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Local artist **Linda Lauderbaugh** got creative on Halloween with her own rendition of the Town Crier. More Halloween photos on page B2.
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Former FSC president loses home in Santa Rosa fires

Editor's note: Mike Esnard and his wife, Robin DiMatteo, suffered an unimaginable and horrific tragedy during the Santa Rosa fires. Their home, their belongings, their family treasures were all burned and lost. They have found an apartment in San Francisco where their daughter lives and will re-settle there. The following comes from correspondence from Mike.

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

"We will stay in SF, and not rebuild in Santa Rosa. This is our new home," Esnard wrote in an email.

Many Hill residents know and remember Mike as a former Pine Cove Water District director from February 2007 until he resigned in June 2015. He served as president during his last two years.

Esnard also was a member of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council for more than a decade and served as president from 2006 until his resignation in January 2015.

Esnard described the community's sense of fire danger and the night it started in his email.

"As far as the fire is concerned, Idyllwild should be very proud of all its done in prevention. People up here had the sense that fires like this one simply did not happen in this area, so prevention was not high

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Assemblyman Voepel hears locals' views

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Assemblyman Randy Voepel who represents the Hill, a small portion of Riverside County and a large swath of San Diego County from Riverside to Mexican border, was in Idyllwild last week.

He came to Town Hall on his "Listening Tour" of District 71. More than 30 people attended and posed questions on topics such as healthcare, immigration, housing, public funding of elections and climate change during the 90-minute session.

Most of the attendees are active members of the Idyllwild Indivisible group who are not supporters of Voepel.

But the questions, answers and deeper discussions were insightful and helpful to all, including Voepel, who learned where many in Idyllwild stand on the political spectrum.

Introducing himself, Voepel said, "It's an honor to represent you in Sacramento. I'm a very conservative Republican. A supermajority of Democrats is running the state."

He continued with his honesty and some humor. "My right-wing credentials are all in order, which I assume will play well here." His conservative philosophy begins with "very little government, a balanced budget and an equal opportunity for all."

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IFPD battalion chief fights Northern California fires

LaMont spent nearly three weeks in Klamath back country stopping fire

Editor's note: This is the first of two parts. The Salmon August Complex burned from July into August. Several local fire-fighters were part of the thousands who fought the fire during the late summer.

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Firefighters focus on three conditions when they are battling a fire, especially a large fire. The fire's size, rate of spread, and intensity are largely governed by these three variables — fuels, weather and topography.

What can burn and how rapidly it will burn are based on the fuels. Weather addresses the obvious, such as wind speed, temperature, but also relative humidity and forecasts. Topography affects the direction and also rate of spread.

This summer, before the catastrophic fires in Sonoma and Napa, there were other larger and more dangerous fires in Northern California. This complex was in very steep back country burning very dry fuels and shifting winds.

Idyllwild Fire Battalion Chief Mark LaMont was intimately involved in fighting the Salmon August Complex Fire, See Northern California, page A3

Fire crews on the Wallow Fire, one of several fires in the Salmon August Complex, build fire lines in steep terrain. This was the typical topography in which the fire crews had to work. This photo was taken on Sept. 2.
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Meet Kimberlin Brown Pelzer

She plans to unseat Rep. Raul Ruiz

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

In October, Kimberlin Brown Pelzer announced her intent to challenge Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz, representative of California's 36th House District, which includes the Hill communities.

Pelzer, who works in daytime television (soap opera) and owns several businesses, essentially began her political career at the 2016 Republican Convention. She was a featured speaker during the convention.

The opportunity to speak at the convention was the result of an inspired spontaneous moment at a Women in Business Forum in Anaheim during the California presidential primary in 2016. While they were awaiting candidate Donald Trump to arrive, several of the attendees were invited to use the microphone.

The first woman owned a medical insurance company. As a result of the

costs for employee insurance under the Affordable Care Act, she had to reduce staff from 25 to seven. Then a woman from Laguna spoke and a judge followed. At that point, a friend of Pelzer's urged her to stand and speak.

"I started talking about Obamacare. We used to pay 75 percent [of employee insurance] and they could choose the plan. After Obamacare, we can't afford those," she stated at the meeting.

She also shared that many young people were seeking work for cash to avoid paying for health insurance.

"The Affordable Care Act was nothing more than catastrophic. It needs to change. Kids are not paying taxes or getting Social Security credit," Pelzer emphasized.

At the women's forum, she also discussed how the North American Free Trade Agreement affected employment and staffing on the sets of her shows. When passed, she assumed there would be little effect since the shows are filmed in the U.S., but production crews from Canada, New Zealand and Australia were supplanting U.S. crews, she said.

Next, she addressed issues about Black Lives Matter.

"After that, they were vetting me to speak at the GOP convention," she said proudly.

Pelzer was the first major Republican to announce a challenge to Ruiz. Former desert news anchor Dan Ball also announced his candidacy the next week. The two candidates with the most votes in the June 2018 primary will face-off in the November general election.

"Truthfully, I am focused totally on unseating Ruiz," Pelzer said. "Too many politicians are afraid to make tough decisions. They're afraid to lose their job."

Small businesses, improving their opportunities, will be the focus of her campaign. Change is needed "when business increases each year, but your take-home pay doesn't change," she argued.

Healthcare and taxes are two of the culprits limiting small businesses, in Pelzer's opinion.

While she stars on daytime television, she and her husband have several small businesses, including her design business. So, she addresses the ob-



Kimberlin Brown Pelzer is a Republican candidate challenging Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz. PHOTO BY PHILIPPE RAMIC

stacles and difficulties for small businesses from experience, she said.

"You fix taxes by starting with Congress," Pelzer said. "I'm thrilled this Congress passed a budget bill. It's the first in eight years. Anyone in business knows you need a budget."

Pelzer and her husband have a home in the desert. She is a native Californian, born in Northern California, and raised there and in Southern California.

"I got to play cowgirl on my grandparents' ranch in Northern California and go to the beach in San Diego County," she said. The desert has been an important part of her life for nearly 25 years, she added.

It began with helping Dinah Shore raise money for local charities and continued after Shore's death.

"We did business here, up until one year ago, but because of the rules and regulations, it became unaffordable. That peaked my interest and I can't be quiet anymore," Pelzer stated. "I can't sit home and rail at the TV. Something needs to be done. I've got to get in there and bring success to the district."

"I'm not establishment or like to be different," she concluded. "It's important to get results. That means work with each party. That's what's missing in Washington. I've set my sights on Raul Ruiz."

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Voepel

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Despite his political views, or perhaps because of them, Voepel remained calm, open and direct. This impression was re-enforced with his comments that he has "... Democratic friends in the Assembly."

He said when he asked them why he was given such good committee assignments, their reply was, "You're a low-priced consultant." This was reference to his diligence reading and evaluating the bills, which come before his committees.

He is the vice chair of the Aging and Long-Term Care Committee and a member of the Insurance, Local Government, Veterans Affairs, Communications and Conveyance committees and the Education Budget Subcommittee. Voepel stressed that almost all the action in Sacramento happens in the committee meetings.

Voepel began with some praise for Gov. Jerry Brown. "My very conservative friends get on Gov. Brown, but I tell them that Gov. Brown has vetoed more bills than [former Gov. Arnold] Schwarzenegger did. [Brown] runs a tight ship. And he put \$3 billion in the Rainy Day Fund."

The Indivisibles prepared a list of six questions for Voepel (see the accompanying table), and the first one asked was whether he considered healthcare a right or privilege.

"It's a right, certainly not a privilege. Yes, everyone should have healthcare, but who pays for it?" he responded. He pointed out that everyone in California who is poor, by the federal definition, has access to health insurance, Medi-Cal.

When asked about sin-

gle-payer insurance, he emphatically opposed it. He does not favor one type of insurance for everyone. He called his recommendation "layering."

In his example, the federal government would be responsible for health costs exceeding a high level, the state would cover costs in a middle level and local governments would be responsible for the small level of costs.

This did raise substantial feedback from the audience about Canada's health insurance and how family members living there do prefer it to the U.S. insurance system.

One female member of the audience expressed displeasure with the mandated requirements of the Affordable Care Act. She claimed that she has been paying substantially more for health insurance since the ACA was passed and she attributed this to the mandate requirements.

"I'd be happy with a high-risk policy," she stated. "Not every policy should cover everything. I don't buy maternity care now."

These comments led the discussion into the topic of women's healthcare and their right to decide whether to use birth control or to elect abortions. Voepel was asked to explain his "no" vote on Assembly Bill 569, which prohibits employers from taking adverse actions against employees for reproductive health decisions.

"I voted 'no' because it was worded very anti-business," Voepel responded. "I'm a businessman first and very conservative ... it required birth control and required abortions to be offered. A very small employer can't afford that. This raises the price of doing business."

This answer elicited several rejoinders about the rights of choosing which insurance policy and other medicines (such as for coronary, and who should have the right to choose.

When questioned about climate change, Voepel acknowledges its occurrence but questions its cause.

"I take a conservative stance. No doubt we have climate change, but what is the human impact?" he asked, and answered, "Most conservatives think it's about 1 percent. The conservative response is long-term climatic cycles, volcanic eruptions and God."

Again, the audience debated his view and countered with other reports.

While he opposed publicly financed election campaigns, he believes "more wealth is concentrated in fewer hands ever since 1929. Something's got to give. It's a privileged ruling government — both Republicans and Democrats. I resist that and would like to see a change."

Requiring candidates to release tax returns is not a policy Voepel supports, but he pointed out that the state requires lawmakers and employees to complete forms, which do shed considerable light on income, its sources and assets.

