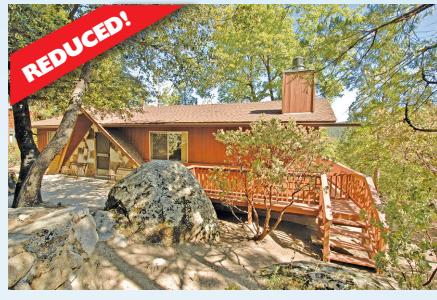


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Christmas sequoia showing new growth

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Phyllis Mueller has long served as caretaker for the Idyllwild Christmas sequoia — coordinating and often providing water, mulch, arborist spray and prayers — coordinating with arborist John Huddleston who volunteered his professional time to assist Mueller's efforts to save the

tree.

"The tree has made improvement this year over last," said Mueller, who founded the Save the Sequoia initiative to fundraise and nurse the sequoia back to more robust health. It suffers from a disease called botryosphaeria, caused by a fungus that takes advantage of stressed trees to entrench itself. The fungus can cause extensive dieback. "At this

point, we're optimistic and John Huddleston is also optimistic," said Mueller.

Now, just as the square in the center of town is about to return to the park it once was, and with the removal of the restaurant that sat on the property nearly completed, Mueller is about to turn caretaking of the park trees over to Dave and Loie Butterfield's Idypark LLC that will con-

tinue to work with Huddleston.

"They'll take over responsibility for the tree health and I'll continue to coordinate the Tree Lighting Ceremony," said Mueller. According to Mueller, the new owners are planning to install a watering system for the entire park, which, in the long term, will benefit the sequoia as well.

Idypark LLC will own the See Christmas, page A3

Angels wanted



The Help Center's annual Angel Trees are offering suggestions for Christmas gifts for local children in need. The trees can be found at Fairway Market, Higher Grounds and the Bake Shop and Brew. Here with a tree are (front row, from left) Gaige Schnalzer, Tay White, Keni Schnalzer, Brynnley Meyer and Caden Meyer. In the middle is Zane Booth. In back, from left, are Colleen Meyer, executive director of the Help Center, Paul and Katie White, co-owners of the Bake Shop and Brew, Peyton Manchee and Tegan White.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

State issues rules for budding cannabis businesses

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On Nov. 16, the state's new Bureau of Cannabis Control, housed in the Department of Consumer Affairs, issued an emergency rulemaking in order to ensure that the state can regulate the medicinal- and adult-use cannabis businesses — from cultivation to retail sales — beginning Jan. 1.

In anticipation of both cannabis use sales, the BCC, along with the California Department of Public Health's Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch and the De-

partment of Food and Agriculture's CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Division, issued the new regulations to reflect the law defined in California's Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act.

Each bureau will issue a temporary license to any business entity already in the commercial cannabis business. However, the applicant for temporary state license must possess a valid license or permit from the local jurisdiction in which the business is operating.

This restriction will prevent the state

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Vandals hit historic camp

New stonework at the community-built pickleball courts also damaged

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Sometime from Sunday night, Nov. 19, to Monday morning, Nov. 20, vandals defaced historic parts of the Idyllwild Pines Camp, including its iconic covered bridge and amphitheater.

The graffiti, owing to its immature nature and subject matter, was likely the work of indolent local youth.

"It's so disappointing," said Ron Perry, pickleball volunteer who, along with other dedicated community members, had just finished completing a section of a retaining wall that was subsequently defaced. "Why would anyone do this?" he asked. "This has to be [the work] of older [children] rather than the

See Vandals, page A10

Local arrested for alleged sex crimes

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Anthony Michael Wood, 25, of Idyllwild, was arrested on Westridge Road on Nov. 14 for a variety of sex crimes. A felony settlement conference has been scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 29.

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office filed eight charges, to which he pleaded not guilty. These charges range from sexual acts with a child under age 10, lewd acts with a child under age 14, to inducing or coercing a minor to pose or model for pornography, and possessing child pornography. Some of these charges include acts which began in March 2012 and continued to this year.

Also, Wood was charged with false imprisonment of a Jane Doe from August 2016 through May 2017.

"The initial investigation involved the possible possession of child pornography," said John Hall, public information officer for the DA. "During the investigation, [Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement] investigators believed there was possibly an actual child victim. Further investigation led to his being arrested and charged with sexual assault offenses involving a child under 10 years of age."

Bail was set at \$2 million.

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One fatality on Hill roads last week

A Banning motorcyclist lost his life last week on Highway 243.

At about 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, Thai Yang, 40, of Banning, was riding a 2009 Yamaha motorcycle southbound on Highway 243. He was about 1 mile north of Mountain Center.

Vincent Brooks, 26, of Mountain Center, was driving a blue Ford F-150 northbound on Highway 243.

While negotiating a sweeping right-hand curve in the roadway, Yang lost control. He crossed the double-yellow lines resulting in a direct collision with the truck, according to the California Highway Patrol press release.

Yang was ejected from his seat onto the roadway surface and suffered fatal injuries. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Brooks was uninjured.

Alcohol and/or drugs have not been ruled out as contributing factors in the cause of this collision. Yang was wearing a helmet but lacked the proper license to ride a motorcycle.

No other vehicles were involved in the collision, according to CHP Officer Graham Aanestad, who is still investigating the incident, the report stated.

In another incident, at 3:25 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, Michael Krech of Idyllwild was driving his gold 2011 Ford 150 eastbound on Highway 74 near the intersec-

tion with Highway 243. At the same time, Alfonso Ortiz, 29 of San Bernardino, was entering northbound on Highway 243 driving a white 2011 Ford 250. Although the report is not complete as of this writing, both vehicles collided. There were no injuries, no other vehicles involved and both trucks were able to be driven from the scene.

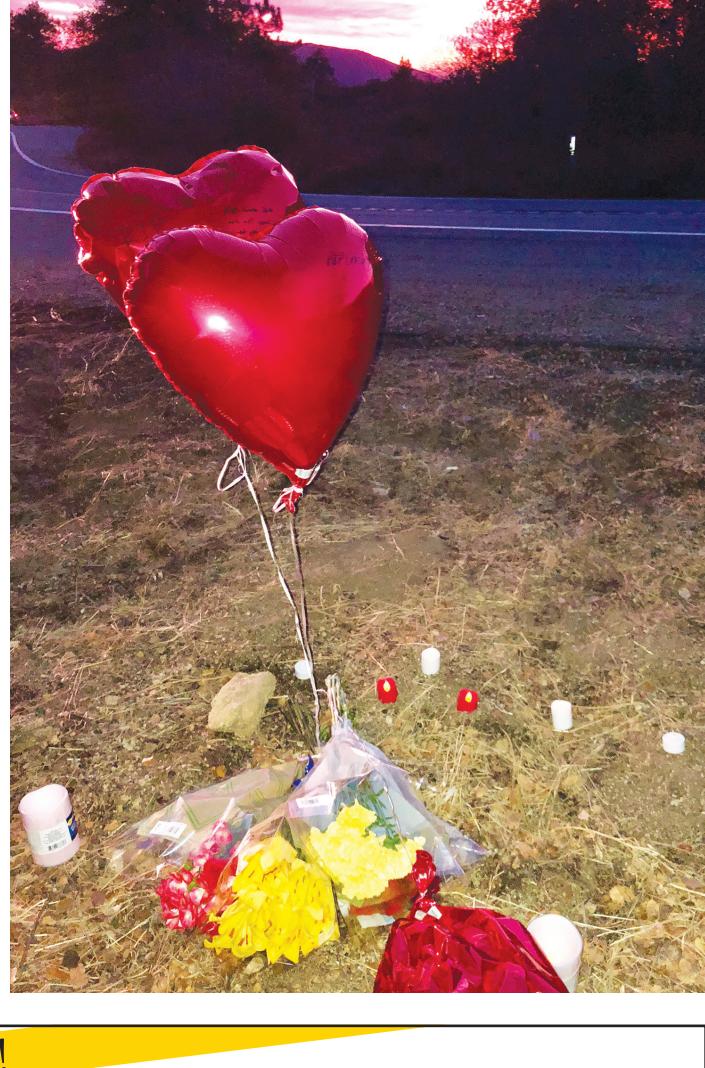
At 9:20 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, Christopher Babcock, 66, of New York City, was driving his red 2007 Jeep Cherokee north on Highway 243, 250 feet south of the intersection with Marian View Drive. At the same time, Felipe Magona, 28, of Corona, was driving a white 2015 freightliner semi-truck hauling a green box trailer south on Highway 243. Babcock's vehicle crossed over the center line and sideswiped the large truck. There were no injuries or other vehicles involved in the crash but the Jeep had to be towed by Idyllwild Garage.



On Wednesday, Nov. 15, a fatal motorcycle crash occurred on Highway 243. Thai Yang, 40, of Banning, was riding a 2009 Yamaha motorcycle southbound on Highway 243. He collided head on with a Ford F-150, which Vincent Brooks, 26, of Mountain Center, was driving northbound. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



By Saturday, Nov. 18, flowers, balloons and electric candles were positioned where the fatal motorcycle collision occurred Wednesday afternoon. Each balloon had writings from different family members expressing their emotions about the death of Thai Yang of Banning. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Top photo, on Wednesday, Nov. 15, a house in Poppet Flats burned. One person was injured and may have suffered smoke inhalation. More than 60 firefighters responded to the Keyes fire and had it controlled within hours.

Bottom photo, the Keyes Fire in Poppet Flats required the airlifting of one person. Reach Air Ambulance transported the victim to local hospital. Here, the injured person is being prepared for entry to the helicopter.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Poppet Flats house burns; one injured

Cal Fire/Riverside County firefighters, along with firefighters from the San Bernardino National Forest, extinguished a fire at a Poppet Flats house on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

The first arriving engine company reported a structure fully involved. The fire was contained by 5 p.m., about an hour after it was reported.

One person suffered from smoke inhalation and burns. Reach Air Ambulance transported the victim to local hospital.

Eight fire companies with 64 firefighters arrived at the scene and were assisted with air attack and helicopters.

Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department, Station 23 (Pine Cove) was one of the five Cal Fire companies responding to the fire. The others included 89 (Banning), 20 (Beaumont), 66 (Beaumont City) and 22 (Cherry Valley).

