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The Idyllwild Fire Department remembered 9/11 with a brief ceremony Monday morning and raising the flag over Highway 243 for the day. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

State Court rules Prop 218 has limited control of citizen initiatives

By JP CRUMRINE
 NEWS EDITOR

At the end of August, the California Supreme Court may have offered the Idyllwild Fire Protection District a solution to its recently failed tax measures.

In a case involving a cannabis local initiative that would legalize and tax medical-marijuana dispensaries in the City of Upland, the Supreme Court issued a decision involving the right of citizens to propose initiatives and Proposition 218, which has been incorporated into the state Constitution.

While the actual case involved only when the cannabis measure could go to the voters — either in a general or special election — the same section of the Constitution requires a two-thirds-majority vote to approve a tax measure.

Although the constitutional section (from Prop 218) requires tax measures to be voted on in general election, the court said that requirement was limited to measures brought by a "local government." The city should have called a special election sooner and let the voters decide.

The court wrote that there are virtually no limits on a citizens' initiative. The court ordered Upland to hold a special election for this initiative.

"Multiple provisions of the state Constitution explicitly constrain the power of local governments to raise taxes. But we will not lightly apply such restrictions on local governments to voter initiatives, ... We conclude that article XIII C, section 2, subdivision (b) does not limit voters' power to propose and adopt initiatives concerning taxation," the majority of the court opined.

Subdivision (b), which requires a general election vote, begins with "No local government" as does Subdivision (d) which requires the two-thirds approval of a tax measure. Political commentators and state politicians are concerned that this decision would apply to allow approval of a citizen-initiated tax measure by less than two-thirds majority vote.

Assembly Republicans are already calling for a
See Prop 218, page A8

Hiker dies in Humber, second severely injured

About 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, Cal Fire and Riverside County firefighters responded to reports of an injured hiker at Humber Park.

After hiking to the location, firefighters found one male victim, Jonathan Zuniga, 24, of Oceanside, who perished at the scene.

Firefighters then found a second severely injured male victim. Responders called for air support and Cal Fire Copter 901 performed a hoist operation. This person was delivered to an awaiting air ambulance at the U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Ranger Station, from where he was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries.

According to a Go Fund

Me page for Zuniga's family, the deceased's brother, Nathaniel Zuniga, was the injured hiker.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department press release states that the results of its investigation indicate Jonathan and his brother fell while rock climbing, although other online comments believe they were trapped in a rockslide.

Also, according to the Go Fund Me site, Jon, who is active duty in the Navy, is survived by his wife Leah, a son Trevor and a little girl due in late January. Trevor also has a rare chromosome condition that requires special needs for which Leah remains a stay-at-home mom to provide the best care possible for him.



On Wednesday, Sept. 6, one hiker died and another was severely injured rock climbing in Humber Park. Here, first responders are evaluating their next action. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



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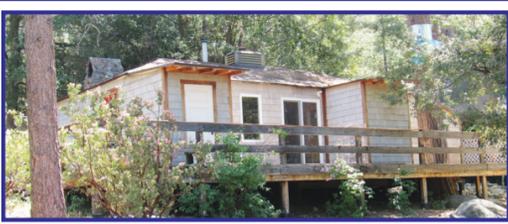
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Good rainfall for September over weekend

Fire threats not diminished

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The dry summer was temporarily abated this weekend yet the rain here never approached the hurricane levels that drenched Texas and now are inundating Florida from hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

"The rain helps slow the fire and its spread if we do get a start," said Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz. "There's still a lot of dry fuel — weeds and brush — and dead fuel that's not taking up the moisture. It's still a high-to-extreme fire threat."

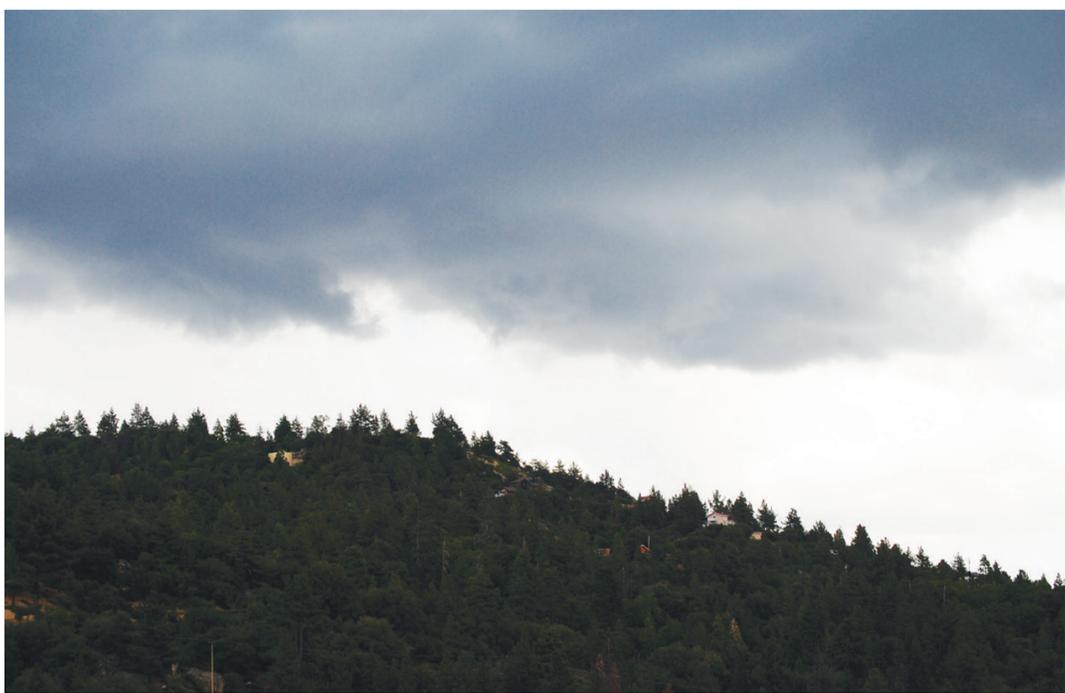
From Friday night through Monday, the Idyllwild Fire Station recorded 0.64 of an inch of rain. Pine Cove received less rain, slightly more than half an inch. But a little further south, at the U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Ranger Station, nearly an inch of rain was re-

corded in that 24-hour period.

While this is the most rain on the Hill since May, the long-term average rainfall for September is 0.87 of an inch and Keenwild has exceeded that volume before the middle of the month.

Still, the totals since July 1 remain far below the historic average through the end of August, which is nearly 1.5 inches. Idyllwild Fire Station has recorded 0.8 of an inch and Pine Cove has recorded 0.86 of an inch. The greatest amount of local rain since July 1 has been at Keenwild, which has received 1.1 inches through Monday, nearly half an inch less than the historic average through the end of August.

"One inch of rain will have an impact; it will probably lessen the fire behavior for about one week, although a hot spell could lessen that period of time," wrote Cal Fire County Fire Chief John Hawkins, who assessed the rain's value



Dark clouds form over Garner Valley bringing a strong rainstorm to Idyllwild Saturday afternoon.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

about the same as Reitz.

As Saturday's heavy rain began, a power outage occurred in a small area of Idyllwild. At about

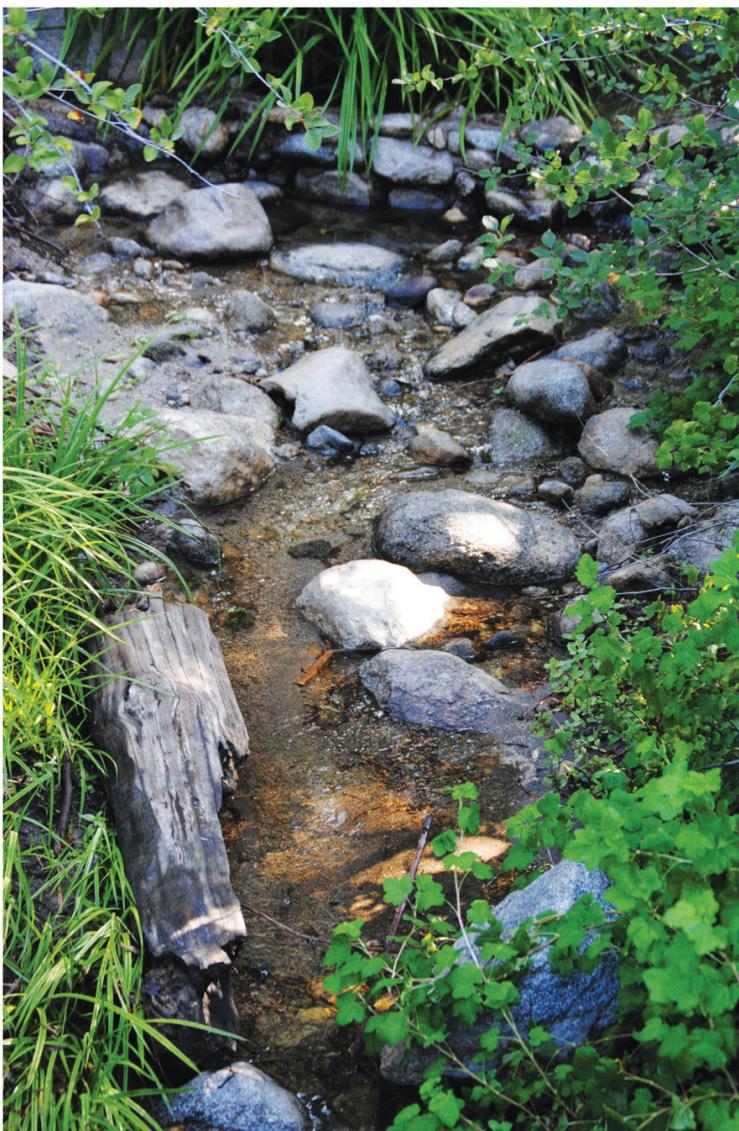
3 p.m., power was lost for almost three hours to homes along Idyllbrook Drive. Southern California Edison said the cause

is unknown, according to Susan Cox of the SCE Media Relations Office.