Admitting that Donald Trump was not his choice for the Republican presidential nomination (Ben Carson was his first choice), Voepel believes people should give Trump more time to accomplish some things, such as changing the wealth patterns.

As the evening moved toward an end, Voepel was asked what bills he was working on. He discussed a bill to support all veterans, including LGBTQ, and not

Indivisible questions for Voepel

Editor's note: In preparation for Assemblyman Randy Voepel "Listening Tour" stop in Idyllwild, the local Indivisibles prepared these questions:

1. Because we live in the mountains, we are very concerned about climate change, the environment, and our air quality. You voted "No" on AB 617 which would establish regulations to improve California's air quality. Additionally, you were once quoted as saying climate change is good.

What is your stance on improving and then maintaining a healthy environment, including air quality?

2. Women's health issues affect everyone — men, women and children. Ensuring women have the healthcare they need is imperative, just as is protecting their rights to care for themselves as they see fit. We see that you voted "No" on AB 8569 which protects women from losing their jobs because they chose to use birth control or to have an abortion.

How do you plan to protect women's health, ensure health care, and guarantee their right to make personal decisions affecting their bodies and their lives?

3. We are home to a California State Park and proud of it. We see that you voted

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Idyllwild's Assemblyman Randy Voepel (R-Santee) was in town Thursday, Nov. 2, for his District 71 "Listening Tour." PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

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From, Janet Reynolds and William Faurot

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Thursday 11/9



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Friday 11/10



61/38

Mostly sunny.

Saturday 11/11



65/40

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Sunday 11/12



67/42

Mostly sunny.

Monday 11/13



65/43

Mostly sunny.

Tuesday 11/14



62/40

Mostly sunny.

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Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
10/31	56	44	0.00	0.0	
11/01	61	37	0.00	0.0	
11/02	55	29	0.00	0.0	
11/03	60	32	0.00	0.0	
11/04	59	37	0.00	0.0	
11/05	56	38	0.00	0.0	
11/06	62	42	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
10/31	53	33	0.03	0.0	
11/01	55	32	0.00	0.0	
11/02	63	37	0.00	0.0	
11/03	69	39	0.00	0.0	
11/04	70	41	0.00	0.0	
11/05	69	41	0.00	0.0	
11/06	67	38	0.00	0.0	

Moisture in inches					
To date this season (Idy): 0.83					
To date last season (Idy): 2.70					
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.



Patchy clouds filled the skies and temperatures were cool Tuesday afternoon on the Hill.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

Fires

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on anyone’s list.

“Unfortunately, that night we had a wind that was right out of the desert winds we knew too well in the south, and when the fire got going, they could not put it out and they were not well prepared for either alert or evacuation.

“The fire destroyed everything in our neighborhood, which we thought to be a nearly ideal place to live. It is all gone, all the houses leveled — I am sure you have seen the pictures. We were right below the Fountain Grove community, and a fire storm came through just before 4 a.m.

“We did not receive an alert, since our cells were turned off and AT&T made the house phone dependent on the internet, and power, which was off. I woke Robin at one point when embers were flying into our backyard and I saw trees start to ignite nearby.

“We got our dogs, laptops and drove away. After I manually raised

our garage door I saw a pick-up with two firefighters going through our streets on a loudspeaker telling people to leave. We left minutes after. I could see houses igniting a block up, and the smoke was intense,” Esnard wrote solemnly, but grateful he and Robin were able to respond.

They drove to San Francisco and stayed with his daughter until they located an apartment. So, the city will be their future, he said. “We are not going to rebuild — we think it will take 4-5 years to get all the houses back up and the area is not going to be the same for decades. We are very happy to be in SF.”

Reflecting on the catastrophic fire they endured and survived, and comparing that experience with the constant fire threat here, Mike wrote, “The irony of all this is enormous for us — I spent years working with the MCFSC and thinking about fire every day.

“I was relieved in some ways to put it behind me in Santa Rosa, since fire was not a concern. I think

about things I could have done to save our house, but nothing would have mattered. The new firehouse on top of the ridge burned down, and that had harder materials and more clearance than was possible for us.

“As I said, Idyllwild and its major actors seem to me years ahead of people up here. I think Edwina [Scott, executive director of the MCFSC], Jerry [Holldber, Pine Cove Water general manager], Norm [Walker, former fire manager for the San Jacinto Ranger District and current MCFSC president], Dan Felix [succeeded Walker as Ranger District fire manager], and Chief [John] Hawkins [Riverside County Fire chief] were models of handling the fire threat.

“They should just keep doing what they have been doing. People up here will have to come around to the idea that climate change probably means fire will be the threat in northern California that has been in the south,” Mike concluded.

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Mike Esnard, who recently lost his home in Santa Rosa to a wildfire, when he was president of the Pine Cove Water District. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Cody Nyberg (right), of the Idyllwild Water District, is helping Jeremiah Avila, of Houston Harris, survey the district’s sewer pipelines. The work was completed early this month. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

Northern California

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which burned 65,000 acres in or near the Klamath National Forest. The Salmon August Complex was actually a group of fires that initially began in July from a lightning strike. Most of the acreage burning was deep in forest. However, in early August, more lightning strikes ignited several other fires in the Klamath and they began burning vigorously.

By Aug. 13, the KNF leadership combined seven single fires into the Complex and requested assistance from a National Incident Management team. Team 2 from California was the available team and it was deployed north. This included LaMont, who only had hours to get to the forest, assess the situation and organize his units to combat the growing conflagration.

The Forest Service has nearly 50 Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management teams. Southern California has three teams. The commander of Team 1 is Chris Fogle, battalion chief on the San Jacinto Ranger District, and the deputy is Norm Walker, former fire manager office for the ranger district and former chief of the Idyllwild Fire Department. LaMont is a member of this team, composed of about 80 members from fire agencies and departments throughout Southern California.

On Aug. 17, LaMont got the call to collect his gear and head north to the KNF. There was major fire awaiting him and his team.

Preparation has been learned and developed over years of training, and he stresses, “You don’t leave without anything you would need to exist for 21 days in the wilderness.” Most firefighting does not occur in the wilderness, but that is where the Salmon August Complex was burning. So, this aphorism applied readily for this call.

LaMont is one of a few division chiefs on the IC team. Twelve hours later, he arrived at the KNF. The IC team headquarters was located at the forest’s Happy Camp District Office in Scott Valley. The walls of the building’s

conference room were covered with maps of the district identifying the fires’ locations.

For the next 12 hours, he and the team management had to accept the delegation from the NF, assess the situation, start to develop plans of attack — including initial resource orders, such as engines, aircraft, hotshots, and food for his team — understand the terrain in which they would be working and organize dozens of firefighters to battle a blazing forest.

As a division chief, LaMont was responsible for a specific area, Alpha area, of the whole fire. “We had that piece of dirt. Our responsibility was to come up with a tactical plan to safely suppress our piece of ground,” he said.

To impede and halt the spreading wildfire, the fire-fighting divisions have to create fuelbreaks. In the high country, where LaMont’s crews were assigned, engines would have a very difficult time getting to the fire site. So, bodies were the important asset. They would have to physically cut and burn fuelbreaks, with the intent of creating a zone with minimal fuel so that as the raging fire reaches this area, it will have no where to go and nothing rejuvenating its strength.

So, one of their tools was fire — fighting fire with fire. “It was one of the first tools I used as a tactical advantage to halt the fire’s progress, which was already running for four days.”

During the initial planning, LaMont learned that the Redding smoke jumper team, which was put into this area, already had to be evacuated. “They were overwhelmed right away,” he reported. “The fire’s activity increased substantially. It was running hundreds of acres per hour.”

LaMont and his firefighting contingent would be located in very steep terrain, during hot weather and low relative humidity. The fuel moisture was relatively non-existent. “There was no resistance to the fire,” he summarized.

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Associates launch food drive

The Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation are joining forces with Idyllwild Arts to sponsor a food drive for the Idyllwild Help Center. Food donations at the Help Center are less than last year and the need is greater.

Consider donating non-perishable food (canned, sealed boxes and packages, even grocery gift cards and/or checks payable to the Help Center or the Associates).

A collection point is in the lobby of Nelson Dining Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus. Donations will be delivered to the Help Center before the Academy’s Fall Break on Friday, Nov. 17.

A collection bin also will be available at the Associates’ Spotlight on Leadership meeting Monday, Nov. 13, in the Fireside Room in the Nelson Dining Hall.

The Food Drive will be repeated beginning Monday, Nov. 27, for delivery Friday, Dec. 15.

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By BECKY AND JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHERS

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More re: evolution and entropy

EDITOR:

Tom Evans recently wrote that there is an entropy problem with evolution. This simply is not true.

The popular conception of entropy is that it is a measure of "organization" and that systems always proceed toward greater entropy, which means they become more disorganized. This definition is not correct.

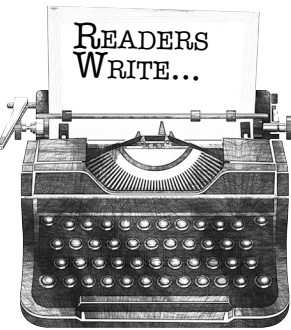
As an example, I offer the following.: Start with a collection of hydrogen atoms that are randomly organized in space. Gravity pulls them together into a sphere so they are already "organizing."

If enough atoms collect, the pressure becomes extreme and the hydrogen atoms fuse together to form helium. This is a burning star like our Sun. Stars that go supernova can then produce a whole variety of heavier elements that we find on our periodic table.

So, we start with a random collection of atoms that first becomes a burning star and then produces a plethora of organized heavy atoms. Absolutely no "intelligent energy" is required.

I suggest "Astrophysics For People In a Hurry" by Neil deGrasse Tyson as a fabulous reference for how the universe got to where we are today.