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department also responded. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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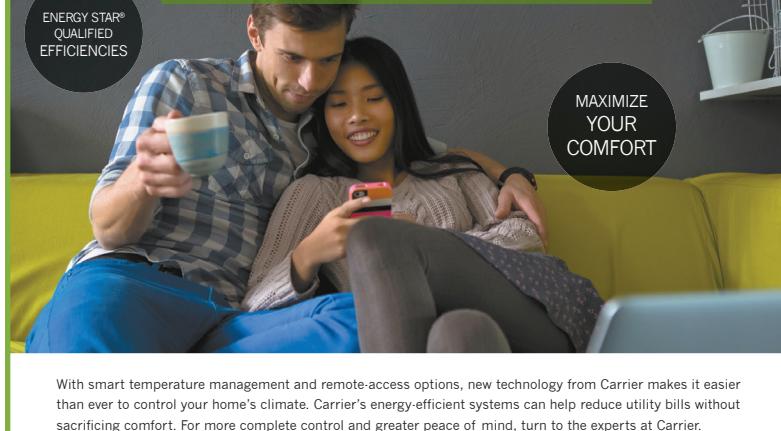
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Sunday 11/26



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Thursday 11/23



79/46

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Friday 11/24



75/44

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Saturday 11/25



72/43

Sunny.

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Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
11/14	68	41	0.00	0.0
11/15	69	43	0.00	0.0
11/16	65	46	0.00	0.0
11/17	58	49	0.14	0.0
11/18	63	32	0.00	0.0
11/19	66	31	0.00	0.0
11/20	66	35	0.00	0.0

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
11/14	75	40	0.00	0.0
11/15	72	41	0.00	0.0
11/16	65	44	0.00	0.0
11/17	56	28	0.00	0.0
11/18	64	32	0.00	0.0
11/19	67	34	0.00	0.0
11/29	62	48	0.00	0.0

Moisture in inches

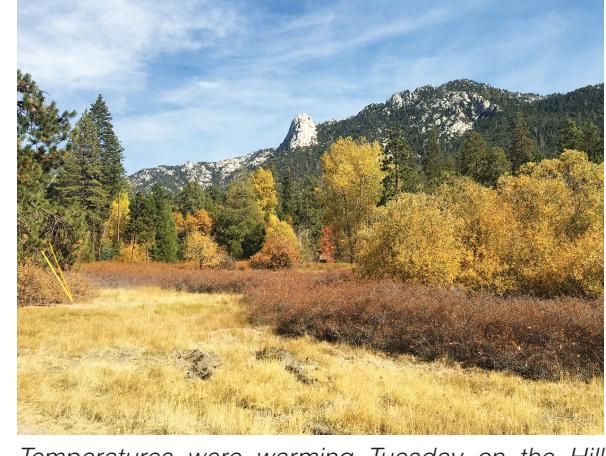
To date this season (Idy):	0.97
To date last season (Idy):	2.70
Total last season (Idy):	28.61
To date this season (PC):	0.86
Total last season (PC):	37.56

Snow in inches

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

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

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



Temperatures were warming Tuesday on the Hill as the prospect of a warm Thanksgiving day approached.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

James Elia challenges Voepel for Assembly seat

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

James Elia of El Cajon is a Democrat running for California's 71st Assembly seat. Republican incumbent Randy Voepel of Santee is just finishing his first term.

Elia was in Idyllwild last Thursday night to introduce himself to Riverside County voters at an Idyllwild Indivisible meeting at Town Hall. About 90 percent of the district is in San Diego County, stretching south to the border with Mexico.

Elia described himself as a progressive Democrat who is seeking to "repeal or replace Randy Voepel."

Elia's father emigrated from Iraq to the U.S. and settled in the San Diego area. There are many more former Iraqis in El Cajon, Elia said, "and they all came to America to live the American Dream."

As a child, listening to President Ronald Reagan, Elia asked his father whether they were Republicans or Democrats.

The answer, which became the roots of his political ventures, was, "We are Democrats. Democrats do a better job looking out for people like us."

His father, who became a U.S. citizen, was not simply referring to his immigrant status. Rather, he was acknowledging their economic status. Elia is one of eight siblings whose mother died from cancer when he was very young. Her hospital bills were in the millions, he added.

Immediately, Elia offered a contrast between himself and Voepel. "I have a lot of ideas of what to do and can get things done with the Democratic supermajority."

Elia was referring to Voepel's argument that the "Democratic supermajority" prevented his ideas from becoming laws, thus marginalizing him as an Assembly member.

On his website Elia wrote, "I have a great relationship with many assembly members. And I can design legislation to actually get things done in the 71st. I can pass more legislation in my first term than [Voepel and former Republican legislators] have in their whole careers which is none."

His ability to work with the Assembly leadership should help him with Republican voters, he argued. This would enable him to help them get legislation approved for local projects and ideas.

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James Elia (center), of El Cajon, is seeking the Democratic nomination for California's 71st District Assembly seat. Elia introduces himself to **Larry Kueneman** and **Roberta Corbin** (backs to camera) before his talk to the Idyllwild Indivisibles on Nov. 16 at Town Hall. If he becomes the nominee, he will challenge incumbent **Randy Voepel**, a Republican. *PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE*



High in the Idyllwild Christmas Tree, near the star and attaching strings of lights was **Jose Flores**. The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Saturday, Nov. 25. *PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE*

Christmas

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park, intended to be a beautiful and peaceful center of the town for the enjoyment of the general public. Shane Stewart coordinated demolition of the restaurant and will make improvements as part of creating the park.

Mueller said she'd continue to monitor the tree but that the work to keep it healthy will no longer be hers.

Stewart and the Butterfields have moved quickly to remove the restaurant before the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. This time next year, with continued caretaking, the sequoia will reign over a peaceful, quiet and beautiful park as a centerpiece of the village of Idyllwild.

Family Game Day at library

Idyllwild Library is hosting Family Game Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25.

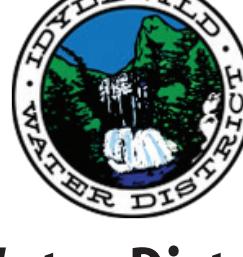
If you're done with turkey and/or have cabin fever, come to the library. The library will offer games and game boards, plus puzzles, set up for anyone to play with. Popcorn and hot cocoa will be available, too.

Grief support group meets

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

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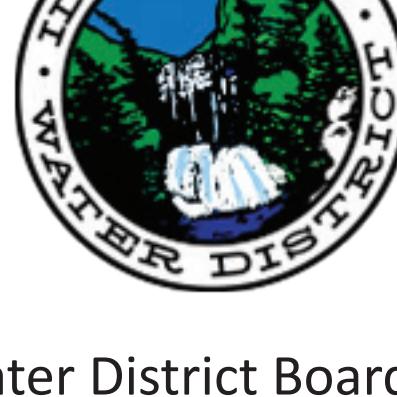
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By BECKY AND JACK CLARK
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Also, four nonprofit organizations and two public agencies have joined as Members: Friends of San Jacinto Mountain County Parks; Hemet Public Library; Idyllwild Animal Rescue Friends; Idyllwild Arts Academy; St. Hugh's Episcopal Church; and one anonymous public agency.

The Red Kettle restaurant is the first business making special discounts available to all Town Crier Members. We thank Bruce Ross, The Red Kettle's owner, for so strongly supporting our Membership model.

We very much appreciate the contributions all these businesses and nonprofits are making toward keeping a real newspaper on our Hill. Please remember to support these business and organizations that are supporting your community newspaper.

Meanwhile, more and more readers of the Town Crier on and off the Hill are converting their old subscriptions into new Memberships. This can be done at any time; no need to wait until your old subscription runs out. Becky is adept at tacking on remaining subscription weeks onto new Membership dates, so you will lose nothing. You will gain uninterrupted, continued subscriptions to both printed and online issues of the Town Crier, our "Idyllwild Town Crier Member" car-window decal to encourage others to join us, in-print recognition of your Membership in the Town Crier (unless you request anonymity, which we kind of hope you don't do since your Membership will encourage your friends and associates to join also), occasional offers from local businesses (see the current offer by The Red Kettle in a following paragraph), invitations to what we hope will be an annual Town Crier Membership Party, and — most important of all — the satisfaction of knowing you are doing your part to save and support a real newspaper on our Hill.

Currently, subscribers are converting their old subscriptions to new Town Crier Memberships at a rate averaging about 10 to 12 each week. If this continues until the one-year anniversary of the Membership model (Aug. 17, 2018), we can expect about 375 to 450 more new Memberships by then. This will bring Town Crier Memberships at various membership levels to around 650 to 700, which — assuming they carry on — can sustain our community's newspaper year after year.

If you have received a Red Kettle card from us in the mail, you are eligible for special discounts on meals at that historic and much-loved restaurant in the center of town. If you wish your business to participate in the Town Crier Membership special offers program — as The Red Kettle is doing — please contact Jack or Becky at the Town Crier office at 951-659-2145.

Also, the "Town Crier Member" decals have gone out in thank-you cards. They are designed to be placed on the "inside" of your vehicles' windows to withstand ice and snow. We hope you will display these decals to encourage others to join us.

Many thanks to all you Charter Members. Your responses are encouraging other community-minded readers to join with you. The Town Crier is now a Member-supported newspaper that can serve our community into the future just as long as the Members want it. That has been the objective since we began the Membership model.

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

Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

Knowing right from wrong

EDITOR:

What has happened to right and wrong? Sunday, as I was coming out of Fairway Market, two teenage boys casually each picked up packages of the prepared meats by the front door and walked out.

Having confronted several hostile snow tourists in my yard earlier this year, I wasn't going to approach these two. How sad that so few people know right from wrong.

JEAN STEIN
IDYLLWILD

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

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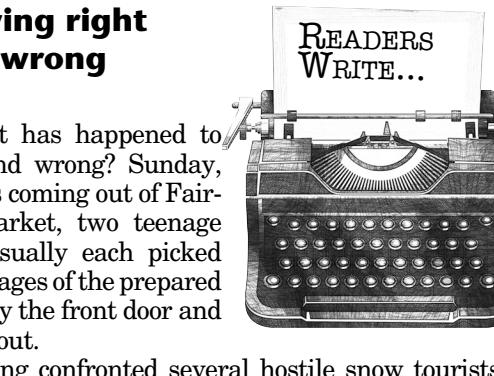
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Last month, IHP and the Town Crier published our annual Fall-Winter Explore Idyllwild Directory and Explore Idyllwild Map. Thousands have been printed and distributed on and off the Hill.

