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A new take on 'Hamlet'

Last weekend, Idyllwild Arts Academy drama students presented "Who's There? The re-imagining of Hamlet?" PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

Propane prices steady as winter season ends

Forecast to be higher next winter

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Editor's Note: The winter heating season historically runs October through March. This ends our review of Hill propane prices for the winter of 2016-17.
Propane price have held steady over the last two weeks. The spot (point-of-production) price is down from \$0.733 per gallon two weeks ago to \$0.628 as of Monday, March 6 (price reporting from national agencies is delayed one week).
Residential delivery prices have held steady, with minor reductions. The national average is down from \$2.447 per gallon two weeks ago to
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Fire budget cuts not received with acclaim

Board has budget problem and no easy solutions

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Editor's note: Last week, the Town Crier reported on the proposed savings options that the county's Fire Chief John Hawkins would present to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors at its March 7 meeting.
In order to find nearly \$12 million of saving, Hawkins presented several steps, including imposing a fee for emergency medical services, closing Station 63 in Poppet Flats, and employing more two-person medic squads in place of three-person engines in rural and outlying areas (such as Garner Valley).
The immediate response from the supervisors was neither enthusiastic nor complacent toward accepting Hawkins' proposals. County Executive Jay Orr introduced the presentation and explained its intent. "We see clouds on the horizon and increased communication with the

board is needed to have their direction."
The county faces several other major budget demands in the next few years, such as the new jail in Indio, changes to the Affordable Care Act and the state returning in-home support services to counties.
President John Tavaglione (District 2) explained the board's position. "We have to look at all of the options; but \$100 million [in more expenses] scares the hell out of me. We have to prepare ourselves for the worst ... we've always been dedicated to the support of the public's safety and will continue to be, but it's tough to balance the budget."
Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington was concerned about several of the possible options. "We have to tweak several proposals, which are unacceptable."
As he began discussing the options, Hawkins said directly, "This is a balancing act and clearly important. It involves public safety and a very serious budget gap."
Implementing the two-person medic squads would have caps, according to Hawkins. In outlying areas, the maximum number of annual

calls will be 730. If the unit has more, the department will return it to a three-person engine. One of the four medic squads would be stationed at Station 53 in Garner Valley.
Generally, closing Station 63 was viewed negatively, with some apprehension.
In discussing the Station 63 closure, Hawkins said, "We really don't want to recommend this; but at Station 63, Poppet Flats, the call load is low." Supervisor Marion Ashley (District 5) indicated he would not support this action.
During the public-comment period, several Poppet Flat residents came to speak in opposition of the station's closure.
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries (District 1) spoke directly in opposition to the cuts in the Fire Department's budget. While he offered several alternatives, his concern was the process and the board's apparent priorities. He firmly stated that he was discouraged that the board was considering cuts to the fire department "before we talk about cutting anyone else that's not public safety ... I believe this board should prioritize services that are most critical to provide protection first ... We need to explore other alternatives before the June vote."

Indivisibles hear from elected officials staff

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild Indivisibles met again Monday, March 6, this time at Buckhorn Camp. At this meeting, guests from Sen. Dianne Feinstein's and Rep. Dr. Raul Ruiz's staffs spoke. Also speaking on how to build bridges between differing opinions were locals Dave Dillon and Mary Morse.
Andy Colgan attended on behalf of Ruiz. While he did not take any direct questions, he did state that Ruiz was trying to schedule a meeting in the Idyllwild area later this spring or year. He also mentioned that Ruiz has been appointed to the House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, which has jurisdiction over some of the health-care legislation.

To the people attending, Colgan said, "These groups are all over the district. The enthusiasm is really great."
Next, Peter Muller, deputy state director for Feinstein, spoke to the group about how to become more involved and engaged in the political process. He also noted the "commitment of people to be involved, I've never seen before. It's really encouraging."
In response to a question, Muller stated that a letter, facsimile or phone call are all treated the same. Collectively, they send a message to the recipient.
The presentations from Dillon and Morse were the substantive portion of the meeting. In different ways, they addressed the issue of how to bridge the opinion gap between people in order to reach co-

operation and achieve local goals.
Dillon's Government 101 was titled "The Three D's: Debate, Dialogue and Deliberation." While debate can be healthy, Dillon noted that its result is a "winner and loser." Its purpose is advocacy. Discussion is a communication style. There can be pros and cons, but the result is typically no action.
But deliberation leads to a decision based on the facts and finding common goals. Its result is integration. This occurs from assessing and evaluating together the options, and finding places of possible joint action.
Morse, from Idyllwild's Spiritual Mountain Retreat, also spoke to communication styles and how different styles can impede or promote building a bridge.
"One of the most important

things we can do is listen — deep listening," she emphasized. This is the means to compassion for others and understanding their truths, she stated.
Noting that creativity is the border between chaos and order was where Morse ended.
Before the meeting ended, there was a brief discussion of the possibility that the group might revive the annual Earth Fair in Idyllwild as one of its projects.
From II's Facebook page: "Idyllwild Indivisible is a concerned group of locals dedicated to the advancement of sustainable economic, environmental, and social justice."
At the conclusion, Janice Murasko announced that the next meeting would be 6 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Town Hall.

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Last week, **Buzz Holmes** (left) was the speaker at the Idyllwild Rotary Club meeting. Holmes has been the music teacher at Idyllwild School for more than two generations of students, as well as being the artistic director of the Idyllwild Master Chorale. He receives a thank you from President **Roland Gaebert**.

PHOTO BY CHUCK WEISBART



The Mountain Community Patrol's annual installation dinner was held last Thursday the Silver Pines Lodge. It was highlighted by a dinner by Gary's Gourmet Catering. Back row, from left, are Co-Vice President **Tom Pierce**, President **Jon Engel**, **John Edminston**, **Bob Rahman**, **Reba Coulter** and **Marilyn Kemple**. Middle row, from left, are **Marlene Pierce**, **Rush Strong**, Member at Large **Mel Goldfarb** (slightly behind), Co-Vice President **Judi Milin**, **Dottie Goldfarb**, **Giesla Stearns** (slightly behind), Secretary **Barbara Jones**, **Art Mason** (slightly behind), Member at Large **Dan Maring** and **Barbara Maring**. Front row, from left, are **Elaine Rahman**, **Linda Justin**, **Denise Edminston**, Treasurer **Annamarie Padula**, **Lou Padula** and **Bob Edwards**.

PHOTO BY TOM PIERCE



Matilda Terry received the Rotary Club's seventh-grade Citizen of the Year award from **Scott Fisher** at a recent meeting. She is the daughter of **Shane Terry** and **Wendi Strebe** of Idyllwild.

PHOTO BY THOM WALLACE



Bob (shown) and **Elaine Rahman** received the Members of the Year award from Mountain Community Patrol.

PHOTO BY TOM PIERCE



Idyllwild School students took advantage of last week's Book Fair to buy new reading material before summer arrives.

PHOTO BY AMY RIGHETTI



Storytime on Monday, March 13, at the Idyllwild Library was about Ireland and St. Patrick's Day. In the picture, **Mary Zimmerman** (right) and **Susan Righetti** instruct their enthusiastic charges in the fine art of dancing an Irish jig.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH



Besides books and reading material, Thursday night offered Idyllwild School parents dinner for Family Night.

PHOTO BY AMY RIGHETTI

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 3/15

71/39

Mostly sunny.

Thursday 3/16

72/40

Sunny.

Friday 3/17

73/40

Sunny.

Saturday 3/18

71/41

Sunny.

Sunday 3/19

66/40

Mostly sunny.

Monday 3/20

60/37

Slight chance of rain.

Tuesday 3/21

48/33

Chance of rain.

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

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
03/07	62	31	0.00	0.0	
03/08	69	37	0.00	0.0	
03/09	70	37	0.00	0.0	
03/10	70	37	0.00	0.0	
03/11	72	37	0.00	0.0	
03/12	72	38	0.00	0.0	
03/13	76	41	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
03/07	36	31	0.01	0.0	
03/08	50	22	0.67	0.0	
03/09	62	31	0.00	0.0	
03/10	66	34	0.00	0.0	
03/11	55	36	0.00	0.0	
03/12	47	31	0.70	1.0	
03/13	56	30	0.00	0.0	

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 28.25
To date last season (Idy): 22.88
Total last season (Idy): 25.96
To date this season (PC): 36.71
Total last season (PC): 25.16

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 31.3
To date last season (Idy): 17.5
Total last season (Idy): 17.5
To date this season (PC): 50.7
Total last season (PC): 31.0

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.

The meadow at Idyllwild Arts Academy on a warm, sunny Tuesday afternoon.

PHOTO BY MANDY JOHNSON

MAST hears about snow problems, too

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The wet winter does not alleviate fire season, it simply creates different threats, Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins said during the March meeting of the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce.

Grasses dry and die quickly during low rain and drought periods, which creates fire threats. Rain and snow encourage the growth of tall and abundant grasses, which when they die poses another type of fire threat.

But fire threats were a small portion of the MAST meeting last week. Marsha Kennedy, Idyllwild resident, spoke to the collected agencies about the mounting concern of the damage and danger inflicted upon local residents from the number of people who come to the Hill to play in the snow following the recent storms.

Kennedy emphasized that a place with adequate parking, food concessions and snow is what these visitors are seeking. Unfortunately, in the absence of a specific snow-play site, strangers to town are trespassing on private property, creating damage and often parking illegally, posing a danger for emergency vehicles that have difficulty passing the crowded and sometimes blocked streets.

“They’re just looking for places to enjoy the snow and a place to park,” she lamented to the attendees. Unfortunately, in their passion to enjoy the snow, they often become unwelcome and rude visitors — trespassing, ignoring or threatening property owners, and leaving trash scattered in the winter wonderland they seek.

One of her suggestions was better signage for Humber Park, which is in the U.S. Forest Service’s domain. More specific signs about the availability of parking or

no parking might discourage drivers from using Fern Valley Road. Frustrated with no available parking lot, they often park along Fern Valley Road, nearly eliminating passage for residents or emergency vehicles.

