana Gomez, both Paracho, Michoacán, Mexico natives, will perform in a free classical guitar concert produced by Hill resident Dave Pelham at Lowman Concert Hall on Sunday, Nov. 12. PHOTOS COURTESY DAVE PELHAM

music of P’urhepecha arranged for four guitars.

Pelham hopes the concert will be well-attended and successful, and that this celebration of the classical guitar music of Paracho can become an annual event in Idyllwild’s arts calendar.

“The Art of the Guitar in Mexico,” classical guitar

concert, takes place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, in the Lowman Concert Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus. Lowman Hall is known for its exceptional acoustical properties, especially for unamplified instruments, and will be a perfect venue for classical guitar. The concert is free to the public and all are encouraged to attend.



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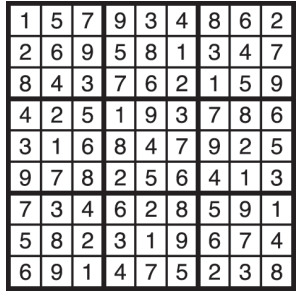
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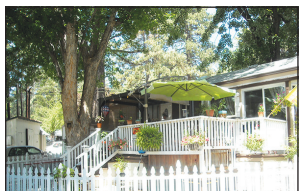
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March 21 – April 19
Aries, don't get caught up in too much gossip, as it can only negatively impact your relationships. Take the higher ground whenever possible and you will stay above the fray.



April 20 – May 20
It is impossible to change the past unless you have a time machine, Taurus. Instead of dwelling on what should've been, make new things happen for the better.



May 21 – June 21
Gemini, take a fresh approach to a problem that has been puzzling you. A new perspective might be just the thing you need to crack this nut and move forward.



June 22 – July 22
Cancer, just when you thought things would quiet down for the time being, change is coming. This may catch you by surprise — but change can sometimes be good.



July 23 – August 22
Leo, you don't have to be the center of attention at all times. Take some time to relax and allow others to be the focal point. Welcome this much-needed respite with open arms.



August 23 – September 22
Virgo, offer your help when a loved one seems to need it. Make some time for this person in your busy schedule. It will be worth the effort.



September 23 – October 22
Too much time on your hands is not always a good thing, Libra. Look for some hobbies to keep you busy and productive way so you don't feel as if you're wasting time.



October 23 – November 21
Scorpio, make a list of priorities and then check these items off one by one. A tangible list will help you to stay more organized and reduce stress.



November 22 – December 21
Sagittarius, a family reunion might be just what the doctor ordered. Gather your relatives and enjoy the time spent together, resolving to gather more often in the future.



December 22 – January 19
It may take a few practice tries before you get things right, Capricorn. This lesson is applicable to various things, so don't shy away from some trial and error.



January 20 – February 18
Look inward when you want to sort out why others are reacting to you in a certain fashion, Aquarius. You could unknowingly be putting out vibes that are making others uncomfortable.



February 19 – March 20
Pisces, financial matters may take center stage in the months ahead. Get your ducks in a row and make an effort to save more.

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| 9. Tributary of the Rio Grande | 43. Preceding period | 3. The dried leaves of the hemp plant | 36. Serious-mindedness |
| 14. Geological time | 44. Uncovers | 4. Used to see far away things | 40. Velvet Underground album |
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| 16. Religion | 49. Dad | 6. We all need it bro | 45. Winged |
| 17. Beverage holder | 50. Peyton's little bro | 7. ___ King Cole | 47. Cultured |
| 18. Its largest city is Fargo | 51. Flawless | 8. Earthy pigment | 48. Fastened |
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| 24. Developments | 60. PBS interviewer | 12. Cereal plant | 56. Synchronizes solar and lunar time |
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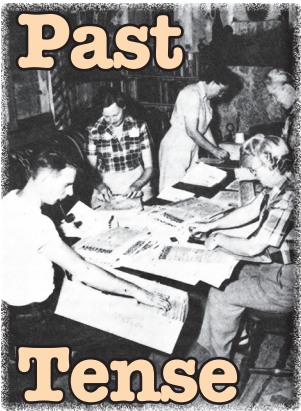
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65 years ago - 1952
“Bugs” Stephenson, forestry patrolman, caught a young hunter red-handed shooting a fawn. Bugs had become well known among wayward hunters, having just recently cited three burly hunters inside a fire closure area. One was a popular wrestling idol three times the size of Bugs.

60 years ago - 1957
Bob Muir and Bob Burchtold, up at 5 a.m., were the first Hill residents to spot the newly launched Russian “Sputnik.”