STEPHEN ROBB
FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZ



Three cheers for the Butterfields

EDITOR:

We were thrilled to read JP Crumrine's article entitled "JoAn's to become Idypark soon." Like many local residents, we speculated as to what would become of the property ever since for sale signs were posted.

The best of all options — a town park for all to enjoy — will now become reality because of the incredible generosity and community spirit of Dave and Loie Butterfield, along with assistance from Shane Stewart.

Three cheers to the Butterfields for their donation of the Community Center site, for their matching gifts to fund the facilities to be constructed there and now for their leadership and vision in creating Idypark.

Hopefully, the Butterfields' philanthropic spirit will inspire other grateful residents to step up to the plate and support the ICC campaign to underwrite the new Community Center facilities.

SCOTT AND MARTHA SCHROEDER
PALM SPRINGS/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 BOBBIE GLASHEEN

From our lovely porch on Cedar Street, I can sit forever and watch the birds change color and fall from the trees. It is a serene and ominous season ... if you're a bird.

For me, not a bird, the pervading tone is so rich in memory. Actually, I suppose I muse mostly about food. Turkey, with or without the buckshot, pumpkin bread weighing in at 25 pounds a loaf, mulled wine and mulled family members, chili sauce, acorns from the ordinance division. Better I should roll my Subaru than be struck dome-wise by one of those puppies.

Someone in this neck of the woods once ate acorns. I am digressing. Food always does that to me. Better stick to the falling birds.

Autumn marks the downward turn in the melody that carries me through the year. My ear pressed to the ground, I can hear the fugue that is slip-sliding me into the first snowfall, dark afternoons and high propane bills.

Why am I not depressed? Here's why. While I had my ear on the ground, I heard the faint sound of hooves approaching. Cloven hooves with a light and airy footfall. The smell of cigar. And then "Hi-O Silver" and the sleigh comes into view ... all my spouse and I need to send us into paroxysms of gay abandon and wild spending.

The ground is littered with dead birds. In time, it will be dead reindeer and empty peanut shells.

Therapist provides tips on discussing tragic events with children

Courtesy California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

In the days and weeks following a high-profile tragedy, violent confrontations, mass shootings, or natural disasters, news stories may cause stress and anxiety for the younger audience. It is normal for adults and kids to feel anxious after a devastating event, but there are ways to help minimize the stress and maintain a sense of normalcy.

"With the pervasiveness and invasiveness of TV news and social media, children today have more access to disturbing news and images than ever before. The most common reason I'm seeing for children being referred to therapy (even as young as 4) in the last several years is excessive, and sometimes debilitating, anxiety," said Susan Kelsey, a licensed marriage and family therapist specializing in mental-health services for children and adolescents.

Here are a few suggestions for parents to help reduce their child's risk of becoming overly anxious during trying times:

Preschool children (ages 0-5)

First and foremost, parents should limit exposure to disturbing material as much as possible for these very young children, including visual images and overheard adult conversations.

All children (even little ones) pick up on and respond to feelings their parents are experiencing, so if parents are feeling overly anxious by the news, they should seek help to reduce their own anxiety.

Parents should answer any questions the child has in an age-appropriate way, keeping in mind that small children scare easily and don't have the capacity yet for critical thinking.

Early childhood through adolescence (ages 6-19)

Again, limit exposure to disturbing news and images (as age appropriate).

Younger children in this group are beginning to develop more awareness of the world around them and will likely have more questions, fears and misconceptions. Encourage children to express their fears (either verbally or through art), and respond by listening to what they have to say, clearing up any myths or misunderstandings they have, and discussing ways they are safe.

Make sure there is plenty of time for children in this age group to engage in imaginative play and to focus on school. In other words, let them be kids. Sports, dance and any other ways kids can move their bodies can be helpful in reducing anxiety.

Where teens are vulnerable to anxiety and depression, teens also tend to be very empathic and intolerant of injustice, so conversations can focus on ways they can get involved in making the world a better, safer and more tolerant place for all people in the future. Help exchange feelings of helplessness with feelings of empowerment.

Kelsey also recommends that parents keep eating and sleeping routines in place for children, and to prevent children's access to adult content on computers, phones and TV. Also, children of all ages who are in the groups that are being targeted for hate and discrimination are especially vulnerable to anxiety and depression. Children are at risk on many levels. "Any parent who is concerned about their child's mental health should seek counseling from a therapist who is experienced with children's issues," said Kelsey.

CAMFT is an independent professional organization representing the interests of over 32,000 Marriage and Family Therapists. It is dedicated to advancing the profession, maintaining high standards of professional ethics, upholding the qualifications and expanding awareness for the profession.

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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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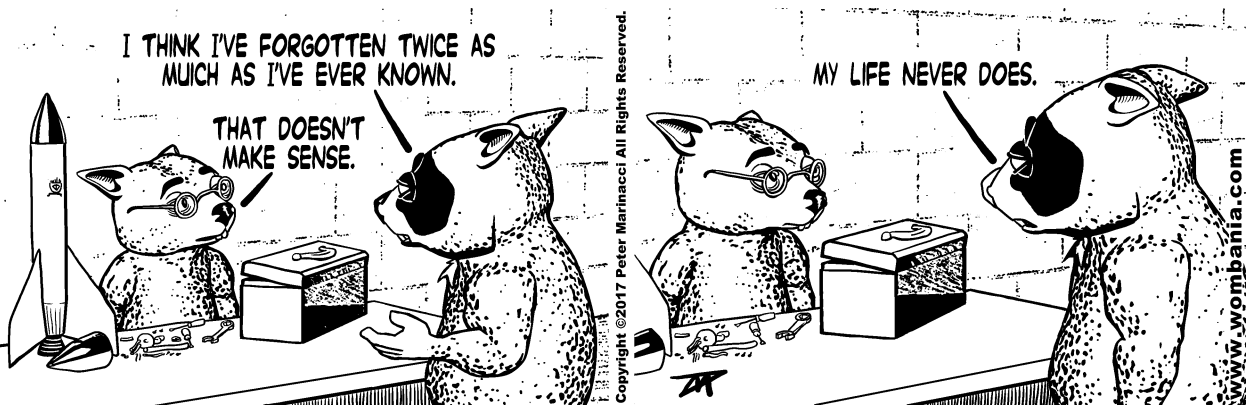
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Thank you all!!!

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 after this Wednesday morning's Nov. 8 meeting is 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15.

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Stone receives perfect score from Howard Jarvis

Assemblyman Voepel close

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

Last week, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association announced its 2017 Legislative Report Card grades. Two local officials received very high grades. State Sen. Jeff Stone (R-28 District) earned a 100 percent rating from HJTA. Assemblyman Randy Voepel (R-71 District) received a 98.4 percent rating. Stone was one of only 10 legislators — five senators and five assembly members — out of 120 to receive the perfect rating. Of the five sen-

ators, four, including Stone, were from Southern California. In 2016, HJTA gave Stone a 95.8 percent grade. Voepel's abstention during a committee vote on Assembly Bill 1189, which authorizes the Riverside County Transportation Commission to impose a 1-percent tax, an increase of ½ percent for transportation projects, cost him a perfect rating, according to David Wolfe of HJTA. Voepel opposed the bill on the Assembly floor. This year was his first in the Legislature so he did not have a 2016 rating. "Are we troubled or worried about Randy?" asked Wolfe. "No! San Diego County and Temecula have a lot of limited-government

conservatives." The HJTA scored a total of 22 bills in 2017. Stone voted on the side of HJTA each time he had an opportunity to do so. "It is an honor working with the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association — an organization that puts the interests of everyday taxpayers ahead of special interests — to fight for lower and fairer taxes here in California," Stone said in a press release. "Every vote I cast in Sacramento is done with the best interests of my constituents, and I'm proud to associate myself with a non-partisan organization that puts taxpayers first," he added. JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Ruiz 2018 campaign raising more funds than 2016

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The June 2018 primary is about eight months from now and the November general election is only a year in the future. Rep. Dr. Raul Ruiz continues to solicit and receive substantial campaign contributions. Through the end of September, Ruiz had nearly \$1.8 million in available cash. At this point two years ago, Ruiz had about \$1.29 million available for his second re-election campaign. He went on to raise a total of \$3.4 million for his race. Three challengers against Ruiz have filed preliminary financial paperwork with the Federal Elections Commission. Kimberlin Brown Pel-

zer and Dan Ball, both of the desert, are entering their first political campaign. Stephan Wolkowicz, from Indio, is a third Republican candidate. He was a candidate in the 2016 race also, but had no donations or expenses. Since January, Ruiz's campaign has raised nearly \$1.3 million in contributions and spent about \$525,000 without a specific opponent. The three Republican challengers did not announce their candidacy until October. Ruiz has expended more than \$100,000 to

raise campaign funds. The principal help are Mothership Strategies and consultant Amy Strathdee of D.C. Although Ruiz has received thousands of contributions, some for as little as \$3, more than half of the total funds have been from contributions greater than \$2,500. JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

2018 Congressional District 36			
Campaign contributions and cash as of Sept. 30, 2017			
	Contributions Individual	Committee	Total Cash Available
Ruiz	\$ 772,000	\$ 515,000	\$1,777,000

Ruiz introduces Environmental Justice bill

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Last week, local Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz (D-Cal 36) and New Jersey Sen. Corey Booker introduced into both houses of the U.S. Congress the Environmental Justice Act of 2017. The bill's purpose is to "eliminate environmental injustice ... [by] requir[ing] federal agencies to address environmental justice through agency actions and permitting decisions, and strengthens legal protections against environmental injustice for communities of color, underserved communities, and indigenous communities," according to Ruiz's press release. The legislation is the product of many months of working with commu-

nity groups from across the nation. Already, many local 40 public-health and environmental-justice organizations have expressed support for the bill. Both legislators held press conferences and spoke out against the treatment of minorities' environmental conditions. "Can you imagine watching your child with asthma struggle to draw breath because of new, preventable air pollutants and feeling powerless? Can you picture the anxiety in finding out there are toxic chemicals in your water or near your children's school and having little way to hold anyone accountable? This is happening in rural and underserved populations in my district and across the country; I know because I have treated them in

the emergency department," said Dr. Ruiz. "This legislation gives voice to the voiceless. It strengthens protections for vulnerable populations, gives impacted communities the ability to hold big corporations and government accountable, and provides the funds needed to mitigate and prevent future instances of environmental injustice," Dr. Ruiz added. In a conference call with reporters, Ruiz stated the legislation has particular relevance in his congressional district, which includes Idyllwild and all the Hill neighborhoods. Many of the district's communities cope with contaminated drinking water and some of the highest childhood asthma rates in the state.

