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Bighorn sheep population improving

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Southern California's bighorn sheep population is flourishing. The census of bighorn sheep was conducted in November. This was one of the largest counts in recent years, according to Kevin Brennan, wildlife biologist with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The survey was conducted over several days. Helicopters flew over the bighorn sheep's habitat from the northern edge of the San Jacinto Mountains to the Mexican border. Biologists, on board, take photos of the sheep from the air.

cluding the San Jacinto Mountains and the Northern, Central and Southern Santa Rosa mountains. Fifty-four sheep, including 21 ewes, were spotted in the San Jacinto region.

Another positive observation is that the number of ewes is high in all sectors, according to Brennan. The goal is at least 25 ewes in each sector. Four sectors were shy of the goal; one was the San Jacinto Mountains, where 21 were spotted, but the population estimate is still greater than 25.

The greatest number of spotted sheep was 126 in the Central Santa Rosa Mountains sector.

Of the 588 spotted sheep, 92 of 149 marked or collared sheep were identified.

Bighorn sheep are a protected species, but are improving in the peninsular range, Brennan stated. One of the major

Four bighorn sheep lambs are quite curious about the helicopter hovering over them during the November census of the Bighorn sheep population.

At top: A pair of bighorn sheep rams run from the helicopter during the bighorn sheep survey in November.

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threats to the sheep was development within its habitat, especially in northern Riverside County. But the county's multi-species plan has helped the state's management of the sheep population, he noted.

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A sampling of new state laws in effect since Jan. 1

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

During 2016, the state Legislature passed and Gov. Jerry Brown signed hundreds of new laws. While some were effective immediately and some will not go into effect until 2018 or 2019, most were effective Jan. 1, 2017.

Below is a small sampling of the new laws and rules with which we have to comply.

Minimum wage

For businesses with more than 25 employees, the minimum wage increased to \$10.50 per hour from \$10 on Jan. 1. Businesses with fewer than 26 employees can wait one year, until Jan. 1, 2018, before raising their employee wages. At that

time, larger employers will be paying \$11 per hour.

Use of cell phones while driving

While driving, California law already prohibits using a cell phone to write, or send or read a text-based message. Phones that allow for voice operation are exempt. Beginning Jan. 1, a new law prohibits any person from driving a motor vehicle while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or a wireless electronic communication device unless the device is mounted or fixed on the vehicle in the same manner as a portable Global Positioning System, and only a single swipe or tap of the driver's finger is necessary to activate it.

Children's car seats

In October 2015, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 53, which requires children up to 2 years old to remain in rear-facing car seats. Currently, children are required to ride rear-facing only until age 1. The bill does not apply to children who weigh more than 40 pounds or are 40 inches tall or taller.

Breathalyzers

Following a pilot program, the state may now require installing an "ignition interlock device" in cars of individuals convicted of driving under the influence. The device will prevent the car from starting if the driver's blood alcohol content is above the legal limit.

The new law extends the pilot program for another two years in Los Angeles, Alameda, Sacra-

mento and Tulare counties. Starting Jan. 1, 2019, the pilot expands statewide.

The device costs between \$60 and \$80 per month and installation costs between \$70 and \$150.

Motorcycle lane splitting

The California Highway Patrol has been authorized to develop educational guidelines relating to lane splitting in a manner that would ensure the safety of the motorcyclists, drivers and passengers. Current law defines "lane splitting" as driving a motorcycle between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane.

Election reform

Voters can now legally take a selfie with their completed election

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On Sunday, Jan. 8, a car driven by Idyllwild local **Ronald Potter** plowed into the fence of the Idyllwild Dog Park, taking out a section of the fence. Locals should be aware of the damage and lack of security until it is repaired. The California Highway Patrol report of the incident indicated Potter was driving too fast when the crash occurred. PHOTO BY JACK CLARK



Just after 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, a U.S. Foods supply truck got stuck on the driveway into the Mexican eatery Los Gorditos, temporarily blocking the northbound lane of Highway 243. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Hill residents involved in auto crashes

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

At 8:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, Paulina Soldana, 18, of Anza, was driving her gray 2016 Honda Civic north on Apple Canyon Road, two-tenths of a mile north of Highway 74. Behind her, also driving north, was Justin Pandal, 30, of Northport, New York.

The California Highway Patrol report was not complete as of this writing. But according to CHP Public Information Officer Darren Meyer, the collision appeared to occur when Pandal attempted to pass another vehicle and collided with Soldana's vehicle when it was turning.

There were no injuries nor any other vehicles involved.

At 3:40 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, Evan Biley, 16, of Idyllwild, was driving his 2009 red Toyota Scion westbound on Tollgate Road. Michael Crump, 50, also of Idyllwild, was driving his black 2005 BMW 325 I when Biley made a left turn into a driveway in front of Crump, causing a collision with Crump's vehicle.

Crump and passenger Siba Rose, 43, of Idyllwild, were taken by ambulance to Loma Linda University Medical Center complaining of pain. Biley was not injured.

On Sunday, Jan. 8, Ronald Potter, 46, of Idyllwild, was driving his 1999 tan Nissan Quest westbound on Highway 243 just south of Riverside County Playground Road when he lost control of his vehicle and crashed into the fence surrounding the town's dog park on the property of Idyllwild Pines Camp, taking down a section of the fence and rendering the dog park not secure until the fence is replaced. The CHP report indicated Potter was driving too fast when the incident occurred.

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Mahjong Club at library

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

Chess club at the library

Dick Goldberg and friends started a chess club that meets every Friday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this event at the Idyllwild Library.

Mental health urgent care center

A mental health urgent care opened its doors in October to provide around-the-clock assessment, psychiatric support, medication management and customized services to adults voluntarily seeking assistance in crisis situations.

Desert Crisis Walk-In Center is located in a remodeled storefront at 2500 North Palm Canyon Drive, Suite A4, Palm Springs. The center will remain open 24 hours a day throughout the year. RI, International, a private provider of behavioral health programs, is operating the center under a contract with Riverside University Health System.

Guests also may be referred to the walk-in center by mobile crisis teams or law enforcement. All visits and stays are voluntary. Length of stays cannot exceed 23 hours.

During that time, guests will participate in the development of individualized care plans that include recovery education, peer-to-peer support, mental health services, nutritional counseling, coordination and referral to community-based services.

Steve Steinberg, the director of RUHS Behavioral Health, said the center will help relieve pressure on local emergency departments that get overwhelmed by individuals brought in by law enforcement on involuntary psychiatric admissions known as a 5150.

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Wednesday 1/11

45/32

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Thursday 1/12

39/26

Snow likely & patchy dense fog.

Friday 1/13

39/28

Chance of snow & patchy dense fog.

Saturday 1/14

51/31

Sunny.

Sunday 1/15

53/31

Sunny.

Monday 1/16

56/36

Chance of showers.

Tuesday 1/17

47/32

Partly cloudy.

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

Idyllwild this year

| Date | High | Low | M | S |
|-------|------|-----|------|-----|
| 01/03 | 44 | 28 | 0.07 | 0.0 |
| 01/04 | 54 | 31 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 01/05 | 46 | 44 | 0.64 | 0.0 |
| 01/06 | 50 | 30 | 0.01 | 0.0 |
| 01/07 | 56 | 31 | 0.01 | 0.0 |
| 01/08 | 64 | 38 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 01/09 | 52 | 43 | 0.64 | 0.0 |

Idyllwild last year

| Date | High | Low | M | S |
|-------|------|-----|------|------|
| 01/03 | 53 | 33 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 01/04 | 46 | 39 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 01/05 | 41 | 38 | 0.95 | 0.0 |
| 01/06 | 35 | 32 | 0.90 | 3.0 |
| 01/07 | 34 | 31 | 2.85 | 10.2 |
| 01/08 | 37 | 19 | 0.20 | 9.0 |
| 01/09 | 42 | 20 | 0.00 | 0.0 |

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 11.98
To date last season (Idy): 16.54
Total last season (Idy): 25.42
To date this season (PC): 15.29
Total last season (PC): 25.16

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 15.00
To date last season (Idy): 1.50
Total last season (Idy): 17.5
To date this season (PC): 18.10
Total last season (PC): 31.00

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.

Clouds rolled in Tuesday afternoon over Camp Emerson as a weather system forecast for the rest of the week began to show itself on the Hill. Rain and snow were predicted. PHOTO BY MANDY JOHNSON

2017 brings more rain, and more expected

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The mini-El Niño continued into its third week with the Hill receiving nearly 2 inches of rain since New Year’s weekend. More rain and possibly some snow is forecast for the rest of the week.

However, it was Northern California that was awash from rain and snow from an “atmospheric river.” These massive storms historically occur about once every 10 years. The last one was in 2006-07.

For the third consecutive weekend, rain fell on the Hill. The amounts were not as much as the Christmas or New Year’s weekends; yet, total rain accumulation is much more than in the past several years.

Since Jan. 2, Pine Cove has received 1.2 inches of rain. The result is more than 16 inches of rain since July 1. Historically, the total rainfall from July through the end of January is 14.2 inches.

The U.S. Forest Service’s Keenwild Ranger Station also has had 1.2 inches of rain since Jan. 2. Its total rainfall since July 1 has been 11.7 inches.

During Monday’s precipitation, the Idyllwild Fire Station recorded about two-thirds of an inch of rain and has recorded nearly 2 inches since 2017 began.

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Covered California deadline in 2017 nears

Affordable health care is available for uninsured Californians in 2017.

The deadline for Covered California’s open enrollment ends on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Those who enroll by Sunday, Jan. 15, will have their coverage begin on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Those signing up between Monday, Jan. 16, and Jan. 31, will have coverage starting March 1.