55 years ago - 1962
Idyllwild lost one of its leading citizens with the passing of Jerry Johnson. In addition to running his real estate and insurance business, he made



George Kretsinger was the new president of the now-defunct Idyllwild Lions Club in June 1974. FILE PHOTO

many contributions to the community, including the sites for Town Hall and Village Park.

50 years ago - 1967
The Chef in the Forest was advertising for Christmas already. Inducements included “Free Kisses for Mom; Free Handshake for Dad.”

45 years ago - 1972
A 2-inch rainfall, accompanied by hail, thunder and lightning, was welcomed in Idyllwild. Hikers reported 6 inches of snow at Round Valley.

40 years ago - 1977
Superior Court Judge Elwood Rich issued a temporary restraining order

on construction of George and Margaret Montgomery’s residence in the Big Cedar Glen area of Idyllwild. The Montgomerys wanted to substitute cement-asbestos roofing shakes for wood roofing shakes. The Big Cedar

Glen Architectural Control Committee contended the cement-asbestos roof would not be in harmony with the roof style of homes in the area.

35 years ago - 1982
“How Changes at the

Federal and State Levels Are Changing the Lives of Idyllwild Residents” was the subject of an address by Supervisor Kay Cenicerios at the annual dinner meeting of the Idyllwild Property Owners Association.

30 years ago - 1987
Fern Valley sewer opponents were able to marshal only about 35-percent protest vote and thus were unable to stop the local water district from exercising its powers to provide sewer services.

25 years ago - 1992
With the help of more than 200 community volunteers, the Idyllwild Help Center opened its doors on Sunday, Nov. 1.

20 years ago - 1997
More than 125 people jammed the Idyllwild-Pine Cove Community Center and used up all the flu shot vaccine. Dr. Humenik and his staff donated their time and skill to

give the shots.
15 years ago - 2002
As part of Red Ribbon Week, nine students helped make an American flag out of plastic cups on the fence in front of Idyllwild School.

10 years ago - 2007
The Idyllwild Fire Department got a brand new Type 2/3 dual-purpose fire engine. Another engine was due to arrive in December.

5 years ago - 2012
At the age of 97, Dot Lewis was recognized for her work as a pilot during World War II. Motivated to become a pilot after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Lewis became one of the few women pilots of her time.

1 year ago - 2016
Just in time for the flu season, the annual Idyllwild Health Fair made available free flu shots for Idyllwild residents.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Email becky@towncrier.com. Event charges may apply.

- Wednesday, Nov. 1**
- Dia de los Meurtos Mask workshop, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Holistic healing circle, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
 - Ping Pong, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Town Hall.

- Thursday, Nov. 2**
- Renewing Your Artistic License, “Light” — philosophy, history, creative application, Gary Parton, 3:30-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.

- Friday, Nov. 3**
- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Jac Jacaruso, (pop & soft rock guitar), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 - Visiting Artist Show: “Ex-perigiscimini – Waking Up” Opening Reception 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Kristen Lynn Band, 8-11 p.m. Idyllwild Brewpub.

- Saturday, Nov. 4**
- Visiting Artist Show: “Ex-perigiscimini – Waking Up,” noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
 - “Afternoon with the Artists” reception, “The Idyllwild Collection: Peace, Love & Whatever,” 2-5 p.m.; Lenny Hansell & Gilbert Hansen, (blues, pop, R&B and jazz guitar), 2-7 p.m. Middle

- Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
 - Greg Jones Band, 8-11 p.m. Idyllwild Brewpub.

- Monday, Nov. 6**
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon.; Children’s Storytime, “Down on the Farm,” 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Visiting Artist Show: “Ex-perigiscimini – Waking Up,” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center for Spiritual Living.
 - Straight Jackets, 7-10:30 p.m. Idyllwild Brewpub.

- Tuesday, Nov. 7**
- Visiting Artist Show: “Ex-perigiscimini – Waking Up,” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Jazz Combos, 7:30-9 p.m. Bowman Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
 - Mahjong, 1-4 p.m.; Napkin Folding for the Holidays, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

- Wednesday, Nov. 8**
- Visiting Artist Show: “Ex-perigiscimini – Waking Up,” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Ping Pong, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Town Hall.

- Thursday, Nov. 9**
- Visiting Artist Show: “Ex-perigiscimini – Waking Up,” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Renewing Your Artistic Li-

- cense, “Drawing Systems,” Gary Parton, 3:30-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.