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- Wednesday, Nov. 8**
- 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.
 - 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.
 - La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
 - Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Idyllwild Fire Protection District Finance Committee, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha 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.

- Thursday, Nov. 9**
- Alcoholics Anonymous 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.
- Mountain Emergency Medical Services Committee, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), 12:30 p.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Françoise Frigola, 951-659-4146, for more information.
 - Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
 - County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Friday, Nov. 10**
- 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. 11**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Sunday, Nov. 12**
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, General Discussion (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. 13**
- Alcoholics Anonymous 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.
 - Chronic Pain/Illness Community Support Group, 4-5:30 p.m. Hill House, Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Tuesday, Nov. 14**
- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive. Call 659-6208 for information.
 - Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
 - La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
 - 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.

- Wednesday, Nov. 15**
- 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.
- Qigong, 9-10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
 - Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
 - High Valleys Water District board, 3 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
 - 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.
 - Idyllwild Water District board, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

- 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. 29 to Nov. 4.

Idyllwild

- Oct. 29 — Suspicious vehicle, 8:57 a.m., Meadow Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 29 — Public assist, 5:03 p.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 30 — Alarm call, 4:12 p.m., Daryll Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 31 — Alarm call, 3:34 a.m., Hill St. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 31 — 911 call from business, 1:14 p.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 31 — Suspicious person, 2:24 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Oct. 31 — Unlawful entry, 2:24 p.m., John Muir Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 1 — Unlawful entry, 9:06 a.m., John Muir Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 1 — Harassing phone calls, 10:29 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 1 — Miscellaneous criminal, 4:04 p.m., Forest Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 1 — 911 call from business, 8:02 p.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 2 — Alarm call, 3:43

- a.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 2 — Vandalism, 10:14 p.m., Country Club Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Nov. 4 — Alarm call, 7:46 a.m., North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
 - Nov. 4 — Alarm call, 9:51 p.m., 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Oct. 31 — Alarm call, 5:39 p.m., McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 1 — Suspicious circumstance, 11:38 p.m., McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Nov. 2 — 911 call, 9:33 a.m., Wanda Wy. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 3 — Alarm call, 7:49 a.m., Tall Pines Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 3 — Alarm call, 4:41 p.m., Cedar Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows/ Garner Valley

- Oct. 29 — Assist other department, 6:38 p.m., 59000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino

- National Forest**
- Nov. 3 — Miscellaneous criminal, 11:34 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
 - Nov. 3 — 911 call from business, 5:34 p.m., Canyon Trl. Handled by deputy.

One felony arrest and one DUI

A local man was cited for driving under the influence and a Hemet man was arrested on a felony charge last week.

At 2:20 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, Ryan Smith, 24, of Pine Cove, was driving a black 2003 Suzuki northbound on North Circle, north of Fir Street near the intersection with River Road, when he made an unsafe turning movement to the right, causing the right side of his vehicle to strike a concrete barrier. The collision caused the vehicle to roll over, coming to rest on its roof.

The responding California Highway Patrol officer cited Smith for suspicion of driving under the influence, alcohol, a misdemeanor offense since no other person was injured. He was transported to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs by Idyllwild Fire Department where he was released to hospital medical care for treatment of his injuries.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, Roderick Morris, 23, of Hemet, was stopped for speeding while driving a white 2001 Chevy Malibu eastbound on Highway 74 near U.S. Forest Service Cranston Station. On checking license and registration, the CHP officer discovered Morris was wanted on a felony warrant for skipping a court appearance. Morris was arrested at the scene.

Traffic incident reports come from CHP public information or desk officers' reading of responding officers' reports.

Voepel questions

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ed “No” on AB 18, which authorized a ballot measure allowing California voters to approve park funding. If passed, this will allow restoration and preservation of California State Parks and improvement of community parks.

What is your stance on preservation, maintenance and protection of community and California State Parks?

4. Many Californians are impacted and/or concerned with immigration policy and its impact on immigrants,

Legals

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Riverside County on Oct. 23, 2017.

FILE NO.: R-201713846

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as GRIFFON REAL PROPERTIES at 1001 E. Morton Place, Suite C, Hemet, CA 92543, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 40, Beaumont, CA 92223. THE GRIFFON MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC., 1001 E. Morton Place, Suite C, Hemet, CA 92543. The List State of Corporation is CA.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 5/1/2002.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: VERONICA ANN HOLLENBAUGH

CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 23, 2017.

FILE NO.: R-201713845

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as CANINE KLIPS; KP KLIPS at 54385 North Circle Drive #153, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: 73911 Hwy 111, Palm Desert, CA 92260. THE PET SPAW INC, 73905 Hwy 111, Palm Desert, CA 92260. The List State of Corporation is CA. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 10/1/17.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: WENDY LEE PRESTIGIA

PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 25, 2017.

FILE NO.: R-201713971

R-201713996

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as INTERNET CAFE COMPUTER GAMES at 1279 E Florida Ave, Hemet, California 92543, Riverside County. Mailing address: 1560 Bluegray Way, Hemet, CA 92545. YOUSEF MUSA DAHABREH, 1560 Bluegray Way, Hemet, CA 92545.

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: YOUSEF MUSA DAHABREH

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 25, 2017.

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County Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as STONEY CREEK BUSINESS SERVICES at 59363 Hop Patch Spring Rd, Mountain Center, CA 92561, Riverside County. ROBERTA GRACE RITCHIE, 59363 Hop Patch Spring Rd, Mountain Center, CA 92561.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 05/06/2005.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: ROBERTA GRACE RITCHIE

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 27, 2017.

FILE NO.: R-201714094

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2017.

PUBLIC NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 15, 2017, the Board of Directors of Idyllwild Water District ("District") will introduce **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION 499 AND ESTABLISHING REVISED SEWER SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT.**

The proposed Ordinance will repeal and replace Resolution No. 499 of the DISTRICT, to do the following: Appendix I would be omitted. Instead, Appendix I, and prior references to it, would reference the rates, fees and charges adopted by the Board. Section 1.7 would add a ban on interference with the DISTRICT's sewerage system. In **Section 1.11**, language would be added allowing District to access to the DISTRICT's sewer system to operate and maintain DISTRICT facilities. The Section concerning the General Manager's Authority would be numbered 1.12 and would add the following underlined text: "A hearing on the appeal shall be set within 30 days thereafter, unless the General Manager, appellant and the Board agree to a later date." In **Section 2.1**, language would be added that the owner or one acting on behalf of the owner could make an application. **Section 2.4** would add that combined sewers are not permitted. **Section 2.12** would change as follows: **EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNITS (EDU)** means the capacity for water usage and wastewater discharge equivalent to the quantity usage and discharge from a single family residence using established at 250 gallons of water wastewater daily. **Section 2.13** would add this sub-section shall apply to commercial and/or institutional customers. **2.17** would state that a Lateral Connection means the actual "Wye" connection to the

public sewer main line. **Section 2.22** would be renumbered as **2.23** and define RWQCB. In several places the word "industrial" would be changed to "institutional." **Section 2.27** would be renumbered **2.29** and add "One unit of service is equal to one Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). A single family home is equal to one EDU. Commercial, institutional and industrial customers' units of service will be determined by the number of fixtures connected to the sewer." **Section 5.7** adds the owner is responsible for the sewer lateral. In **Section 6.14.07**, \$2,500 is changed to \$25,000. The minimum sewer easement width in **Section 6.15.01** would be 12 feet but wider if the depth of the sewer is more than 8 feet below the ground surface or if the slope is greater than 15%. In **6.16.01**, "water and" is removed from "water and wastewater." **7.2.04** would state "total suspended solids of 30 mg/L." **7.2.05** would state "total dissolved solids of 600 mg/L." **7.2.08** adds the DISTRICT may enter into agreements with dischargers with unique waste streams to exceed the amounts specified in **Sections 7.2.01** through **7.2.07**, when mitigating circumstances that will not jeopardize the ability of the DISTRICT to meet its Waste Discharge Requirements as established by the RWQCB exist. **Sections 7.7** to **7.8** state it shall be unlawful to discharge the contents of a swimming pool or hydrolysis into a sewer. Section **11.1.a**, adds the amount determined by the DISTRICT shall be in conformance with the law. Section **11.1.d**, adds partial payments shall not be accepted as complete payments, and water and sewer service are subject to termination for non-payment. Section **11.1.e**, adds bills may also be paid on the DISTRICT's website. In Section **15.3**, 10% is changed to 20%. **Section 13.4** adds the applicant must pay the established fee. Section **14.3** states the DISTRICT must mail a notice of termination prior to termination. The credit check charge is removed from **Section 14.3.04**. In **Section 14.5.02**, the Penalty Charges would be set by the Board; accounts may incur a penalty after 25 days. A certified copy of the complete text of the ordinance may be read, or a copy obtained for a nominal charge, at the Clerk's office at, 25945 CA-243, Idyllwild, CA 92549. PUBLISHED: Nov. 9, 2017; POSTED: Nov. 6, 2017.