“The Humber Park signs basically are misleading and not applicable to snow visitors. This contributes to the Fern Valley problems,” she said and suggested more effective signage, such as “No snow parking” or “Not snow plowed.”

Kennedy said her group realizes these visitors cannot be prohibited or discouraged from coming to Idyllwild. The snow-capped peaks, glistening in the bright winter sun, are a strong attraction for valley and coastal residents.

In a survey she conducted, restaurants acknowledged they benefit from additional business, but “it wasn’t across the board,” she stated. “They are here for the day to play in snow, not to buy a cabin.”

California Highway Patrol Officer Mike Murawski said it is difficult to cover the whole mountain with limited staff. The deputies do try to warn people not to park along roads and the highways. After 15 or 20 minutes, they will write citations, but “they don’t have the manpower to stay all day.”

The Sheriff’s Department should be called about trespassing offenses, he noted. If available, they can come and speak to the offenders. Local residents should avoid a direct confrontation.

Kennedy appreciated the feedback and plans a community meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Nature Center.

Regarding fire issues, Edwina Scott, executive director of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, said the progress has been made on work to revise the Com-

munity Wildfire Protection Plan. Also MCFSC, has some limited funding to help residents remove trees killed from bark-beetle infestations.

However, she expressed disappointment in the small attendance at the January MCFSC public meeting. Despite years of drought, only recently changed, enthusiasm for fire protection seems to be waning, Scott said with despair.

Supporting her, MCFSC President Norm Walker said his experience suggests that the abundant rain will help grass grow throughout the summer. “People don’t like to do abatement knowing they’ll have to do it again,” he said.

“Inspections are the key,” responded Hawkins, who urged finding more ways to increase public awareness of the fire threats.

Pine Cove resident Marge Muir noted, “There’s a tremendous influx of new people. You have to go back to more thorough inspections.”

Riverside County Fire has three priorities this spring, Hawkins said. Fuel abatement, either fuelbreaks or broadcast burning, is number one.

The other two are enforcement of Public Resources Code section 4291, for defensible space, and being prepared to respond.

In other business, Mark Moreau of the CC&R said, “There are no operational changes at the Transfer Station. Residents can bring pine needles to the Transfer Station at no charge.”

Lisa Thompson of the county’s Waste Management Department, reported that they are working to establish a hazardous waste collection at the grinding station. This may be accomplished later this spring, she added.

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Obituary Janice Oates Krueger 1925-2017

Janice Oates Krueger, 91, former long-time Idyllwild resident, died Sunday, March 5, 2017, in Auburn, from complications of aging and Alzheimers disease.



She was born June 19, 1925, in Oakland, and spent most of her childhood in Elsinore. Her paternal grandfather, John Hanson, was a cattle rancher in Tulare County, where, as a little girl, Janice spent some of her summers fishing and having fun with her sister Jacqueline, brother John, and various cousins and relatives.

In the early 1940s, as a teenager, Jan spent several summers in Idyllwild, working as a waitress at the original Idyllwild Inn. While working at the inn, she shared a cabin at the old Gasoline Alley property with another girl and met her future husband, Robert (Bob) Oates, whose family owned a vacation cabin on Fern Valley Road.

After she attended high school at Elsinore High, Janice and Robert were married in 1943 and resided in the Glendale area, where their three sons, Ron, Robin and Tim, were born. In addition to taking care of her family, Jan worked part-time as a model during those early family years.

While building a vacation home in Fern Valley in 1959, Bob and Jan decided to move to Idyllwild permanently, where they subsequently purchased and remodeled the “Alpine Building” in Fern Valley Corners, where Jan opened and operated the Alpine Pantry restaurant during the 1960s.

Janice loved interior design and in the 1970s, began working as an interior decorator in Orange County where she met her second husband, real estate broker Jack Krueger. After retiring, they lived for a number of years in Auburn and then Encinitas.

Beloved mother, grandmother and wonderful friend to all who knew her, Jan’s caring and selfless manner made everyone she came in contact with feel special. She always knew the perfect little something that would make a birthday or Christmas meaningful, and started many family traditions that will live on for generations.

Her family has the gift of daily journals she wrote for many years, ensuring that her thoughts and love of family will never disappear.

Predeceased by her husband Jack Krueger, she is survived by her three sons, Ronald (Linda) Oates of Newcastle, Robin (Sarah) Oates of Idyllwild and Timothy (Jackie) Oates of Irvine; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and sister Geraldine Duncan of Rohnert Park.

Pine Cove Water District is building cash reserves

Water reserves coming in spring

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While its wells may be slowly recovering, the Pine Cove Water District has seen its reserves climb this winter.

At the board’s March 8 meeting, General Manager Jerry Holldber proudly noted that since December, cash has increased about \$70,000 to \$270,000 at the end of February.

While the groundwater level for some of its wells has begun to rise, static well (no. 10) remained at 150 feet below ground level.

“Give it time. I estimate around May or June we’ll see it rise,” Holldber told the board. “Throughout the summer, I believe it will rise 30 to 40 feet over the next six to eight months.”

When asked if the district might be able to reduce its water emergency stage from 2 to 1, Holldber replied that Gov. Jerry Brown’s guidelines still require mandatory

conservation.

Although PCWD is in a Stage 2 water emergency, Holldber emphasized “... we’re not penalizing the people. We still charge Stage 1 [water] rates.”

President Robert Hewitt added, “I expected to pull out of Stage 2, but apparently that’s not a choice for us.”

In February, PCWD customers used about 2 million gallons of water, which was 110,000 gallons less than February 2016. This also is about 500,000 gallons less than February 2013, the baseline month for the State Water Resources Control Board’s monitoring of water savings.

Inspection of the PCWD’s storage tanks has been completed, Holldber told the board. He plans to develop a plan to implement any needed repairs during fiscal year 2017-18.

Also, Ordinance 9, which sets water policy, is still being revised. A draft ordinance may be distributed to the board and the public in the next month, according to Hewitt.

The Board unanimously approved Resolution 521 setting June 14 as the date for a public hearing on stand-by fees for next fiscal year, which begins July 1. There are no changes in the rates, which have been \$30 per acre for many years, Holldber said.

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Bighorn Sheep featured at library
Desert Big Horn Sheep with Mark Jorgensen, author of “Desert Bighorn Sheep: Wilderness Icon,” will give an informative talk on the Desert Bighorn Sheep from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the Idyllwild Library.

The free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library.

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.

A letter from Chad Schelly

This week I had my first encounter with a vicious dog. We were talking with a lady in her front yard when a dog came out of the house and started barking at me aggressively. We literally have 632,547 dogs bark at us every hour so at first I didn’t think anything of it. This dog’s bite was bigger than his bark. I backed away from it, dodging its lunges until two kids in the street threw rocks at it and pretty much saved my life. I got away with limited bloodshed on my ankle.

Despite the vicious dog attacks I love my life as a missionary. It’s hard and I’m literally exhausted but it’s all so worth it. I’m happy. I’ve been recognizing how applicable the gospel of Jesus Christ is for every single person. I have yet to find someone who has conveyed a challenge or expressed a doubt that can’t be overcome or resolved though the message that we have the blessing to share. I hope to become the kind of missionary that can help people recognize the blessings that are waiting for them if they ACT upon 5 simple principles.

1. Faith in Jesus Christ
2. Repentance
3. Baptism
4. Receive the Holy Ghost
5. Endure to the End.

I love all of you guys!!! I love being a missionary. I love the gospel of Jesus Christ and I’m eternally grateful for the opportunity to focus all of my energy sharing this gospel for two years.


Enjoy spring while I enjoy Autumn!

Elder Schelly,
Guaymallen Argentina (chad.schelly@myldsmail.net)



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OPINION

Enablers of the enemy

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By TOM NEWTON
CNPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Newspapers and media are the “enemy of the people,” according to the president.

Well, if that's the case, then my colleagues and I in Sacramento have apparently been running the Enemy of the People's trade association: the California Enemy Association. We must be part of the problem. Who knew?

Because we all can change, and because no one of good conscience really wants to exist solely to support the Enemy of the People (EoP), perhaps we should re-examine some of the efforts of the California Newspaper Publishers Association to see what course corrections staff can suggest to the board of directors.

One of my mentors — Hal Fuson, formerly with the Copley Press — liked to say, “That drink is in us” after something bad happened, especially if the bad thing was a result of something we did wrong or failed to do at all. As we examine CNPA's efforts over the years, we may find that many of the bad things the industry and its association poured its heart into are indeed “in us” and won't be so easy to evacuate.

Take the whole Freedom of Information thing.

Over 60 years ago, the EoP got fed up with local government bodies making decisions behind closed doors and helped to pass the Brown Act. Stronger now than ever, the law presumes folks have a right to know what's at stake in the local sphere before it's decided and gives the public the right to be in the room and be heard when the action starts. Exceptions are narrow and based on damn good reasons.

This law is now over 65,000 words and could be tough to eradicate, especially after CNPA spent four long years putting this evil sentence into the state's constitution: The people have the right of access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business, and, therefore, the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies shall be open to public scrutiny. Oy.

Rolling toward hell, the Enemy of the People, through the evil agent Riverside Press-Enterprise, went to the U.S. Supreme Court twice in a decade to establish courts as open and public institutions. In cases simply known as Press-Enterprise I and Press-Enterprise II, the high court ruled that judges in criminal proceedings can't routinely close their doors to shut out the public. CNPA worked hard decades later to extend these principles to civil proceedings and court records. CNPA's evil EoP members have had to run into court several times this year to remind judges that these bad principles still exist.

In 1968, CNPA helped establish the California Public Records Act, and the Enemy of the People has been trying to fix and “improve” it ever since. It's been deployed to obtain the exact salaries of public officials and employees, expose the managers in places like the City of Bell and illuminate the pension system and its abuses. It's been used to uncover death, destruction and mayhem; and to report the cost of the park's new gazebo. This year's sins include trying to eliminate delay in processing records requests and correct for the recent phenomenon of “reverse CPRA cases.”