However, in recent weeks, all of the power

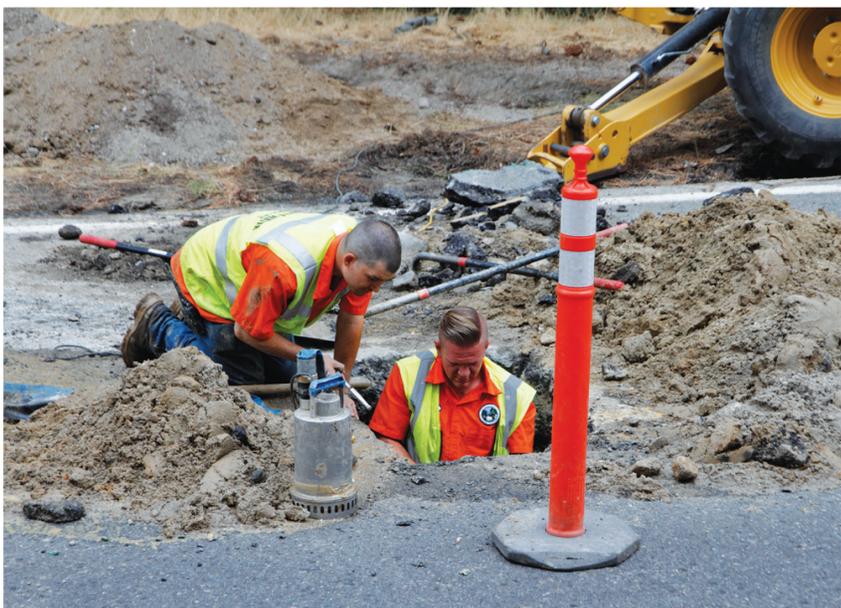
poles have been replaced in this stretch.

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Left, Strawberry Creek had flowing water Sunday morning after Saturday's rain storm.

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Above, Joe Reyes (left) and Cody Nyberg of the Idyllwild Water District repair the broken pipe that was leaking along Highway 243 in front of the State Park on Friday.

PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Lectures addressing chronic health conditions continue at Idyllwild Library

High blood pressure is the next subject

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

A speaker will discuss high blood pressure, including optimal blood pressure levels, at the fourth in a series of five lectures.

Presented jointly by the Fern Creek Medical Center and the Idyllwild Library, the first Interactive Community Lectures address chronic health conditions that can be ameliorated through use of both traditional medicine and integrative alternative treatment options.

Sometimes chronic health conditions, including high blood pressure levels over extended periods of time, progress despite use of conventional medical therapies. The series features presenters from both traditional and alternative medical approaches. Attendees can learn of a variety of modalities and treatments, including diet modification, stress management, acupuncture and meditation that can be used to treat high blood pressure.

The series is free to the public. The high blood pressure lecture is from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, in the Community Room of the Idyllwild Library.

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

GRE Prep Study Group

The Graduate Record Examination Prep Study Group meets at the Idyllwild Library from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through September for those interested in graduate school. The GRE is a standardized exam used to measure one's aptitude for abstract thinking in the areas of analytical writing, mathematics and vocabulary. It is commonly used by many graduate schools to determine an applicant's eligibility for the program.

Those interested are welcome to join study group in the study room. For more information, contact Halie Wilson at haliewilson@gmail.com.

Bird stamp art contest

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is holding an art contest to select the design for the state's 2017-18 upland game bird stamp.

The California Upland Game Bird Stamp Art Contest is open to all U.S. residents ages 18 and up. Entries will be accepted from Monday, Oct. 30, to Wednesday, Nov. 15.

This year's stamp features the Wilson's snipe (*Gallinago delicata*), a charismatic, diminutive migratory game bird. The Wilson's snipe relies on its long, straight beak to forage for invertebrates in muddy wetlands from the coast to the high Sierra Nevada.

Entries must include at least one Wilson's snipe, preferably in a setting representative of its natural habitat in California. Entries will be judged on originality, artistic composition, anatomical accuracy and suitability for reproduction as a stamp and a print.

For contest information and entry forms, visit www.wildlife.ca.gov/upland-game-bird-stamp.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 9/13

77/43
Sunny.

Thursday 9/14

67/47
Sunny.

Friday 9/15

69/47
Sunny.

Saturday 9/16

73/48
Sunny.

Sunday 9/17

74/47
Sunny.

Monday 9/18

74/52
Sunny.

Tuesday 9/19

71/45
Sunny.

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

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
09/05	82	56	0.00	0.0
09/06	85	58	0.00	0.0
09/07	85	57	0.00	0.0
09/08	77	54	0.00	0.0
09/09	72	55	0.64	0.0
09/10	83	53	0.00	0.0
09/11	84	63	0.00	0.0

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
09/05	72	41	0.00	0.0
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09/07	81	50	0.00	0.0
09/08	81	52	0.00	0.0
09/09	81	52	0.00	0.0
09/10	86	52	0.00	0.0
09/11	79	50	0.00	0.0

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 0.75
To date last season (Idy): 0.21
Total last season (Idy): 28.61
To date this season (PC): 0.86
Total last season (PC): 37.56

Snow in inches

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

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

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



Puffy white clouds floated over Tuesday afternoon on a warm day. The forecast still showed a 20 percent chance of precipitation.

PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

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Idyllwild citizen scientists equipped to find flying squirrel

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

About 20 people volunteered to be “citizen scientists” in order to assess whether a flying squirrel population still exists in the San Jacinto Mountains.

Brian Gibson of the San Diego Natural History Museum was at the Idyllwild Nature Center Saturday to describe the project and distribute cameras to local residents interested in participating. A few camera kits are still available.

Among the attendees were Kerrie and Mondo Rodriguez, who said they often have “... eight or nine squirrels greet them every morning. We are very excited,” they said about the project.

“It’s a charismatic animal, and I’m surprised there are not more studies about it,” Gibson told the group. The flying squirrel is strictly a nocturnal animal with great eyes to collect the night light.

In 1908, Joseph Grinnell, on a survey of Southern California wildlife for the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California, Berkeley, photographed and saved a flying squirrel specimen from the Hill, according to

Gibson.

“Grinnell wrote in his notebooks nearly every night he heard the chuckling of the squirrels under the black oaks in Strawberry Valley,” Gibson said.

While the squirrels have been seen and mentioned since then, the last informal and unrecorded sighting was in the 1990s, Gibson said sadly. Since then, the species may have disappeared from the local environment.

Grinnell’s method of recording biological data (the Grinnell System) has become the procedure most often used by professional biologists and field naturalists, according to the University of California’s MVZ, where he was the first director.

Grinnell saw that the value of his work would be greater in the future than contemporaneously. He wrote, “... after the lapse of many years, possibly a century, the student of the future will have access to the original record of faunal conditions in California.”

A population of the Humboldt flying squirrel, which is the same species, still resides in the San Bernardino Mountains. For the past several years, the SDNHM has had a core group of citizen scientists

photographing and recording the squirrels’ nocturnal lives in the San Bernardino Mountains. Gibson shared slides and videos of the squirrels’ behavior captured by motion detection cameras — the same cameras he passed out Saturday.



Brian Gibson, San Diego Natural History Museum, distributes camera sets to local residents willing to try to capture on film the nocturnal flying squirrel, who has not been seen in the San Jacinto Mountains for decades. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

“If all your sunflower seeds are gone overnight, it could be a sign of the [flying] squirrels,” he said.

The indicators of their habitat, based on the San Bernardino population’s preferences, are a thick canopy cover, thick duff on the ground and a moist environment close to a water source, Gibson stated. And the SDNHM staff does not think flying squirrels hi-

bernate.

In response to a question about why the squirrel population may not still exist here, Gibson could not identify any significant differences between the two locales.

One camera was reserved for the Mt. San Jacinto State Park. Gibson has had discussions with the staff about locating a camera at a higher elevation and possibly detecting the squirrels there.

However, a couple of more camera kits are available. After the first recording period is over at the end of September, there may be more, he said

after the session.

The suet and nuts used to attract the squirrels into the camera’s perspective would seem to attract other animals. In San Bernardino, other species, such as fox and bear, were recorded along with numerous squirrel visits, perhaps attracted by the squirrels themselves.

If you are interested in obtaining a camera to try to capture a flying squirrel on film, Gibson can be reached through his email address at squirrels@sdnhm.org.

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Dispose of those hazardous waste materials laying around your home

Free county pick up Sept. 30

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

The Household Hazardous Waste Disposal returns to Idyllwild from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The lo-

cation is the County Road Facility at 25780 Johnson Road, just past the Idyllwild Fire Station.

On that day, local residents may bring a plethora of potentially hazardous materials to the site for collection. (See attached list of acceptable materials.)

Unacceptable items include ammunition, explosives, asbestos, appliances, tires and containers larger than 5 gallons or weighing more than 50 pounds.

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Adhesives	(Flammable liquid containers cannot be returned)	Monitors	Fertilizers
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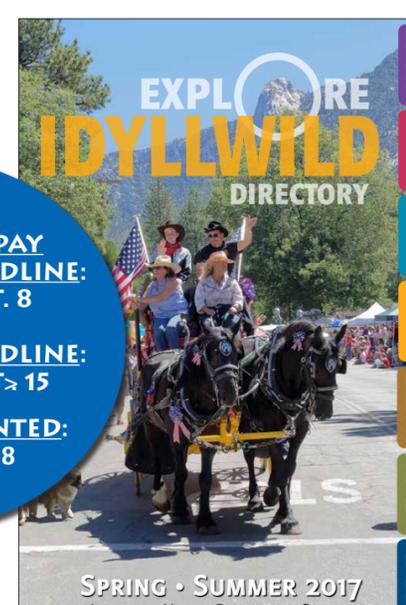
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By JACK AND BECKY CLARK,
CO-PUBLISHERS

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TC's special place in family

EDITOR:

I'm enclosing a check for Town Crier Membership in the amount of \$500 in the name of "The Mills Family."