Idyllwild Water District Board Room
25945 Idyllwild Road
Idyllwild, CA
(951) 659-2143

Pub. TC: Nov. 9, 2017.

LIEN SALE

THE FOLLOWING VESSEL AND/OR TRAILER WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 11/23/2017, AT 1100 E 6TH ST, BEAUMONT CA 92223 AT 9:00 AM, 88, ESCRIT, CARR, 4HN368, CA, 405115BA8JK000971, 88 BAYLINER, 15' 0", VSL, 3318JR, CA, BY1H68CVD888

Pub. TC: Nov. 9, 2017.

LIEN SALE

On 11/21/2017 at 1211 W ACACIA AVE STE 8 & 9 HEMET, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2004 FORD VIN: 1FNMU40P34ED59023 STATE: UT LIC: Y2552K at 10:00 AM

Pub. TC: Nov. 9, 2017.

From Idyllwild: Wes Wills

“... I leave this stage tonight even more optimistic about this country than I was when we started... This generation coming up – unselfish, altruistic, creative, patriotic – I’ve seen you in every corner of the country... You’ll soon outnumber any of us, and I believe as a result that the future is in good hands.” – President Barack Obama in his farewell speech on Jan. 10, 2017

In this new regular feature, we highlight the accomplishments of our own young people, the kids who grew up in these mountains. We’re reconnecting to hear about the incredible things they’re doing locally and out in the world.

This week we catch up with Wes Wills, who works at Yosemite National Park protecting our cultural resources ...

William and Mary Wills moved Wes and his sister Andrea from Fallbrook to a house on Cascade Drive (between Idyllwild and Pine Cove) in the summer of 1990. William commuted to a teaching job in Temecula while Mary worked for a time as the Idyllwild School nurse and in other jobs in medicine.

Wes attended Idyllwild School from first through eighth grade. He enjoyed many extracurricular activities, from drama, choir, band and chess club, to baseball, track, cross country, basketball and soccer.

“I grew up with a few guys that were like brothers to me and was really fortunate to have spent nearly a decade sharing the same classes and social groups,” Wes recalls.

Wes graduated from Hemet High School in 2002 and went on to Sonoma State University. He graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology, then went on to earn a master’s in cultural resource management in 2013.

“I worked a variety of jobs in college, particularly food service and construction labor,” he said. “Majoring in anthropology did not lend itself to a clear career path and up until I was 22, I really didn’t know what I wanted to do. I started learning about archeological methods in 2004 and saw it as the best route for finding work. It also combined my interests in science, working outside in a variety of locations, and learning about the past.”

How did you get into your current occupation?

In 2005, I started working as an archeologist at Sonoma State. I also briefly worked for the California Office of His-

toric Preservation and California State Parks before starting a job for the National Park Service at Yosemite National Park in 2008.

I also occasionally work as a wildland firefighter and have served on many incidents in the Central Sierra Nevada.

Please describe the work you do.

My job is to document and protect archeological sites in Yosemite while serving as a park ranger. This role is within the Division of Resources Management and Science. Tasks range from assisting with planning for construction projects, providing interpretive programs to visitors and employees, supervising other archeologists, consulting with American Indian tribes and groups, leading surface survey and test excavation projects, map and database production, and writing technical reports.

This summer, I led two 10-day backpacking trips to remote areas of Yosemite as part of test excavations at archeological sites with a team of seven others. I’m currently working on writing a report about this project in collaboration with a professor from UC Merced.

I will also be leading a couple of small survey and excavation projects within and close to Yosemite Valley. Occasionally, I also work on research projects and my master’s thesis focused on prehistory in the northwestern part of Yosemite.

What do you enjoy doing outside of working in Yosemite?

I have travelled extensively over the past few years and have been to 32 countries. My wife Hillary and I even went on a single trip around the world. Traveling is definitely my biggest passion and I am looking forward to an upcoming journey to Norway and Kosovo.

Who were some of your Idyllwild mentors?

I really enjoyed my classes with Doris Lombard, Patty Carratello, Lenore Sazer-Krebbers and Mr. Valdez. Holly Guntermann was a great P.E. teacher and occasional coach. I also received a lot of support from my friends’ parents, particularly Dave and Lori Fraser.

My parents used to visit Doris Lombard in Mountain Center. However, my parents are now very ill and are unable to make the trip from their new home in Oceanside.



Wes Wills at work in the field.

What are some of your favorite memories from growing up in Idyllwild?

I mostly remember being independent as a teenager and having the freedom to walk or bike throughout the area by myself. When I got a car, I started spending a lot more time in Hemet. Once my parents moved to Hemet, I gradually spent less and less time in Idyllwild.

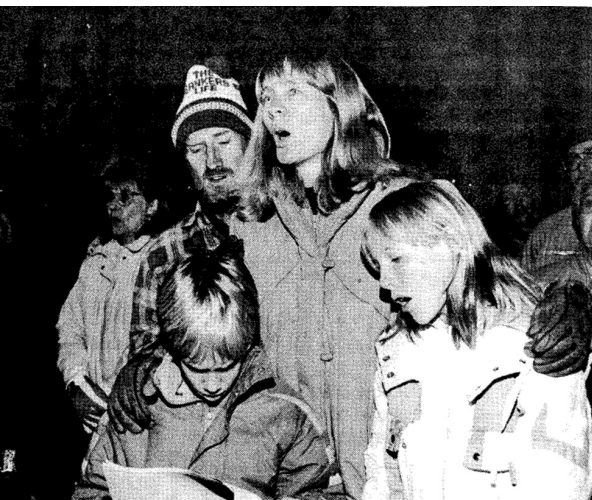
I think if I were to revisit my old neighborhood I would not have the same freedom to explore the area and would worry about people finding me suspicious. I hope kids there still have the same freedom I enjoyed.

Do you have any advice for the younger generation of Idyllwilders?

My advice for the new generation of Idy youngsters is to stay active and respect your parents. Get out and explore the mountains, get involved in organized sports and clubs, but also make life easier on Mom and Dad.

As I got older, I became more interested in activities that were not constructive and illegal. I found that while a lot of that time was fun and a great way to branch out and rebel, I was lucky to have not gotten in real trouble or hurt. Some of my friends had a harder time and did get into rough situations. Fortunately, I had a great home life and my parents helped me stay focused on academics, sports and work.

I worry now that kids are less interested in getting outside and exploring. I also worry about kids that don’t have as much support at home. Idyllwild can be



Wes (front left) singing with his family during the 1992 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

a hard place to live if you feel isolated and not supported. I see my childhood as a period where I was learning, engaged, and healthy. I also had parents that were always looking out for me, providing structure and helping me accomplish goals.

I don’t know if I took for granted the advantages I had as a youngster, but I have come to value more and more the hard work my parents did to make me and my sister successful.

I also recognize that it doesn’t take much for kids to disregard that relationship and act out in ways that are hurtful and disrespectful.

Please, enjoy yourselves, get out and explore the woods and screw around with your friends, but try to keep out of real trouble.

Do you know an Idyllwild kid with an interesting story? Please email your suggestions to Halie: halie@towncrier.com or PM us on Facebook.

French club showing comedy

French Fun on the Hill, an intermediate-speaking French club, is showing the French comedy “Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob” from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Idyllwild Library.

Mistaken identity and a series of wrong turns and misfortunes make for hilarious fun in this free movie.

A holiday story for book club

Fireside Book Group’s next read is Mary Alice Munroe’s heartwarming story “Lowcountry Christmas.” The group meets from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Idyllwild Library.

According to an excerpt online, “A wounded warrior and his younger brother discover the true meaning of Christmas in this timeless story of family bonds. As far as ten-year-old Miller McClellan is concerned, it’s the worst Christmas ever. His father’s shrimp boat is docked, his mother is working two jobs, and with finances strained, Miller is told they can’t afford the dog he desperately wants.”

“Your brother’s return from war is our family’s gift,” his parents tell him. But when Taylor returns with PTSD, family strains darken the holidays. Then Taylor’s service dog arrives — a large black Labrador/Great Dane named Thor. His brother even got the dog!

“When Miller goes out on Christmas Eve with his father’s axe, determined to get his family the tree they can’t afford, he takes the dog for company — but accidentally winds up lost in the wild forest. The splintered family must come together to rediscover their strengths, family bond, and the true meaning of Christmas.”

Tips to reduce food waste

The Riverside County Watershed Protection offers five tips to reduce food waste:

Bypass expiration dates. There is a common misconception that the “Best before date” on a product means it shouldn’t be eaten after that date. This date simply indicates the peak time for quality. Most foods can be safely consumed after that date with no discernible difference in taste or nutrition.

Don’t look for perfection. Lower your standard for appearance on fruits and vegetables, ignoring those bruises and blemishes. You’ll find they taste no different from unblemished produce.

Use old produce. We tend to throw out lettuce that’s beginning to wilt or bananas that are bruising. Why not throw them into a soup or smoothie instead? Wilting leaves also can be revived by leaving them in a bowl of ice-cold water.

It has become an American standard to serve big portions. Use smaller plates and serve less to avoid throwing out any uneaten food. It also might help you lose a few pounds.

Composting takes your unwanted food and transfers the nutrients back into the soil. You can compost fruit peels, coffee grounds, egg shells and other items you’d normally toss in the trash.