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



ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Mobilehome owners facing hidden risks

BY BEN METCALF

More than 500,000 California families find their path to affordable homeownership through the purchase of a mobilehome or manufactured home, but an estimated one third lack proper title and registration — putting each of those homeowners at risk.

In an effort to encourage all mobile and manufactured homeowners to secure proper title, the state is offering a limited-time program that waives many back fees and taxes.

Many homeowners purchased their property thinking they had all the proper documents, but later found out that the prior owner left them with unpaid fees and taxes. The state program offers a way out of that problem.

There are lots of good reasons to make sure mobilehomes are properly titled and registered:

- Only mobilehome owners with proper title and registration can buy flood and fire insurance. Sadly, we recently saw more than 200 mobilehomes destroyed in devastating fires in Northern California, many of which did not have proper title and registration, and, consequently, no fire insurance.

- Registration helps owners to sell or legally transfer title to heirs — a spouse, child or another loved one.

- Many home-improvement projects require a building permit, which can only be obtained if you have proper title and registration.

- More utility companies are offering financial assistance. However, participation requires current title and registration.

The state fee and tax waiver program — Register Your Mobilehome California — waives certain state and local fees and taxes that could result in thousands of dollars of savings for a mobilehome owner.

In the weeks and months ahead, the California Department of Housing and Community Development will work with mobilehome park owners, community groups and others to get the word out that help is available.

To help spread the word, we have created an easy-to-use website — RegisterYourMobilehomeCA.org — where homeowners can get the information they need to waive fees and secure title.

We also have a toll-free number — 1-800-952-8356 — homeowners can call to receive assistance. English- and Spanish-speaking representatives are standing by and interpreter services for other languages are available.

We urge all unregistered California mobilehome and manufactured homeowners who haven't registered their homes to do so as soon as possible. It is an important way to protect their most important asset and ensure their homes are safe and secure now and in the future.

Ben Metcalf is the director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

MATTER OF FACT

The Town Crier regrets a mistake in the article about the "State of the Hemet Unified School District" that appeared in the Oct. 26 edition.

A quote from Superintendent Christie Barrett should have read, "A greater emphasis on equity versus equality," she said. "And equity now means differences."

The reporter wrote, "A greater emphasis on equity versus quality."

Holiday closings

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, to observe Thanksgiving are:

- Area post offices
- BBVA Compass Bank
- Fairway Market
- Fern Creek Medical Center
- Fern Valley Water District (also Friday, Nov. 24)
- Hemet Unified School District (also Friday)
- Idyllwild Health Center
- Idyllwild Library (also Friday)
- Idyllwild Nature Center
- Idyllwild Pharmacy
- Idyllwild Town Crier (also noon Wednesday)
- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Idyllwild Water District (also Friday)
- Pine Cove Water District (also Friday)
- Riverside County offices (also Friday)
- U.S. Forest Service

This will be open:

- Mt. San Jacinto State Park

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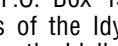
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Willow Creek trail reopens

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Mt. San Jacinto State Park Superintendent Mark Hudgens announced that the Willow Creek Trail, closed by the 2013 Mountain Fire, is now open. "With the dedication and hard work of both [state] Parks and [U.S.] Forest Service staff and volunteers, the trail has been cleared and is now safe to travel upon."

The trail, within the Mt. San Jacinto State Park and the San Bernardino National Forest, is the main trail that connects the town of Idyllwild to Long Valley within the Mt. San Jacinto State Park. The trail is popular with hikers who want to "through hike" from Idyllwild to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, or vice versa.

Hikers traveling on any trail within the state park and wilderness must have a day-use or overnight hiking permit from state parks that can be obtained at the Long Valley Ranger Station and at Idyllwild/Stone Creek campgrounds. Day-use hiking permits are free. California State Parks also accepts day-use hiking permits issued by the USFS.

All camping within the state wilderness must be done within one of four designated campgrounds. Campfires are never allowed in the wilderness.

California State Parks and USFS would like to remind hikers to have proper hiking equipment, appropriate clothing for weather conditions, a hiking plan and to stay on designated trails. Hikers are reminded especially to pack out all trash.

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

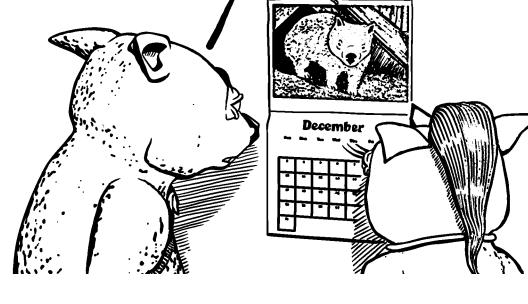
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Smart cooking is the recipe for a safer Thanksgiving

BY PAUL NETTER
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

There were eight home-cooking fires in Orange County last Thanksgiving. That's eight more than necessary.

Unfortunately, it fits a national trend that typically brings nearly four times as many reported home-cooking fires on Thanksgiving than a typical day, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and unattended stovetop cooking — especially frying — leads to one-third of them.

Capt. Larry Kurtz, a 28-year veteran of the Orange County Fire Authority, hopes to help families safely celebrate and reverse the "huge rise" in cooking fires on Thanksgiving.

"Unattended cooking is a big issue, with about half of our [2016] fires caused by it," said Kurtz, who also has experienced oven-turkey, grease-caused and deep-fryer fires. "It's easy for people to get distracted on Thanksgiving, but never leave your stove-top cooking unattended and use a timer on oven cooking."

Equally as important is that people have working smoke alarms and an emergency plan in the event of a fire.

"Have the proper fire extinguisher nearby or have a pan that can smother the fire out," said Kurtz, whose agency will hold a holiday fire hazard demonstration Nov. 21 at Orange County Global Medical Center. "The sink and water is right there, but water is not going to put out a grease fire. It will make it worse. A fire extinguisher is a small investment for the potential of a very big payoff."

Prevention also applies to other electrical hazards on a day when more than 80 percent of Americans are expected to eat turkey, and cooking fires lead to an average of 10 fatalities, 50 injuries and \$28 million in property damage.

For instance, damaged appliance and extension cords are leading cause of fires and electrical accidents, too.

"Anything with frayed or worn cords should be replaced immediately," said Andrew S. Martinez, vice president of Safety, Security and Business Resiliency at Southern California Edison. "They could potentially spark a fire and they no longer offer families protection from shock or serious injury."

The shock and fire hazards

don't end there. SCE offers other tips on preparing that Thanksgiving feast safely:

- Never plug more than one large appliance into an outlet and never plug large appliances such as refrigerators or space heaters into extension cords that should also only be used temporarily.

- Need more power to make everything work? Do not overload outlets with multiple adaptors or power strips.

- Water and electricity don't mix. For the best protection, plug all countertop appliances into Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter-protected outlets.

- Ensure that all appliances bear the labels of trusted, independent safety organizations like Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

And turkey fryers? Not only does the fire association discourage them, UL still refuses to certify turkey fryers.

If prevention fails, however, Kurtz cautions again to always be educated and prepared.

"You may get razzed a little bit by friends and family for having a fire extinguisher or pot lid nearby," said Kurtz. "But you're just being safe, and the Orange County Fire Authority is good with that."

Young; Alexander and Lorna Zukas; (1) Anonymous \$200; (9) Anonymous \$100.

Thank you all!

Remember that the Town Crier's weekly News Meeting is open to the entire public. That's where we decide on the stories we will cover in the next issue of the paper. Some readers have regularly attended and contributed for years. The meetings currently are at the Town Crier office at 54405 North Circle Drive, Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m., unless Monday is a Town Crier holiday — then the meeting is at 8:30 a.m. the following day, Thursday. The next meeting after this Wednesday morning's Nov. 22 meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 8:30 a.m.

Support for families of elderly

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

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

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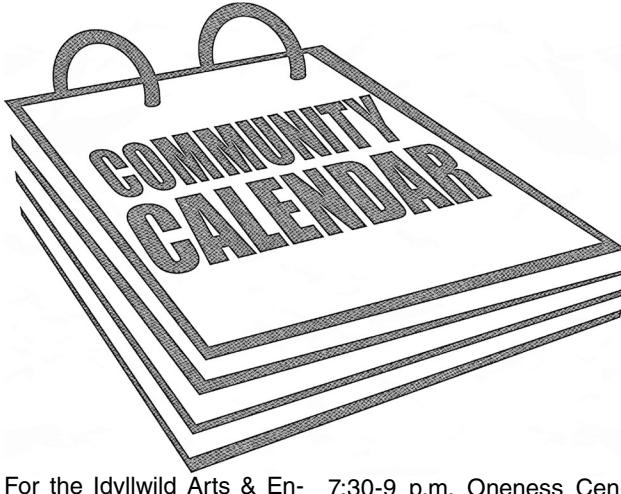
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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page B5. Submit listings and changes to becky@towncrier.com.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Qigong, 9-10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- From Shame to Grace (SAA) 12 Step Group, 5-6 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Thursday, Nov. 23

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- AA Marathon Meeting, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church 25525 Tahquitz Dr. Call Stacey 562-233-3348 for info.
- Narcotics Anonymous,

7:30-9 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Friday, Nov. 24

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

Saturday, Nov. 25

- Healing Rooms, 10 a.m.-noon & 2-4 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon-1 p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m.

- Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppel Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Monday, Nov. 27

- 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.

- Chronic Pain/Illness Community Support Group, 4-5:30 p.m. Hill House, Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District board, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha 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.
- Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

- 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.

Sunday, Nov. 26

- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.

- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon.; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.

- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

NEWS OF RECORD

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, Nov. 12 to 18.

Idyllwild

- Nov. 12 — Alarm call, 7:40 a.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 12 — Suspicious circumstance, 11:24 a.m., Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 12 — Alarm call, 12:35 p.m., Middle Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 12 — Danger to self/other, 4:04 p.m., Jameson Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 13 — Alarm call, 7:54 a.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 13 — Suspicious circumstance, 12:59 p.m., Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 13 — Public assist, 2:19 p.m., 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 13 — Suspicious vehicle, 7:14 p.m., 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 14 — Alarm call, 1:25 a.m., Hemstreet Pl. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 15 — Alarm call, 2:54 a.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 15 — Alarm call, 6:06 a.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Nov. 13 — Noise complaint, 8:36 p.m., 29000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Nov. 13 — Alarm call, 16:05 p.m., Jeffery Pine Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 15 — Burglary, 12:36 p.m., Marion Ridge Dr. Report taken.