It goes on and on with this stuff about the right to know and the right to speak. In the early 1990s, the EoP and CNPA helped enact the nation's first Anti-SLAPP law, and it's still one of the strongest. The law helps people with something to say from being bullied into silence by abusive and meritless lawsuits. The EoP's trade association has fought back bills to criminalize libel, helped

Nature Center visitors’ garbage

EDITOR:

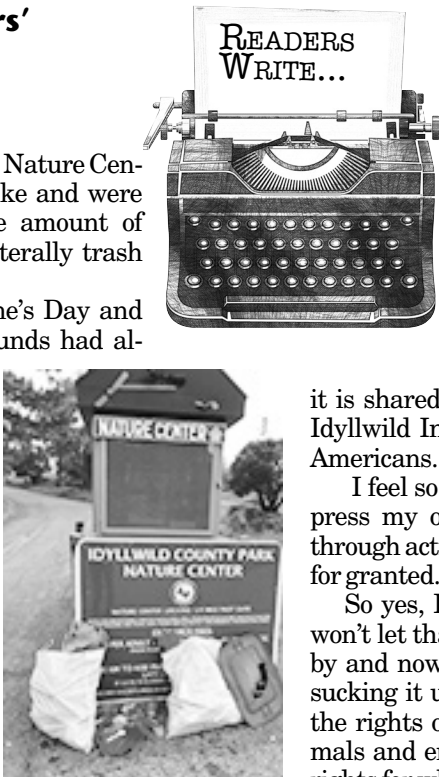
My family and I went to the Nature Center in early February for a hike and were absolutely devastated by the amount of garbage on site. There was literally trash every few feet.

We went back on Valentine's Day and did a clean-up hike. The grounds had already been cleaned a great deal, but we still picked up four large bags of garbage, including broken sleds, gloves, beverage bottles, food packaging, diapers, dog waste bags, etc.

Attached is an image of two of the four bags we collected. We wanted to share the image with the paper/town. To have our community Nature Center treated as a trash dump by visitors is beyond words.

I'm wondering if there is an action plan started for the future — perhaps a “Leave No Trace” campaign and additional garbage cans?

CATHERINE DONOVAN
IDYLLWILD



Positive outweighs the negative

EDITOR:

After reading of the latest racist crime of the shooting of two men from India, I was interested to read the three negative letters attacking the positive non-violent group who are trying to find peaceful solutions to the hatred, violence and injustice fostered by elements in our current administration.

Fortunately, the positive in our community outweigh the negative who can only use weak arguments and, in one case, resort to name calling.

DIANN COATE
IDYLLWILD

Indivisibles honor the Constitution

EDITOR:

As I read Ian Tober's letter last week, I had to smile. Ian's accusation that I and those involved in Idyllwild Indivisible are un-American because true Americans support legally elected government and their country, was fairly ironic. What makes America so very special is the right and the duty of every citizen, on some level, to take an active role to hold his or her government accountable.

By taking action to preserve and protect our environment, our economy and social justice, Idyllwild Indivisible members and I are supporting the ideals of our government and country.

Our forefathers took great care in crafting a Constitution that would allow for and invite citizens' involvement. After all, that is what democracy is all about. What Idyllwild Indivisible is doing is honoring our forefathers and the Constitution they crafted.

“Amendment 1: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

Our actions and the actions of millions of citizens to-

to pass the Journalist's Shield Law (and fixed it when it broke) and passed the nation's strongest protections for student journalists.

Like a drug addict, we can't seem to get enough of this stuff. We mistakenly thought protecting the right to “tell it all” was also protecting the public's right to “know it all.” Perhaps we were wrong and we should all wait to be told by those on high what to think, what to say and what to do.

Tom Newton is the Executive Director of the 128-year-old California Newspaper Publishers Association. CNPA fights to protect the interests of its over 1,300 daily, weekly and student newspaper members and all their digital offerings.



day are petitioning the government for a redress of grievances. These grievances are with the treatment and mishandling of health care, immigration, women's rights, the environment and the economy, to name a few. Being an American citizen does not mean being a spectator, watching perceived injustice.

Civil rights leader Barbara Jordan said it so well when she said, “Let each person do his or her part. If one citizen is unwilling to participate, all of us are going to suffer. For the American idea, though it is shared by all of us, is realized in each one of us.”

Idyllwild Indivisible members are the epitome of good Americans.

I feel so blessed to live in a country where I may express my opinion in the voting booth, on paper and through action, and I pledge to never take my citizenship for granted.

So yes, Ian, we have chosen to “suck it up,” but we won't let that be the end of it. For too long we stood idly by and now we see the results of our inaction. We are sucking it up and proudly moving forward to stand for the rights of our country's men, women, children, animals and environment. And Ian, you never know. The rights for which we stand just might be yours.

JANICE MURASKO
PINE COVE

A history lesson

EDITOR:

The United States of America is a country formed by civil unrest, so the division this country is currently experiencing should not be unexpected. In a letter to the editor last week, someone placed the blame of today's unrest and division on those who dare to challenge the “majority,” in this case the “majority” who elected the president.

History lesson: Civil unrest is the impetus of change and evolution in a country, in particular, our country. Do any of these movements, which created the landscape of America, ring a bell?

- Tax reform, beginning with the Boston Tea Party
- The American Revolution, which gave us our Declaration of Independence
- The Abolition Movement
- Women's Rights Movement
- Labor Movement (fair workplace practices and protection)
- Civil Rights Movement (Civil Rights Act of 1964)
- Gay Rights

The United States has continually, on one level or another, been divided. But that is what democracy is all about. Democracy gives citizens the right to stand and fight for their beliefs. Working for change is not always pretty, but someone has to do it.

To expect the minority to give it up and march in step with the rest is frightening. Again, take a lesson from history; that time in Europe when falling into step spurred a worldwide demonstration. Those who fail to remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

ELAINE BACHER
IDYLLWILD

It's clear who is more rationale

EDITOR:

We couldn't help but notice that, in the selection of letters regarding Idyllwild Indivisible, there were two discrete types of correspondence.

The letters from members or their associates were literate, considered and dispassionate, and addressed the issues in a rational manner.

Those from what we assume are their opponents showed the subtle rhetorical dynamics of nursery school. The level of vitriol is unnecessary and demeans those who hold differing views while still wishing the best for our republic. We hardly know what Idyllwild Indivisible is all about, but just by reading the pro and con letters, it's clear who is more rational.

Societies will always have — and should always have — differing views but, as Thomas Jefferson memorably said in his first inaugural address, “... every difference

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For the record ...

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In April, IHP and the Town Crier will publish our annual **Spring-Summer issues** of the **Explore Idyllwild Directory** and **Explore Idyllwild Map**. A record-high **35,000** copies of the Explore Idyllwild Directory will be printed for distribution in Idyllwild, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, San Diego, Temecula and other Southern California locations.

Please contact Lisa Streeter at 951-659-2145 to place an ad for your business in our two Explore Idyllwild publications. The ad deadline date is March 17, with March 10 being the deadline for the prepaid ad discount.

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

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An original Ernie Maxwell front page from the TC, March 26, 1954, in honor of the Town Crier's 70th anniversary this year.

Chief concerns

What Does Fire & Life Safety Look Like to You?

BY JOHN R. HAWKINS
FIRE CHIEF
CAL FIRE/RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT



Before I offer some ideas on fire and life safety, please understand that I am honored for the Idyllwild Town Crier to invite me to share important emergency information with you. Simply, I thank you for reading my thoughts.

So, what does fire and life safety look like to you? For your family? For your community? For your fellow workers? Have you ever thought beyond the personally life threatening obvious and really examine how you view your life? And how fire might change it?

None of us like to just think about bad thoughts. But, we must recognize hazards to avoid risks.

Life can be very fragile when exposed to life threatening hazards particularly fires. Annually, fire kills about 2,600 American residents. Before the release of a wonderful book, “America Burning,” during the early 1970s, fire took the lives annually of 12,000 citizens.

The dramatic reduction in life loss is due to the recommendation in “America Burning” to increase the use of smoke detectors and automatic fire sprinklers. Working smoke detectors save lives. Working automatic fire sprinklers extinguish or hold in check about 95 percent of fires.

Did you know these fire statistics? Knowing the hazards allows you to mitigate the risks of fire.

Fire and life safety hazards confront us in many ways. The hazard might be in or around our residence, might be a neighborhood hazard, might be a community hazard, etc.

If fire is accidentally or negligently introduced to the hazard, the risk becomes one to life and property. The risk is what gets our attention but not often seriously enough for us to do something to abate the hazard or minimize the fire risk.

The National Fire Protection Association provides statistics on what hazards exist in and around residences. Unless otherwise specified, home fires are limited to fires in or on structures. All home structure fires and home fire deaths are shown in the top two rows for context. The period of time studied was 2007-2011.

Fire cause	% of all fire causes
Home cooking fires	30.8
Home grill fires ,including outside fires	1.7
Home heating fires	11.9
Home structure smoking materials	3.5
Home electrical distribution & lighting	4.4
Home child playing with fire	1.4
Outside child play	7.4
Lightning	4.4
Home candle fires	2.1
Brush, grass or forest	26.6
Home intentional fires	5.7

The NFPA table clearly shows where fires happen in and around structures. Let us first examine fires in structures.

The number one cause of home fires is cooking fires at 30.8 percent. The second-greatest fire cause is from heating fires.

With this enlightening information, we should be able to identify the hazards, such as combustible materials too close to cooking fires or defective heating components. Often when cooking, we don't pay close enough attention to a deep fat boiler which leads to a fire originating from the boiler and extending to the kitchen area.

A defective, leaking chimney can allow hot embers to escape the chimney and extend to the attic.

Everyone on the mountain is appropriately concerned about outdoor or wildland fires. The NFPA table shows that 26.6 percent of all such fires burn natural fuels.