Covered Cal recognizes that rising rates are a real concern for many residents. However, according to its press release, members who are renewing coverage are finding savings by shopping around within their health plan’s metal tier. (Plans are available in four metal tiers, also known as coverage levels.)

Covered Cal found that renewing members who have switched their plan, but remain within the same metal tier, have saved an average of \$38 per month or \$456 per year.

Also, more than half of all Covered Cal consumers, 59 percent, are eligible to choose a Bronze plan for less than \$10 per month. Bronze plans offer three visits to a primary care physician or specialist that are not subject to a deductible.

Also, nearly half of all Covered Cal consumers, 49 percent, can get a Silver plan for less than \$100 per month. None of the outpatient services included in the Silver plan — such as primary, urgent and specialist care — is subject to a deductible.

Children’s film fest this Saturday

The Idyllwild Children’s Film Festival, in conjunction with the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, takes place between 2 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Idyllwild Library.

The free event also is sponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library. It will feature a variety of film shorts for children and their families.

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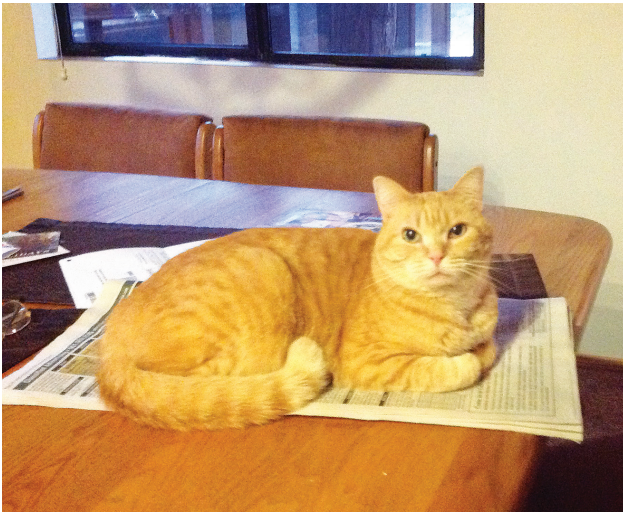
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A rainbow greeted travelers along Highway 74 in Garner Valley on Thursday, Jan. 5, following an overnight rainstorm.

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“Our cat approves of the new Town Crier format,” wrote Marcia Krull.

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Lectures on chronic pain

Fern Creek Medical Center and the Idyllwild Library are sponsoring five lectures on chronic pain. The first Interactive Community Lectures on Chronic Health Conditions is from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Chronic health conditions are the leading cause of disability and premature death in the United States. Sometimes these conditions progress despite traditional or conventional medical therapy.

These free lectures offer a functional medicine approach using a blend of both traditional and integrative medicine. Alternative health healers will be at the lectures to discuss chronic health prevention, diagnosis and traditional vs. alternative treatment options on the Hill.

The first lecture focuses on alternative and supporting medications to narcotics; mind-body-spirit connection, such as massage, acupuncture and meditation; and the benefits of physical therapy, yoga and walking.

Joseph Campbell videos offered

Spirit Mountain Retreat is hosting “Discovering Joseph Campbell Through Mythos III,” in a series of videos from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursdays.

Jan. 12 is “The Path of the Heart: Parzival and the Grail Quest.”

Jan. 19 is “Beyond Space and Time: The Romantic Philosophers.”

Jan. 26 is “Between Pairs of Opposites: Thomas Mann and The Magic Mountain.”

Feb. 2 is “Into the Well of Myth: The Joseph Novels and Modern Myth.”

Feb. 9 is “Finding Joe,” a documentary on how the “hero’s journey” is relevant and essential in today’s world.

Popcorn will be served at these free events.

A letter from Chad Schelly


What’s up everybody!!

Life is still rolling along in San Juan Argentina. I thought I would love my year without winter but I think I might have been mistaken. We’re finishing up spring m (text speak for right now) and we’re headed into summer. And San Juan is HOT!! Before the mission I hated cold showers with a passion. This past week I have definitely become a convert of cold showers. After walking around in the hot sun all day and then coming home to an apartment that doesn’t have air conditioning, a cold shower is basically heaven sent. Besides the heat, life here is great!!

One of my favorite things as a missionary is teaching people to pray. Prayer is a vital part of missionary work because everybody has to receive their own confirmation through the Holy Ghost that our message is true. A couple of 19-year-old kids that don’t even know how to fold their own clothes are pretty much hopeless in helping people find the answers to the profound questions of their soul. People HAVE to receive their own answers from heaven through prayer. The majority of the people we meet have never offered a verbal prayer their whole lives. It’s so awesome when we help people say their first prayer and teach them the way they can communicate with their loving father in heaven. It’s such a spiritual experience. I love it!!!!

I hope all is well in the life back in the states!!

With love,
Elder Chad Schelly (chad.schelly@myldsmail.net)





2017 “State of the San Jacinto Mountains” Briefing and Discussion

When: Saturday, January 28, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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I wrote this almost 10 years ago and it still applies:
The advantages of snail mail are becoming apparent in the new age of technology.
Don't get me wrong, I love e-mail for several reasons. Columns and letters to the editor don't have to be re-typed. And there is an ease and speed of communicating through e-mail versus postal mail and phone calls.
But this convenience has changed the way we do business — and not all of it is positive. We have become sloppy, and it's not pretty.
First, formal and business communication styles went out the window with the typewriter. E-mail communication is so much more informal in business practice that it essentially is more like in-house memo writing — but poorly handled.
In a former world, if you sent a letter, it was carefully typed in business style and proofed by someone other than you before it was mailed. Not likely in the e-mail world, unfortunately.
People have become so lax at communicating through e-mail that they often push the “send” button before re-reading what they wrote or sharing it with another office worker.
I often get e-mail I can't make sense of because words are left out or used incorrectly.
I'm guilty of the same. I've received responses to my e-mails and re-read my original message with embarrassment. I'm an editor; for Pete's sake. It truly does reflect poorly on a company or person when they can't put a sentence together well.
And we forget how easy it is to share e-mail — how easy someone might forward your message when you only intended it for “To:” Ow.

If you have trouble with grammar or spelling — and you care about making a good impression — I suggest you type important business e-mail in a Word program or some other that allows you to run a spelling and grammar check, then copy and paste the message into your e-mail.

Better safe than sorry.
Today in 2017, 10 years later, even handwriting faces extinction, as some teachers refer to it as a “font.” Facebook and Twitter were in their infancies in 2007, Facebook less than three years old and Twitter less than a year.

Cell-phone texting was fairly new, too. But all that's old hat now to millennials and even folk my age who still strive to keep up with the times.

These technological advancements have brought the languages of cultures who use them to their knees. Languages have rapidly disintegrated into a lexicon of alphabetical characters and emoticons. Oh, and forget the punctuation — unless, of course, it's the poor, abused and overworked exclamation point.

I remember when “all caps” was considered shouting at someone. Now, using a period when texting is the new rude. But not an exclamation point! Or two!! Or three!!!

I imagine linguists are having the time of their lives while editors at Websters and the Oxford English Dictionary sit pulling out what few hairs are left in their heads.

My personal opinion on all this social media is that it often discourages intelligent, one-on-one conversation and/or debate, and encourages mud-smearing and uncivility.

I feel that way about the telephone, too, even though I use it because if I didn't, I'd be lost in the sea. I just like to look at a person's face when we talk. I can see their emotions and sense where they're coming from.

That's why I prefer a good, old-fashioned lunch with a friend over these “conveniences.” We don't wear fake masks or speak in a clipped language. We just are.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Leaf Blower Exchange Program

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is offering a Leaf Blower Exchange Program for commercial gardeners/landscapers. Registration is required to participate. Call the SCAQMD toll free at 1-888-425-6247 Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to register.

The Electoral College

EDITOR:

Voting by aliens: 18 U.S. Code 611 (a), “It shall be unlawful for any alien to vote in any election held solely or in part for the purpose of electing a candidate for the office of President, Vice President, Presidential elector, Member of the Senate, Member of the House of Representatives...”

The United States is not a democracy; it is a republic. The representatives and senators of each state are elected democratically by popular vote.

However, the president and vice president are elected by the Electoral College as specified in the United States Constitution, Article II, Section 1, Clause 2: “Each State shall appoint, in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress.”

Clause 3: “The Electors shall meet in their respective State and vote by ballot for two persons.” The 12th Amendment to the Constitution requires the Electors from each state's winning party to cast one vote for the president and another vote for the vice president.

The electors from the party receiving the most votes met on Dec. 19, 2016, and cast their ballots for the presidential and vice presidential candidates. Clinton received 232 votes and Trump received 306 votes.

California's 55 Democratic electors cast their votes for the Democratic presidential and vice presidential candidates. The United States Congress will meet in joint session Jan. 6, 2017, to count and certify the Electoral College votes and the election of the Republican president and vice president. This electoral process was designed to prevent dominance of the United States by a few heavily populated states. The electoral process worked.

WILLIAM R. FAUROT
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Grief support group meets

A grief support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Friday at Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship.

The group, GriefShare, helps and gives encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.

For more information, call 951-659-0097.

Seniors welcome at food share

The longstanding senior food distribution with no economic qualification was disbanded late last year.

However, according to organizers, seniors are still welcome at the weekly USDA food commodity program. No one has to qualify for distribution.

The USDA food distribution is the first Tuesday of each month at the Mormon Church at the corner of Highway 243 and Tollgate from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring a box. The next distribution will be Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Essay contest submissions open

Students enrolled in grades nine to 12 within the U.S. at public, private and home schools are eligible to submit 300- to 500-word essays on the following topic: “Why is it important for a democratic society to have women involved in professional media and legal roles? What can be done to reverse the dearth of females in these professions?”