Poppel Flats

- Nov. 15 — Assault w/ deadly weapon, 4:47 p.m., address undefined. Unfounded.

San Bernardino

- #### National Forest
- Nov. 17 — Suspicious vehicle, 2:18 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy. Report taken.

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San Jacinto Fault very active

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By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Over the past month, the San Jacinto Fault, which passes under Garner Valley and near Idyllwild, has been the source of dozens of small quakes.

Almost all were magnitude 2.9 or less, although on Nov. 8, tremors with magnitudes 2.9 and 3.2 were only an hour apart in the area. Since Monday, Nov. 13, the U.S. Geological Survey recorded eight quakes greater than 2.0 along this fault.

The San Jacinto Fault intersects the infamous San Andreas Fault in San Bernardino County near Claremont and the Cajon Pass, and runs south almost to the Mexican border. While it is the lesser-known cousin of the San Andreas, the San Jacinto is considered the most active fault in Southern California.

"It has the most quakes, but more are little or modest than on any other fault," said Dr. Julian Lozos, assistant professor in the Geological Science Department at the California State University, Northridge. He partly attributes this to the San Jacinto's youth. "It is only about one million years — very young."

Yet, he considers it a very important fault. "It is a very hazardous fault," he stated. "But I don't expect anything imminently."

A 7.5-magnitude major quake occurred on the San Jacinto in 1812, according to Lozos. "If it did happen, it could happen again," he warned.

See Fault, page A9

Water theft case set for December

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Joel Vargas-Hernandez, 28, of Mead Valley, who was arrested in September for suspicion of the theft of water from the Pine Cove Water District, had an arraignment in another case last week.

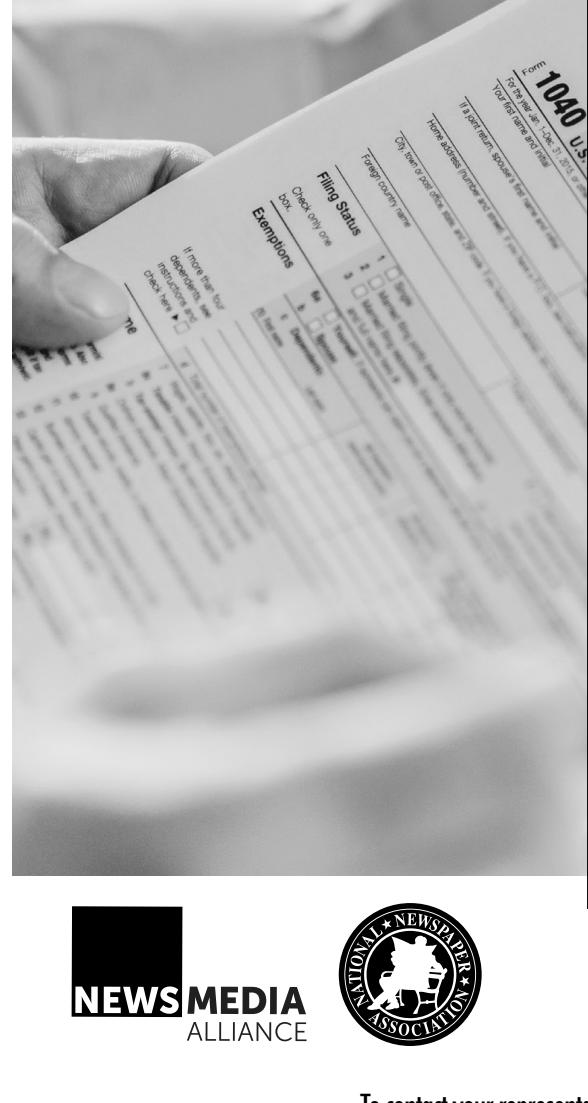
The judge in that case, involving disorderly conduct and prostitution, set a trial readiness conference for Dec. 18.

On Nov. 8, the Riverside County District Attorney's office filed a felony charge for theft of utility services (in this case water), with value exceeding \$950. A second charge filed was a misdemeanor for defacing public property with graffiti.

When PCWD discovered the water theft, General Manager Jerry Holldber estimated that more than 2.3 million gallons of water was taken and its value exceeded \$17,000.

Vargas has been released on \$52,000 bail.

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Fern Valley Water establishes reserve accounts

Rees expressed concern with proposed rate plan

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Specific cash reserve funds, for purposes such as operations, capital improvements and equipment, is an aspect of the proposed rate increase for Fern Valley Water District.

Directors Trisha Clark and Robert Krieger, who composed the Rate and Revenue Committee, had recommended that the board set aside funds for specific purposes that might occur unexpectedly or in emergencies. Resolution 569 was adopted unanimously.

"We're basically following through on our comments and make it clear to the public what some of the rate increase will be used for," said Director Richard Schnetzer.

With the public hearing on the rate increase less than six weeks away, the board approved a resolution creating four reserve accounts with projected funding levels.

The largest reserve will be for Operations (or a general reserve). It will support working capital needs and cash flow. Its funding level goal is 85 percent of annual operating expenses, which would be about \$700,000.

The capital-improvement reserve would provide funds to improve, repair, rehabilitate or replace capital assets. The funding goal is 3 percent of net capital assets.

A rate-stabilization reserve was created to lessen the year-to-year fluctuations in revenues or expenses. This reserve is not intended to artificially suppress rates. Rather "to enable smooth or level annual adjustments to rates despite uneven changes in underlying costs or vari-

ations in annual revenue," according to the resolution. Its funding goal is 10 percent of fixed charges.

The fourth reserve is for equipment and fleet repair or replacement. Over the next 10 years, the district plans to set aside \$35,000 annually until the reserve reaches \$350,000, which is its funding goal.

FVWD currently has \$1.5 million available for budgetary purposes. There are eight months remaining in the fiscal year and property tax revenues, about \$300,000, will begin to be received in December.

During the director's comments, President Jim Rees announced his disagreement with the proposed rate increases. He opined that the usage rate should have been increased more and less reliance placed on raising the basic rate.

"This hurts poor people and people who conserve water," he said. "You did a lot of work and I understand it. But I probably will vote against it."

In other business, the board received a letter from its counsel, Ward Simmons of Best Best and Krieger of Riverside, with advice on how to proceed in filling its fifth board seat, which has been vacant since February when former Director Charlie Wix resigned.

James Wise was a candidate in the August election, which was not necessary because there were only three candidates for three seats. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors appointed the three individuals, Wise and current incumbents Rees and Krieger.

Subsequently, Wise wrote the district stating he was declining to accept his appointment for a term starting in December. Since the term does not begin until next month, the district cannot officially accept the resignation until then.

At the meeting, the board agreed it would announce

the vacancy and request applications by Dec. 15. These may be reviewed at the Dec. 29 meeting or possibly held until January. An appointment will be made before Jan. 30, 2018.

In water business, General Manager Victor Jimenez reported that water consumption during the September and October billing period was 6.7 million gallons, 13.5 percent greater than during September and October 2016.

"We're using a little more water this year," Rees said. For the first 10 months of 2017, consumption was 31.1 million gallons, almost 10 percent greater than in 2016.

While Jimenez attributed some of the increasing use to the lifting of drought restrictions, Krieger noted that late summer and early fall were unusually warm, setting several high-temperature marks. This also would have spurred greater water use.

The current FVWD consumption for 2017 is the greatest since 2013, when customers used 33.2 million gallons through October.

Krieger also noted that the unaccounted-for water level was 15.4 percent, compared to 10 percent a year ago.

FVWD schedules public hearing for rate increase

The public hearing regarding the proposed increase in water rates for Fern Valley Water District will be 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29. The board confirmed the date at its Nov. 17 meeting.

The regular December meeting, which would have been Dec. 15, is being moved to Dec. 29 and concurrent with the public hearing.

IWD adopts new sewer rules

Director elections moved to November in 2022

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

At its regular November meeting, the Idyllwild Water District directors adopted new regulations for administering the sewer system and agreed to move their bi-annual August election for directors to the state's November general elections beginning in 2022.

The new sewer rule, Ordinance 65, replaces regulations adopted 20 years ago in 1997, according to Interim General Manager Jack Hoagland.

Among the changes, Hoagland reported that the district will no longer count the individual number of fixtures in single-family homes. In the future, a single-family home will be deemed one "equivalent dwelling unit," which discharges 250 gallons of wastewater daily.

Identifying and counting fixture units will be limited to commercial and institutional customers. And Hoagland emphasized that multi-family structures are considered commercial units.

The new rules also allow the district to permit "dischargers with unique waste streams to exceed the amounts specified." However, Hoagland stressed that these exceptions would be limited to volumes, which would not threaten IWD's permit from the Santa Ana

Water Quality Control Board.

This possible exception raised a concern from the public. Tom Paulek asked the board to defer a decision until December in order to give him more time to review this language.

He was specifically concerned about the Idyllwild Brewpub discharges, which he expects to increase. Further, he does not believe IWD has been adequately monitoring the brewery's discharges.

The board declined to delay its action, however. Further, Hoagland said there are times, such as last spring, when a large volume of rainfall occurred and passed into the sewer system. Too much clean water poses stress on the treatment plant. Thus, there may be a time when he might ask the Brewpub to increase its discharges, which would improve the water plant's ability to process the sewer.

Currently, the Brewpub's discharges are well below its permitted volume, he emphasized.

The board adopted the new regulations unanimously, 4-0. Director Geoffrey Caine was absent.

In other business, the board decided to shift its election for directors to coincide with the state's November general elections.

Senate Bill 415, a barely noticed law, passed two years ago. Its purpose is to encourage higher turnouts for municipal and special-district elections. These have usually been held in off-year elections such as August of odd-numbered years. All three local water districts hold

their elections for directors in those elections.

SB 415 limits these elections, beginning in January 2018. The local districts may not hold an election other than during a statewide general election if prior off-year elections resulted in low-voter turnout. The law defines low turnout as 25 percent less than the average turnout for the previous four statewide general elections.

Turnout in Idyllwild for gubernatorial elections and presidential elections has typically exceeded 75 percent of eligible voters. In 2016, it reached 90 percent. Turnout for IWD director elections has been less than 40 percent.