While there are many causes,the threat can be mitigated by doing your hazard reduction — defensible space clearance around all structures for 100 feet or to the property line, whichever is nearer (Public Resources Code §4291). That will reduce the hazard.

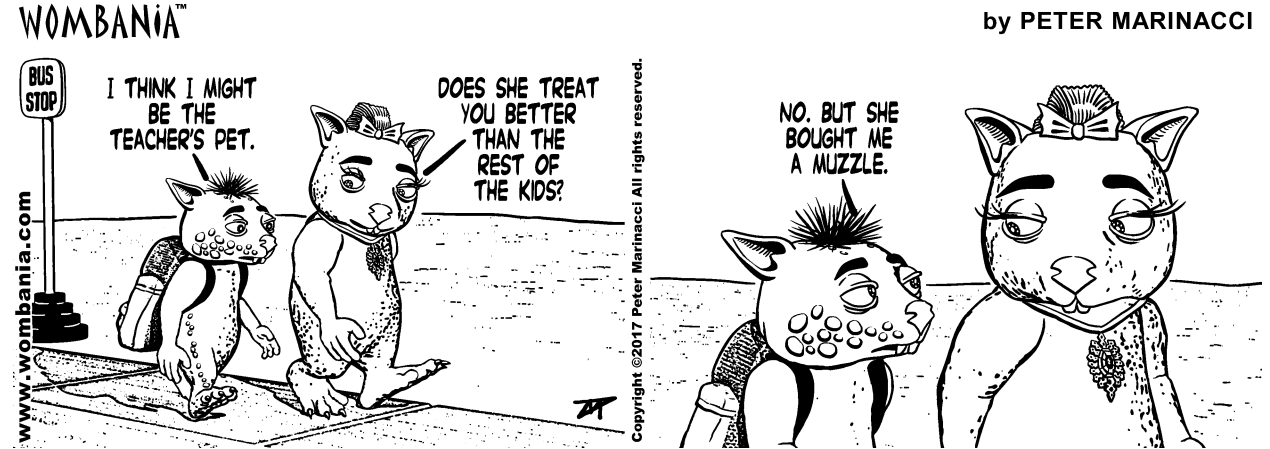
Then, if you are careful how you dispose of hot ashes, don't negligently burn trash, etc., you will reduce or eliminate the fire risk.

Firefighters need you to fulfill your role to clear hazardous fuels from around all structures you control. We have a much better chance of saving your place when you do your required clearance. Unfortunately, not everyone values clearance around their structure. Still, we will inspect and help you be more safe.

I hope this article helps you better visualize what is a fire hazard, what is a fire risk and how can you mitigate both hazards and risks to live a safe life and enjoy a high quality of life. We want to help you be safe but ask that you lead your own path to safety for family and yourselves.

Thank you very much. As I frequently tell our firefighters, please take care, be safe, have fun and live the dream.

John Hawkins is the fire chief for the Cal Fire Riverside



By CALLIE WIGHT

Nothing in this article is meant to be medical advice. Please consult you own healthcare provider

Some info below taken from:

<http://membes.gesa.org.au/membes/files/Consumer%20Information/Low%20FODMAP%20Diet.pdf> http://sim.stanford.edu/resources/smg_patient_info/IRRITABLEBOWEL09-09.pdf

www.beyondceliac.org/SiteData/docs/WhatisCeli/7d-f546428970c440/What%20is%20Celiac%20Disease.pdf

www.beyondceliac.org/celiac-disease/non-celiac-gluten-sensitivity/gluten-sensitivity-testing/ <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/wheat-allergy/basics/definition/con-20031834>

Is it gluten, wheat allergy, irritable bowel, FODMAPs or something else altogether? Here is a worthy puzzle.

Celiac disease, non-celiac gluten sensitivity, irritable bowel syndrome, sensitivity to FODMAPs, wheat allergy and most importantly other serious medical conditions such as cancer share some initial and common symptoms: bloating, pain, constipation/diarrhea, and flatulence, to mention only a few.

If you read no further, please heed these words: Proper diagnosis is critical. Virtually all sources recommend consulting with your knowledgeable health provider before making any changes that might mask underlying causes. "... it is important to recognize that many gastrointestinal diseases present with similar symptoms, so the real danger



This winter's heavy rains have left many asphalt roads and driveways crumbling or covered with potholes. That's made the state fertile ground for a long-standing construction scam: families of unlicensed paving and seal coating contractors sweeping in from out-of-state and taking advantage of unsuspecting homeowners.

Friday, March 3, investigators from the Contractors State License Board's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team moved quickly after receiving a complaint about possible transient criminals from Texas who may have tried to con an elderly woman in the Wilton area, south of Sacramento, out of \$16,000.

The woman told investigators she was approached while doing yard work by two to three men and a woman, believed to be Johnny Costello and his son David Costello, and Christine Nevils, all of Katy, Texas. She said the group told her they had seal coating left from a previous job and offered her a “great deal” to pave her driveway and parking area.

She agreed, but later stopped payment on the \$16,000 worth of checks she wrote to Nevils and another woman, Sandra Costello, after having second thoughts. It's common for transient criminals to ask for payment directly to individuals rather than a company. A friend, who is a licensed contractor, urged the victim to contact CSLB.

SWIFT investigators teamed with investigators from the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office and worked with the victim to try and bring the suspects back to her house last Friday to collect a new check.

Sandra Costello, 50, and Nevils, 58, appeared at the house and were arrested. They now could face multiple charges, including grand theft, residential burglary, theft by false pretenses, elder abuse and contracting without a license.

In the handbag of Sandra Costello, investigators found almost \$46,000 in cash and an estimated \$200,000 in jewelry, including six Rolex watches. Those items are being held as evidence. The pair's 2017 Chevy Suburban was impounded, but later released.

The two were jailed, with bail set at \$50,000 each. They quickly made bail and were released. Their first court appearance was Monday, March 13.

Investigators believe the four, and likely other family members, traveled with multiple sets of paving and seal-coating equipment from Texas into Southern California, up through Bakersfield and the Central Valley, and finally into the Sacramento area, likely victimizing homeowners all along the way.

David Castillo, 51, is on probation after being convicted

Unit and Riverside County Fire Department. He is entering his 54th year with Cal Fire and has served as the fire chief for going on 11 years. Chief Hawkins values leadership, fire and life safety and community involvement. He has been involved with the Riverside County Mountain Area Fire Safety Task Force since 2004.

is that in assuming a person has non-celiac gluten sensitivity, they are not evaluated appropriately and a more serious illness is missed and allowed to progress untreated,” said Daniel Leffler, MD, MS, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Celiac disease is an autoimmune condition triggered by consuming the protein called gluten found primarily in wheat and some other grains. It is a very serious illness that, in turn, can lead to a variety of other serious conditions caused primarily by the lack of absorption of critical nutrients due to a damaged gut. It is diagnosed with a blood test; if positive, this may well be followed by biopsy of the gut to confirm the diagnosis.

Wheat allergies also can be determined by a blood test plus a skin-prick test. Wheat allergy should not be confused with gluten sensitivity. Even though gluten is found in wheat, there are other nutrients in wheat that can cause symptoms in a person with wheat allergy. And the allergy sufferer does not have to avoid the other grains in which gluten may be found.

NCGS is on the same spectrum as celiac disease, but the immune response is different. It is diagnosed only by process of exclusion. First see a qualified provider to get tested for wheat allergy and true celiac disease. If these are ruled out, then your provider may recommend a gluten-elimination diet.

If you feel better reducing your intake of gluten, then you might have NCGS. This improvement should persist over time and not be attributable to a placebo effect. It is very important that a knowledgeable health-care provider and, perhaps a dietitian, work with you through this process.

Fermentable Oligosaccharides, Disaccharides, Monosaccharides and Polyols (FODMAPs) are naturally occurring sugars that are poorly absorbed in the gut, leading to gastrointestinal symptoms in some people. They are found in common foods such as some dairy products, wheat, other grains, and certain fruits and vegetables.

Some medical researchers are now examining the possibility that reactions to ingestion of FODMAPs may be misdiagnosed as “gluten sensitivity.”

So, surveying these various possible conditions, it seems to me that a thorough medical work-up is paramount.

Callie Wight is a California state-licensed registered nurse with a Master of Arts in psychology.

of elder abuse related to a similar construction scheme in Florida.

CSLB and DA investigators urge anyone in California who believes they were victimized by the group, operating with the company name “Blacktop Seal Coating” or “D & C Paving,” to contact CSLB investigators at 916-255-2924. Also call if you've been victimized, or even approached by others with a similar sales pitch, as transient criminals often travel in groups, and operate under different personal or business names.

CSLB urges consumers to watch for these “red flags” as well:

- No CSLB-issued contractor's license
- Unsolicited offers to do seal coating, paving, roofing or painting
- Claims of leftover materials
- High-pressure sales or scare tactics
- Reluctance to sign a written contract
- Demand for payment in cash or checks written to individuals or their spouses, rather than to the business
- Brand new vehicles, large pickup trucks with a large tank on the bed or pulling a trailer, dump trucks, or other heavy road construction equipment with out-of-state license plates, no plates at all, or obscured license plates
- Toll-free or out-of-state telephone number, instead of a local contact number

Note: All suspects are presumed innocent until their case is resolved.

Readers

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of opinion is not a difference of principle” and “... error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it.”

MARK AND SALLY SALTER
FERN VALLEY

Reaching the CSA 36 chairman

EDITOR:

Many years ago, the residents of Idyllwild approved a tax measure that funded local recreation within a specific geographical area (referred to as Community Service Area 36 or CSA 36). An oversight committee was formed to ensure the tax money was spent on activities the community desired.

The CSA 36 committee conducts public meetings on a regular basis in order to keep in touch with public concerns and to discuss current recreational programs. (CSA 36 money also funds some street lighting.)

The next scheduled meeting is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23. The meeting will take place at Town Hall.