The paper has held a special presence in my life. It was always on the table in my parents' and grandparents' cabins. The pages logged so many of the events in our family history, not the least of which was my hiking to Tahquitz Peak in 1968 (at the age of 8) with Lora Steere (at the age of 80). Yes, she handily beat me to the top.



EVAN MILLS
MENDOCINO

Air and noise pollution in Idyllwild?

EDITOR:

I am grateful for many things, one of which is living in this mountain community. Just breathing in the clean air fragrant with pine, cedar and fir lifts my spirits, until: I get a whiff on the air current from someone's dryer in the neighborhood spewing out the poisonous smell of some commercial dryer sheet (Bounce, perhaps). Or, the quiet of a Saturday or Sunday morning is disturbed

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

are at the Town Crier office at 54405 North Circle Drive, Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., unless Monday is a Town Crier holiday — then the meeting is at 8:30 a.m. the following day, Thursday. The next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 8:30 a.m.

In case you missed it, the following is an updated version of the article originally published in the paper of August 17:

Does the Town Crier have a future? Our Readers must decide.

[Updated significantly on Aug. 22 and 29 and Sept. 5 and 12]

On June 28, 2013, our small, close corporation purchased the Town Crier, which had not made any money during the previous four-and-one-half years. We had one objective: to save the newspaper on our Hill. We could not imagine our community without one. Three weeks later, our online coverage of the Mountain Fire for Hill evacuees underscored that point.

What is a "newspaper"? A newspaper is a community watchdog that publishes the bad with the good. It warns of danger, advises of opportunity, challenges authority, praises accomplishment, investigates irregularity, marvels at art, exposes abuse, celebrates life and publishes its readers' letters. If a publication doesn't do all of these things, it may be something else, but it's not a newspaper.

Why does our Hill need a newspaper? Well, to do all of those things just mentioned — but particularly because we have nine local public boards that are funded by our tax dollars, and they make decisions and/or recommendations as to how to acquire and spend even more of our tax dollars — and they determine what public services we get for them. These nine boards are: the Fern Valley, Idyllwild, Lake Hemet and Pine Cove water districts; County Service areas 36 and 38; Idyllwild Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners and the IFPD Finance Committee; and the Idyllwild Historical Review Board.

These local agencies are monitored by nobody but the Town Crier.

The old, traditional model for a community newspaper was to publish the news, sign up readers for subscriptions and sell advertising to local businesses. But subscriptions themselves never provided much revenue beyond paying for the postage to mail them out. A traditional community newspaper survived on advertising by local businesses.

When we began operating the Town Crier four years ago, it did not have enough business advertising to survive. So, we tried a series of incentives in an attempt to attract advertising: We slashed our advertising prices by 25 percent, we offered full-color ads at no additional price, we tried publishing a promotional magazine, we introduced contests and new columns and improved our games, and our office remained open seven days a week as a Visitors Center to serve the needs of visitors to our Hill, hoping that serving them would increase business for our advertisers.

We tried "bundling" advertising in our various publications, providing deeper discounts for advertising in more than one publication. We changed printing companies and went to a broadsheet size because we knew it would produce a more reliable, better-quality newspaper with consistently sharper, more-colorful photos and ads, which it did.

Eight months ago, we made the Town Crier "free on the Hill" with free issues in each Hill mailbox, and the paper's circulation went from about 2,350 to about 5,500 — more than 230 percent of what it had been previously

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MEMBER



WHEN TO REACH US

OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m. — 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

DEADLINES MONDAY

News Items — 10 a.m.

Classified Ads — Noon

Display Ads — Noon

Please read your ad.
We assume no responsibility
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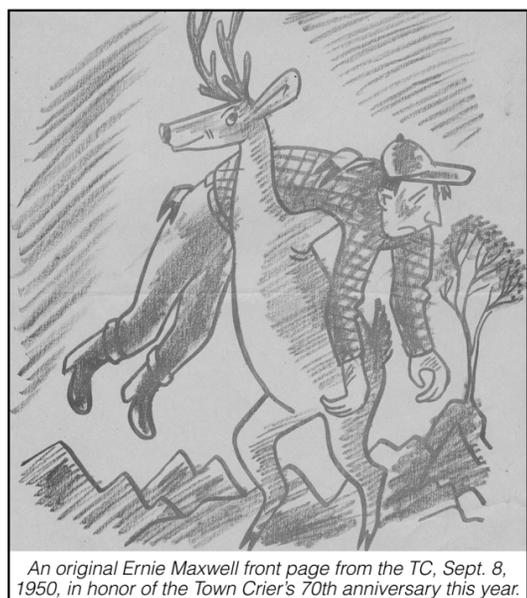
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An original Ernie Maxwell front page from the TC, Sept. 8, 1950, in honor of the Town Crier's 70th anniversary this year.



BY CALLIE WIGHT

Nothing in this article is meant to be medical advice. Please consult your healthcare provider. Some info below taken from: <http://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/chca/files/adultlife-plan2011.pdf> www.famplan.org/Resources/Docs/adult_rhp_busy_woman.pdf www.everywomancalifornia.org/categories_display.cfm?categoriesID=61 www.marchofdimes.org/ www.cdc.gov/preconception/overview.html

Ladies and gentlemen, please ponder this: If you don't have a plan to prevent pregnancy, then what you do have is a plan to get pregnant. More than half of all pregnancies in the United States are not planned. Why does this matter?

Fetal organs are already forming before the pregnant woman even sees her provider for the first time. Women can be pregnant for weeks and not realize they are, especially if the pattern of their monthly menstruation is usually irregular. In other words, the unborn child is affected by both mom's and dad's health states almost immediately after conception.

For example, alcohol intake: Alcohol is not considered safe during pregnancy in any amount. It is the leading cause of birth defects in the U.S. If a woman is pregnant, planning to get pregnant or at risk of getting pregnant, because she and her partner are not using contraception, experts advise that she should not be drinking alcohol. The same is true for illicit drug use, which is associated with several serious and negative birth outcomes. This is where that plan to get pregnant or to avoid getting pregnant comes in.

Your health matters. To help themselves have the desired outcomes, to avoid preventable birth defects (and not all birth defects are preventable), women and men need to actively plan for pregnancy, enter pregnancy while in their own best health, and be well-informed. This is called preconception health. Any woman who can bear children and is not pregnant is in a state of preconception, even if she is taking steps to avoid pregnancy.

According to the March of Dimes, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to healthy families (see link above), "If you're thinking about getting pregnant the best thing you and your partner can do for your baby is to plan ahead. Having a healthy baby begins well before you get pregnant, so start making healthy choices now!"

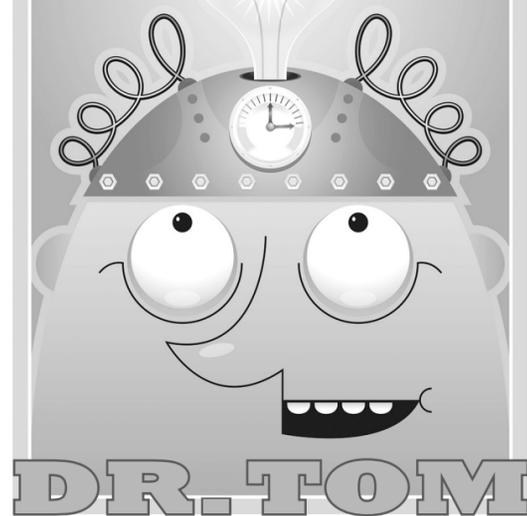
Most health resources (see links above) recommend the following for women of any age, but especially pertinent for women who can bear children: Work to achieve and maintain a healthy weight; take folic acid, a B vitamin, important in preventing birth defects; make and keep an appointment with your healthcare provider for what is now called a preconception checkup; and wait at least 18 months to two years before conceiving again between pregnancies to give your body a chance to fully recover from the last pregnancy, even if it did not result in a birth. The goal here is to make sure you're as healthy as you can be. If you have no provider, please see those links above which help with guidelines.

On the other hand, if you're not ready for a baby just yet, you need a plan to avoid pregnancy. Use whatever method you prefer but choose reliability overall.

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

Health Care, Politics & Other Stuff

BY DR. TOM KLUZAK



Healthcare update...

Imagine developing a serious illness, seeking medical care, presenting your Medicare card and receiving it without denials or appeals or copays or deductibles. When your healthcare team suggests a medication that will likely cure your condition, you receive it at no cost.

Such a scenario describes a system that would be more fair and empathetic, and less expensive overall. It would also be able to gather data about the effectiveness of diagnostic and therapeutic interventions, allowing more effective care driven by science, not the whim of "your" insurance company. It would, above all, be a patient-centered system.

It is becoming more obvious each day that the American people desire "improved Medicare for all" when they understand how it works. Yet many believe it cannot be accomplished, that we need gradual reforms.

Bill Frist, former U.S. senator, surgeon and healthcare entrepreneur, writing in the Washington Post Monday morning. See Dr. Tom, page A7

Members

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— which meant more than twice as many eyes on our advertisers' ads.

We distributed Town Crier publications at more than 60 locations around the Hill that resulted in thousands more Town Crier newspapers, Explore Idyllwild Directories and Explore Idyllwild Maps in the hands of Hill visitors than ever before. We published the Town Crier's actual distribution and circulation numbers on page A4 every week, and we offered to share with potential advertisers the detailed records of our increased distribution and circulation.

We even appealed directly to local businesses' sense of community spirit, asking them to support the Town Crier for the benefit of our whole community, growing their businesses through advertising at the same time.

Although these efforts helped somewhat, they did not produce nearly the needed level of advertising from our local businesses. Some businesses say they can't afford to advertise (?), others say they don't need to advertise (!), and some give no explanation at all. But, whatever the reason, the traditional advertiser-funded community newspaper model does not work on our Hill anymore. So, we had to try something different.

We saw that we could no longer provide the Town Crier free to the Hill.

We both are volunteers at the Town Crier, serving these years with no compensation. To be clear: no cash, wages, salaries, commissions, draws, advances, bonuses or dividends — no compensation of any type. (One month, a year and a half ago, we did try paying our publisher-editor minimum wage, but that lasted only one month. The paper couldn't afford it.) Whenever we dine out, or stay at a hotel or motel, it's all on our personal credit cards, even if it's on Town Crier business. The Town Crier cannot afford to budget for meals, travel or entertainment.