The contest is sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists. If you know a great high school student, let them know that entries must be postmarked by Feb. 23. Check out the rules and regulations at <http://www.spj.org/a-hs.asp>.

First place receives a \$1,000 scholarship, second place a \$500 scholarship and third place a \$300 scholarship.

CDC recommends fewer shots

The Center for Disease Control now recommends that 11- to 12-year-olds receive two doses of human papillomavirus vaccine at least six months apart rather than the previously recommended three doses to protect against cancers caused by HPV infections. Teens and young adults who start the series later, at ages 15 to 26, will continue to need three doses of HPV vaccine.

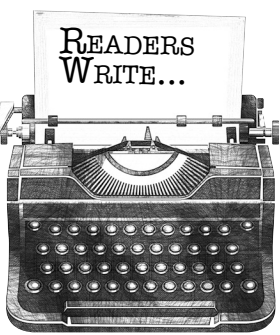
CDC Director Tom Frieden said, “This recommendation will make it simpler for parents to get their children protected in time.”

Generally, preteens receive HPV vaccine at the same time as whooping cough and meningitis vaccines. Adolescents ages 13 to 14 also are able to receive an HPV vaccination on the new two-dose schedule.

Pet owners beware

Every pet owner will tell you about the benefits of bonding with a dog or a cat, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. It's good for the heart and for the soul.

But the Centers for Disease Control reports that there's a downside to pet ownership. A CDC study indicates that tens of thousands of Americans wind up in the



More vegetation destroyed

EDITOR:

We were victimized last week. Our home in Pine Cove was victimized while we were on a Christmas family retreat, but by whom? Our front yard bush, the one we've been nurturing for 15 years, was gone. To the ground. Decimated.

My neighbor, who lost five of the plants he's been nurturing for years, is p-ed and thinks it was the county. SCE at least leaves a 30-day note on the door and a polite mailing to the property owner. We still don't even know who did it.

We'll find out. We'll call our county supervisor and congressman. Their staff will find out. My lawyer may even investigate the “legalities.”

Can they, without notice, step on private property? And what kind of emergency action took 30 years to recognize? (No way to remove a 30-year old bush without a step on my property.)

But what a waste of everyone's time. A simple 30-day notice on the door, with an explanation why, and that's all.

We still need to spend a few hundred dollars to landscape the mess they left, and we still don't even know who did it.

NORM KAFFEN
PINE COVE

How to get a letter published

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

The Town Crier will not publish “thank-you” letters, consumer complaints, form letters, clippings from other publications or poetry. Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word but are not accepted the week before an election.

We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (becky@towncrier.com). Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day are:

- Area post offices
- BBVA Compass Bank
- Fern Valley Water District
- Hemet Unified School District
- Idyllwild Library
- Idyllwild Nature Center
- Idyllwild Water District
- Pine Cove Water District
- Riverside County offices
- U.S. Forest Service

These will be open:

- Fern Creek Medical Center
- Idyllwild Health Center
- Idyllwild Pharmacy
- Idyllwild Town Crier
- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park

emergency room each year with injuries resulting from trip and fall accidents involving dogs and cats.

Workshops for caregivers

Good news for family and friends who are caring for older adults with Alzheimer's and other chronic conditions: support is on the way.

A new series of the Riverside County Office on Aging's Care Pathways program begins in October in Murrieta, Hemet, Corona, and multiple locations throughout the Coachella Valley.

The series of 12 weekly workshops offers information and support to family caregivers who face challenges managing their care giving responsibilities for a family member, 60 years of age or older. Classes are offered in both English and Spanish.

Workshops cover Living with Dementia, Preventing Caregiver Burnout, Managing Medications, Talking to the Doctor, Understanding Legal Issues, Stress Prevention, Communicating in Challenging Situations and more.

To register for the free workshops, call the office at 951-867-3800 or 800-510-2020.

Home care can be arranged for the care recipient; request respite assistance at the time of registration.



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By BOBBIE GLASHEEN

Gen turned to Madge over lunch and said, “Madge, you look beautiful. I love the color of your hair.” Madge, in fact, looked dreadful. The color of her hair was freakish.

Later, Jessie, when asked about her tennis bracelet replied, “Jim gave it to me. It was very expensive and I am almost embarrassed to wear it.” I looked at the bracelet. It was the same piece I had seen on clearance display at Target earlier in the week. Well, doggone.

June had a new puppy in the family. When asked if June knew the breed she replied, “It’s a Fontius Andorran, a rare breed originally bred by the Zoots.” The Fontius Andorran breed does not exist. Nor do the Zoots.

Couldn’t any of us tell the truth here? Had we never familiarized ourselves with the 7th Commandment? Or maybe it’s the 12th Commandment. Gotta’ be there somewhere ... an admonishment, to tell the truth.

At home, I found it between the covers of my old and dear King James version. “Thou shalt lie and fabricate only so much as it serves thee.” There it was! Lie through your teeth as along as it serves thy purpose. We were all doing it, from government leaders to my best friends. Including me. Indeed, I am the past master.

I told Sue she looked like she had lost weight. She hadn’t. She was a tub. From my own lips our accountant heard that our business had suffered enormous losses through bad debt. I told him we had paid all our estimated tax. I had. With silly money from my son’s Fischer-Price cash register.

My husband heard me say that the meat was fresh. Actually, it was wearing a sweater. I told the landlord that the check was in the mail.

Thusly, my circle of friends and admirers grew, and it was soon suggested that I enroll in divinity school, or better yet, law school. I chose the seminary.

Soon, on a carpet of outlandish lies, gossip and ignorance, I rose to the papal throne. When asked if I were really a man, one had to be a man to be the pope, I threw back my tonsured head and bellowed in holy rage, “Of course I am a man! How could I be so smart if I were a woman?”

That silenced the bishops and I rode into the Vatican in my Popemobile dressed in a tutu and satin slippers. Surely it was a blessed and wonderful event.

Obituary
Patricia Anne Kane Morris Hair
1928-2016

It is with deepest sadness our Mother Patricia Anne Kane Morris Hair passed away in Hemet on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2016.

She had just celebrated her 88th birthday. Her health had been declining over the past few months. Mom’s pain is no more.

Born on Dec. 3, 1928, in Long Beach, only child of Bill and Kathleen Kane (predeceased).

Predeceased by husband Gib Morris (married 1946-1964). Predeceased by husband Lowell Hair (married 1966-1988).

Survived by her half-brother Tim Kane of Seattle, Washington; children Daniel Morris of Jacksonville, Florida, Lynne (Derril) Lorensen of Kamloops, BC Canada, Kathy (Jim) Peronto of Summerfield, Florida, John Morris of San Bernardino and Margaret (Charles) Culp of Costa Mesa; three stepchildren, Kassandra Bentley of New Mexico, Jim Hair of Drain, Oregon and Judy Hartman of Oakland, Oregon.

Patricia had 11 grandchildren, eight living, and three predeceased; 18 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandsons; six step-grandchildren; and one great-step-grandson.

Pat lived most of her life in Idyllwild and Hemet. She excelled in swimming and became a life guard and swim instructor at age 16. For many years, she instructed swim lessons and summer life guarding in Idyllwild.

She graduated from Hemet Valley High and loved cheerleading. She was an avid reader and donated so many books through the years.

She loved volunteering through the years: school PTA president, fire commissioner in Idyllwild, volunteer at Hemet Valley Hospital and Auxiliary president. Also, she volunteered on the Elvis Presley filming of “Kid Galahad” in 1961 on the catering crew.

At age 60, she rode the Colorado rapids and at age 75, went on her dream trip to Ireland to reconnect with her family heritage and have a Guinness. Mom went on many cruises and just had fun in life always being involved with her family,

Mom had many kind and loyal friends through many years whom we are so thankful for.

Thank you to the very loving and caring staff at Wendell Home Care where Mom resided these past six years. In loving memory of our mother: “What we once enjoyed and deeply loved, we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes part of us.”

How to harden your home

Cal Fire has a free video and app called “What You Need to Know — Hardening Your Home,” on the subject of saving your home from wildfire.

Visit www.periscope.tv/w/1kvKplyZknwKE to watch or download the app on IOS or Android devices. Other tips are available at www.readyforwildfire.org/Harden-ing-Your-Home/.



A Hidden Lake bluecurl grows to about 4 inches tall, with short stem segments between elliptic leaves, and blue flowers with a five-lobed corolla. Its fruit consists of four smooth, basally-joined nutlets.

PHOTO COURTESY THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Hidden Lake bluecurls prove their vigor and endurance

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Hidden Lake bluecurls have proven their resilience and perseverance. Last week, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife published a notice and requested comments on its proposal to remove the San Jacinto Mountain native flower from the endangered and threatened list.

The local plant, whose official name is *Trichostema austromontanum* ssp. *compactum*, was identified as a threatened species in September 1998.

Since then, multiple agencies, including the California Department of Parks and Recreation that manages the land where Hidden Lake, home to the bluecurls, is located, and the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, have monitored and studied the species.

Hidden Lake is a small montane vernal pool (fresh water marsh) within the San Jacinto Mountain State Park wilderness area, the only known habitat for the native bluecurls.

Last week, the published rulemaking stated, “Having considered the individual and cumulative impact of threats on this subspecies, we find that *Trichostema austromontanum* ssp. *compactum* is not in danger of extinction throughout all of its range, nor is it likely to become so in the foreseeable future.”