The board considered several options, such as holding elections during June primaries, but chose the November elections beginning in 2022.

The effect on director's terms will add one year if elected this past August to four-year terms. This applies to Caine. It would have applied to Vic Sirkin, but he resigned. Sirkin's replacement, Catherine Dearing, must stand for election to a two-year term in 2019. Directors whose terms end in 2019 are President Chip Schelly, Steven Kunkle and Peter Szabadi. If re-elected in 2019, they will have to stand for election in 2022.

In water business, Hoagland reported that water production in October was 8.3 million gallons, which is 14 percent more than the 7.3 million gallons produced in October 2016. Total production for the first 10 months of 2017 has been 78 million gallons, compared to 68.9 million gallons for the same period in 2016.

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Edison International offering college scholarships

Now through Dec. 1, high school seniors with a passion for science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) can apply for Edison International's \$1.2 million scholarship program that awards \$40,000 — paid over four years — to each of as many as 30 students seeking to make a difference in the world.

In 2017, four Riverside County students were awarded scholarships.

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent.

- Live in Southern California Edison's service territory.
- Plan to attend a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. for the 2018-19 academic year.

- Plan to enroll in an eligible major in computer and information services, engineering, engineering technology, management information systems, mathematics, natural resources and conservation, or physical sciences.

- Demonstrate financial need.

Dependents of Edison International and SCE employees or retirees are not eligible for the Edison Scholars Program.

Up to 30 awards of \$10,000 per year, totaling \$40,000 over four years, will be granted.

Awards are renewable for up to three more years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance and continued full-time enrollment in one of the designated fields of study at a four-year college and continuation of the program by Edison International.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

Visit the Edison website for an application and to start the process at www.insideedison.com/stories/edison-scholars-2018-makers-of-tomorrow.

The application must be submitted electronically on or before Friday, Dec. 1.

Multiple power outages within 30-minute interval

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Friday morning, Nov. 17, Idyllwild experienced a series of brief power outages.

Between 8:10 a.m. and about 8:40 a.m. power went out throughout the community. About six outages occurred during this period. None were for longer than a minute and several were back-to-back.

When asked about the cause, the Southern California spokesperson said they were unable to determine the source or the reason.

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Idyllwild grinding facility closed Mondays starting Dec. 4

The Idyllwild grinding facility will be closed Mondays from Dec. 4, 2017, through April 30, 2018.

Weekday operations will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The site will be closed from noon to 1 p.m. daily for lunch.

The facility will resume Monday operations on May 7, 2018.

The facility is located 1 mile south of the Idyllwild Transfer Station on Highway 243. The grinding facility accepts wood waste affected by the bark beetle.

Prohibited waste includes household waste, appliances, e-waste, metals, tires, and other hazardous, explosive and medical wastes. Customers who use the facility pay a per-ton rate on pre-paid accounts.

For more information, contact the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at 951-486-3200 or visit www.rcwaste.org.

Idyllwild Water repeats identical closed sessions a week later

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District held two meetings on the same night. On Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m., President Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly opened the regular meeting. About 90 minutes later, the board moved to closed session to meet with its legal counsel about a water complaint over Strawberry Creek.

Following that closed session, the board adjourned its regular meeting and then opened a special meeting.

The agenda for the special meeting included two closed-session items. The first was evaluation of Interim General Manager Jack Hoagland's performance. The second item was discussion of the general manager position.

The two topics on the agenda of the special meeting were identical to the agenda of the special meeting called a week ago on Nov. 8.

Thursday morning, Hoagland advised that "no reportable action was taken during any of the three closed sessions."

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Mental health urgent care center

A mental health urgent care center provides around-the-clock assessment, psychiatric support, medication management and customized services to adults voluntarily seeking assistance in crisis situations.

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

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

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

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

Checking for ID theft of a child

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

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

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

Checking to see if your child has a credit history, and then thoroughly reviewing it when they turn 16, can help you spot signs of identity theft. If you find false or inaccurate information, you'll have time to correct it before your child applies for a job, a loan for college or a car, or tries to get a credit card or a place to live.

Generally, children won't have credit reports unless someone is using their information for fraud.

What if my child has a credit report with incorrect or false information? Visit IdentityTheft.gov/child to report the problem and follow the steps outlined to resolve it.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PERSONAL SECRETARY SERVICES at 12580 Danbury Street, Whitewater, CA 92282, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 553, Cabazon, CA 92230. LORILEE ANN PREUSS, 12580 Danbury Street, Whitewater, CA 92282.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

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

Registrant Signature:
LORILEE ANN PREUSS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 18, 2017.

FILE NO.: R-201713646

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

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

RIC1719587 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:

CHARLES JOSHUA RUIZ IMPERIAL TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: CHARLES JOSHUA RUIZ IMPERIAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: CHARLES JOSHUA RUIZ IMPERIAL changed to Proposed name: CHARLES JOSHUA IMPERIAL

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: 11/27/2017 Time: 8:30, Dept. 12.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier. Date: OCT 18 2017

JOHN W VINEYARD

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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

RIC1719717 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: Superior Court, California, County of Riverside.

WILLIAM WAYNE SEREMAK, JR. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: WILLIAM WAYNE SEREMAK, JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: WILLIAM WAYNE SEREMAK, JR. changed to Proposed name: FRANCIS JAMES GILLIES

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 12/4/2017 Time: 8:30, Dept. 12.

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3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier. Date: OCT 19 2017

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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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RIC1720725 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: Superior Court.

JOSHUA JORDAN, JOSHUA JEREMIAH JORDAN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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

a. Present name: JOSHUA JEREMIAH JORDAN changed to Proposed name: JOSELINE ESTHER GALE

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NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 12/6/2017 Time: 8:30, Dept. 12.

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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IMPERIAL SECURITY PATROL SERVICES; THE EVICTION CENTER; FRONTLINE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE at 1051 E. 1st Street, Beaumont, CA 92223, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 40, Beaumont, CA 92223. THE SABRE GROUP, NEVADA INC. WHICH WILL DO BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA AS 'THE VALRON SYNDICATE', 1051 E. 1st Street, Beaumont, CA 92223. The List State of Corporation is CA.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Present name: ALEXIS CHRISTINE BENITEZ changed to Proposed name: ALEXIS CHRISTINE VILLEGAS

b. Present name: ADELYNN XIMENA BENITEZ changed to Proposed name: ADELYNN XIMENA VILLEGAS

c. Present name: LILIA C. VILLEGAS / CARLOS BENITEZ TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

d. Petitioner: LILIA C. VILLEGAS / CARLOS BENITEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

e. Present name: ALEXIS CHRISTINE BENITEZ changed to Proposed name: ALEXIS CHRISTINE VILLEGAS

f. Present name: ADELYNN XIMENA BENITEZ changed to Proposed name: ADELYNN XIMENA VILLEGAS

g. Present name: LILIA C. VILLEGAS / CARLOS BENITEZ TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

h. Petitioner: LILIA C. VILLEGAS / CARLOS BENITEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

i. Present name: ALEXIS CHRISTINE BENITEZ changed to Proposed name: ALEXIS CHRISTINE VILLEGAS

j. Present name: ADELYNN XIMENA BENITEZ changed to Proposed name: ADELYNN XIMENA VILLEGAS

k. Present name: LILIA C. VILLEGAS / CARLOS BENITEZ TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

County staff and supervisors worried about budget

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors only approved the final fiscal year 2017-18 budget in late September. Days later, on Sept. 30, the first quarter ended.

Now, six weeks into the second quarter of the fiscal year, County Executive Officer George Johnson, County Finance Officer Don Kent and the whole board are already worried about what adjustments may be needed for the budget before the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2018.

At last week's board meeting, Johnson said, "[The board] agreed to strategically draw upon reserves while holding ex-

penditures flat until reserves can grow and bring the budget into structural balance."

Then he added, "A select few departments have provided early signs of distress ... I can't emphasize enough the critical importance of maintaining fund discipline by controlling spending until growth in reserves brings us back to structural balance."

In his budget overview, Kent reported that the board had added nearly \$40 million to the proposed fiscal year 2017-18 budget to help several departments such as the District Attorney, Public Defender and Sheriff.

After the first quarter, these three and the Riverside University Health

System have indicated they will need another \$33 million to balance their budgets by the end of the year.

In his memorandum to the board, Johnson expressed concerns about future revenues, besides spending. "My office is closely watching trends in property and sales tax revenues. Sales and use taxes show continued downward trends, particularly in consumer goods ... Likewise, the growth rate in property taxes is lagging slightly."

"We are on an unsustainable trajectory," Kent said to the board. "The projected overages are unsustainable." To achieve the recommended reserve levels, Kent urged

the board to curtail deficit spending and constrain costs within existing allocated levels.

After hearing Kent's presentation, Supervisor Marion Ashley (4th District) spoke for his colleagues: "The First Quarter Budget Report certainly is not good news. Obviously, corrective action needs to be taken."

Johnson had already announced that his staff was working with these agencies and he plans to report back to the board with "any action plans that may be needed."

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries (1st District) was more direct about his assessment of the budget condition. Addressing the Probation Department

funding, he noted that 100 positions are in jeopardy and may be eliminated.

"They've eaten up all their reserves and nothing is left. Either we use more reserves or this is a different looking department this time next year," he said. The result would exacerbate issues in his communities that rely on the Probation Department to resolve.

He also expressed exasperation with the budget projections that ignore known future budget demands, such as the costs for staffing the John J. Benoit Detention Center, which should open in the second half of 2018.

Later, Ashley absolved the county staff for the growing deficit and at-

tributed a large portion to the state Legislature, which has been shifting programs, such as jail prisoners and in-home support services, to counties without adequate funding.

"These may be worthy programs, but we're the victims," he noted.

Looking beyond the current fiscal year, Chair John Tavaglione said, "We have some tough, really, really tough, decisions in the next year on behalf of our citizens and on behalf of our employees that are not going to be very pretty."

No specific action was taken at this meeting and the board awaits further recommendations from Johnson.

County barely moving forward with electric program

Final decision awaits CPUC decision

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors narrowly approved moving forward with the creation of Community Choice Aggregation, which would have the county provide electricity. County residents should not expect to hear anything about its implementation until late summer.