Egan to give acting workshop

Jenny Egan presents “The Last Non-automated Art” free acting workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Idyllwild Library.

Why is live acting a holdout? What makes it different? Could you do it or does it take years of training? Is stage fright conquerable? These and other questions will find answers in this two-hour workshop for first timers and also, experienced actors, ages 16 to 116.

Participate in a demon of this not-so-elusive craft. Learn what lies at the heart of it. See why good acting is instantly recognizable — in any language — and fun to do, once you get the hang of it. Egan is a new resident, Broadway award-winning actress, director and teacher, and former director of the New York Shakespeare Festival.

Grants available to nonprofits

Does your Idyllwild area nonprofit have a youth-oriented project that could benefit by a grant from the Idyllwild Youth Grantmakers? The grant cycle is now open through Dec. 18. Contact Jayne Davis (deerfootjayne@gmail.com or 659-2285) for more information.

Last year, the group of middle-schoolers awarded grants to Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks, ARF, Idyllwild School Boosters, Help Center, Soroptimists, Idyllwild School musical and smARTS. The youth grant makers are sponsored by the Idyllwild Community Fund.

Parton teaching art classes

Gary Parton will teaches “Renewing Your Artistic License from 3 to 5 p.m. for two more consecutive Thursdays beginning Nov. 9, at the Idyllwild Library.

The classes, “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.

Freedom from smoking clinic

The Hemet Unified School District is sponsoring a clinic to help attendees quit smoking. An orientation meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 North Circle Drive.

Normally, the clinic is eight sessions in seven weeks, according to organizer Valerie Velez, HUSD program specialist. But because of the holidays, the program could be offered twice a week for fewer weeks.

“Please just have anyone who is interested come to the orientation meeting,” urged Velez, “and we’ll figure out the schedule at that time.”

For questions about this free clinic, contact Velez at 951-765-5100, ext. 3509, or vvelez@hemetusd.org.

Thanksgiving weekend at the Tramway

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway will operate a special schedule during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend from Thursday, Nov. 23, to Sunday, Nov. 26.

The first tram up each day will be at 8 a.m., the last tram up will be at 8 p.m. and the last tram down will be at 9:45 p.m.

Also, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, Ride ‘n’ Dine tickets — which include Tram admission and dinner at Pines Café (a cafeteria-style restaurant) — will be available for purchase beginning at 8 a.m. Dinner service begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m.

Combination tickets are \$36 for adults and seniors, and \$23.50 for children ages 3 to 10.

Peaks Restaurant will begin serving its regular menu along with traditional holiday favorites at 11 a.m. Thanksgiving day. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling 760-325-4537 or by visiting www.pstramway.com/dining/.

Author to talk about book

Local author Carol McClintic will present her book “Children of the Earth and Cosmos,” a poetry book of “insight, truth, and vision,” from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Idyllwild Library.

Free/reduced-price school lunches

Hemet Unified School District is distributing application forms to all households for free and reduced-price meals for enrolled children. Applications are also available at the principal’s office in each school.

To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, complete an application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year.

The information households provide on the application will be used to determine meal eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or program officials.

Requirements for free and reduced-price benefits are as follows: For households receiving Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits, applications need only include the enrolled child(ren)’s name, Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member.

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Among the many attending the “Dia de los Muertos” or “Day of the Dead” mask workshop Nov. 1 at the Idyllwild Library were (from left) Raziah Eulalia Wood, Grace Mary McKimson and Matilda Ann Terry. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



American Legion Post 800 observes Veterans Day

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

It was when the guns stopped to signal the end of World War I — the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. Originally called Armistice Day, or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world, the annual observance was established by President Woodrow Wilson and first commemorated on Nov. 11, 1919.

In 1926, the United States Congress passed a resolution commemorating the end of World War I with these words: “It is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations ...”

In 1938 before the outbreak of WWII in 1939, a formal act of Congress made Nov. 11 each year a legal holiday. In 1954, following the Korean conflict, Congress renamed the holiday Veterans Day.

Nov. 11 honors American men and women who gave their lives serving their country, as well as veterans from all America’s conflicts.

Idyllwild’s American Legion Post 800 will observe this solemn occasion, on Saturday, Nov. 11, beginning

at 11 a.m. Organizers hope to have a speaker, but at this time, that is not yet set. As part of the ceremony, an honor guard will perform the traditional folding of the flag ceremony, with each fold honoring service in a particular war or conflict in which American military men and women fought.

Depending on weather conditions, the service may be held outside. There will be three rounds of rifle volleys honoring those who gave their lives after which Cid Castillo, former Navy petty officer 3rd Class, will play taps.

Castillo said the service should last until about 11:45. A free sub-sandwich luncheon served by the Legion’s Women’s Auxiliary will follow. All community members are welcome to attend.

The Idyllwild Brewpub is offering 50-percent off all food that day for veterans.

Also, veterans may partake in a free pancake breakfast at the Soboba Café in the Soboba Casino in San Jacinto from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday. You will have the choice between two bacon strips or juicy sausage, and two light and fluffy pancakes with two eggs any style.

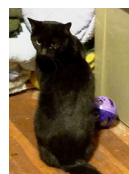
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Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@town-crier.com.

CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in “Days of Our Nine Lives,” Sassy the dog joined the cats in dreaming about Thanksgiving with a forever family.



Batman



Indigo



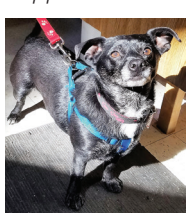
Zorro



Little Girl



Pepper



Sassy

man playmates.

Zorro: Don’t forget that Batman and I are kittens, too. I can envision a warm home with loving humans to play with us.

Sassy: And even though I’m 4 years old, I like to play, too. I love children so much.

Anabel: When you think about it, ARF has a cat to fit just about any home. George, Little Girl and I would be perfect in a quiet home, while the kittens would be the perfect addition to an active one.

Pepper: Indy and I are a good mix of both, don’t you think?

Anabel: I think you are correct!

Trenton: I’m thinking a cat or dog adoption would be a wonderful gift for a person to give himself and his family.

Little Girl: A gift that saves a life, in more than one way, perhaps.

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.

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New album features 23 musicians, most local

Brewpub release party is Nov. 16

Editor's note: Taken from press release and interview with Wilson by Marshall Smith, Staff Reporter

Singer/songwriter Johnny Wilson has deep Idyllwild roots and many local connections and friends. What started out as a solo album of six or seven original songs evolved into an album called “Johnny & The Competition,” featuring 22 other musicians and 15 additional instruments. As it turns out, even in recording, it does take a village of friends to come together, collaborate and grow an initial concept into something altogether different.

“It was going to be just me, one guitar and one mic,” Wilson recalled. “But in discussing it with Brian [Parnell, album producer], he began suggesting additional instruments that would be good for particular songs — like this song might be great with a cello, this one with a violin or this one with a trombone. I had actually envisioned a horn section for that particular song.”

And with each suggestion, Wilson said he knew someone who played that instrument and might be interested in joining the sessions. “That’s kind of how it developed,” said Wilson who, by nature, is upbeat and positive.

Eventually, full-session instrumentation included acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, U (ukulele) bass, drums, percussion, piano, keyboard, cello, violin, fiddle, banjo, accordion, trumpet and trombone played by Wilson and 22 friends and musical colleagues.

Wilson laughed when he explained how a homemade kazoo proved critical in the sessions and the eventual musical arrangements. “I created one on the spot to show horn players the lines I wanted them to play,” he said. “Each musician wrote their own parts for the recording.” It was, he noted, a true collaboration in which 22 additional musical colleagues lent their talents to create a diverse, vibrant and multi-genre compilation.

Wilson’s songwriting inspiration comes from artists who include Johnny Cash, Jimmy Cliff, Gerry Rafferty, The Descendents, Jurassic 5, The Bronx, Stone Temple Pilots, Jimi Hendrix, G. Love and Special Sauce, FYI,

What: Album release party for Johnny & The Competition, Volume 1
When: 7:30 p.m. to close, Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017
Where: Idyllwild Brewpub
Who is invited: Participating artists, friends, family and the public.
Contact: Johnny Wilson at 951-537-8195 or johnny-idyllwild@gmail.com

Toots & The Maytals, Led Zeppelin, Queens of the Stone Age, Bob Dylan and Alice in Chains.

He said his motive for writing the album came from his love of the wonderful world of music in all its different forms and genres. “One of my mentors, Bob Benjamin back in Costa Rica, told me to ‘never stop writing,’ so I’m just following his advice. Bob is in his 60s and still coming out with new albums,” he recalled.

Wilson had been writing songs since he was a teenager, but he cut his teeth professionally on the streets of Tamarindo, Costa Rica, after college, where he learned — first by busking, then by being asked to play in local clubs — how to get paid to play. He spent two years there polishing his professional chops.

He also was an original member of the local band Throw the Goat.

Wilson said the biggest surprise that came out of the album’s collaborative process was the development of a hip-hop track, “Here We Go.”

“Originally, we were going to have just one MC [in rap, the rapper or mic controller],” he noted. “Then we decided to have seven MCs write their own verse but with rules. Their first line had to be ‘I’m living my life, not trying to think twice,’ and the verse had to contain at least one food item. The result was a catchy beat-driven hip-hop track with seven totally unique verses.”

The album features members from several popular



Johnny Wilson is seen here in a relaxed moment in Baja. There will be an Album Release Party for Wilson’s CD “Johnny & The Competition” at the Brewpub from 7:30 p.m. to close on Thursday, Nov. 16. PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

Idyllwild bands: Throw the Goat, Pentagrams & Daisies and Change Required. All but two of the musicians on the recording are from Idyllwild. The album was recorded in Idyllwild at Sonic Spew Studios and Goat House Studios.