Being volunteers was fine for us, but it meant that when

we retired, the Town Crier would retire with us, since nobody likely would want to acquire a newspaper that is viable only if the editor, proofreader, pickup/distribution man, light-duty handyman and occasional lawyer all are willing to work for free. And since Jack is 72, our retirement will be sooner rather than later — not likely very much later than this time next year; perhaps sooner than that. So, our goal now is to quickly make the Town Crier financially viable so it can be acquired by other, younger publishers dedicated to providing a real newspaper for our Hill. And as we said in a recent follow-up story, we do not intend to retire before finding new publishers that are right for the Town Crier and our Hill.

The major change we've made is to our funding: We realized that Town Crier support was going to have to come from those who value us most — our readers. And our readers frequently tell us that they do not want just an online-only newspaper; they still want a real ink-on-paper newspaper, too.

We have received many "thank yous" and favorable comments from our readers who really do appreciate what the Town Crier is doing for our community. During the past 16 to 18 months alone, the Town Crier's investigative journalism produced several articles revealing important information that had been misrepresented and/or concealed by our local governmental agencies. Our readers let us know they appreciated the Town Crier's serious journalism informing them of these matters.

So, we now are making a last effort to keep the Town Crier serving our community: We are appealing to our readers to save and support their newspaper with Memberships at five levels of support: Sustaining Readers, Sponsors, Patrons, Heroes and Angels, depending upon what you feel you can afford to keep the Town Crier benefiting our community.

So, please take stock of your feelings about the value of the Town Crier and your ability and willingness to contribute to save and support it for our community. The Member-

ship Application that follows this article will explain how you can help. We are routinely publishing the results of this ongoing Membership drive in the Town Crier, so you can see how it is progressing. The importance is this: A Member-supported newspaper can serve our community endlessly into the future.

We do realize that not everyone can afford to be a Member even if they want to be, and not everyone can fit a \$1 newspaper into their budget each week. So, a number of free papers still will be available at the HELP Center and the Town Crier office for those whose budget cannot allow for a weekly newspaper — and the Idyllwild Library will always have the Town Crier on file, too.

Thanks to you, our readers, for your attention, and for all your well wishes and support over the years.

We also thank those businesses that have supported the Town Crier with their advertising and continue to do so; we wish there were more of you.

We both feel enormously happy to have been able to give our Hill a real community newspaper during the past four-plus years.

With our great appreciation and thanks.

— Jack and Becky Clark

Town Crier Membership Application:

NAME(S): _____
 MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I (We) want to keep the Town Crier as a real newspaper for the benefit of our community, as follows:

- Angels:** Other amount unlimited above \$1,000 annually — \$ _____
- Heroes:** \$1,000+ annually — \$ _____
- Patrons:** \$500+ annually — \$ _____
- Sponsors:** \$250+ annually — \$ _____
- Sustaining Readers:** \$100+ annually — \$ _____

All Memberships may be paid for by the month, if you wish, by using a pre-submitted credit card, debit card, or PayPal account with the addition of a 3% fee. Contact Becky at the Town Crier office to make arrangements. 951-659-2145.

PLEASE NOTE: The Town Crier is NOT an official "nonprofit organization." (Nor do we feel it could be in our community whose fractions would fight for board seats so as to acquire editorial control over the paper.) So, your Membership contributions are NOT tax deductible.

And we know our Members appreciate that we cannot allow the fact of their Memberships to control the paper's ongoing editorial policies. If you previously had an uncompleted subscription before we went "free on the Hill," or if you have an off-Hill subscription now, you may contact Becky for credit against or an extension of your new Membership. She is in process of doing this for everybody anyway.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- ▶ Subscriptions to both printed and online issues of the Town Crier.
- ▶ Nice-looking "Idyllwild Town Crier Member" car-window decals, which we very much hope you will display so as to encourage others to join us.
- ▶ Recognition of your Membership in the Town Crier, unless you request anonymity.
- ▶ Invitations to what we hope will be the annual Town Crier Membership Party.
- ▶ And most important and valuable of all: You will receive the satisfaction and pleasure of knowing that you are doing your part to support a real newspaper on our Hill for the benefit of our entire community.

Send completed form to Idyllwild Town Crier, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

Checks may be made payable to "Town Crier."

You may contact Becky at 951-659-2145 or Becky@towncrier.com.



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

Wednesday, Sept. 13

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Qigong, 9-10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Pine Cove Water District board, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Mountain Area Safety Taskforce, 1:30 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Thursday, Sept. 14

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. Spir-

- itual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), 12:30 p.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Françoise Frigola, 951-659-4146, for more information.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Friday, Sept. 15

- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
- Fern Valley Water District board, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
- AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Feeding America, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Celebrate Recovery (hang-

ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Saturday, Sept. 16

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

Sunday, Sept. 17

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 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, Sept. 18

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. & Womens Alanon Step Study, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Day of Mindfulness, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Chronic Pain/Illness Community Support Group, 4-5:30 p.m. Hill House, Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

- Idyllwild Garden Club board, 10 a.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Hemet Unified School District board, 1 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Sons of the American Le-

gion board, 5 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.

- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board, 5-7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Blood pressure discussion, 6-7 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.
- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 951-659-3174 for location.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Qigong, 9-10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Finance Committee, 2 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- High Valleys Water District board, 3 p.m. HWVD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

NEWS OF RECORD

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, Sept. 3 to 9.

Idyllwild

- Sept. 3 — Public disturbance, 2:20 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Alarm call, 12:08 a.m., Ridgeview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Noise complaint, 2:18 a.m., 52000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Lost property, 10:38 p.m., Saddle Dr. Report taken.

- Sept. 5 — Battery, 10:18 a.m., Country Club Dr. Unfounded.
- Sept. 5 — Follow-up, 11:50 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 5 — Alarm call, 2:32 p.m., 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — Public disturbance, 6:52 p.m., Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 5 — Suspicious person, 10:10 p.m., 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 6 — Burglary, 2:44 a.m., Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 6 — Search & rescue operation, 2:03 p.m., address undefined. Report taken.

- Sept. 7 — Check the welfare, 9:18 p.m., Lodge Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 8 — Alarm call, 3:29 a.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 8 — Trespassing, 7:36 a.m., 52000 block Double View Dr. Unfounded.

- Sept. 8 — Suicide threat, 11:09 p.m., address withheld. Report taken.

- Sept. 9 — Public disturbance, 7:54 a.m., Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 9 — Found property, 1:03 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Sept. 6 — Suspicious circumstance, 10:23 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 9 — Carjacking, 6:28 a.m., address undefined. Report taken.

Pine Cove

- Sept. 3 — Suspect info, 11:07 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 3 — Public disturbance, 9:28 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 4 — Suspect info, 7:11 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 6 — Unattended death, 6:53 a.m., address withheld. Report taken.

- Sept. 6 — Follow-up, 10:33 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 6 — Incurable minor, 12:05 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 6 — Suicide threat, 3:39 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 7 — Suspicious circumstance, 12:54 p.m., 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Unfounded.

Pine Cove

- Sept. 6 — Unlawful entry, 10:20 p.m., Butterfly Peak Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Sept. 3 — Danger to self/other, 10:46 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 5 — Unlawful entry, 4:25 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 6 — Harassing phone calls, 5:18 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 7 — Unknown trouble, 5:34 a.m., Wolf Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 9 — Unknown trouble, 3:24 p.m., Bear St. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Sept. 3 — Lost hiker, 4:34 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 5 — Suspicious circumstance, 6:09 p.m., 24000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 6 — Suspicious circumstance, 5:52 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 6 — Shots fired, 6:52 p.m., E. Florida Ave. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 7 — Assist other department, 12:32 a.m., Temecula Dr. Handled by deputy.

Dr. Tom

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ing, talks about "stabilizing our health-care system." I recently attended a webinar from Physicians for a National Health Program that offered arguments against such incrementalism — recall that this group is composed of physicians longing for fewer impediments to care for everyone — and, since I haven't written about healthcare recently, it seems like a good opportunity to do so.

Some points I made previously bear repeating. Your feeling that "you are tired of paying for somebody else" and the belief that you can actually pay for your own healthcare are just plain silly. Any way we look at it, if one of us comes down with a serious medical condition, our care will be paid for by others, either directly through Medicare, Medicaid or health insurance, or indirectly, by various kinds of subsidies. Don't forget that every person has the potential of requiring the same care.

It cannot be predicted; you cannot tailor your insurance policy to fit your needs because it is impossible to predict what your needs will be. How difficult is it to understand that everyone needs basic healthcare, just like we need roads and fire departments, and police departments? That we don't

need insurance, we need healthcare.

Some of us will pay more, some will pay less, some won't pay anything, but it is easy to figure out the easiest, least expensive way to accomplish this: improved Medicare for all! Whether or not you are a fan of Bernie Sanders, as a voter and potential patient, you should read his proposal for Medicare for All at berniesanders.com and consider its ramifications.

Many of you will not be surprised at the recent experience of my wife when she underwent knee-replacement surgery. Suffice it to say that there was no part of her care that was actually geared to her. Everything was done for the convenience of the insurance company, the doctors, the hospital.

One of my HSAs from prior employment even refuses to pay for prescriptions at our local pharmacy; they want the pharmacy to register and jump through hoops so they can pay for prescriptions with my money.

Although I know the history of healthcare in the U.S., I still cannot help but shake my head and wonder how we have allowed ourselves to be so manipulated, abused and robbed by the "healthcare industry."

In a rich country such as ours, healthcare must be a human right. Medicare was implemented smoothly in 1965 so it should be much easier to implement a similar computerized

Legals

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written 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: OCT 18 2017 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. 12.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Causes 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: AUG 31 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017.

RIC1712471
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:
ELIZABETH SCHUCHMAN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: NOAH ROBERT SCHUCHMAN-ANAYA changed to Proposed name: NOAH ROBERT ANAYA

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: OCT 10 2017 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. 12.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Causes 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: AUG 22 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017.