The vote was 3-2, with

supervisors Kevin Jeffries (1st District) and Chuck Washington (3rd District) voting no. Several of the supervisors are concerned about how the California Public Utilities Commission may decide a regulatory issue affecting the potential charge to entities replacing the private utility provider.

The CPUC is expected to issue a decision in the summer of 2018 and the ultimate charge may significantly influence the success of a county electric agency.

Deputy County Executive Officer Brian Nestande assured the board

that submitting the proposed implementation plan to the CPUC would not initiate a county program. Once approved, Riverside County could wait months or years before contracting to buy and then sell electricity.

"The exit-fee issue is the only thing holding me up," Jeffries said to Nestande. "It is a gamble, risky." With the CPUC decision still months in the future, Jeffries preferred delaying a board decision on the program.

In response, Nestande emphasized that the board's vote would only authorize filing the plan

with the CPUC for approval. The program will not be implemented before knowing the CPUC decision.

"We are not entering into any action and not spending any county money," he stated.

In casting his positive vote, Supervisor Marion Ashley (5th District) said, "Let's get to the [CPUC] decision and then make our decision."

Washington's "No" vote was not based solely on the exit fee question. He has done substantial review of the issue and expressed two reasons.

"I think there are questions unanswered,"

he said. "I think this approach we've taken is not thoroughly vetted." He was specifically concerned about the potential savings for CCA customers.

Secondly, he preferred offering the CCA program to the whole county rather than limiting it to just the unincorporated areas. This would include a much larger customer base, he argued, and concluded, "I'll be a No' vote."

The feasibility study of a CCA program and the implementation plan has cost the county about \$250,000. The estimated annual cost of running the program is about \$1.7 mil-

lion, which will be recovered from electric fees.

The feasibility study estimated that customers would save between 7 and 13 percent on the purchase of electricity through the establishment of a CCA.

Residents in the unincorporated areas will be CCA customers unless they choose to opt out and remain with Southern California Edison.

Once the CPUC approves the county plan, the county can issue requests for the cost to purchase electricity.

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Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington (right) and his Chief of Staff Jeff Comerchero (left) were in Idyllwild last week to hear from local constituents.

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

Fault

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Seismologists are quick to allay worry about any immediate major quake and to discourage any connection between the recent serious of quakes and a "big one."

"At this point, I would not say it indicates anything special," said Dr. Abhijit Ghosh, an assistant professor in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of California, Riverside. He added, "There is natural variation, up a bit and down some. I would not read too much into this."

Nevertheless, he, Lozos, and other seismologists recommend that Hill residents prepare a go bag and have it handy in case either of the faults has a major shake.

Ghosh has done research on the San Jacinto

Fault. And one area, the Anza Gap, was particularly interesting to him and his graduate student, Alexandra Hutchinson.

The Anza Gap several miles south of Highway 371, which runs through Anza Valley, has had very little seismic activity in the past few centuries. Other segments of the fault have released quakes greater than 5.5 several times in the past couple of centuries, but not the 12-mile gap south of Anza.

"I believe the fault is slowly slipping under the plate," he suggested, based on his research. Further, this slippage is very deep and very slow, but it could release energy, which essentially is what an earthquake does.

While not a rare occurrence, seismic research in the two decades has recognized the difference. For example, the stress levels are different depending upon the depth. The Anza Gap is very deep; faults

tend to be nearer the ground surface, and very slow. This difference results in less ground vibration, Ghosh said. So, we are less cognizant of the deep slips and shifts.

"[R]egular seismic activity occurs on either side of the Anza gap, whereas there is very little seismic activity within the gap itself," he wrote in his latest research paper.

But major quakes have occurred in this area, and Ghosh expects another. He just cannot predict when it might occur. Recent research indicates the last quake in the gap area was about 1918. Other areas of the San Jacinto have felt much more recent quakes.

"The San Jacinto is a big player," Lozos advised. "So, don't write it off, don't be afraid; just be aware and have a plan."

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Legals

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA RESCINDING RESOLUTION 499 AND ESTABLISHING REVISED SEWER SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT.

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

at 250 gallons of water wastewater daily. Section 2.13 would add this sub-section shall apply to commercial and/or institutional customers. 2.17 would state that a Lateral Connection means the actual "Wye" connection to the public sewer main line. Section 2.22 would be renumbered as 2.23 and define RWQCB. In several places the word "industrial" would be changed to "institutional." Section 2.27 would be renumbered 2.29 and add "One unit of service is equal to one Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). A single family home is equal to one EDU. Commercial, institutional and industrial customer units of service will be determined by the number of fixtures connected to the sewer." Section 5.7 adds the owner is responsible for the sewer lateral. In Section 6.14.07, \$2,500 is changed to \$25,000. The minimum sewer easement width in Section 6.15.01 would be 12 feet but if the depth of the sewer is more

than 8 feet below the ground surface or if the slope is greater than 15%. In 6.16.01, "water" and "is removed from" water and wastewater." 7.2.04 would state "total suspended solids of 30 mg/l." 7.2.05 would state "total dissolved solids of 600 mg/l." 7.2.08 adds the DISTRICT may enter into agreements with dischargers with unique waste streams to exceed the amounts specified in Sections 7.2.01 through 7.2.07, when mitigating circumstances that will not jeopardize the ability of the DISTRICT to meet its Waste Discharge Requirements as established by the RWQCB exist. Sections 7.7 to 7.8 state it shall be unlawful to discharge the contents of a swimming pool or hydrolyze into a sewer. Section 11.1.a. adds the amount determined by the DISTRICT shall be in conformance with the law. Section 11.1.d. adds partial payments shall not be accepted as complete payments, and water and sewer service are subject to

termination for non-payment. Section 11.1.e. adds bills may also be paid on the DISTRICT's website. In Section 13.3, 10% is changed to 20%. Section 13.4 adds the applicant must pay the established fee. Section 14.3 states the DISTRICT must mail a notice of termination prior to termination. The credit check charge is removed from Section 14.3.04. In Section 14.5.02, the Penalty Charges would be set by the Board; accounts may incur a penalty after 25 days. A certified copy of the complete text of the ordinance may be read, or a copy obtained for a nominal charge, at the Clerk's office at, 25945 CA-243, Idyllwild, CA 92349. PUBLISHED: Nov. 9, 2017. PUBLISHED: Nov. 6, 23, 30, 2017. POSTED: Nov. 06, 2017.

Passed and Adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Idyllwild Water District Board of Directors on November 15, 2017 with a following vote:

AYES: Steve Kunkle, Peter Szabadi, Catherine Dearing, Charles Schelly

NOES:

ABSENT: Geoffrey Caine

ABSTAIN:

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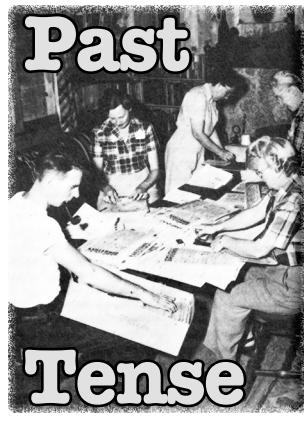
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**70 years ago - 1947**

Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Carmen reminisced about the good old days in Idyllwild. They remembered Fern Valley as a fern-filled meadow without many trees, with cattle grazing in Round and Tahquitz valleys.

65 years ago - 1952

During a major snowstorm, Ada Morlan, Chamber secretary, left an evening committee meeting. Finding no chains in her car, she drained the radiator and walked home. Once there, her husband informed her that the chains were in the car and that he had just filled the radiator with anti-freeze. The incident had a happy ending, however. A large oak limb fell during the night right where she would have parked the car in the driveway.

60 years ago - 1957

Sherpard's Realty had "view lots" for sale for \$1,200, but "creek lots" were \$2,500.

55 years ago - 1962

While Josef and Maranda Marais were away on tour, water pipes burst and flooded their home. They returned to find grass growing in the living room.

50 years ago - 1967

Alden Paine complained to Riverside County supervisors about a 65-percent increase in his property assessment. He called the county action in Idyllwild destructive to the community.



Marilyn Orr of Pine Cove with her rock people at the 1973 Harvest Festival. FILE PHOTO

45 years ago - 1972

Following a 2-inch rainfall, the U.S. Forest Service declared the end of fire season in the San Bernardino National Forest.

40 years ago - 1977

Almost 100 people attended a hearing at Town Hall where members of the San Jacinto Mountain Area Water Study Agency discussed management of the mountain wastewater system.

35 years ago - 1982

The first Winter Fashion Show and Dessert Tea, sponsored by the Soroptimist Club of Idyllwild, drew about 150 spectators and 21 models.

30 years ago - 1987

At its regular monthly meeting, the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce approved using a phone message machine. A recorded message took the place of a live answering service.

25 years ago - 1992

Five Idyllwild School

students were selected by Steve Traugh to sing on his education albums titled "Fun Phonics for Preposterous Poems and Silly Songs."

The students were Justin Holmes, Samantha Pairis, Meredith Wills, Andrea Wills and Crystal Van Zee.

20 years ago - 1997

Idyllwild School's fire lane was completed, spelling relief for parents using it to drop off and pick up their kids. Parents had complained about the hazards of stopping along the bustling Highway 243.

15 years ago - 2002

Parents, teenagers and concerned residents moved forward to improve recreational activities on the Hill after they formed the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council.

10 years ago - 2007

An Anza resident was arrested for bringing child pornography into the state. He was part of a

Riverside County sweep of known sex offenders.

5 years ago - 2012

Cal Fire crews removed a 140-year-old California black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*), the first local casualty of the Goldspotted oak borer that had killed more than 80,000 trees in San Diego County.

1 year ago - 2016

Two incidents of post-election graffiti were reported in one week.

One-lane traffic on Highway 243

Caltrans is continuing work on the northern side of Highway 243 until the end of the year. Expect stops and one-lane traffic until then.

Lifetime hunting license contest

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Wildlife Officers Foundation are co-sponsoring the annual "Passing on the Tradition" essay contest for young hunters.

CWOF will recognize one grand-prize winner with a lifetime California hunting license valued at also will be selected and prize packages will be awarded.

This year's contest invites entrants to share how hunting has influenced or affected their lives.

The contest is open to all junior hunting license holders, as well as youths under age 18 who have earned a hunter education certificate. Entrants should submit an essay of 500 words or less.

Submit to Lt. John Nores at john.nores@wildlife.ca.gov and on or before 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15. On their essay, applicants must also provide their date of birth, place of residence and a contact telephone number and email address.