The CSA 36 committee welcomes those who are able to attend. For those citizens who are unable to attend but would like to contact a committee member, you may do so by email. The email address for the chairman of CSA 36 is chairmancsa36@gmail.com.

JOHN METROKA
CHAIRMAN OF CSA 36

MATTER OF FACT

On page A2 in last week's paper, Sen. Dianne Feinstein's name was misspelled Diane. Town Crier regrets the error.

Gutierrez hopes to suppress evidence

Hearing later this week

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The attorney for Frank Gutierrez of Idyllwild, who was arrested in July 2015, has requested a hearing to suppress certain evidence.

At the March 10 trial readiness conference, Melissa McConaghay, a deputy public defender, submitted the motion. Judge Bambi Moyer agreed to schedule a hearing on it for Friday, March 17.

In the court report, it stated, “The Court finds good cause exists to allow motion to trail.”

Gutierrez, 67, was arrested when Riverside City Police, in cooperation with the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department, arrested Lisa Marie Brown, of Riverside, for hit-and-run, vehicular manslaughter and possession for sale of methamphetamine. The arrests were made in Idyllwild where Gutierrez was living at the time.

Gutierrez was originally arrested for various drug-related felonies and possession of stolen firearms. His arrest appeared to be a byproduct of Brown’s arrest, who later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years in state prison.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Two quakes rattle area

A magnitude 3.6 earthquake about 1 1/4 miles east-southeast of Loma Linda was felt by some on the Hill Monday at about 10:07 p.m.

It was followed by a 2.8 magnitude tremor about 7.5 miles north of Banning a minute later, according to the U.S. Geological Survey CalTech website.

One injury traffic incident on Hill roads last week

One injury traffic incident occurred over the last week on Hill roads according to Darren Meyer, public information officer for the California Highway Patrol.

According to the responding officer’s report, at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 12, Ty Cabrera, 48, of Homeland, was riding his black 2013 Harley Davidson motorcycle northbound on Highway 243 near the intersection of Highway 74. At the same time, Andrew Hodgson, 51, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was riding his orange KTM motorcycle southbound.

According to the CHP report, as the motorcycles approached each other on a curve, Cabrera crossed the double-yellow line and sideswiped Hodgson’s motorcycle, causing both bikes and riders to go down. Both riders complained of pain to their left ankles and were transported by American Medical Response — Cabrera to Riverside County Regional Medical Center in Moreno Valley and Hodgson to San Geronio Memorial Hospital in Banning.

Weather and road conditions were clear and dry, and no alcohol was found to be a contributing factor.

NEWS OF RECORD

Sheriff’s log

The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, March 5 to 11.

Idyllwild

- March 5 — Unlawful entry, Live Oak Ln. Report taken.
- March 5 — 911 call, Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 7 — Public disturbance, Alderwood St. Handled by deputy.
- March 8 — Overdose, Scenic Dr. Report taken.
- March 10 — Public disturbance, S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 10 — Check the welfare, Alderwood St. Handled by deputy.
- March 10 — Shoplifting, Village Center Dr. Report taken.
- March 11 — Missing person, Alderwood St. Unfounded.
- March 11 — 911 call, Forest Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 11 — Alarm call, 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- March 11 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld. Unfounded.

Mountain Center

- March 10 — Unattended death, address withheld. Report taken.

Pine Cove

- March 5 — Alarm call, 24000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

- March 5 — Check the welfare, 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- March 6 — Public disturbance, Cedar Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 6 — Alarm call, 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- March 8 — Petty theft, Rockmere Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 10 — Two reports of runaway child, Rockmere Dr. Report taken.
- March 11 — Alarm call, Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows/Garner Valley

- March 5 — Alarm call, Lion Peak Rd. Handled by deputy.
- March 11 — Unlawful entry, Hop Patch Springs Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

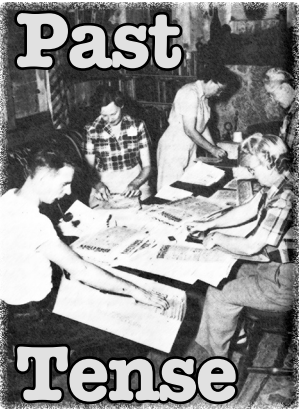
- March 9 — Reckless driving, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- March 9 — Suspected DUI, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- March 11 — Suspicious circumstance, Wolf Rd. Handled by deputy.
- March 11 — Criminal threats, 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Arrest made.

San Bernardino National Forest

- March 7 — 911 call from business, Temecula Dr. Handled by deputy.



Mothers of fifth- and sixth-grade girls were treated to a tea and fashion show at Idyllwild School in May of 1975. Shown are three of the girls who participated. From left, **Rene Grassi, Carol Barksdale and Sherry Carter.** FILE PHOTO



- 65 years ago - 1952**
Dr. M.M. Null announced that he had hundreds of small sequoias to be given to residents and property owners free of charge. The little redwoods were grown for planting in the community.
- 60 years ago - 1957**
Clarence Bischof purchased the San Jacinto Lumber Yard.
- 55 years ago - 1962**
Paramount Picture’s

- “Breakfast at Tiffany’s,” starring Audrey Hepburn, was showing at the Rustic Theatre.
- 50 years ago - 1967**
A weekend storm brought 4 inches of snow — the first moisture in more than a month.
• • •
Pine Cove’s fire company was proud of its newly acquired Seagrave pump- per, capacity 180 gallons per minute.
- 45 years ago - 1972**
In a meeting of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District’s Board of Commissioners, a citizens’ group concerned with rising costs and high taxes raised the question of transferring local fire protection to the county.
- 40 years ago - 1977**
Ward Johnson made the trip from Idyllwild to San Jacinto and back to

- Idyllwild, all on a bicycle.
- 35 years ago - 1982**
Volunteers from the California Conservation Corps and the Idyllwild Izaak Walton League planted about 750 oak seedlings in the Mountain Center burn area. Under the direction of Tom Roberts of the U.S. Forest Service, the volunteers planted several groves of canyon and black oaks.
- 30 years ago - 1987**
Idyllwild resident Glen “Mac” McWilliams, a 25-year veteran with the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department, was promoted to a new position in the Youth Evaluation Service.
- 15 years ago - 2002**
Construction at Idyllwild School came to a stand still after the Hemet Unified School District Governing Board of Trust-

- ees fired the project’s general contractor, Old Hickory Construction, accusing the firm of inadequate progress and failing to pay its subcontractors.
- 10 years ago - 2007**
St. Patrick’s Day was celebrated at the American Legion Post 800 with a corned beef and cabbage dinner.
- 5 years ago - 2012**
An escalation of local crime lead the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department to schedule a community meeting.
- 1 year ago - 2016**
The Idyllwild School Youth Grantmakers awarded \$3,000 to three separate groups. It was the fourth-consecutive year that a group of students made philanthropic decisions to the benefit of the community and student life.



- For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see “On the Town,” on page 9. Submit listings and changes to becky@towncrier.com.
- Wednesday, March 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.
 - 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.
 - Thursday, March 16**
 - AA women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal

- Mountain Center.
- Overcomers (Biblically based), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Saturday, March 18**
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Sunday, March 19**
 - 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, March 20**
 - AA women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; 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, March 21**
 - Idyllwild Garden Club board, 10 a.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
 - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
 - 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.
- Wednesday, March 22**
 - 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.
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 - 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.

Propane

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\$2.402 as of Monday, March 6. In the Western region, those comparables are \$2.543 two weeks ago to \$2.492 on March 6. The U.S. Energy Information Administration published a short-term energy outlook on Tuesday, March 7, predicting a colder heating season in 2017-18. The forecast is based on information supplied by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Five percent of U.S. households heat primarily with propane, according to the EIA. “EIA expects these households to spend less on heating this winter than in eight out of the past ten winters, but more than last winter, when both heating demand and propane prices were low,” noted the report. Fuel expenditures for individual households are highly dependent on the size and energy efficiency of homes and their heating equipment, home insulation, thermostat settings and local weather conditions.

If the coming winter is 10 percent warmer than forecast, according to the EIA report, average propane prices could be 6 percent above this winter’s prices. If it is 10 percent colder than forecast, those prices could be 49 percent greater than this year’s average.

Before reporting local supplier prices, it is important to note that propane prices change daily. Prices quoted to the Town Crier by suppliers may have changed by the time of publication, much less by the time of billing by suppliers.

Dave Castaldo, AC Propane, one of the first local suppliers to begin sharing propane per gallon delivery prices, stressed that prices he quotes can vary to some degree. “I know the price when I pick it up,” he said. “There are many factors affecting price and if a refinery goes down or offline, that can immediately affect pricing.” Castaldo explained that his most recent pick-up price was actually \$2.79 per gallon two weeks ago because of two refineries having supply issues that affected their price to him. That differed from the \$2.39 he had estimated and quoted to the Town Crier prior to his actual pickup of the propane at point-of-production and storage.

AC Propane, Amerigas, Diamond Valley and SoCal Propane are the suppliers that quote prices to the Town Crier. As of Monday,

March 13, supplier quotes are as follows:

- AC Propane: \$2.79 per gallon, but could be as low as \$2.39, and generally 40 cents less per gallon for owner tanks;
- Amerigas: \$2.19 community pricing;
- Diamond Valley: \$2.47 per gallon or \$2.27 per gallon for owner tanks;
- SoCal Propane: \$2.77 per gallon or \$2.47 per gallon for owner tank with 10 cents per gallon discount for vets (permanent) and for referrals (for heating season for customers referring and for those referred). Suburban and Ferrellgas do not share pricing with the Town Crier.

Readers are advised to check per-gallon pricing with their suppliers when ordering a refill or simply check on a regular basis if on a “fill as needed” basis to be aware of price fluctuation. Propane prices can fluctuate widely during a heating season and consumers are responsible for policing their pricing.