RIC1716286
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:
JUANA GUERRERO TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: JUANA GUERRERO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: GISELLE MIA GODOY changed to Proposed name: MIA GISELLE GODOY

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: 10-11-17 Time: 8:30AM, 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: AUG 30 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017.

RIC1716298
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name:
JIONNAROSE NEWTON TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: JIONNAROSE NEWTON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: JIONNAROSE NEWTON changed to Proposed name: ROSE JIONNAROSE NEWTON

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

RIC1716128
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name:
PEDRO MENDEZ GUILLEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: PEDRO MENDEZ GUILLEN filed a petition with this court for a decree

without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 10-10-2017 Time: 8:30, Dept. 12.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: AUG 31 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017.

RIC1716044
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:
ROSITSA FAYE PADESKI TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: ROSITSA FAYE PADESKI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: ROSITSA FAYE PADESKI changed to Proposed name: JESSICA FAYE WELLS

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: OCT 17 2017 Time: 8:30AM, 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: AUG 28 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017.

RIC1715800
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: Main Courthouse.
TRANG THU LUYEN AND KARMA BHUTIA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: TRANG THU LUYEN AND KARMA BHUTIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: THIEN-SA PHUNTSOK LUYEN changed to Proposed name: SABASTIAN THIEN-SA PHUNTSOK LUYEN

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: 10/5/2017 Time: 8:30, Dept. 12.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

changing names as follows:
a. Present name: PEDRO MENDEZ GUILLEN changed to Proposed name: PETER MENDEZ GUILLEN

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.

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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: AUG 29 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017.

RIC1715800
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: Main Courthouse.
TRANG THU LUYEN AND KARMA BHUTIA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: TRANG THU LUYEN AND KARMA BHUTIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: THIEN-SA PHUNTSOK LUYEN changed to Proposed name: SABASTIAN THIEN-SA PHUNTSOK LUYEN

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: 10/10/17 Time: 8:30AM, 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: AUG 23 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017.

RIC1716062
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: Riverside Hemet Courthouse.
DIMPY WARICH TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: DIMPY WARICH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: DIMPY WARICH changed to Proposed name: DIMPY WRAICH

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.

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Date: AUG 28 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described Personal property will be held at the hour of 12:30 PM on September 28th, 2017 at: Lockaway Storage, 1181 N. State Street in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, boxes, misc. tools & equipment. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 ET. Sec. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

A115 Briones, Shawn
H137 Gray, Kimbal
C110 Martinez, Jose
B119 Estanislao, Cruz
C308 Junis, Nanssee
B301 Petgrave, Sonia
D302 Thomas, Trace
D312 DiDonato, Victoria

Health insurance open enrollment begins Nov. 1

Covered Cal not waiting for federal guidance

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Despite the uncertainty of the Affordable Care Act's future in Washington, Covered California's Board of Directors took action last month to promote stability in the state's individual health-insurance market.

Although the U.S. Congress did not repeal the ACA, the Trump administration has not made any long-term commitments to continue funding the educational and enrollment activities. At the end of August, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced that the funding for advertising the new enrollment periods

would be only \$10 million compared to \$100 million in 2016.

CMS argues that the number of enrollees has been declining. In a press release announcing the reduced funding, the agency stated that during last year's sign up period, "... first-time enrollment declined by 42 percent and effectuated enrollment declined by approximately 500,000 individuals."

However, Covered Cal decided to move in the opposite direction to encourage more individual enrollment in the state's health-insurance program.

The Covered Cal board has increased its advertising budget and plans to "increase the number of television and radio ads around key dates throughout the upcoming open-enrollment period."

Also, Covered Cal's en-

rollment period will be Nov. 1 to Jan. 31, 2018. That is twice the length of the federal open-enrollment period, which ends Dec. 15, 2017.

And, the Covered Cal board is developing options for insurers to recover costs associated with the uncertainty of plans and federal reimbursement this year. This includes amending its contracts with carriers to promote participation and lower prices in 2018 by allowing for multi-year adjustments to their margins.

"The lack of clarity and direction at the federal level continues to be a challenge, and Covered California is doing everything it can to stabilize the market and protect consumers," said Peter V. Lee, executive director of Covered Cal. "A stable market is critical for millions of con-

sumers, and Covered California is showing how it can be done."

A bi-partisan group of U.S. senators on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee held hearings last week and this week in hopes of finding common ground to fortify the ACA program for the next year or two.

Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-Tennessee) said as the hearings began, "If Congress acts quickly we can limit increases in premiums in 2018; continue support for co-pays and deductibles for many low-income families; make certain that health insurance is available in every market; and lay the groundwork for future premium decreases."

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Stone again seeks teens' suggestions for legislation

Once again, this year's high school students from State Sen. Jeff Stone's 28th California Senate District are encouraged to propose legislation that may become law in California.

"There ought to be a law" challenge is open to all high school students — grades nine through 12 — in the 28th Senate District. The contest encourages students to submit ideas for improving the quality of life in Riverside County and California.

"By asking our high school students to propose new laws, I am hoping to tap into their bright, inquisitive minds and also to inspire them to get involved in politics and public service," Stone said. "I am looking for proposed legislation that addresses issues on both the local and statewide level.

"I will choose at least one of the entries and begin the process of creating legislation to be considered by the California Senate and Assembly

and, hopefully, signed by the governor," Stone added.

The deadline for students to submit their proposed legislation is Dec 5, 2017.

Interested participants can download an entry form or fill out the form online at www.Senate.CA.Gov/Stone.

Roberto Ortega, a senior at Shadow Hills High School in Indio, was the winner of the 2016 competition. His proposed law, Senate Bill 583, the California Financial Literacy Act, would provide young people the tools they need to handle their finances responsibly.

The winner and a parent will be invited to Sacramento to testify on behalf of their proposed legislation.

High school principals, teachers and staff can contact John Hunneman, Sen. Stone's communications director, for more information. His email address is john.hunneman@sen.ca.gov and his phone number is 951-894-3530.

Four years given in felony driving charge

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

A possible Idyllwild resident was sentenced to four years in state prison at a San Fernando courthouse on July 11, to be served in local custody in a case involving a stolen vehicle and pursuit by police officers in May in Santa Clarita.

According to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's media relations specialist Richard Santiago, Timothy Arthur Jones, 32, identified both as a transient and Idyllwild resident in arrest reports, pleaded no contest to felony driving or taking a vehicle without consent with a prior, and a misdemeanor count of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle.

Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station deputies arrested Jones after a vehicle pursuit on Wednesday, May 17.

One of the deputies was patrolling in Stevenson Ranch on Faulkner Lane in Santa Clarita and noticed a vehicle driving erratically. "He attempted to get the driver to pull over, but the driver didn't

comply," according to a SCV Sheriff's Facebook report. "The deputy was very concerned for public safety and initiated a vehicle pursuit. With the help of LASD Aero Bureau and their 'eyes from the sky,' along with tips from our supportive residents on the suspect's whereabouts, we were able to successfully apprehend the suspect on Oak Ridge Drive without anyone getting hurt. Truly a case of teamwork!"

The pursuit and subsequent arrest was also filmed by a CBS helicopter news crew.

The suspect was arrested on multiple charges, including vehicle theft, evading arrest, tampering with a VIN, possession of a controlled substance, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and driving under the influence.

"Jones is charged with stealing a vehicle and leading sheriff deputies on a pursuit on May 17," said Santiago. The vehicle was a red 1995 Honda Del Sol, allegedly stolen the same day in Santa Clarita.

Santiago said the felony complaint includes allegations that the defendant

was previously convicted on the following cases:

Unlawful driving or taking of a vehicle, convicted March 3, 2011; driving or taking a vehicle without consent, convicted Feb. 6, 2008; driving or taking a vehicle without consent, convicted Aug. 17, 2004; driving or taking a vehicle without consent, convicted Nov. 7, 2005; driving or taking a vehicle without consent, convicted April 1, 2004;

identity theft, convicted Aug. 10, 2015; evading an officer, willful disregard, convicted Oct. 2, 2013; robbery, convicted Oct. 2, 2013; possession of methamphetamines, convicted Aug. 1, 2012; unlawful driving or taking of a vehicle, convicted Sept. 11, 2012; and evading an officer, willful disregard, convicted Nov. 7, 2005.

Becky Clark can be reached at becky@towncrier.com.

Master gardeners available

The Riverside County Cooperative Extension has master gardeners available to answer questions.

You can ask about how to save water in your landscape, what's damaging your plants, how to make and use compost in your own backyard, what's ailing your trees, or any gardening-related question.

Calls are taken between 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday at 951-683-6491, ext. 231, and from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at 760-342-2511.

Coyote possible cause of crash

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Three traffic collisions, two with injuries, were reported last week on the Hill.

At 2:10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, Joseph Ruiz, 26, of Heber, claimed a coyote ran in front of his green 2009 Toyota Corolla when he was traveling westbound on Highway 74 near Mile Marker 76, causing him to swerve his vehicle, losing control and overturning. The solo crash caused damage not only to his vehicle, but to a barbed wire fence, according to California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Darren Meyer.

Meyer said CHP could not confirm a coyote was involved so Ruiz was

cited at fault for an unsafe turning movement. Ruiz was alone in the vehicle and suffered no injuries. The vehicle was towed.

On Saturday, a 2010 Harley-Davidson motorcycle crashed on Highway 74 near Apple Canyon Road resulting in one injury. At 12:12 p.m., Sean Schoepner, 51, of Riverside, was riding westbound with a passenger, Tamara Guy, 50, also of Riverside. The roadway was wet, Meyer said, and Schoepner was traveling at an unsafe speed approaching a left-hand curve when the front tire lost traction. He was unable to negotiate the curve and ran off the road.

American Medical Response transported Guy to Inland Valley Medical Center complaining of pain.

Schoepner was not injured. Idyllwild Garage towed the motorcycle.