Whitewater Preserve nearby

You don't have to slog for miles to find water in the desert with the Whitewater River, a year-round stream, just off Interstate 10. The best way to experience this waterway is by visiting the Whitewater Preserve, an oasis managed by The Wildlands Conservancy.

The Whitewater Preserve spans more than 2,851 acres. The visitors' facility is a renovated historic building from its time as a fish hatchery. There are picnic tables, shaded benches and two ponds with fish, making for a relaxing visit. Or you could choose to be more active by heading out on the trailhead that leads to the San Gorgonio Wilderness.

The preserve is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Permits are required for camping, backcountry trip parking, and afterhours hiking. The preserve also hosts many free programs, but reservations are required.

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.

Sale of local markets nearly completed

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

In August, the sale of the Mountain Center and Pine Cove markets was announced.

Earlier this month, the sale of the Mountain Center Market business was completed. Although the same buyer is purchasing both markets, closure on the

Pine Cove Market was delayed, according to owner/seller Shane Stewart.

This sale will be completed by early December, he added.

Stewart is selling the market businesses, but not the property; consequently, he intends for the gasoline station and market business to be maintained.

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Elia

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"I can get the bulk of what they want and what everyone else wants done," he said.

The first issue that Elia raised was bank accountability. For 10 years, he worked for Wells Fargo and has been a financial consultant. His experience created a deep sense of distrust for the banking industry.

"Let's have more protections for the people of California against corrupt financial institutions and consider public banking options," he

wrote on his website.

Elia, along with gubernatorial candidate Delaine Eastin, support establishing a state banking institution. He argued it would save California billions of dollars for fees to private banks.

His second issue was healthcare. Specifically, Elia said he would work with other legislators to establish a single-payer healthcare system in California. If passed, Senate Bill 562 would accomplish that, but it's support is waning.

"As the richest country, why can't we afford it? We give out cam-

paign subsidies. We have the money," he argued to a room full of agreement. "Nobody should be denied the right of healthcare in California."

From single-payer healthcare, Elia next espoused support for eliminating tuition costs for the California state college system. "College debt is crippling the youth of the country," he stated. "Every California resident should go to a public university if they want and tuition should be free."

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IDYLLWILD, CA

THURS., NOV. 23, 2017

Idyllwild Actors Theatre presents 'A Merry Little Christmas'

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Actors Theatre will present its annual holiday banquet of Christmas reminiscences and music, "A Merry Little Christmas," featuring the work of notable authors and humorists Erma Bombeck, Thornton Wilder, Mark Twain, Truman Capote, David Sedaris and more.

"[Our] Christmas tales range from heartwarming to hilarious and bring something for everyone to help jump start

the holiday season," said Suzanne Avalon, IAT founder and artistic director.

The music for the show, under the direction of company member Barbara Rayliss, ranges from a rousing carol from the Broadway musical "Mame" to an original holiday rap written by Rayliss, and familiar Christmas songs sung by the company.

"It's what we do," said Avalon, speaking of her company's many years of producing entertainment for the community. And even though taxed with moving from one house to another and starting a

new job, Avalon still produced the annual Christmas event. "We're happy to continue to produce staged readings and full productions for our Idyllwild audiences. We have an amazing company of gifted actors, many of whom I've worked with from the beginning."

Highlights performed by the company include Martha Stewart's "Christmas List" and Santa interviews. Most of the stories performed are from American writers but two are international, "Christmas with Mistletoe" by Charles Dickens and "Annunciation to Mary" by

Rainer Maria Rilke.

Cast members include Avalon, Jeri Greene, Michèle Marsh, Rayliss, Jacob Teel, Scott Wilson, Hollis Fulmor and Marshall Smith.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, and Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Rainbow Inn. Doors open at 7 p.m. with a reception. Tickets are \$18 and may be purchased at the door or online at www.idyllwildactors.org. Space is limited.

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



The Idyllwild Arts Fall Dance Concert featured students performing a variety of works ranging from classical ballet to modern dance. Along with department faculty, Guest Choreographer Susan Shields helped the students choreograph their performances. Dance Department Chair Ellen Rosa-Taylor oversaw the ambitious project that showcased the incredible talent of the students. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

Thanksgiving AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous Marathon Meetings on Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 23, begin at 10 a.m. and end at 10 p.m. They are held at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. Call Stacey at 562-233-3348 for more information.

Toy drive at Soboba Casino

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

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

Soroptimists ask for donations

Soroptimist International of Idyllwild (www.siiddyllwild.org) is encouraging the community to collect regular size soap, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant and lotion. Collected items will support the Soroptimists in assisting the Idyllwild HELP Center, which currently serves the needs of more than 600 people in our mountain community.

In addition to these basic needs, as sponsors of the "Soroptimist Women's Cabinet" located at the HELP Center, local Soroptimists also emphasize that donations of feminine products, including sanitary napkins, tampons, razors and panty liners, as well as toilet paper, are desperately needed. Contact Theresa Teel at thursa@gmail.com or Karen Doshier at 951-452-4599 to donate items mentioned.

Thanks & Gratitude

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Saturday, Nov. 25
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"Thanksgiving" was the theme at the Idyllwild Library's Children's Storytime Monday morning.

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Above: Lights are strung up in an organized fashion last Wednesday in the center of town, just ahead of the Nov. 25 Tree Lighting Ceremony.

PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

Staff honors Friends of the Idyllwild Library

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild Library Branch Manager and Librarian Shannon Houlihan Ng and staff drafted a proclamation declaring Sunday, Nov. 26, through Saturday, Dec. 2, Friends of Libraries Appreciation Week in Idyllwild.

The proclamation, with three pages outlining the many functions and gifts of the Friends of the Idyllwild Library, acknowledges the critical roles the Friends play in programming, building maintenance and improvements, fundraising, and collection and services.

"Without the advocacy of the Friends there would be no library," said Ng. In many conversations with then Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone and site visits to other libraries, the Friends helped determine what the new library would look like, what it would contain and what services it would provide. "They made this library a critical agenda item for the supervisor," said Ng.

"I have no budget for programming per se," said Ng. "The Friends have made the breadth of programming that we now have available. They understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages, including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory and children's services."

Highlights of programming since Oct. 1, 2016, include providing storytime volunteer readers, planning and craft supplies, including special guests and performers; the fourth-annual Children's Film Festival; support for Pacific Crest Trail hikers via the bookstore with free books and maps; a solar eclipse series, including a solar eclipse party with a solar telescope and livestream of the Great American Eclipse as it passed over the United States; and a well-attended bi-monthly speaker series.

With regard to the Idyllwild Library building, the Friends maintain the eight lilac bushes donated by Gary Parton. They also have assisted with the purchase of a much-used 3D printer and the accompanying programming to help introduce 3D printing to the wider community.

To fundraise, the Friends conduct ongoing book sales in the Friends Bookstore in the library, monthly silent auctions featuring high-quality books donated to the Friends, and Memorial and Labor Day book sales.

They also help fund February's weeklong STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) workshops and Summer Reading program, "Reading by Design."

"They're growing stronger with new leadership and focus," said Ng. "They had a retreat in early August to brainstorm how to be more effective. They're looking for new members to help them expand how they can better serve the library and the community, and provide more for local children."

For more about the Friends, visit www.friendsofidyllwildlibrary.com.

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Chess club at the library

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

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

Grants available to nonprofits

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

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

Intelligent design discourse at library

The Community Forum Discussion Group will tackle "Is there a case to be made for intelligent design?" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Idyllwild Library.

The adult public is welcome to join in on the conversation.

Freedom from smoking clinic

The Hemet Unified School District is sponsoring a clinic to help attendees quit smoking at the Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 North Circle Drive.

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



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Retired sheriff commander Metroka pens first novel

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

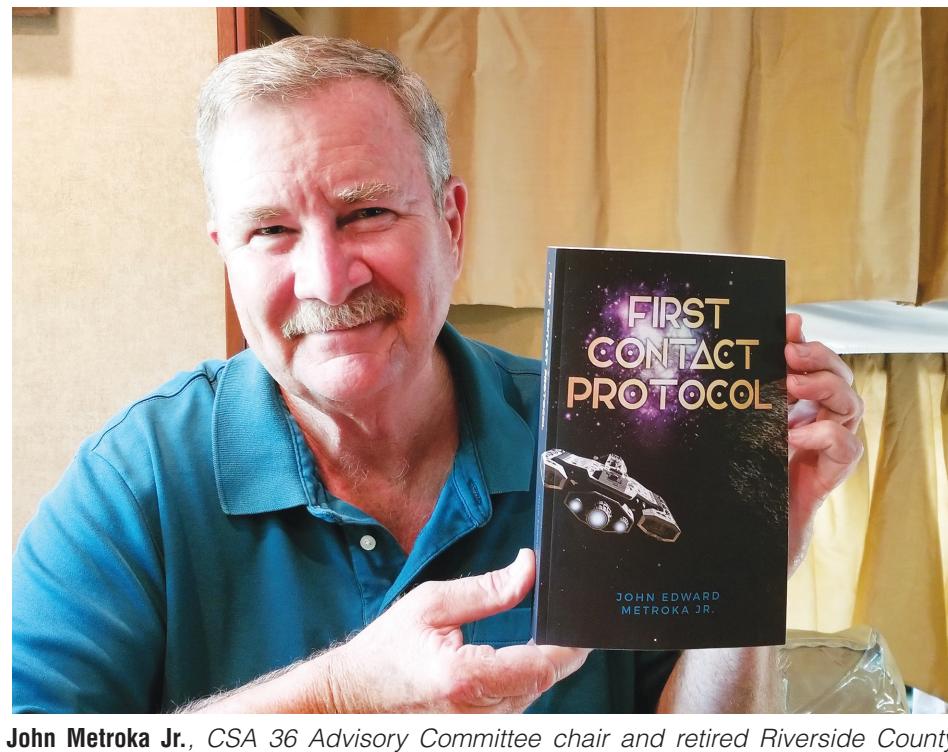
Retired Riverside County Sheriff's Department Commander John Metroka Jr. has always been a writer. As a child, he and his older sister Martha created fantasy stories. Later, even while serving in R.C.S.D., he wrote short stories for his own pleasure. And professionally, he wrote many training documents and protocols for the sheriff's department and for the federal government.