When asked about the name “Johnny & The Competition,” Wilson explained, “This was a little tricky since each track has a different cast of musicians. Then a Huey Lewis and The News song popped into my head [I’ve always loved that band name] and I wanted to do something similar but different. I’ve always been a competitive guy. I thought maybe we should name the artists on the album The Competition.”

From a solo vocal and guitar album concept to “Johnny & the Competition,” the creative process was emblematic of the kind of cooperation and collaboration found in Idyllwild if one is open to going with the flow, as Wilson is.

Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com



Album cover of “Johnny & The Competition”

So You Think You Know the Hill?

By JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

Only three entries regarding last week’s photo, which was of a shadow on the front of **Merkaba** cast by the afternoon sun on a mobile of two owls over the planter box in front of that store.

Three names went into the hat: **Rochelle Ainsworth, Dave Hunt and Grace Manues**. Out came Rochelle’s name, so she wins this week’s \$25 Visa gift card, which is temporarily provided by the **Town Crier**.

We’re still seeking a **business sponsor** for this weekly contest, so take advantage of this opportunity. Your weekly prize can be two tickets to a movie, a gift certificate, a discount coupon, a Visa gift card, two free desserts somewhere — use your imagination. Your business will get a nice, loud, bold-print thank you in this column every week, so now’s your chance before some other business snaps it up. Call or email me at 951-663-1453 or jack@towncrier.com.)

Meanwhile, the TC is sponsoring this column. So, let’s have another go. This week’s photo is pretty tricky.

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.

FASHION JACK



By JACK CLARK
FASHION CORRESPONDENT

Q. I’ve heard you’re not supposed to wear white after Labor Day. Does this apply to white underwear, too?
— Mildred, Mendocino

A. Only when you’re wearing it on the outside.

Q. I remember that professional house painters always wore white — white pants, white shirts, white hats. Do they still do this?
— Gavin, Goleta

A. Not after Labor Day.

Email your fashion questions to jack@towncrier.com.



Daniel Gray (left) and **Molly Newman** accept official Idyllwild Rotary mugs from Rotary President **Roland Gaebert** after they addressed members and guests at the Wednesday, Nov. 1, Rotary meeting. Gray and Newman, in addition to their other duties at Idyllwild Arts Academy, run the Arts Enterprise Laboratory, a grant-funded program that provides an opportunity for students to apply for grants and work with mentors, as well as arranging alumni lectures, strategic partnerships and internships. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

Chess club at the library

The Idyllwild Chess Club meets from 2 to 5 p.m. every Friday at the Idyllwild Library.

Also, the group will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month for free lessons for those interested in learning to play chess or improving their skills. The Wednesday afternoon schedule was selected to encourage school-age children to participate. Bring a chess set if you have one. The next Wednesday session is Nov. 22.

Washington’s quarterly meeting

Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington’s quarterly meeting with Idyllwild-area constituents is from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at the Idyllwild Library.

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— James Thurber

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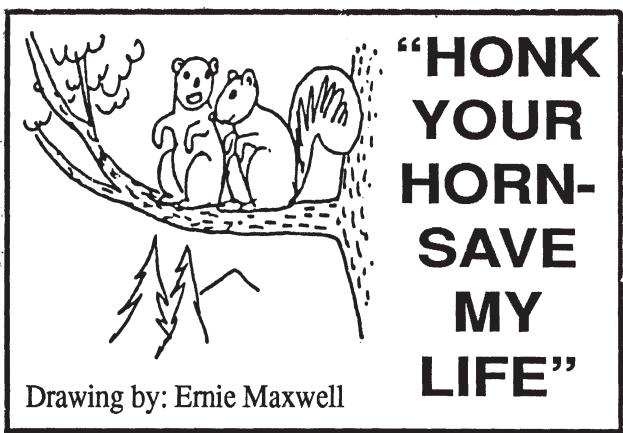
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November 2017 — Week 2

March 21 – April 19
You will welcome this week as a time for renewal, Aries. That means surrounding yourself with easygoing people and engaging in various relaxing activities.

April 20 – May 20
Taurus, no matter the demands that are put on your time right now, you must take some time to retreat and focus on your well-being. This may mean staying out of the limelight.

May 21 – June 21
Gemini, if you've felt misunderstood recently, do not worry. Things will finally be righted, and you will be able to smooth over any miscommunications with others.

June 22 – July 22
This is a week of activity directly related to your earning potential, Cancer. It is time to get your financial house in order, devoting your time to budgets.

July 23 – August 22
You are proud of new plans and are now feeling invincible, Leo. There is so much potential coming your way that it may be slightly overwhelming processing it all.

August 23 – September 22
Virgo, you may have been quietly working on a project that no one has had a clue about. This endeavor will soon be revealed to everyone close to you, showcasing your creativity.

September 23 – October 22
Libra, you might feel like you have lost a bit of your relationship magic, but in the department of winning friends, you can't be beat. People are lining up to know you.

October 23 – November 21
You are not going to do anything halfway this week, Scorpio. Come to think of it, you never do things halfway. Nevertheless, be cautious and considerate with your pursuits.

November 22 – December 21
Sagittarius, you are not the type of person who is willing to settle. This week, in regard to your career, you will demonstrate just how eager you are to get ahead.

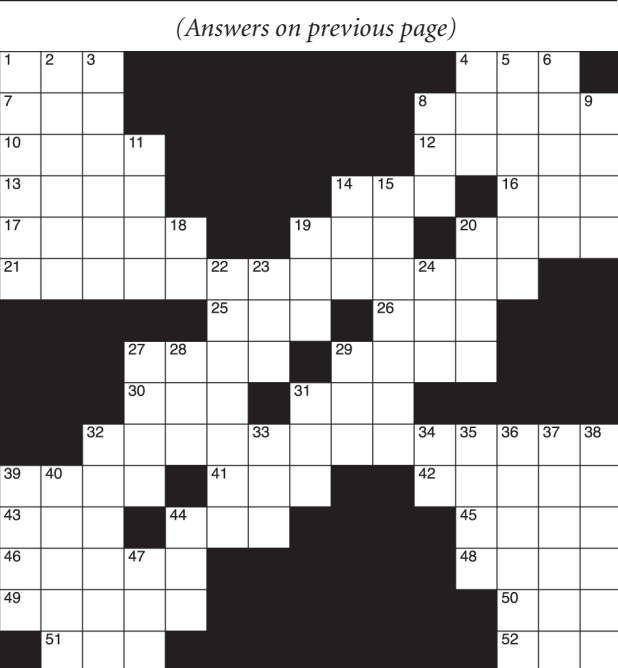
December 22 – January 19
Capricorn, the greatest asset you can have this week is the capacity to communicate. Always express your feelings clearly so that nothing can be misconstrued.

January 20 – February 18
Relationship matters are on the mend, Aquarius. You couldn't be happier with the changes. You're not prone to going it alone, and having a mate at your side is key.

February 19 – March 20
Pisces, associates and friends have been cautious and guarded, leading you to believe you should act the same way. Don't follow the crowd.

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- “Be back later”
 - Zhou dynasty
 - Mineral
 - ___ and gagged
 - One of LeBron's former sidekicks
 - Ivory Coast village
 - Caffeinated beverage
 - Without armies
 - Intention
 - Sulfuric and citric are two
 - Supplement with difficulty
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 - George and Weezie
 - Liquefied petroleum gas
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- DOWN**
- Devoid of cordiality
 - Comedian Goldthwait
 - “Naked Gun” actor
 - Processes fatty acids
 - Mortals
 - Not invited
 - Show___: entertainment
 - Darkens
 - Pilgrimage
 - Danish krone
 - Savior
 - Midway between south and east
 - Electroencephalograph
 - Henry's wife Boleyn
 - Hairstyle
- 23. Frames per second**
- 24. Sinclair novel**
- 27. Basics**
- 28. A person's life story**
- 29. Luxury automaker**
- 31. Ultrahigh frequency**
- 32. Island and antelope are two**
- 33. Taxi**
- 34. Farm state**
- 35. Fence part**
- 36. Rwandan capital**
- 37. Onomatopoeic**
- 38. In a state of turbulence**
- 39. Abba ___, Israeli politician**
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- 44. Inquire too closely**
- 47. Sun up in New York**

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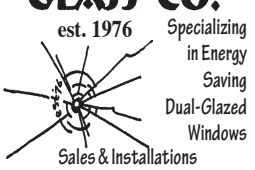
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70 years ago - 1947
The possibility of establishing a branch of the Riverside County Library in Idyllwild was being discussed. County funds were not adequate to hire a paid librarian, however, so volunteers were solicited.

65 years ago - 1952
Dick Elliott was named to head the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce.

60 years ago - 1957
When CHP officers responded to an automobile collision call, they discovered that the three men involved had just burglarized



An undated photo of camping in the San Jacinto Mountains, probably late 1950s or early 1960s. FILE PHOTO

a local resident's home.

55 years ago - 1962
A proposal was made to rename Town Hall to Johnson Memorial Hall in honor of Jerry Johnson, recently

deceased community leader.

50 years ago - 1967
A 40,000-acre fire charred the northern and western low slopes of the San Jacinto Mountains,

taking two lives and causing \$100,000 in damages.

45 years ago - 1972
A total of 2.54 inches of rain for October reduced the fire danger and im-

proved the water situation.

40 years ago - 1977
Strawberry Creek Inn offered a Sunday Champagne Brunch for \$3.95 and a Top Sirloin Dinner for \$4.95, with a complimentary glass of champagne on weeknights.

35 years ago - 1982
The first measurable rainfall of the season fell in Idyllwild on Nov. 9.