The Center for Biological Diversity, which had an office in Idyllwild, also praised the decision and success story. “The Endangered Species Act has saved yet another species from extinction,” Ileene Anderson, a senior scientist with the center wrote in a press release. “Thanks to this highly effective law, the beautiful Hidden Lake bluecurls will now be around for generations to come.”

The watershed area where the flower grows is now managed as a natural preserve to protect rare plants and wildlife. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Parks and Recreation have developed a long-term monitoring and management plan to ensure the flower is safe into the future, the CBD added.

The 1998 decision was influenced by two major threats

to the Hidden Lake bluecurls and the significance of both have been diminished or refuted in the past decade.

Hikers and equestrians were trampling the flowers. As a consequence, CDPR, which manages the lake and land surrounding it, has placed fences and moved a trail, considerably reducing the damage from this threat.

The latest review found that “trampling by humans has been minimized and no visible impacts to [the plant] have been observed from trampling by horses since 2000 because of CDPR’s management.”

“Southern California is home to numerous plants found nowhere else in the world,” Paul Souza, regional director for the FWS’ Pacific Southwest Region, wrote in the press release announcing the proposed delisting. “We appreciate the efforts of our partners to conserve the bluecurls and numerous other rare and endangered plants that maintain functioning ecosystems.”

Researchers also have learned that a small population is not an indicator of prevalent danger. The flowers produce seeds, but most seeds do not germinate in the next growing season. They are not pollinated by insects, but remain dormant, thus protecting the plants throughout environmental and climatic change.

For example, the bluecurl population size fluctuates greatly. It has grown from as few as 75 plants in 2000, to more than 240,000 in 2012 and nearly 60,000 plants in 2015. The scientists studying the plant concluded, “Despite these annual changes in size, the population is best characterized as stable because the variations are natural and tied primarily to the summer level of the lake.”

FWS, along with its partners, have determined that the state’s management of the San Jacinto wilderness area, and especially the Hidden Lake Preserve, has been very effective, the threat from stochastic events is much less than previously believed and an external seed bank also has been created.

A public hearing on the proposal will be scheduled. But comments on the delisting may be submitted to FWS on or before Monday, March 6.

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How to comment on the notice to remove the Hidden Lake bluecurls from the federal endangered and threatened list

If you wish to respond electronically, visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal, www.regulations.gov. In the search box, enter FWS–R8–ES–2016–0127, which is the docket number for this rulemaking. Click on the “search” button.

On the resulting page, in the Search panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, click on the Proposed Rules link to locate this document.

You may submit a comment by clicking on Comment Now!

If you respond with a hard copy, submit it by U.S. mail or hand-deliver to Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R8–ES–2016–0127, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

FWS will post all comments on www.regulations.gov.

Document availability: A copy of the draft PDM plan referenced throughout this document can be viewed at <http://ecos.fws.gov/ecp0/profile/speciesProfile?slid=1285>; at www.regulations.gov under Docket No.FWS–R8–ES–2016–0127; or at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office’s website at www.fws.gov/Carlsbad/.

For more information, contact: G. Mendel Stewart, Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 2177 Salk Ave., Suite 250, Carlsbad, CA 92008; telephone 760-431-9440; or fax 760-431-5901.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf, call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Warm centers available

Riverside County Community Action Partnership is providing warm center drop-in sites for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the cold. Warm centers will open to the public, in affected areas, when the Riverside University Health Systems Public Health issues a “Cold Warning.” Watch or listen for the “Cold Warning” on your television, radio or local newspaper.

Nearby warm centers are:

- American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr., 951-659-3517
- Anza Community Hall, 56630 Hwy. 371, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 951-428-0901
- Banning Senior Center, 769 N. San Gorgonio Ave., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 951-922-3250
- Renaissance Pet Resort and Spa, warm center for pets, 1346 E. Ramsey Street, Banning, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 951-849-5020
- Hemet Simpson Center Valley-Wide Rec and Parks District, 305 E. Devonshire Ave., 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, 951-929-5607

You also are at risk if you have certain medical conditions, take medication for high blood pressure, have a mental health condition, or have been using drugs or alcohol.



An original Emie Maxwell front page from the TC, January 15, 1954, in honor of the Town Crier’s 70th anniversary this year.



For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see “On the Town,” on page 9. Submit listings and changes to becky@towncrier.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

- 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.
- Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Pine Cove Water District board, 10 a.m. PSWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- AA, noon, St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Water District board special meeting, 1 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debting and spending, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Thursday, Jan. 12

- AA women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; 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.
- Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz 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.
- 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, Jan. 13

- 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.
- Overcomers (Biblically based), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Saturday, Jan. 14

- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Sunday, Jan. 15

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- AA, Open Discussion Meeting (open), 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, Jan. 16

- AA women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Day of Mindfulness, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

- Idyllwild Garden Club board, 10 a.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- 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.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board, 5-7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Sons of the American Legion board, 5 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.

- Community lecture on chronic health conditions, Fern Creek Medical Center & Idyllwild Library, 6-7:15 p.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Hemet Unified School District board, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 951-659-3174 for location.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

- 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.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- AA, 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.
- Idyllwild Water District board, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debting and spending, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-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 Station, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.

NEWS OF RECORD

Sheriff’s log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, Jan. 1 to 7.

Idyllwild

- Jan. 1 — Public disturbance, John Muir Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Assist other department, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Assist other department, Strawberry Valley Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — 911 hangup from cellphone, Indian Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Suspicious circumstance, 53000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Alarm call, 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Check the welfare, 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 3 — Public assist, 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 4 — Check the welfare, River Dr. Handled by

deputy.

- Jan. 5 — Assault w/deadly weapon, N. Circle Dr. Unfounded.
- Jan. 5 — Public disturbance, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 5 — Missing person, River Dr. Report taken.
- Jan. 6 — Public intoxication, Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 6 — 911 call from business, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 6 — Public assist, 27000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 7 — Suspicious circumstance, Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 7 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 7 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Jan. 1 — Shots fired, McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Suspicious circumstance, McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 6 — Alarm call, McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Jan. 1 — Trespassing, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Trespassing, 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Trespassing, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Vandalism, Wanda Way. Report taken.
- Jan. 2 — Area check, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Trespassing, address undefined. Unfounded.
- Jan. 2 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 3 — 911 call, 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 6 — Suspicious person, Walters Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows/Garner Valley

- Jan. 3 — Incurrigable minor, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 4 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 5 — Suspicious person, Devils Ladder Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Jan. 2 — Assist other department, Wolf Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 3 — Tampering w/vehicle, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 6 — Fraud, Soboba Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 7 — 911 call from business, 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino

National Forest

- Jan. 1 — Battery, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Trespassing, 49000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Trespassing, 28000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Indecent exposure, address withheld. Report taken.
- Jan. 5 — 911 call, Diamond Zen Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 5 — 911 call, 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 7 — 911 call from business, 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

New laws

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ballot. Brown signed Assembly Bill 1494 in September allowing California voters to take ballot selfies and post them on social media.

Granny flats

AB 2299 encourages the development of accessory dwelling units, also known as second units or “granny flats,” as a way to increase the housing supply. Authored by Assemblyman Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica), the new law requires local governments to adopt accessory dwelling unit ordinances. ADUs are a creative, affordable housing option often used by college students, elderly parents or disabled individuals who need to live close to their families.

Fire arms — loaned and reported thefts

California law now limits a firearm owner's ability to loan the weapon to a spouse or registered domestic partner, or to a parent, child, sibling, grandparent or grandchild, related as specified.

Existing law generally requires the loan of a firearm to be conducted through a licensed firearms dealer. A violation of this provision is a crime. A current exemption exists for friends. If the loan is between persons who are personally known to each other, and if the loan is infrequent and does not exceed 30 days

in duration, it was permitted and is now also limited.

The new law requires a handgun loaned pursuant to these provisions to be registered to the person loaning the handgun.

Another new law related to firearms is that it is a misdemeanor to make a false report to a peace officer or a law enforcement employee that a firearm has been lost or stolen, while knowing the report to be false.

The bill would also make it a misdemeanor for a person convicted of violating this provision to own a firearm within 10 years of the conviction.

Pet rescues

Existing law authorizes a peace officer, humane officer or animal control officer to take all steps reasonably necessary to remove an animal from a motor vehicle because the animal's safety appears to be in immediate danger of specified harm.

This bill expands the authorization and requirements to include a firefighter or other emergency responder. A person also may be required to pay for charges for the maintenance, care, medical treatment or impoundment of the animal removed from the vehicle.

And, the bill also exempts a person from criminal liability for actions taken reasonably and in good faith to remove an animal from a vehicle under dire circumstances if the person satisfies specific conditions, including immediately turning the

animal over to law enforcement, animal control or other emergency responder who responds to the scene.

The bill would exempt a person from civil liability for property damage or trespass to a motor vehicle if the property damage or trespass occurred while the person was rescuing an animal pursuant to these provisions.

Alcohol and beauty salons or barber shops

These establishments may now serve beer or wine without a license as part of a beauty salon or barber shop service if no extra charge or fee for the beer or wine is required.

State fabric

Denim is now the state's official fabric in recognition of its role in California history.

According to AB 501, the history of denim jeans parallels the history of California. Denim jeans were invented in San Francisco during the Gold Rush Era. In May 1873, the United States Patent and Trademark Office approved patent number 139,121 for the invention of jeans.

At first, jeans were designed as practical working clothes. They eventually became a symbol of American culture. Today, California is responsible for about 75 percent of the premium denim jeans sold throughout the world.

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Checking for ID theft of a child

The Federal Trade Commission advises: Any parent or guardian of a child knows the milestones that come with turning 16 – learning to drive, maybe dating, or thinking about college. But now, there's one more: checking their credit report.