The same day at 4:48 p.m., Hannah Musgrave, 18, of Escondido, was traveling south on Highway 243 near Saunders Meadow Road in a black 2007 Jeep Wrangler, said Meyer. Behind her was a gray 2001 Toyota Camry driven by Michelle Johnson, 56, of Idyllwild.

Musgrave attempted to make either a U-turn or a left-hand turn when the Camry ran into the rear of her vehicle. Meyer said Johnson was driving at an unsafe speed.

AMR transported Musgrave to Desert Regional Medical Center for a non-life-threatening head injury. Meyer had no further information on this incident as it was still under investigation.

Soroptimists offer financial aid to women continuing education

Soroptimist International is seeking women who are successfully enrolled in an educational program that results in either a certificate, license or undergraduate degree.

Grants are available for amounts ranging up to \$1,000. Two types of grants are available.

The first is the "Live Your Dream," which is designed for women who are the head of household, or provide the primary means of support for themselves and their dependents and demonstrate a

financial need. Local recipients are eligible to compete for grants at the Regional Level of Soroptimist International.

A second type of grant, which Soroptimist International Idyllwild only sponsors, does not require the "head of household" designation. Criteria include successful progress in an educational program.

Information on eligibility and application can be found by emailing siahq@soroptimist.org or calling Karen Doshier at 951-452-4599.

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constitutional amendment to clarify that all local tax measures must have a two-thirds approval.

After the court's opinion was released, Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, issued the following statement: "If local initiatives are exempt from critical taxpayer protections, then public agencies could easily deny taxpayers their rights by colluding with outside interests to pro-

pose taxes in the form of an initiative, then submitting a tax under a lower vote threshold than that currently mandated by the Constitution."

Until or unless the state Supreme Court directly rules that the two-thirds tax-passing majority applies to initiatives, IFPD's friends might consider gaining the signatures to bring a district tax increase forward themselves.

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IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., SEPT. 14, 2017

Local author writes book-long invitation

Author's press release

An Idyllwild author has written a book-length R.S.V.P. — a heartwarming invitation for readers that shows them a way out of whatever's keeping them from enjoying life.

Judy Leighton has been a pain and stress consultant for more than 30 years, helping hundreds of people not only find relief from traumatic memories but helping them out of the darkness of their lives and into a life of light, peace, love and joy.



After Judy suffered for 40 years of her life, she learned a way to remove fear and pain from memories, and she's written "Journey into Light: Experience the Sunshine Method" to invite people out of needless suffering.

This photo on the cover of Judy Leighton's new book Journey into Light: Experience the Sunshine Method shows inviting sunlight shining through a canopy of greenery. The photo was taken in Idyllwild.

As she writes in her book, "I don't want anyone to spend another second in unnecessary suffering." And she knows suffering.

Growing up, Judy was punished to the point that she endured decades of fear and pain along with horrifying flashbacks.

The Sunshine Method is the name of the healing method she developed at age 40 when she was suffering from a rare illness with no known cure. In her book, she shares how for months she deteriorated, losing energy and capacities.

She lost her ability to write, exercise, and drive. To get around she limped.

She endured extreme joint pain and knots in her back muscles. She slept little and couldn't take pain medications.

Nearing death's door for six months, she wondered why her life was being taken. She was fine with dying, knowing she'd be relieved of the fear, pain and flashbacks if she did.

However, one night as she was pondering why she'd been so severely mistreated by others in her life, she prayed to know what's missing in people's minds when they don't do what's best for themselves and others. The answer she was given was a crucial puzzle piece.

She put that piece together with others she'd received and began an experiment to see if she could experience some peace before she died. She silently repeated many times a day what she'd received, diligently striving against the currents of fear and pain like a salmon headed upstream. Whenever a destructive voice intruded, she replaced the darkness with messages of light.

Amazingly, after 10 days of this, she said her flashbacks vanished. After two more weeks, the pain from her illness disappeared. She also had felt worthless all her life and shares in her book how she came to feel she is 100-percent valuable and embraced by grace.

She said her method helps people quickly have a healthy self-worth. It also frees them from mental and emotional traps they're stuck in—traps keeping them from doing what they know is best.

Leighton said, "Many people don't even know the mental and emotional traps they're stuck in, and I've developed quick ways to help people recognize their traps and release themselves from them."

Judy's simple-to-use method (in the appendix of the book) can be used by anyone who can silently repeat words. In the book, she shares her personal story in an easy-to-read narrative. She also tells how she's walked with others on their journey into light, healing and enjoyment.

In medical treatment centers, she was a consultant for years helping many people with severe challenges, some with chronic illnesses who were close to the cliff of death. Her book includes stories about and letters from dozens of these people.

Leighton also has produced two CDs — one for adults and one for young people. These CDs walk people through her healing method and help them use it. Visit www.apathtolight.com for more information.

She is currently revising two of her books, which will be out later this year.



Thursday was the first of several donations to the Animal Rescue Friends and the Living Free Animal Sanctuary from Marc Peterman and Julia Meadows, who have shops in the Village Lane. The funds come from the renovated Wishing Fountain in Village Lane. Here (from left) are Cayla Powell who restored the fountain, Meadows, Randall Harris, president of Living Free, Janice Murasko, director of ARF, and Peterman. Murasko and Harris are holding the \$500 checks on behalf of their organizations.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

The wishing fountain tradition revived

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The wishing fountain in Village Lane has been refurbished and is already bringing good fortune to local pets.

Two years ago, Marc Peterman and Julia Meadows leased their first stores in Village Lane, Sub Rosa Apothecary, Gallery and Home. Despite lack of maintenance and a poor

appearance, the fountain in the middle of the lane was still an attraction to visitors strolling through lane, Meadows said. Many locals shared their stories and fond memories of the fountain.

Meadows and Peterman decided to resurrect the wishing fountain tradition. "[We] came up with a program we call 'Pebbles for Pets,'" she wrote in an email "...and have noticed

a big jump in foot traffic and donations since."

For a donation of as little as a quarter, a colorful glass mosaic pebble was given to the individual to "...make a wish and throw in the fountain."

The donations were collected and reserved for the local animal rescue groups — the Animal Rescue Friends and Living Free. Last week, Meadows and Peterman gave \$500

checks to both ARF and Living Free.

"Ultimately, our hope is to create the Village Lane Wishing Fountain to be a local and well-loved landmark, where locals and visitors alike can come to have their wishes granted while helping the animals!" Meadows said in the email.

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David Reid-Marr (left), in the yellow hat, chair of the Visual Arts Department at Idyllwild Arts, started the discussion at this month's Idyllwild Community Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Idyllwild Library. Moderator Dick Goldberg (right) facilitated the discussion about beauty and art, and how they are related. Central to the discussion was a comparison of two paintings, "Bedroom in Arles" by Van Gogh and "Bed" by Robert Rauschenberg.

PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

Friends present 'Cleopatra's Rumba'

Friends of the Idyllwild Library will present "Cleopatra's Rumba" from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Idyllwild Library.

Diane Mitchell will speak about how humans have always been drawn to the "exotic other," across the river or on the other side of the globe. Where armies and explorers went, musicians and other artists also went, and those who made it back to the West often brought wondrous stories and songs home with them.

Since ancient times, the West has been "borrowing" Eastern musical ideas. These musical "exotic accents" are familiar to many from Mozart's "Rondo alla Turca" and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade."

The six-week course will follow these musical journeys from Moorish Spain, through Turkey, Austria, Hungary, France, England, China, Japan, Indonesia and the Americas, with musical examples ranging from Telemann to Ellington, from Schubert to Brubeck. Each class will be supplemented by audio and video examples, and by suggestions for further exploration.

The public is invited to these free courses.

Net of Light Gathering

Hopi prophecy states, "When the wisdom of the Grandmothers is heard, the world will heal."

Spirit Mountain Retreat invites the public to come together to learn how they may be of greater and greater service, to become, as the Great Council of the Grandmothers says, "A Walking Blessing Upon the Earth."

The event is from 4 to 6 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month. The next event is Sept. 27 in the Spirit Mountain Contemplative Garden. The event is free but donations are welcome.

Qigong classes in town

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

For more information, email info@spiritmountainretreat.org or call 951-659-2523.

Musical rehearsal groups in town

Idyllwild harpist Christian Chalifour is hosting a small orchestra rehearsal group from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays at Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living on Ridgeview Drive in The Courtyard.

He also is hosting a flute rehearsal group on Fridays, time to be determined.

For more information, call 951-205-4119 or email desertmaestro77@gmail.com.

CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," Little Girl shared all kinds of great adoption news.

Bodie: Well, I'm still here. Did anyone else get adopted?
Little Girl: Roadie left for his new home in Washington. His forever dad is great.
George: Lucky pup! Anyone else get adopted?



Pepper

Little Girl: No, but the ARF humans have decided that the two remaining kittens, Trenton and Augusta, need to be adopted together. They also said they will give a discount on adoption fees for these two!



Bodie



Augusta F



Little Girl

Bodie: Little Girl, have you forgotten something?

Little Girl: Oh yeah! We have a new canine family member! Goldie was found on Hwy.



Trenton M

243, north of Pine Cove. She is a Chi/Corgi-mix, and all the humans are crazy about her.

Bodie: I caught a glimpse of her. She's pretty darned cute!

Little Girl: Oh, here she is!



Goldie

Goldie: Hello everyone! So happy to meet you. I'm really glad I'm with ARF until my forever family adopts me. I know you're going to ask, so here it is: I am young, great with other dogs and well. As for you felines, I think you're OK.

Pepper: Welcome, Goldie!

Bodie: Hey Goldie, want to go for a walk with me?

Goldie: On leash, of course!

Bodie: Of course! When the weather is cool, a very nice volunteer will take us for a stroll through town.

Mr. Gray: You guys go for a walk and we cats will hang out in ARF's patio. It's so lovely out there!

Pepper: It really is. I hope some humans come by this weekend to see just how great it is here at ARF, but then we will let them know it would be even better for us in a forever home!

Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of "Days of Our Nine Lives" each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy. 243 on Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 10-2, or by appointment M-F by calling 951-659-1122.

Creature Corner is sponsored in memory of all our Beloved Pets!