30 years ago - 1987
The latest in fall fashions from the Grey Squirrel were displayed at the Mt. San Jacinto Senior Center during the Friends of St. Hugh's Episcopal Church annual Fall Fashion Show and Tea.

25 years ago - 1992
Hill residents turned out in big numbers to cast their votes in the Tuesday, Nov. 3, elections. There was a 64-percent turnout in Idyllwild and a majority of those people voted for the democratic candidate, Bill Clinton.

20 years ago - 1997
Lisa Rosada, an Anza resident, found a stranded biker off Highway 371 trapped in a ravine. Rosada was driving to work when she noticed what appeared to be two discarded backpacks lying atop the edge where he plunged over. She found the man injured in the bush and called for medical help.

15 years ago - 2002
Looking good as new, Richard Lengyel shared his friendly smile upon his return to work at the Idyllwild Post Office after four months of being off the job while recovering from triple bypass heart surgery.

5 years ago - 2012
The Missoula Children's Theatre returned to Idyllwild School to produce "The Secret Garden."

1 year ago - 2016
American Legion Post 800 had raised \$14,424 toward the \$20,000 needed for a new roof.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

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 License, "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, 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.

Saturday, Nov. 11
• Veterans Day ceremony & lunch, 11 a.m. American Legion Post 800.
• Visiting Artist Show: "Ex-perigiscimini – Waking Up," noon-4 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.
• 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, "Bilingual 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 movie, "Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob," 4-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
• Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Wednesday, Nov. 15
• Fireside Book Group, "Lowcountry Christmas," 2-3 p.m.; Carol McClintic poetry book reading, "Children of the Earth & Cosmos," 4-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
• Holistic healing circle, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
• Ping Pong, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
• Fall Dance Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, Nov. 16
• Renewing Your Artistic License, "Composition," Gary Parton, 3:30-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
• Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.
• Fall Dance Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, Nov. 17
• Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
• Willy B, (classic rock guitar), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, Nov. 18
• Garner Valley Craft Faire, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Garner Valley Common.
• Visiting Artist Show: "Ex-perigiscimini – Waking Up," noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
• Jenny Egan, "The last Non-automated Art" acting workshop, 2-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
• Mellow Yellow with Bill Sheppard & Paul Carman, (Favorite hits from the '60s & '70s), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
• Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
• Vocal Jazz Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. TBA; Fall Dance Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Sunday, Nov. 19
• Miles Thomas (soft & pop

rock guitar) 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Monday, Nov. 20
• Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon.; Children's Storytime, "Thanksgiving," 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. 21
• 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.



On Sunday, Nov. 5, the Art Alliance of Idyllwild held an appreciation dinner for the many volunteers who made the 2017 Art Walk and Wine Tasting a big success. At this table (from left) are **Chic Fojtick**, **Gary Kuscher**, **Don** and **Julie Roy** and moving to the other side of the table, **Michèle Marsh** and AAI President **Donna Elliot**.


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Above: **Jessica Schiffman** is standing with her art work that was shown at the "Peace, Love and Whatever" show held at the Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Saturday. The exhibit remains open with many Art Alliance of Idyllwild artists' work on exhibit and for sale. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Many costumed Halloween participants celebrated the evening at the Idyllwild Brewpub. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI




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Idyllwild School fourth-grade teacher **Tom Dillon** chose **Seth Freeland** (right) and **Alice Essey** as students of the week. “[Seth] is a very kind and helpful student. He spends extra time after school to be even more successful. He is a pleasure to have in class,” said Dillon. “[Alice] is a wonderful student who is very thoughtful and has excellent manners. She takes care to turn in outstanding work on class assignments.”

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The Idyllwild Middle School winners for Crazy Hair Day on Halloween were (from left) **Kekona Millhouse** with second place, **Claudia DeLucien** with first place and **Brighten Millhouse** with third place. Each winner got a scary Halloween doughnut as a prize.

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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

In the final games of the season, **Miles Sechrest** of the Lightning Bolts added another goal to his totals this season. **Dominic Rivera-Sandin** of the Avengers also added a goal to his totals in a tight defensive game. **William Archer** and **River Fernandes** scored for the Bears in another great defensive game against Spinjitsu. What a great season for the 4 to 6 year olds as there was great improvement in all the players. Congrats to everyone.

Ages 7-9

Idyllwild Star defeated the Dragons 2-0 to win the championship. **Oliver Gonzalez** scored both goals for the Idyllwild Star in a hard-fought close game. The Assassins took third place over the Goal Busters. Congrats to all the teams in an exciting, action-packed season.

Ages 10-14

Season is over and congrats to both teams for their excellent play.

Adults

Red Time beat 503 2-1 on a last-minute goal to win the Adult League Soccer Championship.

Red Time scored a goal in the first half to take a 1-0 lead. 503 scored late in the second half to tie the game. With only seconds left in the game, Red Time scored a goal to win the championship.

The 2017 Town Hall Youth and Adult seasons are over. A special call out to the sponsors in making the sports programs in Idyllwild a success. We couldn't do it without you. Also to the coaches for their dedication, hard work and great sportsmanship, and to all the parents in their support for their children. You also make this possible.

Last of all, a call out to the boys and girls who participated in the program, along with the adults, too. You are what this program is all about. Hope you had fun, learned a lot and will come back next year (and also participate in the other programs offered).

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.

Opal and the Secret Code

By JANIE LANCASTER
AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

This is the third 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, who lives in Hemet, is available to visit classrooms to help motivate kids to write their own stories and build believable characters.

Chapter Two: Still No Pa

The next morning, I found myself in a strange room. The morning sun flickered through tall windows behind me and the smell of something cooking filled the air. In the room there were two long rows of beds — each one with a girl in it. Some of the girls were older and tall like my sister. Others were my size, some even smaller.

Where was I?

I wanted Pa.

Where was he?

I sat up in the bed. The tall woman with hair like a cinnamon bun came toward me. She had a blue dress in her hand and motioned for me to put it on. I looked her in the eye and folded my arms. It wasn't my dress and I wasn't going to put it on! The woman hovered over me, pinched her lips together and folded her arms. She poked me on the shoulder again and again as she pointed to the dress. Finally, I got so tired of being poked on the shoulder that I stuck my arms through the holes and the woman pulled the dress over my head.

The other girls scurried about. They quickly put their dresses on and made their beds. Some of the older girls helped to dress the younger ones. The woman poked me again and pointed to the girls that were now lined up. I



didn't want her to keep poking me so I got in line, too. We went down the hall to a stairway. I stomped down that long stairway behind the other girls. We marched single file straight down another hall and around the corner to the right. Then we each stood next to a chair at long wooden tables. There was a white plate and a tin cup on the table in front of each one of us.

I refused to look at anyone, except out of the corner of my eye. I decided that they could force me to get dressed, march in lines and sit in chairs. But they couldn't force me to like it or to like any of them. I wasn't going to stay there long anyway. I'd be out of there when my Pa comes.

For the next few days I dressed myself, marched in long lines and sat on their hard, wooden chairs. I kept to myself wherever we went, even when we were all marched outside to play. Day after day I kept an eye on each one of them and an eye out for Pa.

Pa never came.

I wondered what Ma and my brother and sister were doing. I wondered if the prairie winds had swept away the new flowers Ma and I had planted around the fence posts close to the house. I wondered if the man next door ever got rid of his crazy bull with the long curved horns. But most of all, I wondered why Pa didn't come back for me.

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



Carter McLean gets high fives from his classmates after winning first place in grades three to five for the Crazy Hair Day contest.

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Churches & Spiritual Centers
Directory of Idyllwild

Calvary Chapel Idyllwild
To Know Jesus Christ & Make Him Known
Meeting at 10 am Sundays at Tahquitz Pines Camp.
55251 S. Circle Drive
Tuesday Bible Study
Pastor Earl Somerville: 714-333-7493

Christian Science Church
25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m.
Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-Noon.

Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship
Pastor Wally Boer • 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center
Sundays at 10:00 am - Worship service
Children's & Youth Ministries
Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups
951-659-0097

Idyllwild Assembly of God
Every Sunday at 10am
Idyllwild Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street
(951) 581-0012 • Everyone is welcome!
Visit us on Facebook or at iagchurch.com

Idyllwild Bible Church
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott.
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship.
Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups.
Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

Idyllwild Community Church
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935
Sunday Worship ~ 9:30 a.m.
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship ~ Child care available •
Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. ~ Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA
Father Charles E. Miller
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.;
Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.;
Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

Shiloh Christian Ministries
~ FULL GOSPEL ~
54295 Village Center Dr.
Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Slemme 659-2416
Sunday Worship 10 am - Thurs. - Bible Study 6 pm
Shiloh Christian Ministries announces the opening of their "Healing Prayer Room" on Dec. 3.

Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living
54240 Ridgeview Dr., Ste. 104 (Courtyard Building)
659-3464
Classes - Weddings - Memorials
Sunday service, 10:00 a.m.

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church
An Anglican House of Prayer for all people
Rev. Daniel Rondeau • Sunday Service, 10:00 am
1st and 3rd Wednesday Service, 10:00 am
25525 Tahquitz Dr. (in Fern Valley off South Circle Dr.)
Phone (951) 659-4471

Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild
Friday Evening Service, November 10
5:30pm Pre Neg Service begins at 6pm
Shabbat Study, Nov. 11 9:30-11 am
Rabbi Malka Drucker-Held at St. Hugh's • 951-468-0004

The Town Crier's 39th annual

Snow Guessing Contest

An Idyllwild Tradition

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5. Idyllwild Pharmacy

6. Merkaba

7. Middle Ridge Winery

8. Idyllwild Bake & Brew