But my kids don't have a credit card, house or car. Why should I check their credit report?

Because somebody else could be using your child's personal information. Once a child's — or anyone's — Social Security number is stolen, it can be used by identity thieves.

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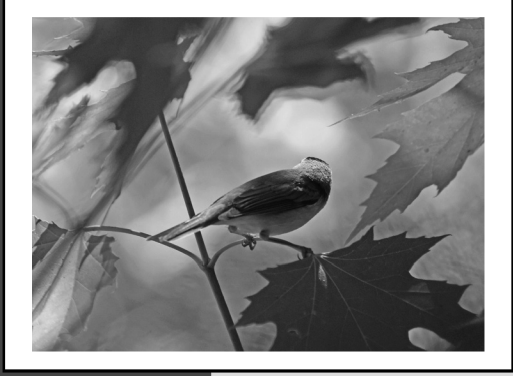
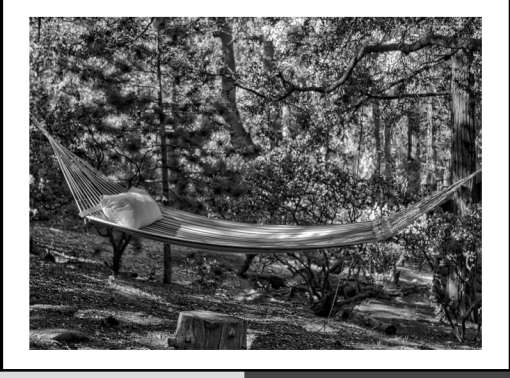
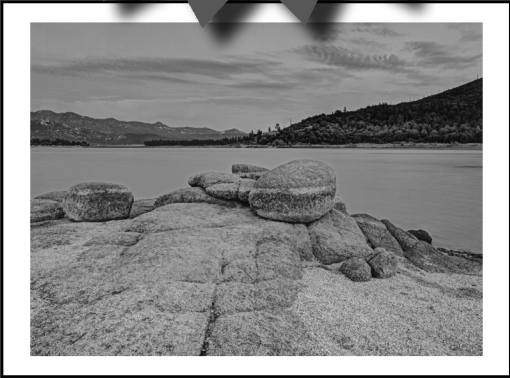
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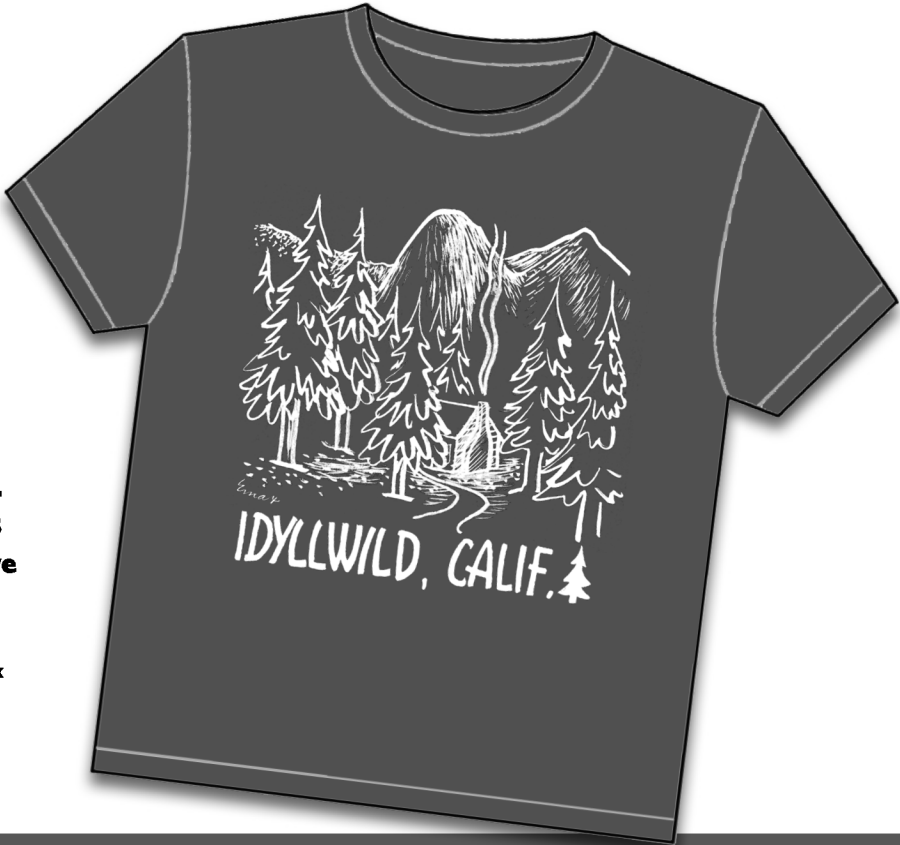


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Academy Award nominee Anne Archer in Saturday Q&A

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

One of the highlights of the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema's second weekend is an hour-long Q&A with Academy Award-nominated actress Anne Archer. Archer received her Academy Award nomination as Best Supporting Actress for her role as Beth Gallagher in Adrian Lyne's 1987 thriller "Fatal Attraction."

Hosted by IIFC Founder and Director Stephen Savage, the 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, discussion with Archer will be one film fans will want to attend. Archer will discuss her impressive and varied career, her approach to acting for stage, screen and television, her working relationship with some of Hollywood's greatest directors, and the leading men with whom she has acted.

Archer, daughter of actors John Archer and Marjorie Lord, is known for her sultry voice, red hair and nuanced acting. Born into a show business family, Archer went from college at the Claremont Colleges to television roles in prestigious series such as "Men at Law," "Hawaii Five-O," "The F.B.I.," "Mod Squad," "Ironside," "Alias Smith and Jones," "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice" and "Mannix."

She made her big screen debut in 1973 opposite Jon Voight in "The All American Boy," and won accolades for her leading role in "Lifeguard" in 1976 with Sam Elliott. In 1993, Archer won a Golden Globe as part of the ensemble cast of Robert Altman's "Short Cuts."

Her work on stage was also noteworthy — in the world premiere of "The Poison Tree" at the Mark Taper Forum in 2000, as Mrs. Robinson in London's West End 2001 production of "The Graduate," for which she received rave reviews, and in a starring role in "The Trial of Jane Fonda" at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2014.

In one of those special Idyllwild connections, Archer played the leading role of Ramona at the Ramona Pageant in 1969. Savage joined the Ramona staff in 2014 as executive creative director.

Mirroring her show business parents, Archer has been married to producer, actor, writer and director Terry Jastrow for 37 years. "It's hard to have a balanced life if you



Anne Archer, Academy Award nominee for "Fatal Attraction," appears with IIFC Founder and Director **Stephen Savage** for an hour-long Q&A at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, onstage at the Rustic Theatre. PHOTO BY MIKE MARSLAND

don't get the family thing right," said Archer.

Also of note is the Idyllwild Arts production, "Standpoint," written and directed by 2016 IAA film graduate Erik Hirschhorn and starring former IAA student Dakota Bailey, Idyllwild resident musician Analia Lenchantin and IAA dance faculty member Jonathan Sharp. Screening next at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at Silver Pines Lodge, at 3:05 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at the Rustic and at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Rustic, "Standpoint" is the story of Aliza, a young Jewish dancer in Nazi-occupied Poland who, in order to save her family, must travel to Prague for a ballet audition.

For more information, view the IIFC program available at IIFC headquarters, The Rustic Theatre.

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The opening night party of the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema was held in the cozy surroundings of the Creekstone Inn on Thursday, Jan. 5. Entertainment was provided by **Julie Ragins** and **Curtis Brengle**, the husband and wife duo known as PEAR. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



During the opening party on Thursday, Jan. 5, IIFC Director **Stephen Savage** (far right) and friends discuss the films to be shown. The festival runs through Jan. 15 with films at the Rustic Theatre and Silver Pines Lodge, and parties at several sites. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Children of all ages were mesmerized by the short films shown at the Idyllwild Library as part of the fourth-annual Children's Film Festival. The second half of the free festival, with eight films for children ages 10 and up, will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, in the Library Conference Room. It runs in conjunction with the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

Walk a dog for ARF

Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild is seeking a few kind-hearted individuals to donate only one hour on a Saturday or Sunday to walk dogs for adoption in town. The dogs have "adopt me" leashes so people out and about know they are looking for forever homes.

This is an easy way for community members to help a nonprofit while getting a little exercise and building some good karma. If interested, call ARF at 951-659-1122.

Bald eagle count Jan. 14

The U. S. Forest Service has scheduled one more bald eagle count for this winter. The count will be on Saturday morning, Jan. 14.

Two bald eagles reside on the shores of Lake Hemet. In 2014, they produced two eaglets.

The local count will be at Lake Hemet. Volunteers meet at the Lake Hemet Market at 8:30 a.m. on the above dates for orientation. Contact Ann Bowers (annbowers@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2935) for more information.

Other counts that day within the San Bernardino National Forest will be at Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Lake Gregory, Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area and Lake Perris State Recreation Area.

Student artist memberships

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild has 10 student artist memberships available for local Idyllwild students or children of registered AAI artists or gallery owners. Eligible youth must be between the ages of 11 and 18.

The standard \$20 membership fee has been waived because of the generosity of several community members.

The membership allows eligible youth to participate as an active AAI artist for one year. In addition to receiving a customized AAI online gallery page to showcase their artwork, students may compete and sell their creations in AAI-sponsored art shows.

A great opportunity for the next generation of artists, youth who meet the criteria are encouraged to submit an email of interest to artinidyllwild@gmail.com. Include name, age, mailing address and school.