Readers have shared some of their negative experiences with Hill propane suppliers. From those stories there are certain cautionary steps propane users should take:

- Check your tank regularly to monitor how much propane you’re using and if that seems reasonable based on your use for heating, cooking and water heaters.
- If you suspect a leak, request an immediate leak check. Propane suppliers are under an obligation to check the tank if a customer suspects a leak. According to SoCal Propane CEO Andrew Kotyuk, “If a customer reports they think their tank is leaking, the supplier must absolutely go out to check to make sure the tank is safe. It’s a supplier’s duty to protect them [the customer] and yourself [the supplier].”
- Ask before delivery what your price per gallon will be, inasmuch as propane prices fluctuate, generally becoming more expensive as the heating season wears on.
- If you’re on a supply-as-requested basis, when ordering less than a tank fill, ask for email or written confirmation of the amount you requested, as well as the price-per-gallon you will be charged;
- With any requested action, ask if there is a charge for that action and how much that is, such as how much to check if a tank is leaking or any other action, such as an emergency fill.

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Book share discussion group

A half-hour book conversation group is held from 7 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Idyllwild Library. Anyone is welcome to share their latest good read, or share a long time favorite.

This might be a good way to scout out new and interesting titles.

Scholarship donations accepted

The Idyllwild Scholarship Board is requesting community donations to support scholarships for 2017 high school graduates.

Hannah Hardy and Max Swanson were last year’s recipients.

Donations may be sent to Idyllwild Scholarship Fund, PO Box 778, Idyllwild, CA 92549. All donations are tax-deductible.

Legals

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shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

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: Mar. 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6, 2017.

RIC1704171
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Mailing address: Same, Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: Riverside Historic Courthouse.

JESSE SHANE MARTINEZ TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: JESSE SHANE MARTINEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

- a. Present name: JESSE SHANE MARTINEZ changed to Proposed name: JESSE SHANE
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: APR 25 2017 Time: 8:30 AM, Dept. 12.

- b. The address of the court is same as noted above.
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for

four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: MAR - 9 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: March 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6, 2017.

RIC1703871
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: DAVID ZHIYUAN MASON, JENNIFER JIAGENG LEE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioners: DAVID ZHIYUAN MASON, JENNIFER JIAGENG LEE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: JOHN LEE MA changed to Proposed name: JOHN LEE MASON
b. Present name: MARY LEE MA changed to Proposed name: MARY LEE MASON
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a

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NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: April 17, 2017 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. 12.

- b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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Date: MAR 03 2017
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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Mar. 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6, 2017.

RIC1703787
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., (P.O. Box 431) Riverside, CA 92502-0431. Branch name:.

DONALD RAY PRIDE JR. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: DONALD RAY PRIDE JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

- a. Present name: DONALD RAY PRIDE JR. changed to Proposed name: DANIEL JABARI
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 04-12-2017 Time: 8:30, Dept. 12.

- b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: MAR 02 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Mar. 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6, 2017.

LIEN SALE
THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 3/30/2017, AT 1284 E LINCOLN, BANNING CA 92220 AT 9:00 AM 67, CHEV, IMPALA, 2D, A31684, ND, 1648771127803
Pub. TC: Mar. 16, 2017.

LIEN SALE
THE FOLLOWING VESSEL AND/OR TRAILER WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 3/30/2017, AT 373 5TH ST, BEAUMONT CA 92223 AT 9:00 AM , , NONE , NONE 88, BAYLINER, 18' 7", VSL, 3325JR, CA, BL0E93FCL788
Pub. TC: March 16, 2017.

LIEN SALE
THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 3/30/2017, AT 74866 VELIE WY #7, PALM DESERT CA 92260 AT 9:00 AM 08, BMW, 528i, 4D, 6NBF926, CA, WBANU53578CT16906
Pub. TC: Mar. 16, 2017.

Active-shooter training at MEMSCOMM meeting

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Thursday, March 16, Mountain Emergency Services Committee meeting will feature a training on what to do if one is in an environment where there is an active shooter.

Jerry Hagen, MEMSCOMM coordinator, stressed this is a training, not a presentation. Based on the latest protocols, sheltering in place is no longer what is recommended. Homeland Security protocols advise preparation — knowing your

options if confronted with an active shooter in a familiar workplace environment, or a public building or arena. Contemplating one’s options, with no prior thought regarding active-shooter contingencies, is too little, too late, according to Homeland Security.

Given the number of active-shooter situations over the last few years, everyone is advised to consider what to do should they be in that environment. Current protocols are “run, hide, fight.” Run out of the space if possible, hide in a concealed space and, if the shooter is still approaching your space, fight as a last resort.

Preparation includes knowing, for work spaces and public spaces, closest and alternate evacuation routes, possible hiding places and what is nearby that might be used by you as a weapon.

The training is at the Idyllwild Library Community Room at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 16. It is open to the public and there is no cost to attend.

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

Soboba Tribe breaks ground for replacement casino-resort

In 1983, the Soboba Tribe of San Jacinto cautiously ventured into Indian gaming with humble beginnings, a simple bingo hall in a temporary sprung structure and pre-fabricated trailer. On Tuesday, Feb. 28, after 22 years of struggles and challenges, legal battles and negotiations, changes and building, the tribe and casino management proudly broke ground to mark the beginning of the construction of a modern, permanent casino-resort.

Tribal Administrator and Soboba Tribal member Michael Castello opened the ceremony by welcoming the invited guests and dignitaries present, and then introduced Steven Estrada, Chairman of the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians who provided a traditional prayer and blessing in his native language.

Before a few words by the chairman, Councilwoman Rose Salgado said, “We must give gratitude for all our ancestors before us and for those who fought for our rights. We must acknowledge all the tribal members and elders who gave us perseverance.”

Those in attendance in-



Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians Tribal Council members breaking ground on the new casino-resort on Feb. 28, in San Jacinto. From left, Tribal Council Chairman **Scott Cozart**, Vice Chair **Isaiah Vivanco**, Sergeant at Arms **Rose Salgado** and Treasurer **Kelli Hurtado**. PHOTO COURTESY SOBOBA CASINO

cluded Soboba tribal members, administrators, city and corporate officials, casino management and team members, as well as hundreds of invited guests who came to witness the historic occasion.

The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians celebrated the official ground breaking of the new property on the corner of Lake Park Drive and Soboba Road with an invitation-only ceremony. The new resort-casino will be located just a few miles from the current casino property.

The complex will feature an 83,500-square-foot casino floor with 2,000 slot machines and 24 table games, surrounded by eateries, bars, a sports lounge, a high-limit room, and many other indoor and outdoor amenities.

The new hotel will feature more than 200 rooms and suites. According to the individual who has been tasked to build this project and the future casino-resort’s General Manager Scott Sirois, guests will arrive to a hotel with spectacular amenities and

sumptuous suites, modern technology and a few surprises. These extra touches will be a first for the Inland Empire and possibly the nation.

The new facility will generate hundreds of new job opportunities and millions of dollars of economic stimulus for the local community, according to a press release, an opportunity which the city of San Jacinto is welcoming with open arms.

The land became officially under construction following the ceremony.

Brewpub ribbon cutting

Rotary International of Idyllwild held a ribbon cutting for the Idyllwild Brewpub Monday morning. Brewpub employees in center around scissors are (from left) Don Put (head brewer), Geoff Brown (executive chef) holding Olivia Brown (mascot), Ivan Borntrager (assistant brewer, peaking over Geoff’s left shoulder), and Lori and Frank Ferro (owners). Seated Rotarians (from left) are President Roland Gaebert and Charlie Wix. Rotarians standing are (from left) Chuck Weisbart (partly showing), Doug Austin, Kay Wanner, Steve Espinosa, Danny Richardson, Earl Parker, Dennis Dunbar, Mel Goldfarb, unidentified, Terry Kurr and Reba Coulter. PHOTO BY THOM WALLACE



Nature Center gets recognition

The Idyllwild Nature Center has been named one of the top 10 nature centers in California by Best of California. Visit <http://bestthingsca.com/nature-centers/> to see the list.

In fact, is the only thing recognized on the website in Idyllwild.

“The Idyllwild Nature Center offers a variety of educational programs as well as seasonal events that attract families and visitors to the beautiful grounds,” read the website. “You can learn about the habitats that

surround the trails as well as bring something home from the nature shop, which supports the center and its variety of programs and things to do.”

Fireside Book Club's next focus

“The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” is the next focus of the Fireside Book Club.

The group meets from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the Idyllwild Library. The heartwarming story is written by Rachel Joyce.

Idyllwild Middle School students make spring break movie

'It Was the Dog Toy' trailer wins award

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

For those old enough to remember, spring break meant bathing suits, suntan, Ft. Lauderdale, the California beaches or anywhere with a pool – a blissful time when only fun mattered.

Four Idyllwild Middle School students — Ruby McKellar, Alo LoPresto, Zada Smith and Geneva Dagnall — perfectly captured the zany fun of spring break, albeit from a middle school, not college, perspective, in a trailer for the yet-to-be-made feature “It Was the Dog Toy.” Deftly shot and edited with up-tempo breezy music, the students’ send-up of innocent fun and nothing but fun is a joy to watch.

For six years, Idyllwild Middle School Cinema Night has propelled

novice movie makers to hone their skills and compete with their classmates to make the best short film.

This year’s Cinema Night was held during school hours on Friday, March 3, and the talented quartet of Ruby, Alo, Zada and Geneva took top honors for their madcap Palm Springs pool romp, in an award voted on by their classmates.

Middle School Associated Student Body students decorated for the event and served theater-inspired snacks to an enthusiastic audience. Middle School English teacher Kirsten Ingbreetsen coordinated the event and competition.

Judging by the feel-good vibe, sophistication and overall quality of “It Was the Dog Toy” trailer, Idyllwild Middle School is producing some skilled artists who also understand the importance of simply having fun.

To view the sixth-graders’ trailer, visit <https://youtu.be/6V3cMEcCk5s>.