Oliver Browning visited the Idyllwild Library Storytime during the Teddy Bear Pajama Party on Monday. PHOTO COURTESY IDYLLWILD LIBRARY

Soboba to host Inter-Tribal Pow Wow

Soboba Casino in San Jacinto hosts its 21st-annual Inter-Tribal Pow Wow from Friday, Sept. 15, to Sunday, Sept. 17, at the casino's arena.

Registration for a special contest begins at 4 p.m. Friday. The contest will be announced during the Pow Wow. Competitions also include dancing and drumming.

A schedule of events includes Gourd Dancing at noon both on Saturday and Sunday, and Bird Singing and Dancing from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The event is open to the public, and includes free admission and parking.

Soboba Casino is located at 23333 Soboba Road in San Jacinto.



Bird Singers will perform at Soboba Casino's 21st-annual Inter-Tribal Pow Wow at the casino's arena this weekend. PHOTO COURTESY SOBOBA CASINO



Abbie Bosworth showed examples of her students' creative work to members of the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation at its monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 11. Bosworth, InterArts/Fashion Design chair at Idyllwild Arts, also described the diverse curriculum offered in her department, ranging from creative writing to fashion design. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



New Idyllwild Rotary members Cathy Lopez (left) and David Cutter (right) are welcomed by Rotary District 5330 Governor-elect Ricardo Loretta (center), at the Wednesday, Sept. 6, meeting of the Idyllwild Club. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Reba Coulter of Forest Folk addressed the other members of the Idyllwild Rotary Club at its Wednesday, Sept. 6 meeting. Coulter recounted the history of the quest for senior services in Idyllwild, beginning when she worked for Riverside County and culminating in the founding of Forest Folk. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

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Free sessions are being offered at the Idyllwild Library for those struggling with anxiety, severe stress and thoughts of suicide — or for those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

Access Bars is the core of Access Consciousness, developed by its founder Gary Douglas. Douglas believes the Bars are 32 points on your head that when gently touched, release anything that doesn't allow you to receive.

The next event is from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14.

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.

Take precautions against high heat

With temperatures reaching triple-digits in parts of Riverside County, health officials are urging the community to take precautions against the heat and remind residents about the availability of cool centers located throughout the county.

Idyllwild does not have a cool center, however. "High temperatures always present challenges, but the first heat wave of the year can be particularly dangerous since people may have forgotten the danger high temperatures can present," said Sarah Mack, director of Riverside University Health System-Public Health.

"There are some simple precautions that people can take to protect themselves."

Among the precautions, officials suggest residents drink water to prevent dehydration; avoid direct sunlight and stay indoors when possible; close blinds or curtains to minimize the heat; visit a mall, library or restaurant to stay cool; and make sure not to leave children, elderly, disabled individuals or pets inside unattended vehicles.

Some of the signs of symptoms of heat-related illness are headache, dizziness, muscle weakness or cramps, and nausea and vomiting.

From Idyllwild: Dr. Yoshi Maezumi

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

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

This week we catch up with Dr. Yoshi Maezumi, who is a research associate at the University of Exeter in Devon, England...

Yoshi moved to Idyllwild with her family from Los Angeles when she was 3. Her father Roshi Maezumi was a Zen Master and founder and Abbott of the Zen Mountain Center in Mountain Center and her mother Martha is an artist and anthropologist. Yoshi is the youngest of three.

Yoshi is an Idyllwild School "Hillbilly" and Hemet High School graduate from the class of 2001.

From high school, she moved to San Diego with her lifelong friend Cara Klingaman (now Wilkerson).

She started at Palomar Community College studying dance, then transferred to University of California at San Diego, where she earned a double major in anthropological archaeology and religious studies. From there she went to Cal State University of Long Beach for a master's in analytical archaeology. Next she was off to Salt Lake City to complete her Ph.D. in physical geography from the University of Utah.

What are some other jobs you've held? What is your current occupation?

I have been a ranch hand, waitress, barista, bartender, personal trainer, and did contract archaeology in California during the summers. I worked as a lab tech at Scripps Institute of Oceanography during undergrad and ran two research labs at CSU Long Beach and the Natural History Museum in Utah while in grad school.

During my master's, I got my EYRT-500 Advanced Yoga Teacher Training and ran my own yoga company before I moved to England.

Later, I also taught undergrad and graduate level courses at the University of Utah.

I am now living in England doing a post-doc at the University of Exeter studying how native peoples impacted the Amazon ecosystem before the arrival of Europeans.

How did you get into your current field? Please describe the work you

do. I did my first archaeological dig for an anthropology elective in high school. As part of a term assignment, I went to Calico Early Man Site to volunteer to excavate for a weekend. I was hooked. I grew up dancing, but after a bad car accident when I was 17, my back couldn't take dancing full-time any more.

I got into academics after community college. Remembering how much I liked archaeology, I decided to do that for my major and loved it.

While at UCSD, I got more and more into field work and excavations abroad. I went on digs in Jordan, Mallorca [Spain], Rome, and Guatemala.

During my master's, I became increasingly interested in how past peoples impacted their environment, which led me to a field of science called Paleoecology (the study of past ecosystems).

My Ph.D. focused on the Paleoecology of the Bolivian Amazon. I am continuing my current research in the Bolivian and Brazilian Amazon. To study past ecosystems, I analyze fossilized plant remains (like pollen and charcoal) from lake sediments. Lake sediment cores are natural data loggers that preserve charcoal and fossilized plant remains over thousands of years.

I spend a few months a year in the Amazon collecting sediments, then the rest of the year in the lab or at a microscope analyzing the fossil remains throughout the core.

What was special for you about growing up in Idyllwild?

Growing up in wilderness, with lots of wide-open space. It was safe to play and roam in the forest, which fostered a sense of independence and love of the outdoors at an early age.

I also love small towns and being able to know your neighbors and having life-long friends.

Who were your Idyllwild mentors (teachers, coaches, friends's parents, etc.)?

I remember all of my teachers very well.

I remember the first time I got a referral for running in the hallway from Mrs. Martha, my kindergarten teacher.

Mrs. Leigh taught me how to spell "cat."

Mrs. Schmidt transformed her classroom into a two-story castle complete with a Rapunzel wig.

I did my first science fair project in Mrs. Poirier's class.

Mr. Holmes was my band director for years and taught me to read music and directed the school plays.

I learned about mummies and Egyptian pyramids in Suzi Schumacher's class.

Mr. Valdez (Mr. V) had an awesome social science Jeopardy game we got to play on Fridays where I learned



A recent photo of Dr. Yoshi Maezumi.



Yoshi made the front page of the June 23, 1988 Town Crier during her pre-kindergarten graduation ceremony from the Idyllwild Child Development Center. ICDC Director Cathie Coe, left, handed out the diplomas while teacher Holly Plummer watched.

about Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights movement.

Other fantastic teachers include Doris Lombard, Patti Carretallo, Mrs. Sazer-Krebers, Mr. Leigh, among others.

And, of course, Holly Guntermann taught me how to play (softball, basketball, volleyball, dodge ball and tennis, just to name a few games).

My mom was a big influence too — she was the Girl Scout leader and taught us girls all about camping and survival skills.

Please share one of your favorite childhood Idyllwild memories.

Halloween. I loved the parade and trick-or-treating in town. I loved the apple cider from the Candy Cupboard and the haunted maze at the Town Hall.

The school play was one of my favorite childhood experiences. I loved everything about the plays — the costumes, the sets, the music and dancing. Such an extraordinary experience for kids.

I also loved sunset at the point where all the kids would meet to hang out, and play hackey sac and guitar.

I also loved summer camp at ISO-MATA (before Idyllwild Arts).

Do you have any advice for

the younger generation of Idyllwilders?

Get outside. Get some time offline and away from phones, social media and technology. Play games, climb rocks, read books, take advantage of the cool art and music programs at Idyllwild Arts.

Learn the constellations on summer nights laying out with your friends under the stars.

Be curious. Go explore.

Dream of the coolest possible adventures you can think of and go do it (and I am talking riding camels through the pyramids in Giza, wading through swamps infested with crocodiles and piranha kinds of adventures). I did and it was as cool as I dreamed it would be.

There is a fascinating, beautiful world out there. Go explore it.

Idyllwild will be there, with open arms when you come home.

College is not the only way to do it, but it opened up some pretty amazing opportunities for me.

On that vein, college isn't too expensive: I put myself through school and got grants and scholarships. I took out a few student loans, but it was worth every penny.

Life is short. Have fun, dream big and be adventurous.

Gambler wins \$3 million jackpot

An anonymous Inland Empire person won \$3 million at Soboba Casino on Labor Day.

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Last year Soboba Casino was voted "Luckiest Casino" in the Southern California Gaming Guide's Reader's Choice Awards, and it appears it is living up to that name.

Library closed for staff training

In order to improve its customer service, the Riverside County Library System is holding its annual all-staff training day on Friday, Sept. 15. All county library branches will be closed for the day to enable staff to attend.

The training will provide an opportunity for staff to learn about new strategies and practices that will enable them to better serve residents.

The Riverside County Library System webpage, www.rivlib.net, is available for access to online resources, item renewals and patron account information. All library book drops will be accessible on the day of the library closure.

Holistic healing circle at retreat

Suzie Bennett will lead a holistic healing circle from 2 to 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month in either the Hill House or the Contemplative Garden at Spirit Mountain Retreat. The next is Sept. 20.

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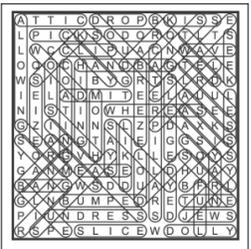
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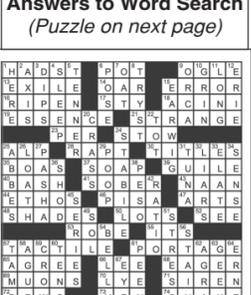
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September 2017 — Week 2

March 21 – April 19
Change is in the air. Embrace it, Aries. There is much good to come of it. A lapse in memory makes for trying times for a loved one. Be there for them.