Visit www.artinidyllwild.org for more information about the Art Alliance of Idyllwild.

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Historical society mounts exhibit of Hill history as film location

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Lynnda Hart and Suzy Bowman of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society have mounted an impressive exhibit of the Hill's history as a location for feature films, short films, videos and television shows.

The exhibit will run as a complement to the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema that runs through Sunday, Jan. 15, and will continue indefinitely during regular museum days and hours after the festival closes.

During IIFC, the museum is open every day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. "What I wanted to do with the film festival was to coordinate Idyllwild's history as a film location," said Hart. "We wanted to let visitors and the town know that we have a varied history, and one that includes having movies made on the Hill for many years."

As part of the exhibit, there is a book detailing the more than 100 movies written and/or filmed wholly or partially in the Idyllwild area beginning in 1914 when Cecil B. DeMille filmed cattle on the "open range" at the H.J. Ranch between Keen Camp and Garner Valley for his silent film, "The Squaw Man."

A number of Westerns have been filmed at Garner Ranch in Garner Valley, including "Guns and Guitars" (1936), "Heading for the Range" (1936), "Springtime in the Rockies" (1937), "Brothers in the Saddle" (1949), "Riders of the Range" (1949) and "Storm Over Wyoming" (1950). Garner Ranch also stood in for exteriors of the hit TV show "Bonanza" starring Lorne Greene.

Idyllwild was used for the biker funeral scene from the 1966 film "The Wild Angels" and featured the exterior

of Silver Pines Lodge, renamed for the film the "Hillbilly Lodge."

Also noted in the exhibit are the many writers and film luminaries who have had homes here, including Charles Laughton and Elsa Lanchester, Raymond Chandler, Lucille Ball, Doris Day, Marjorie Main and Dinah Shore.

There is a large photo spread of Elvis Presley (yes, Elvis is in the house), since his 1962 musical "Kid Galahad" was filmed on location here and used locals as extras.

There is a visual nod to Herb Jeffries, longtime and much-loved Idyllwild celebrity, and his movies, including "The Bronze Buckaroo."

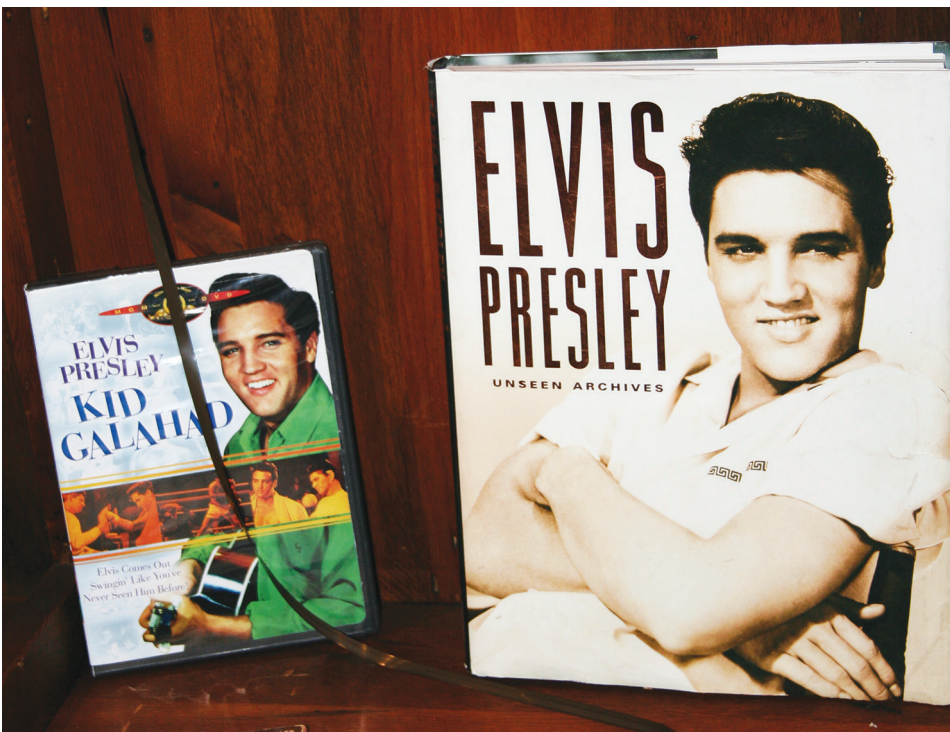
And finally, there is a hat-tip to Stephen Savage, who has used Idyllwild as a location for a number of his feature films including "Vertical," "Cosmic Radio" and "Legacy," and created IIFC to further promote his hometown.

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The Idyllwild Area Historical Society is currently featuring an exhibit chronicling the Idyllwild area's history as a film, television and video location site. As part of the exhibit, old movie equipment is on display, loaned by Frazier Drake and Don Zeigler.

Below: Elvis is in the house, at least on display at the Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum during the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema this week. This is part of a historical display on movies filmed in Idyllwild. PHOTOS BY MARSHALL SMITH



Grants for groups visiting

Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks are presenting a mini-grant field program.

Eligible educational groups will receive grants to help offset the costs of visiting the Idyllwild Nature Center.

Formal and non-formal educators, schools, youth organizations, adult continuing education programs, scout groups and community outreach groups are eligible.

For more information and to apply, contact Park Interpreter Amanda Allen at AmaAllen@rivcoparks.org or 951-659-3850.

Youth Explorers Programs

The first event in a series for Young Explorers Programs on the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument was held Sunday, Nov. 6. Three children attended the new "Story Hour" with their parents, and seven children participated in the new "Map and Compass Workshop" with their parents.

Young Explorers programs are held from 1 to 2 p.m. the Sundays of Feb. 5, March 5 and April 9.

To sign up for these programs, call 760-862-9984. RSVPs are required as space is limited.

Essay contest submissions open

Students enrolled in grades nine to 12 within the U.S. at public, private and home schools are eligible to submit 300- to 500-word essays on the following topic: "Why is it important for a democratic society to have women involved in professional media and legal roles? What can be done to reverse the dearth of females in these professions?"

The contest is sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists. If you know a great high school student, let them know that entries must be postmarked by Feb. 23. Check out the rules and regulations at <http://www.spj.org/a-hs.asp>.

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By Jack Clark
Contest Judge

Last week's photo was pretty easy — especially for me. It was of the double front doors of the Community Presbyterian Church on North Circle Drive across from the Town Crier. Other churches have double doors, and some folk entered a different church. But the rock work around these doors should have identified this particular church.

I received 13 correct entries from **Walt Bonneau Jr., Maurie Bousquet, Dave Hunt, Marsha Kennedy, Kris Kirschbaum, Shirley Kribs, Jim and Colleen Mettler, Chris Morse, Rue Pine, Peggy Roberts, Bob Schelly, Roger Wade and Emily White.** Thirteen names went in the hat. **Mandy Johnson** stirred them around and pulled out Chris Morse's, so he wins the \$25 Visa gift card, available through the courtesy of **June Rockwell and Jo'An's Restaurant and Bar** in the center of town. Please come to the Town Crier within 30 days to claim your prize, Chris. Now, this week's photo is a bit different.

Two new contest rules: You must: 1) Pick up your prize within 30 days of the date on the Town Crier issue that announces your win, and 2) bring with you that Town Crier issue that shows you won. OK? This really is not something we want to have to try to keep track of beyond that. Thanks!

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.



Art Alliance's new president is Zack Steinhaus

Board seeking two more directors

By JP CRUMRINE
News Editor

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild has announced its new slate of officers for 2017. Zack Steinhaus is the new president of the Board of Directors.

Shanna Robb, president for the past 19 months, stepped down as president to help train the new leadership team and assist with the transition. She will become treasurer.

"It is very lucky for us that Shanna is acting as a mentor to all of us, since most of us are new to this board," said Steinhaus.

The remaining officers and directors include Judy Hoyt, secretary; Jacque Swerdfeger and Martha Lumia, co-chairs of the membership committee; Rob Padilla, co-chair of the Gallery and Art Hot Spot committee; and Peter Szabadi.

Steinhuas said the 2017 calendar of events is nearly completed. "We will be posting the events that we will be holding for the first six months on our web site on Monday evening," he wrote in an email to the Town Crier.

Jerry Baccaire withdrew as a director prior to being

seated for health reasons. He plans to remain an active artist member.

The AAI bylaws allow the seven board members to proceed with business, but they will actively seek two more qualified candidates to fill the vacant openings on the board.

Interested members may submit their names at artinidyllwild@gmail.com.

"Instead of assigning the new Board members to a position, they will fill the two positions that we have open, on the Board in general. The members will then take on event chairs, of events that they are interested in," Steinhaus added. He is looking forward to Robb helping the new members lead the AAI.

During the 2016 calendar year, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit welcomed more than 80 new members and donated more than \$22,000 to other local art-focused organizations.

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Zack Steinhaus
FILE PHOTO

Art Alliance sponsoring fourth Under \$100 Art Fair

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, visitors to Idyllwild will be treated to local art that is all priced under \$100. Hosted by the Art Alliance of Idyllwild, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the fourth-annual Under \$100 Art Fair will feature 18 individual artist booths. Galleries and Art Hot Spots throughout town will also feature under-\$100 sections in their businesses.

The art fair aims to erase the stress and cost that often accompanies Valentine's Day. In addition to meeting the artists behind the creations being showcased, no one has to break their budget. Art mediums will include jewelry, paintings, photography, wood, carved eggs and much more.

Martha Lumia, event chair of the art fair, shared

that the event "offers buyers direct access to local art at an affordable cost." Held at the Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, it is walking distance to art galleries, inns, restaurants and locally owned retail establishments. Admission to the art fair is free.