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Four enthusiastic, talented and fun-loving Idyllwild Middle School students made a spring break movie trailer and took top honors in the sixth-annual Idyllwild Middle School Cinema Night. Pictured (from left) are Ruby McKellar, Alo LoPresto, Zada Smith and Geneva Dagnall. PHOTO COURTESY OF NANCY JONES

Big year for Idyllwild Garden Club

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

New Idyllwild Garden Club President Gary Parton is expecting this year to be a big one for the club.

Parton announced a June 10 garden tour of four Idyllwild homes, an expanded offering of field trips, and the use of St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church lot for parking for the Saturday, April 29, Lilac Walk, Art and Tea.

“We’ll provide shuttle service from the lot and that

will help prevent parking congestion on Fern Valley Road,” said Parton. “It will take a little of the stress away from people parking and having to walk longer distances to the garden site.”

Parton also announced the Lilac Walk, Art and Tea is featured in Westways Magazine. He noted the International Lilac Society has confirmed that a delegation of its members will attend next year’s Lilac Walk in Idyllwild. “They will be coming from all over the world,” said Parton. “About 80 people in all. It’s very exciting for

us and for Idyllwild.”

For more information about unfolding Garden Club events, attend the noon Tuesday, April 4, club meeting at the Community Presbyterian Church on North Circle Dr. Speakers include Bruce Watts and Shannon Ng. Watts will discuss wildflowers of the San Jacinto Mountains and Ng will talk about creating a seed library. For more information, visit www.idyllwildgardenclub.net.

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12 eagles spotted in SoCal

Lake Hemet hosts a resident pair of eagles

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Saturday was the fourth and last bald eagle count of the 2016-17 season. Volunteers, also known as citizen scientists, and federal and state biologists spotted 12 bald eagles at various Southern California lakes. The nesting adult pair at Lake Hemet was among the dozen eagles seen this weekend.

Seven adults and five subadults or juveniles were observed during the one-hour count period Saturday morning. For the nearly 200 participants, the clear skies and windless morning created perfect conditions for the count. The Lake Hemet contingent included more than a dozen observers.

At Silverwood State Recreation Area, two subadult bald eagles were seen. At Lake Arrowhead, two adult bald eagles and one subadult were seen. But counters observed five eagles at Big Bear Lake, three of whom were adults.

The next eagle count will be in December for the beginning of the 2017-18 eagle census.

The U.S. Forest Service encourages visitors to Garner Valley to stop at the Forest Service’s Lake Hemet Day Use Area and just look across the lake. The eagles are often flying overhead or sitting in the trees above the picnic area.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Calling all book-loving volunteers

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library will be holding a recruiting session from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 23, for prospective library volunteers. All that is required is a small amount of time to set up individual scheduling, according to ability (or abilities) to serve, as well as the time to tour the facility and its various areas that need extra attention.

The Friends and the library staff will provide information, as well as light, morning-time refreshment.

For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator. Warren Monroe, either through the Idyllwild Library or by email at wwmonroe@earthlink.net.

‘Home’ writing workshop at Idyllwild Library

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library are sponsoring a four-part series by Katya Williams, MFA, called “Home.”

The sessions will include discussion, interaction and writing to further clarify the legacy of Idyllwild in our lives and for posterity. Writing in these sessions will be from short and simple exercises to gain further this understanding.

The last two free workshops are from noon to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8.

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Talent on display at Blast to the Past



The annual Blast to the Past show was Friday night at Idyllwild School. While **Vicky Lovett** is singing, **McKenna Lovett** and **Sophia Dillion** are performing in the background. PHOTOS BY AMY RIGHETTI



The other very popular student act is the annual Limbo Contest.



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Raven Bindera performs a solo dance during Blast to the Past at Idyllwild School.

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Mandy Johnson stands before her drawing "California Sunset." Johnson is the new artist at the Courtyard Gallery where the show opened last weekend.

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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, 11a.m.-Noon.

Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship
Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.
Worship Services at 6pm Saturday and 10am Sunday
Children's Church and Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097.
29375 Hwy. 243 in Mountain Center.

Idyllwild Assembly of God
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25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott
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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 • Rev. Richard Olson
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
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54295 Village Center Dr.
Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Sleme 659-2416
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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
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25525 Tahquitz Dr. (in Fern Valley off South Circle Dr.)
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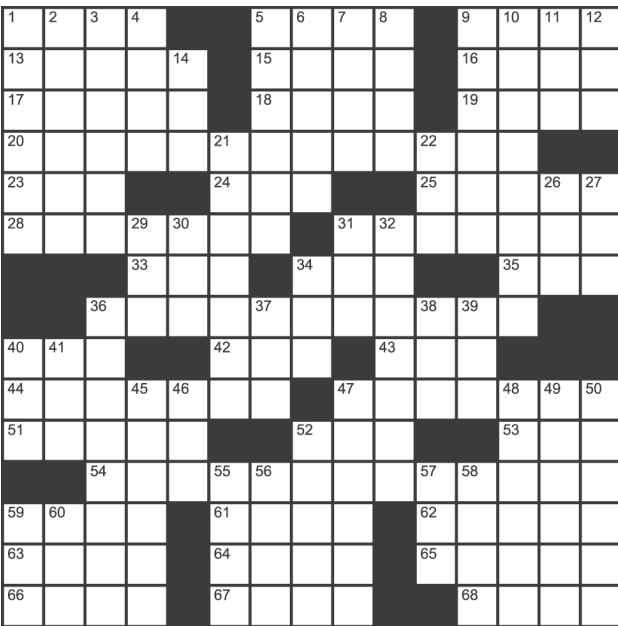
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 - Island rings
 - Cut, maybe
 - Perry Como's "___ Loves Mambo"
 - Money in the bank, say
 - Kosher ___
 - "Our Time in ___" (10,000 Maniacs album)
 - Flat
 - Acquire
 - Perlman of "Cheers"
 - Emperor of Ethiopia from 1930-74
 - In-flight info, for short
 - "A jealous mistress": Emerson
 - ___-cochere (carriage entrance)
 - To listen again
 - Exchange (2 wds)
 - Parenthesis, essentially
 - Cow, maybe
- DOWN**

 - "20,000 Leagues" harpooner ___ Land
 - Battleship with high caliber guns
 - Not just "a"
 - Be in session
 - Caribbean, e.g.
 - An end result
 - Smaller
 - Form of belief involving sorcery
 - Flipper
 - Artist's asset
 - Volunteer street guard near schools
 - Buddy
 - Make, as money
 - "Sesame Street" Muppet
 - ___ vera
 - "... or ___!"
 - Pirate's pal
 - Beach bird
 - After deductions (var. spelling)
 - Ditch
- Couple
 - To utilize again
 - Queen, maybe
 - Smoke
 - Conk out
 - "___ lost!"
 - Pillbox, e.g.
 - "___ bad!"
 - Airline's home base
 - To lean or sway to one side
 - "Look here!"
 - Small Old World finch
 - Shack (hyphenated)
 - Nests of large birds
 - Fly-by-night?
 - Blue-ribbon position
 - Caught in the act
 - Ad headline
 - Beauty
 - ___-Altaic languages
 - "Welcome" site
 - A pint, maybe

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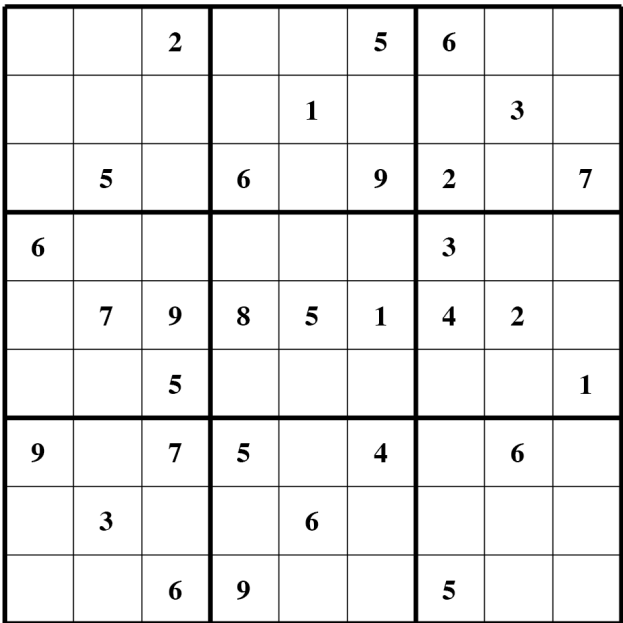


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HOROSCOPES

March 2017 — Week 3

March 21 – April 19

Your love life has taken a back seat to work lately, but that is all about to change with a trip. Pack your bags, Aries, and prepare to have a good time.

April 20 – May 20

Mischief translates into magic at a party. Who knew, Taurus? A friend's casual observations inspire a change for the good. A note boosts spirits.

May 21 – June 21

Too many missteps make for one cranky Gemini. Hang in there. The end is near. A goal is exceeded beyond your wildest dreams. Celebrate!

June 22 – July 22

Tick-tock, tick-tock. Time is a-wasting. Get a move on, Cancer. Consider the services of a pro, if needed. A fitness trend catches your eye.

July 23 – August 22

The luck of the Irish is smiling on you this week, Leo. All eyes will be on you to make things happen, and you will not disappoint. A windfall is icing on the cake.

August 23 – September 22

Actually, Virgo, you are right. No one is willing to admit it at this point, however. Be patient, and you will receive your due in good time.

September 23 – October 22

Your need to give is admirable, but if you aren't careful, it could get you into trouble this week. Give only if you can afford to do so, Libra.

October 23 – November 21

Uh-uh-uh, Scorpio. You've been in the shadows for far too long. Step out and be seen. Your talents are to be admired. A friend makes a tempting offer.

November 22 – December 21

Financial matters can no longer be put on the back burner. Attend to them now, Sagittarius, while you still have the resources to make an impact.

December 22 – January 19

You get the gist, but this time, it will pay to have all of the details. Study the situation from every angle, Capricorn, before you proceed.

January 20 – February 18

Step right up, Aquarius. It's your turn to be in the spotlight. Prepare to amaze! A book inspires a walk down memory lane and a reunion of sorts.