- Friday, Nov. 10**
- Visiting Artist Show: “Ex-perigiscimini – Waking Up,” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; “Love Letters,” IAA fundraiser, 7:30-8:30 p.m. IAF Theatre; Theatre MasterClass, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Change Required (classic rock hits), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 - Gibson Toler Band, 8-11 p.m. Idyllwild Brewpub.

- Saturday, Nov. 11**
- Don & Dennis Reed, (acoustic roots, Americana), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 - Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

- Sunday, Nov. 12**
- Visiting Mexican Classical Guitar Concert, 2-3 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

- Monday, Nov. 13**
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon.; Children’s Storytime, “Bi-lingual Stories,” 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Visiting Artist Show: “Ex-perigiscimini – Waking Up,” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Tuesday, Nov. 14**
- Visiting Artist Show: “Ex-perigiscimini – Waking Up,” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Songwriting Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
 - Mahjong, 1-4 p.m.; French Fun on the Hill movi, “Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob,” 4-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Parton to teach art classes

Gary Parton will teach “Renewing Your Artistic License from 3 to 5 p.m. for three consecutive Thursdays beginning Nov. 2, at the Idyllwild Library. The classes, in order, are “Light — Philosophy, History, Creative application”; “Drawing systems”; and “Composition.” Classes are open to all who want to expand the way they see and produce their art. There is a single materials fee of \$15 which covers the complete series of classes. Fees must be paid in advance to hold place. Checks should be made out to Friends of the Idyllwild Library.

Qigong classes in town

Keiko Suzuki offers Qigong instruction from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays in the Spirit Mountain Retreat garden. Donations are welcome.

CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in “Days of Our Nine Lives,” the ARF cats discussed their surprise that the kittens were still with them.

Little Girl: Everyone gather around. We need to talk about the holiday season and our futures.
Sassy: A meeting! I love meetings, especially when it involves people, dogs, cats, kids...

Anabel: I get it, Sassy. You love everyone.



Batman



Indigo



Zorro



Little Girl

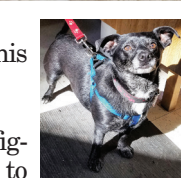


George

George: I think we all are, Anabel.
Trenton: Yeah, we all are.
Anabel: Maybe if everyone reading “Creature Corner” were to think about a senior they know who might like some company, we’d find our homes.

Trenton: That’s a great idea. Everyone spread the word! 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 on Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 10-2, or by appointment M-F by calling 951-659-1122.

Creature Corner is sponsored in memory of Kitty.



Sassy

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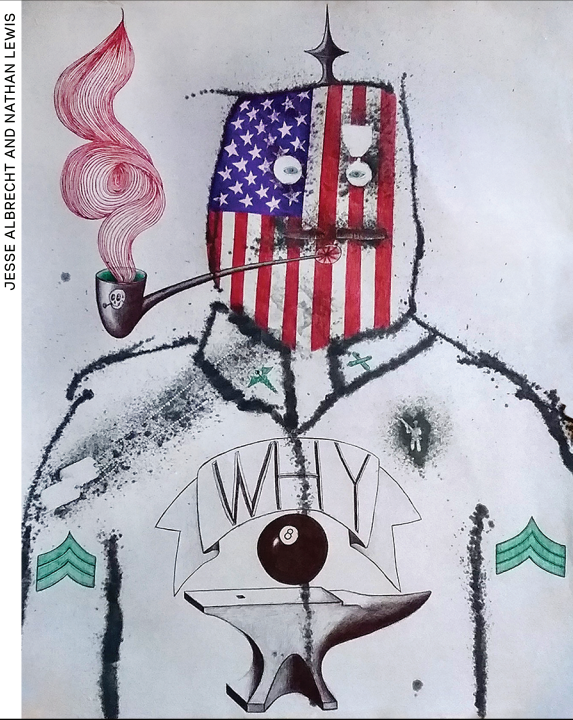
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Opal and the Secret Code

By JANIE LANCASTER
AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

This is the second in a nine-part weekly series. The series is unique because it tells the true story of a deaf girl, Opal Mehigan Fleming, and how in the 1930s, learning American Sign Language opened up a whole new world for her. It shows how her new language made her feel equal to others and not left out in a dark, lonely world.

Opal's resilient spirit enabled her to overcome so much in her lifetime. She became a well-educated, dignified person loved by so many, including the author of Opal's story. For 20 years, she was a teacher's aide at the North Carolina School for the Deaf. She died in 2003.