In addition to Idyllwild being an art destination, Idyllwild has been named one of the "17 Coziest American Mountain Towns" by Expedia. Nestled among the pine trees and a short drive from the desert floor, visitors will instantly feel the charm of Idyllwild. The Deer Sightings project, an AAI public art installation of painted deer throughout the village, also is a must see.

AAI is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization that features art events throughout the year.

Quail help needed in Idyllwild

The James Reserve is conducting a research project in Idyllwild that is focused on quail. If you are interested in contributing to this project, the James is searching for assistance from town residents.

"The main contribution we hope to get from Idyllwilders is access to your private property to trap, band and release quail," said James Director Dr. Jennifer Gee. "Your help is especially valuable if you are already feeding birds/quail and if you see banded quail in your yard already. If you'd like to be a citizen scientist, we also appreciate if you could record your observations of banded quail."

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Call 951-827-6835 or email Team Quail at dmzonana@gmail.com.

Chess club at the library

Dick Goldberg and friends started a chess club that meets every Friday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this event at the Idyllwild Library.

Leaf Blower Exchange Program

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Mahjong Club at library

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



Mary Aebischer, head of the Department of Modern Languages at Idyllwild Arts Academy, spoke to the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation at its monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 9. Aebischer spoke about teaching, learning and creating an appreciation of multiple cultures through language instruction.
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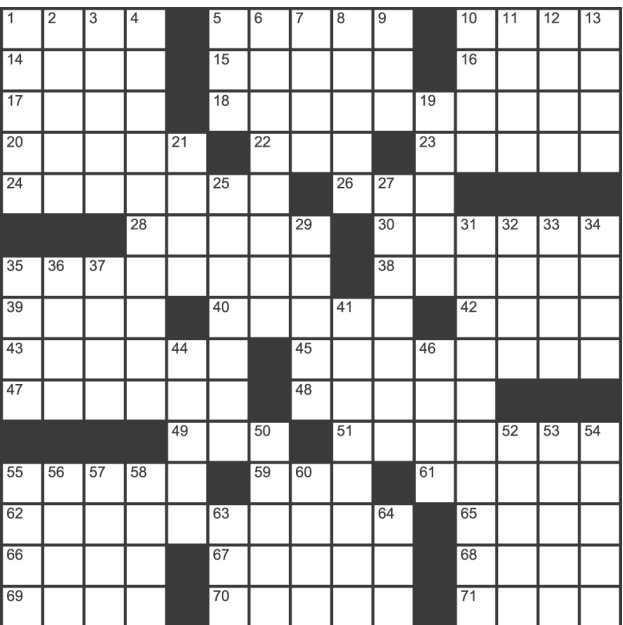
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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1. The "A" of ABM

5. Hillsides

10. First-rate

14. Oil source

15. American symbol

16. "O" in old radio lingo

17. Exactly (3 wds)

18. Calcium carbonate deposited by water

20. Basket material

22. Anger

23. Daisylike bloom

24. Run away

26. Blue

28. Cliffside dwelling

30. Apt

35. Reddish brown color

38. Unit of US currency

39. Carrot, e.g.
40. "All kidding -----"

42. Halo, e.g.

43. Back

45. Supreme legislative body

47. Gob

48. ____ pole

49. Fly catcher

51. Vomits

55. Clear, as a disk

59. Dusk, to Donne

61. Drudge

62. Old, noisy car

65. "Don't bet ____!" (2 wds)

66. ____ gin fizz

67. A saying attributed to Jesus

68. ____-Cola

69. Fill-in

70. Mound

71. Sky box?
- ber

2. Choker

3. Blue eyes or baldness, e.g.

4. Acted/spoke with others

5. "Wanna ____?"

6. Uncommon items

7. Biology lab supply

8. Little people

9. "Comprende?"

10. Little ones

11. Final notice

12. Corn ____

13. Merlin, e.g.

19. AM/FM device

21. Need a bath badly

25. Handle

27. Italian for "to the tooth"

29. Decree

31. Device that wakes you up

32. Bummed out

33. 1968 Chem-
- istry Nobel-ist Onsager

34. "-zoic" things

35. Bikini parts

36. Gift on "The Bachelor"

37. Bit

41. Large head-ed nail

44. Part of a spur

46. Catches on

50. Chance

52. Asian capital

53. Boot

54. Bristles

55. At one time, at one time

56. Rattling sound made while breathing

57. Bit

58. Increase, with "up"

60. "Cogito ____ sum"

63. ____ Grove Village, Ill.

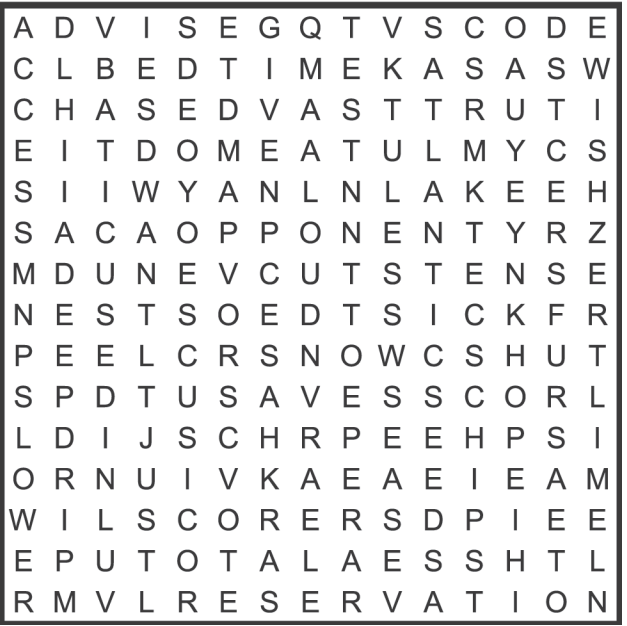
64. Amigo

DOWN

1. Cast mem-

WORD SEARCH

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| Access | Code | Lady | Reserva- tion | Team |
| Advise | Cuts | Lake | Saves | Tense |
| Aloud | Deep | Less | Seas | Test |
| Amuse | Dome | Lime | Score | Them |
| Ants | Drip | Luck | Seeds | Total |
| Asia | Dune | Maid | Share | Traps |
| Asks | Ease | Meets | Shut | Used |
| Atlantic | Eyes | Mere | Sick | Vary |
| Bedtime | Furs | Music | Sits | Vast |
| Can't | Given | Nests | Sits | Vote |
| Cats | Heel | Opponent | Slower | Want |
| Chased | Hope | Peel | Snow | Wish |
| Chips | Injure | Plus | Soap | Woven |
| Coconuts | Just | Rare | Such | |

SUDOKU

Difficulty: Medium

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Father's Day: Sunday, June 18
Father's Day paper: June 15
Advertising deadline: June 12

Fourth of July: Tuesday, July 4
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Advertising deadline: June 26

Grandparents' Day: Sunday, Sept. 10
Grandparents' Day paper: Sept. 7
Advertising deadline: Sept. 4

Boss' Day: Monday, Oct. 16
Boss' Day paper: Oct. 12
Advertising deadline: Oct. 9

Veterans Day: Saturday, Nov. 11
Veterans Day paper: Nov. 9
Advertising deadline: Nov. 6

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Advertising deadline: Nov. 20

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Year-Round: Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

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HOROSCOPES

January 2017 — Week 2



March 21 – April 19

Cool it, Aries. You've said far too much as it is. Some people have to learn the hard way. The chase for a collector's item begins. Go, go, go!



April 20 – May 20

Ask and you shall receive, Taurus. It is that simple this week. There are many yearning to help. A news report points you in a new direction.



May 21 – June 21

Watch it, Gemini. A young one's intentions are not clear. Proceed with caution. A memo sets forth a series of challenges. Preparation is key.



June 22 – July 22

The struggle continues at home. Perhaps it's time you turned to an outsider for help, Cancer. Some things are better left unsaid at the office.



July 23 – August 22

Eager beaver you may be, Leo, but that doesn't mean everyone else is. Listen to what others have to say and take their reservations seriously.



August 23 – September 22

Alas, Virgo, you are not alone. Others are feeling just as apprehensive as you are. Find out why and see if you can't come up with some sort of compromise.



September 23 – October 22

The pace is picking up, Libra. Time to clear your schedule and get down to business. A frank discussion turns you on to a brand-new hobby.



October 23 – November 21

Rats, Scorpio. Friends you were counting on bail, leaving you in a lurch. Fortunately, someone you least expect will come to your rescue.



November 22 – December 21

Sweet Sagittarius. You rarely say no, and too many people know that fact and take advantage of it. You come first this week. Say no and mean it!



December 22 – January 19

Financial matters persist, but luckily for you, a mentor is there with a word of advice. Listen carefully, Capricorn. They've been there, done that.



January 20 – February 18

There is plenty to go around. Stop being so greedy, Aquarius. A challenge is presented. Go for it, if you dare. A friend makes a rare appearance.



February 19 – March 20

Some risks are worth taking, even in your personal life, Pisces. Cast aside your fears and take a leap of faith. It will work out to your benefit.

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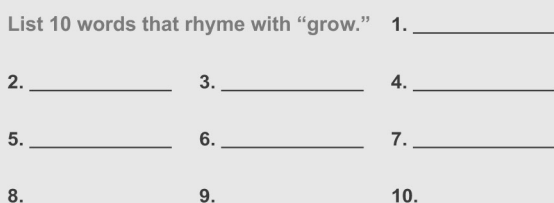
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Drawing by: Ernie Maxwell

Name That Birthstone

- 1) AME __ YS __
- 2) __ IAM __ ND
- 3) P __ R __ DO __
- 4) G __ RN __ T
- 5) EM __ R __ LD
- 6) __ UBY
- 7) SA __ HI __ E

(May), 6) Ruby (July), 7) Sapphire (September)



Some answers: blow, bow, dough, flow, glow, hoe, low, mow, no, row

A: Because it's too hard to put them on the bottom.