February 19 – March 20

You will have many hard choices ahead of you this week, Pisces. Lean on your trusted advisors when possible. Communication miscues lead to chaos at work.

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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, March 15

- Visual Arts Senior Show, "Anthropomorphic," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Spring Dance Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Fireside Book Group, "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry," 2-3 p.m.; Desert Big Horn Sheep with Mark Jorgensen, 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, March 16

- Home-schoolers Art Class, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Visual Arts Senior Show, "Anthropomorphic," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Film Screening, 7:15 p.m. Bruce Ryan Sound Stage; Spring Dance Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Mahjong Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, March 17

- Visual Arts Senior Show, "Anthropomorphic," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Spring Dance Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, March 24

- Chess Club, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- "Corks & Color," Adult Coloring Book Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m.; AAI Community Mural Coloring & Social, 5-8 p.m.; Willy B (classic rock guitar), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Forest Folk Potluck, 5 p.m.; Movie Night, "Fences," 6:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

Saturday, March 25

- Grand Opening Celebration, noon-2 p.m. Strawberry Creek Village.
- Meet Danny Trejo and Take on Trejo, 3-8 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Sunday, March 26

- Inspirational Movie Matinee, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center.

Monday, March 27

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "I Love Bugs!," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, March 28

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

Monday, March 20

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Spring is Here," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 22

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m.; Idyllwild Photographers, 5-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, March 23

- Mahjong, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild

Saturday, March 18

- Miles Thomas (soft & pop rock guitar), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- The Kristen Lynn Quintet, 8 p.m. Idyllwild Brewpub.

Sunday, March 19

- Port O'Thority, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Brewpub.
- Inspirational Movie Matinee, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center.



On Saturday, the **Brothers Reed — Don and Dennis** — performed Americana music at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



David Reid-Marr, Visual Arts chair at Idyllwild Arts Academy, was the Spotlight on Leadership series speaker Monday. Here, he talks about a student's art. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Last Wednesday, **Sandii Castleberry and Paul Carman** performed a music program for Idyllwild School students. The Art Alliance of Idyllwild funded and organized the event as part of its mission to keep all art forms alive here in Idyllwild. PHOTO BY ZACK STEINHAUS.



Melody Johnston of Middle Ridge Winery and Tasting Gallery presented Facebook marketing training to members of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild last week. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

Social event at Middle Ridge

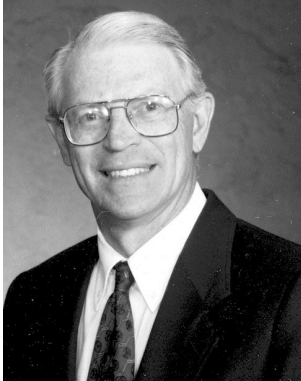
The Art Alliance of Idyllwild is inviting members of the community to come together for social hour from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery. According to its website, attendees will enjoy "live music and happy hour prices" while getting a chance to color.

In addition to adult coloring books, the gathering also will feature a 6-foot community mural page to be hung during the event. Attendees will be encouraged to add their own personal touch, if they so wish, during the 1 1/2 hour social. The mural image features a nature theme. No registration is required.

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.

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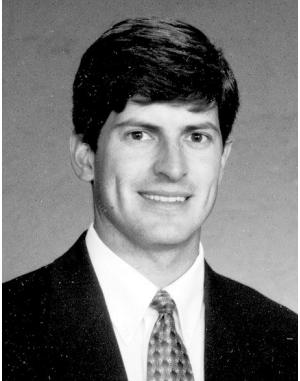
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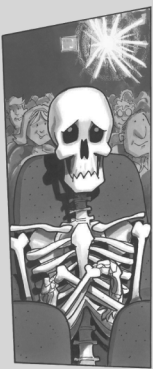
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Jokes and Riddles

Q: How did the bee greet the flower in the movie?

A: Hi, honey!

Q: Why did the skeleton go to the movies alone?

A: Because he had no body to go with.




Fact or Fiction?

Movie Character Challenge

Many movies have been made for kids. Here are some questions about some kid movie characters. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Winnie the Pooh is a rabbit. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 2) Woody does not like Buzz Lightyear in the beginning. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 3) Dorothy Gale lands in Oz with her dog Bobo. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) Shrek is married to Princess Adrianna. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) Snow White lives with 10 dwarfs for a time. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) Luke and Princess Leia turn out to be brother and sister. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Cinderella has a stepmother and two stepsisters. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) Pinocchio's nose grows with every truth he tells. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) Frodo Baggins must destroy the necklace before it destroys him. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) Harry Potter is a genie. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fiction, Winnie the Pooh is a bear, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, Dorothy's dog's name is Toto, 4) Fiction, Shrek is married to Princess Fiona, 5) Fiction, Snow White lives with seven dwarfs, 6) Fact, 7) Fact, 8) Fiction, Pinocchio's nose grows with every lie he tells, 9) Fiction, Frodo must destroy the ring, 10) Fiction, Harry Potter is a wizard.




A Big Job

When a movie begins, the names of people that helped make it are usually listed. At the top of the list is a person known as the producer.

Producers have a big job. They are the ones who make the movie happen. They find a script, hire a director, help cast actors and put together a film crew. They are also in charge of the money needed to make the movie.

Because the job is so big, movies often have more than one producer. While one producer might deal with the money, another might deal with the film crew and actors.



What Rhymes with...

List 10 words that rhyme with "show."

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Some answers: bow, grow, hoe, low, now, row, show, slow, sow, throw, vlow.



Hockey

Idyllwild's proud hockey Dad **Brian Smith** submitted this account of last week's Wildcats game:

Last weekend, the Wildcats started their playoff bid for the 2016-2017 season. In game one, the Wildcats faced the Anaheim Jr. Ducks. Three minutes into the first period, the Jr. Ducks scored their first goal of the game. With 3 minutes, 30 seconds to go in the period, the Jr. Ducks scored a wrap-around goal, ending the period 2-0.

The Ducks started the second period scoring two goals in the first 30 seconds. Four minutes later, they added another goal to go up 5-0. With four minutes, 30 seconds to go in the period, **Scott Hommel** scored an end-to-end goal to put the Wildcats on the board. Two minutes later, the Ducks added another goal, ending the

★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★



Idyllwild School fourth-grade teacher **Lindsay Crater** chose **Dayra Lopez-Gutierrez** (left) and **Martina Navarrete-Urrutia** as students of the week. "Dayra is an enthusiastic student who lights up the room with her smile," said Crater. "She is a great student with a creative mind. Dayra helps others and works hard. Martina loves to learn. She always goes above and beyond in the classroom. Martina is kind and a great friend to everyone she meets." PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

ART'S CORNER

By ARTHUR CONNOR

Lowman Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9
Parvati Mani, piano
Music of Brahms, Scriabin and Rachmaninoff

As an incentive to celebrate the warmer weather recently, the Idyllwild Arts Academy faculty gave the community ample opportunity this past Thursday evening with a carefully selected program of late Romantic piano music, as provided by a very capable piano pedagogue in the person of Parvati Mani. The rather spacious confines of Lowman Hall proved a sonorous environment, and a small group of interested IAA students and patrons were in attendance to hear that well-balanced auditory offering.

The six pieces of Johannes Brahms' Klavierstucke, Opus 118 proved a worthy introduction to the talents of the performer, as well as the aural capabilities of the concert venue.

Ms. Mani's students would be well-advised to observe her legato technique, in addition to her sureness of pedal application. The softer passages of the pieces came forth with the requisite exactness of purpose, in addition to the forcefulness of the forte sections, creating what this listener would pose as the composer's exact intentions for these late works as a nostalgic commentary on his Schumannesque beginnings as a virtuoso pianist.

Similarity of purpose was also evident in the re-

maining two selections of the program: the Sonata #2, Opus 19 of Alexander Scriabin came forth as a transitional work between the composer's early and late periods, with particular forcefulness in the concluding movement. And in the evening's finale, the Variations on a Theme of Corelli, Opus 42 of Sergei Rachmaninoff (which actually is not Corelli's theme), Ms. Mani effected a similar balance between the virtuoso sections and the more contemplative reworkings of the "La Folia" theme.

The assembled audience was more than appreciative of all three works, with resounding applause following each of them, and one could only have wished that more people had filled more of the seats to hear such a masterful interpretive performance as this was.

CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the ARF dogs and cats were discussing methods for finding forever homes.

Veronica: And then there was one.

Bobbie: What do you mean?

Veronica: One what?

Veronica: One dog. Me. Betty found her forever mom. I'm so happy for her, but I'll miss her.

George: Me, too! Betty really liked us cats.

Bobbie: Veronica, it won't be long before you find your forever family. You're a very cute dog and everyone loves a puppy!

Veronica: Yeah, I guess. You're right. I'm one cute puppy, aren't I?

Bobbie: Yes, but you have sharp nails! When are you getting your mani-pedi?

Veronica: On March 28, if I'm still with ARF. You know, at the nail-trim clinic.

Bobbie: I need a mani-pedi. Will they take cats, too?

Mr. Gray: I heard that they will. I want to look good for the humans who visit the cattery.

Audrey: Mr. Gray, good looking nails or not, you need to learn to woo the humans if you want to be adopted.

Mr. Gray: I woo them, once I'm comfortable with them. If they would just visit for a while, they would see just how friendly we all are.

George: And they would learn that I like to be petted, but only near my head. I'm funny that way.


Pepper: You all could learn from me. I've perfected the weaving around the human's legs. They like that, ya know.

Veronica: Forget weaving around legs. Just wiggle your butt and tilt your head like I do. It gets 'em very time!


Audrey: Veronica, that's a dog move. We cats are more sophisticated than that!

Are cats really more sophisticated than dogs? Maybe, maybe not. But we do know their adoption fees are now half price! 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.


In Memory of all our beloved pets.




Bobbie




Audrey



Veronica



Mr. Gray



George