April 20 – May 20
Tsk-tsk, Taurus. You can be quite the enabler when it comes to a certain someone. You aren't doing them any favors, so put an end to the madness.

May 21 – June 21
Going once, going twice, sold—if only you would let it, Gemini. Why do you refuse to part with the stuff that could bring you the cash you need?

June 22 – July 22
Exercise restraint, Cancer. The project calls for it. A challenge is met, but not in the way expected. Be grateful whatever the means. A gift is received.

July 23 – August 22
A senior makes a startling discovery. Be there for them, if only in spirit, Leo. Efforts to get a project underway pay off in full at the office.

August 23 – September 22
Sneakiness is required at work. Watch your step and stay mum, Virgo. Party plans begin to unravel. Look to a trusted friend to get everything back on track.

September 23 – October 22
Passion ignites, and aspirations increase. Pick and choose, Libra. You can't do it all. A friend's change in opinion takes you by surprise. Who knew?

October 23 – November 21
Misunderstood does not even begin to describe how a loved one is feeling. Lend an ear, Scorpio. They could use a sounding board right now.

November 22 – December 21
Atta way, Sagittarius! Small steps will make for big differences later, so keep at it. A generous offer is met with skepticism, and rightly so.

December 22 – January 19
Looking to make an exit, Capricorn? This is the week. When the opportunity arises, get out and get out fast. The chain of command breaks down at home.

January 20 – February 18
Faith is sorely tested this week with the arrival of guests. Grace under pressure, Aquarius. Be nice and say little. Flowers bring back memories.

February 19 – March 20
Excellence will come, but at a price. Make sure you are prepared to pay it before you dive in, Pisces. A financial transaction goes more smoothly than expected.














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ACROSS

- Verb with thou
- Ale holder
- Eye
- Deposed leader, perhaps
- Propel, in a way
- Overthrow, e.g.
- Turn red or yellow, say
- Chester White's home
- Blackberry dupes
- Core
- Funny
- The "p" in m.p.g.
- House
- Matterhorn, e.g.
- Absorbed
- DVD names
- Drag queen's collection
- "General Hospital," e.g.
- Cunning

- Big blowout
- Dry
- Indian bread
- Character
- Galileo's birthplace
- Song and dance, e.g.
- Sunglasses
- Gobs
- "Comprende?"
- After-bath wear
- "___ alive!" (contraction)
- Feeling "Jaws"
- Carrying of boats, goods, etc.
- Acquiesce
- "Malcolm X" director
- Avid
- Unstable leptons similar to electrons
- Alkaline liquid
- Femme fatale
- Seats with kneelers
- Appetite

DOWN

- "Catch!"
- x, y or z
- Business slumps
- "The sweetest gift of heaven": Virgil
- Sawbuck
- Ask
- ___ grass
- Assignment
- Boat in "Jaws"
- Beam
- Marathon
- Ashtabula's lake
- Nocturnal insects with pincers at rear
- Boorish
- "Sesame Street"
- Fixed in position
- Members of the clergy
- Disinclined
- Ottoman title
- Dope
- Yellowfin, e.g.
- Untruthful people
- Carry away, in a way
- Taste, e.g.
- Like show horses
- 100 centavos
42. 4:1, e.g.
- One thing after another
- Costa del ___
- Beat
- Stomach
- Soil
- Pack (down)
- Chill
- Boast
- Addition column
- Hammer part
- City on the Yamuna River
- Nerd
- Coastal raptor
- Artist's asset

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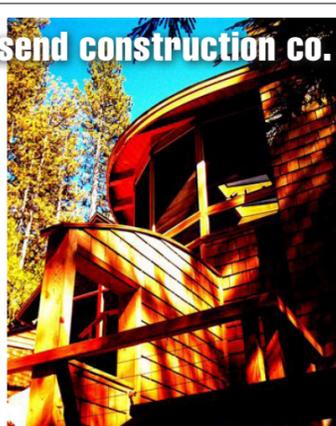


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70 years ago - 1947
Village folk and summer residents alike turned out for the official opening and dedication of the new community building.

65 years ago - 1952
Joe and Leona Mc-Gaugh purchased the Idyllwild Market from Harold Sanborn and Bob O'Donne.

60 years ago - 1957
Thirteen hybrid Coulter-Jeffrey pines were counted in the Idyllwild area. There were said to be only 25 in the entire state.

55 years ago - 1962
Pine Cove's annual rummage sale raised \$1,625.

50 years ago - 1967
There was a heavy downpour Saturday, and Labor Day weekend campers were rained out in most recreation spots.

45 years ago - 1972
While observers in Humber Park watched the entire operation, rescuers reached an Ontario man who had fallen from the Long Climb route on the northwest face of Tahquitz Rock and became lodged in a crevice.

40 years ago - 1977
Funds for a community beautification program, in memory of Betty Maxwell, passed the \$1,000 mark. The memorial was initiated by the Izaak Walton League.

35 years ago - 1982
Homer Hegwood was

again elected president of the Pine Cove Property Owners Association.

30 years ago - 1987
Judge Ronald Deissler granted a motion to throw out two of four causes of action against the San Jacinto Mountain Area Water Study Agency made by the Idyllwild Arts Foundation.

25 years ago - 1992
Hill resident Walter Schmidt hired Patrick Bradley to cut down the tree on his property in Mountain Center. The tree was supposed to be dropped in the meadow but landed in the intersection of highways 74 and 243. Hundreds of people were without power because the tree snapped three power poles and two power lines when it fell.

20 years ago - 1997
Idyllwild School passed the Individual Test of Academic Skills with high marks in reading.

15 years ago - 2002
"An Afternoon of Music For the Forest" at Buckhorn Camp raised about \$2,000 toward maintaining and improving fuelbreaks in the Idyllwild and Pine Cove areas.

10 years ago - 2007
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5 years ago - 2012
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1 year ago - 2016
Tom Lynch, general manager of the Idyllwild Water District, abruptly resigned and left the hill.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

"Leap of Faith" by Queen Noor, 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Holistic healing circle, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

- Walking through Walls, The Art of Engagement Art Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, Sept. 21

- Mahjong, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Cleopatra's Rumba, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, Sept. 22

- Walking through Walls, The Art of Engagement Art Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Mahjong, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Bearing Witness, Art & Advocacy, Panel 4 p.m., Opening Reception, 6:30-7 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Faculty Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.
- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Corks & Color," Adult Coloring Book Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m.; Paul Carman & Bill Saitta (jazz sax & bass), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Friday, Sept. 15

- Walking through Walls, The Art of Engagement Art Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- National POW Recognition Day, 11 a.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Paul Carman & Marshall Hawkins (jazz sax & bass), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, Sept. 23

- Bearing Witness, Art & Advocacy, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Jac Jacaruso Duo (pop & soft rock guitar), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Sunday, Sept. 24

- Musical Theatre Recital, 2-3 p.m. Studio D, Idyllwild Arts.
- Bill Sheppard ('60s to present folk/rock guitar), 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, Sept. 16

- Walking through Walls, The Art of Engagement Art Exhibition, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Lenny Hansell & Ron Van Der Linden, (classic country & rock, & swingy blues guitar), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Sunday, Sept. 17

- Musical Theatre Recital, 2-3 p.m. Studio D, Idyllwild Arts.
- Keith McCabe, (classic & modern blues & rock guitar), 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Monday, Sept. 18

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon.; Children's Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m., "Signs of Spring." Idyllwild Library.
- Response Ability, Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.

Monday, Sept. 25

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon.; Children's Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m., "Dinosaur Days." Idyllwild Library.
- Bearing Witness, Art & Advocacy, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Thinking, Change Your Life, 2-4 p.m. Spiritual Living Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

- Bearing Witness, Art & Advocacy, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
- "Cahuilla Indian History," Gerald Clarke, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Sara Davis Buechner Piano Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

- Response Ability, Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.
- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
- Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

- Fireside Book Group,



Idyllwild's Stratford Players performed "Will in the Woods V" this past weekend. The rain caused the company to move its venue to the Christian Science Church on Cedar Street from the outdoor area at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Queen Noor subject of book group

The Fireside Book Group will meet from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the Idyllwild Library to discuss Queen Noor's book "Leap of Faith."

Born in 1951 to a distinguished Arab-American family, Lisa Najeeb Halaby became the fourth wife of King Hussein at age 27. With her husband being not only Jordan's monarch but the spiritual leader of all Muslims, Lisa was unsure what her role would be.

This moving memoir provides a timely look at one woman's story against a backdrop of 30 turbulent years. All are welcome to the library's book club.

Applicants sought for CSA 36

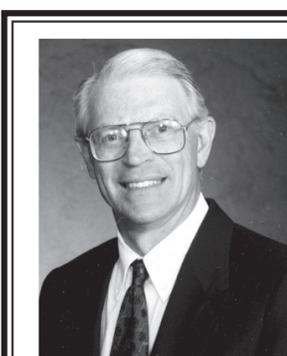
Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington is seeking residents interested in serving on the County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee. CSA 36 Advisory Committee members advise the Board of Supervisors on policy matters relating to recreation and street lighting in the service area of CSA 36. There is one vacancy with a term of two years. The committee meets at least once per quarter.

Idyllwild residents available and willing to volunteer their time and expertise are encouraged to apply for the appointed position by Oct. 15, 2017. For more information, call Opal Hellweg at 951-955-1030.

Tramway temporarily closed

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway closed for its annual maintenance Monday, Sept. 11, and the tentative plans are to reopen at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30.

"This year's shut-down will provide an opportunity to replace bearings and cables, along with comprehensive mechanical and electrical testing on numerous tramway systems. Also, we will be performing repairs to the Mountain Station power line," says Tramway Vice President of Maintenance Nicholas Clesceri. "This year's scheduled projects are in addition to our regular tramway maintenance tasks that are completed during our annual shutdown period."



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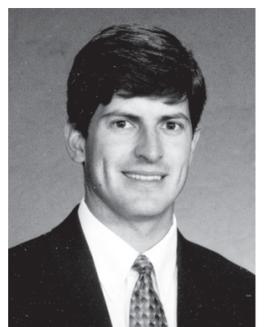
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