This year (2017) is the 200th Bicentennial of the first American School for the Deaf. Janie is available to visit classrooms to help motivate kids to write their own stories and build believable characters.

Chapter Two: The Big Stone House

I must have fallen asleep. When I woke up the train was screeching to a halt and pulling into the station. I wasn't even fully awake when Pa grabbed the carpet-bag and my hand. He pulled me down the aisle and then down the iron steps of the train. We weaved through the crowds of people until we came upon a wooden plank. We stumbled up the plank to where an old worn-out bug-



gy with two old horses to match waited for us to board. When we were seated, an old man with a scruffy gray beard snapped the reins and we hobbled on down the road. I was glad the wagon had a cabin with doors — or me and Pa would have been bounced off that wagon for sure!

Soon the train station, and the busy town and the houses that looked mostly stuck together were behind us. We traveled up a winding hill, under and around some mighty big trees, and then the buggy finally stopped in front of a big stone house.

It was right then and there that I knew something was wrong. Pa had those anxious eyes and worried brow — a sure sign of something amiss. I tugged at Pa and looked him in the eye. He forced a smile and patted me on the head.

Pa said something to the man driving the buggy then took my hand and led me up the steps of the stone house. Pa thumped the iron door knocker a couple of times before the huge heavy door opened to an entry way. When I saw the white walls and the long stairway, it reminded me of the time Ma was very sick. She had to stay at a big house just like this one. I wasn't sick. Why had we come to this place?

I shivered and moved closer to Pa.

A tall woman with her hair clumped on the top of her head like a cinnamon bun walked toward me. She had a wide smile and long, outstretched arms. I gave her a warning look and hid behind Pa. He bent down, kissed me on the forehead and motioned for me to go with the woman. I saw tears in Pa's eyes. Something was wrong! I threw my arms around his neck. I held on tight.

A man with a bushy mustache under his potato nose and a woman with spirals of red, sticking-out hair and a freckled face helped the woman pull me away from Pa. I kicked and flailed my arms as they ducked my wild blows. Then the tall woman plopped herself on the floor with me held down tight in her arms. I looked up.

Pa was gone!

I struggled with that woman until I finally collapsed and fell into a deep sleep.

Visit her website at: www.JanieLancaster.com. Workbook copyright by Janie Lancaster.

★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★



Idyllwild School fifth-grade teacher Brennan Priefer chose Brianna Garcia (left) and Lady Echeverria for always giving 100 percent effort in and outside the classroom.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH



The Idyllwild School ASB put on a costume dance at Idyllwild School Friday. Friends have some fun on the dance floor, and a flash mob to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" was a flashback to the '80s.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Brian Gibson, flying squirrel program coordinator for the San Diego Natural History Museum, shared this photo of camera traps being placed in the Round Valley area of the high country.

PHOTO BY BRIAN GIBSON



Ashley Leung was the first speaker in this year's Idy Talk series. Eduardo Santiago, arts and society coordinator at Idyllwild Arts Academy, introduced Leung, a native of Hong Kong. The talk was at the Town Gallery Thursday, Oct. 26. She spoke about her "Teach Music for China" program that offers music instruction to children in rural areas of China and also played a few pieces on her violin.

PHOTO BY TOM KLIZAK

So You Think You Know the Hill?

By JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

OK, seven entries regarding last week's photo, which was of the **Astro-Camp** sign at the campus entrance on Saunders Meadow Road. So, seven names went into the hat: **Rochelle Ainsworth, Marsha Kennedy, Kris Kirschbaum, Grise Manues, Colin Smith, Rachel Welch** and **Emily White**. **Kamila Wilson**, age 1, pulled out Kris' name. (Yup, yet again!) So, Kris gets this week's \$25 Visa gift card provided through the courtesy and generosity of **June Rockwell**.

Again, June, we all thank you for having sponsored this column for as long as you did.

So, what business out there would like to sponsor this **Town Crier** column now? Your weekly prize can be two tickets, a gift certificate, a discount coupon, a Visa gift card, two free desserts — use your imagination. Your business will get a nice, loud thank you in this column every week, so now's your chance before someone else snaps it up. Call me on my cell at 951-663-1453.

Meanwhile, the TC is sponsoring this week's column. So, let's have another go. This week's photo is pretty tricky. What — exactly — are we looking at here, and where is it?

One entry per household. Contest deadline: Monday noon. Not a race — correct entries go into a hat for a drawing. Full contest rules and guidelines available at the Town Crier office.



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