- 1) Neapolitan combines vanilla, chocolate and cherry ice cream flavors. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 2) Sheet cakes have more than one layer. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 3) Vanilla is the most popular flavor of ice cream. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) Some birthday cakes have ice cream in them. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) Mint chocolate chip ice cream is red. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) All birthday cakes are made with flour. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Rocky road ice cream has marshmallows. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) Some birthday cakes have fillings. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) The number of candles on a birthday cake usually equals the number of years the birthday boy or girl has lived plus five more for good luck. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) If the birthday boy or girl blows out all of the candles on their cake, they will get what they wished for according to tradition. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fiction, Neapolitan comes vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream, 2) Fiction, sheet cakes have one layer, 3) Fact, 4) Fact, 5) Fiction, mint chocolate chip ice cream is usually green, 6) Fiction, there are recipes for making birthday cakes without flour, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fiction, usually it's one more candle for good luck, 10) Fact



The Idyllwild School Spelling Bee on Dec. 1 shows the students nervously awaiting their word. The winners went to the Hemet Unified School Districtwide Spelling Bee on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

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KIRSTEN INGBRETSEN



At left: **Mei Li Stroud** (left), grade 5, was the elementary school spelling bee winner and the alternate was fourth grader **Martina Navarrete Urrutia** (right). Both girls are shown with their families.



Preston Pino passes to **Zack Gray** during an Idyllwild Middle School basketball game last week. The San Jacinto Valley Academy team won the game.
PHOTO BY AMY RIGHETTI

At right: Idyllwild artist **Terry French** (left) receives thanks and an official Rotary mug from Idyllwild Rotary President Pro Tem **Roland Gaebert** at the weekly Rotary meeting Jan. 4. French spoke about her art, recently focusing on paintings of pets on rocks.



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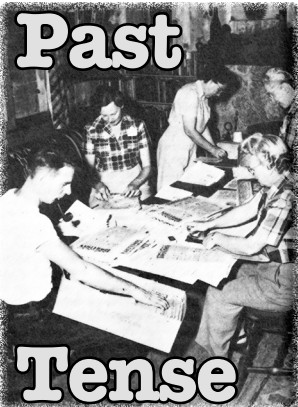
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70 years ago - 1947
Pop Groom leased land above Pine Cove where Haigh and Weller were logging for a winter sports area.

65 years ago - 1952
The State Riding and Hiking Trail project again stalled due to right-of-way difficulties. The trail may be rerouted elsewhere.

60 years ago - 1957
Janet Froehlich was engaged to Bill Riley of Hemet. Janet had worked for two summers with the Town Crier.

55 years ago - 1962
Town Hall was at almost full capacity for use, according to Chamber President Clarence Bishop.

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Eight parachutes were purchased from war surplus and installed in the elementary school multipurpose room to help muffle the clatter.

• • •
Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Connally of Scottsdale purchased Rocky Rill Lodge from Frances Knox. They planned to use it for a vacation home for their large family.



Game Warden **Bill Jolley Jr.** shows movie star **Richard Arlen** where to plant trout in the North Fork of the San Jacinto River in about 1951.
FILE PHOTO

50 years ago - 1967
Conforming with new postal regulations, Town Crier started mailing out-of-town papers by zip code number. Previously, mailed copies had been bundled alphabetically by towns.

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The Hemet Unified School District asked Doris Hunt for a description of the work she did as elementary school secretary. "It's totally impossible to tell you what I do," she said, as she mentioned coping with snakes, dogs, rabbits, bloody noses, skinned knees, tears, etc.

45 years ago - 1972
Plans for a 253-unit mobile home park on 40 acres in the Tahquitz Lake Estates area generated opposition from several nearby property owners.

40 years ago - 1977
At the end of 1976, the six-months' total rainfall amounted to 14.91 inches. The previous year's Dec. 31 figure was 7 inches.

35 years ago - 1982
Three U.S. Forest Service officers spoke at Idyllwild's Izaak Walton League meeting about plans under-

way in San Bernardino County to prevent destruction of urban and mountain developments due to forest fire.

30 years ago - 1987
More than 3,900 homes and businesses were left without electricity for a day in the aftermath of the year's first winter storm.

25 years ago - 1992
A three-day storm dumped 2 feet of snow on the Hill.

20 years ago - 1997
Four months after the Tree Monument

was taken down for extensive restoration, it was lifted by crews and returned to its base.

15 years ago - 2002
A group of private developers announced plans to build a \$3 million private resort and spa complex near the center of Idyllwild.

10 years ago - 2007
Three separate traffic collisions all occurred at the same spot on the same day, just a few hours apart on Highway 74 just west of McCall Park Road.

5 years ago - 2012
The Lawler Fire, which started Jan. 8, burned about 14 acres within the San Jacinto Ranger District of the San Bernardino National Forest near the area of Eagles Nest.

1 year ago - 2016
On Jan. 12, Highway 243 remained closed between Idyllwild and Pine Cove, and Caltrans had no estimate of when the highway would re-open to traffic. A boulder fell onto the highway late Jan. 10 at Deadman's Curve, which resulted in the road's closure.

CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats discussed their wishes for the new year.

George: Hey Sadie, what's wrong with you? You look a little down.



George

Sadie: Guess I'm missing Olivia and Leia. It's not the same here without them.

Bobbie: I wonder if they are missing us.

Mr. Gray: I doubt it. They're probably spending time in a warm lap or snuggled up in front of a fireplace.

George: Probably so. I'd like to curl up on a rug in front of a fireplace. It sounds heavenly.

Bobbie: You'd look good in the fire light, with your orange hair all aglow.

Mr. Gray: I think I'd look good on someone's lap, someone I trust.

Pepper: I'm with you, Gray. I won't sit on just anyone's lap. The human has to be patient and kind.



Pepper

Bobbie: Well, Grace and I are a little easier to please.

Mr. Gray: How's that?

Grace: I think she's saying she and I will take any opportunity to jump onto any welcoming lap.

Bobbie: Yeah. Why make them wait to give us love?

Mr. Gray: Well, that's you. I think the rest of us are just a little more particular. That's all.

Pepper: More particular, yes, but just as hopeful for a forever home.

Bobbie: We're all on the same page when it comes to that.

Pepper: Yes, we are. Forever homes, forever happiness.

Whose home needs a warm, purring four-legged? 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. Check us out online at: www.IdyllwildArf.com

In honor of Marie.



Sadie



Mr. Gray



Grace

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Submittal forms may be picked up at the Town Crier, or email becky@towncrier.com. Event charges may apply.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

• Student Theme Show, "Paradox," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

• Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

• Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard Building.

Thursday, Jan. 12

• Joseph Campbell video, "The Path of the Heart: Parzival and the Grail Quest," 10 a.m.-noon. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

• Student Theme Show, "Paradox," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

• Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, 10:15 a.m.-10 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge; 11 a.m.-9:55 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

• Mahjong Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, Jan. 13

• Student Theme Show, "Paradox," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

• Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge; noon-10 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

• Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• "Corks & Color," Adult Coloring Book Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m.; Joe Baldino, 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

• Forest Folk Potluck, 5 p.m.; Movie Night, "A Beautiful Mind," 6:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

• Peter Curtis, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

Saturday, Jan. 14

• Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, 10 a.m.-9:45 p.m. Rustic Theatre; 12:30-8:45 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge.

• Student Theme Show, "Paradox," noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

• Children's Film Festival, 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Don & Dennis Reed, 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Sunday, Jan. 15

• English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition, 1-5 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

• Jazz night, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

• Music Department Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

• Fireside Book Club, 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Fundraiser for Hunter Perales, 4-8 p.m. La Casita.

• Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard Building.

Thursday, Jan. 19

• Joseph Campbell video, "Beyond Space and Time: The Romantic Philosophers," 10 a.m.-noon. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

• Mahjong Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, Jan. 20

• Chess Club, 2-5 p.m.

Idyllwild Library.

• "Corks & Color," Adult Coloring Book Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m.; Luca Jacaruso, 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

• Visual Arts Junior Show Opening Reception, 6-7:30 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, Jan. 21

• Visual Arts Junior Show, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

• Jac Jacaruso, 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Monday, Jan. 23

• Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Chinese New Year," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

• Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Music Department Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.

• Jazz night, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

Steele T6 at Kapalua

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele posted a 15-under-par 72-67-67-71 — 277 at the SBS Tournament of Champions in Kapalua, Maui, last week to earn a tie for sixth place in an exclusive 32-player field composed of PGA Tour winners during the past year. The native Idyllwilder posted

only 6 bogeys against 19 birdies and an eagle.

He found almost 60 percent of fairways with drives averaging 288 yards, the longest being a whopping 398-yard drive on the par-4 7th hole Sunday, and he hit more than 77 percent of the greens in regulation. He gained a heavy 3,421 strokes against the field in the approach-to-the-green category and managed to

gain 1.317 strokes putting while still needing 1.8 putts per green.

Brendan will pass on this week's Sony Open in Hawaii, but will play next week in the \$5.8 million Careerbuilder Challenge in La Quinta. Why not plan to go down and follow him around the course one day while he's in our backyard?

Jack Clark can be reached at jack@towncrier.com.



President **Theresa Teel** (left) welcomes Dr. **M.P. Wylie**, who was inducted to Soroptimist International of Idyllwild at the club's Wednesday, Jan. 4, business meeting.
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