While serving in the sheriff's department from 1980 to 2012, Metroka acquired a fine knowledge of command and control structure, and what it takes in the field to step into a command position through necessity.

So it is not surprising that Metroka's first novel involves command and control structures, new protocols followed for the first time and stepping into leadership positions when necessity demands.

"First Contact Protocol" (2017 Create Space Independent Publishing, North Charleston, S.C.) is not a law enforcement story that plays out on Earth but one of a science expedition far from Earth. And the first contact is the long-imagined first contact with a non-human sentient species and the protocol outlining procedure to be followed. "The people in the ship are average Joes who must step up and take over when faced with something not covered in these [standard, everyday] procedures," said Metroka.

"I've been wanting to put a book together all my life," said Metroka. "I've always had a deep appreciation for science fiction. It takes you out of your own cultural norm, with which you're comfortable, and puts you in a new and neutral



John Metroka Jr., CSA 36 Advisory Committee chair and retired Riverside County Sheriff's Department commander, has now realized a long-held dream — to have written and published a novel, the sci-fi page turner "First Contact Protocol."

PHOTO COURTESY JOHN METROKA JR.

setting where you can experience new concepts and ideas that you might resist in your own culture."

And since time is not really linear, in pitching the book concept, Metroka said, "This is something that occurred, it just hasn't happened yet." He described the writing process: "You don't know what is coming next," he said. "The characters have a life of their own."

Metroka, native of Carmichaels, Pennsylvania, about an hour south of Pittsburgh, came to the Riverside area with his family when he was 7. "My father worked in the coal mines, and want-

ed something different and better for his family," remembered Metroka.

After graduating from high school, Metroka attended Riverside Junior College and the University of California, Riverside, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. Thinking to go into some form of political public service, he interned with Congressman George Brown after college graduation. He later decided that law enforcement might be a better fit for his aspirations and goals, and was hired by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

"It was a good time to go into law en-

forcement," he recalled. "Everything was in transition to newer standards with more cultural awareness and training in those areas." He served in corrections, field command, Indian Nation liaison, training center administration, state court liaison, political liaison with city governments, special operations and traffic unit, with the sheriff's Emergency Response Team, and as commander of the Patrol Division and Investigations Unit. Metroka also holds a teaching certificate from UCR and a master's degree in public administration from California State University, San Bernardino.

As with all writers, Metroka brings his cultural background and closely held beliefs and issues into his fiction writing. "We don't learn from history," lamented Metroka. "We have to go back over it. There are cycles. We learn. Then we forget and, unfortunately, the lesson comes back with the full package of social unrest and conflicts. There are things that repeat and, unfortunately, we are once again on one of those paths."

"First Contact Protocol" mirrors developments on Earth from cycles of wars and impending wars to periods of diplomatic resolution and engagement with those with whom we disagree. As in life and in fiction, one can learn from the past — a process and ongoing awareness in which Metroka strongly believes.

Since moving to Idyllwild in 2014, Metroka has continued to serve the community. He is current chair of the County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee that acts to advise 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington on parcel-tax-funded recreation for residents of the CSA district.

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

J and the C album drops



Johnny Wilson, Houman Orei (back), Colin Smith, Monica Sierras, with Steve Zaccardi and John King (not pictured) perform "Toxic Blues" during the album release party for Johnny and the Competition last Thursday at the Idyllwild Brewpub. PHOTOS BY CHRIS FOX



Performers smile for the camera following a live performance at the album release party for Johnny and the Competition on Thursday night at the Idyllwild Brewpub. Pictured from left: Johnny Wilson, Halie Wilson, Houman Orei, Brian McWilliams (front), Colin Smith, Monica Sierras, Steve Zaccardi (back), Blaise Ford, John King (back), Jacob Teel and Brian Parnell.

Making Spirits Bright

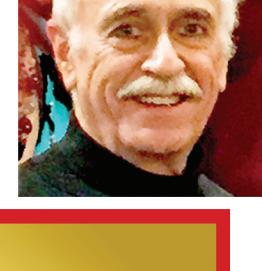
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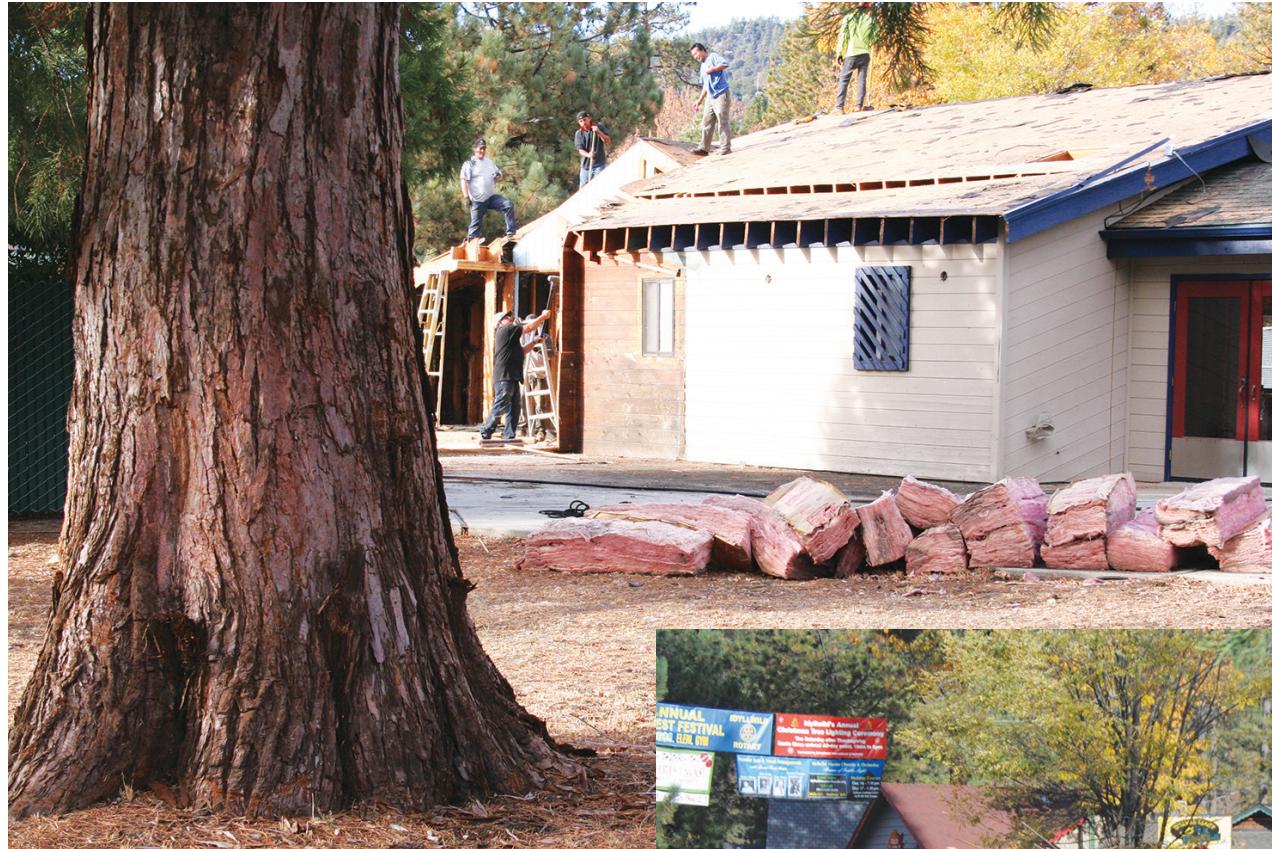
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Jo'An's building demolished



Below: A concrete floor, formerly Jo'An's Restaurant, remains after the building was razed over the weekend. The site will become a park, similar to Eleanor Park, which was on the site in the 1950s through the 1960s. The razed restaurant was a controversial site over the years because of outside bands disturbing business people around the area on weekends. **Loie and Dave Butterfield** bought the property to put an end to the controversy. **PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE**

At left: **Shane Stewart's** crew begins the work of razing Jo'An's Restaurant Friday. **PHOTO BY JACK CLARK**



Stop illegal robocalls

Are you getting hounded by robocalls and wondering what you can do about them? Reporting illegal robocalls helps the Federal Trade Commission and other law enforcement agencies go after the scammers behind them. But what can you do to stop those calls now? One option is a robocall-blocking app for your mobile phone.

Robocall blocking apps can give you the ability to do things like prescreen your calls before the phone rings; block certain types of calls, including calls that others have flagged as fraudulent or unwanted calls; block anonymous calls that show up as "unknown" callers; and use reverse lookup to detect fake caller ID information from call spoofing.

Which app works for you might depend on your phone's operating system. Before you consider downloading any app, think about the call protection you need and do your research. CTIA, a trade association representing manufacturers and providers of wireless products and services, has a comprehensive list of call-blocking apps.

If your mobile number isn't already on the National Do Not Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov/, it's also a good idea to add it. If you continue to get sales calls, at least you'll know the callers don't respect the law. If you continue to get illegal robocalls or other unwanted calls, report them to the FTC. Your complaints not only help us target scammers, but also help telecommunications carriers and other industry partners that are working on call blocking solutions.

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 Nov. 29 in the Spirit Mountain Contemplative Garden. The event is free but donations are welcome.

Fentanyl addiction help

Narconon reminds families that fentanyl overdoses are on the rise in almost every community nationwide. Fentanyl is the strongest synthetic opiate painkiller and is estimated to be 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times stronger than heroin.

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Dan Roberts (left) and **Joe Bressi**, volunteer Tahquitz Peak fire-watchers, spoke at the Nov. 15 meeting of the Idyllwild Rotary Club. Bressi is in charge of the all-volunteer program that has operated since 1998. Before then, the U.S. Forest Service staffed the program. The hike to 8,846 feet can be strenuous but the view from the top, as long as there is no fire in the San Bernardino National Forest, is worth it. **Rotary President Roland Gaebert** (right) poses with the two after giving them Rotary mugs. **PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK**

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, Nov. 22

- Ping Pong, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Jac Jacaruso, (pop & soft rock guitar), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Idyllwild Photographers, 5-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, Nov. 23

- Free Thanksgiving dinner, noon-2 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Miles Thomas, 6-9 p.m. Idiology.

Friday, Nov. 24

- Rotary Club's Harvest Festival, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild School gym.
- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Jason Lohrke (Neil Diamond tribute artist), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Midnight Special, 6 p.m.; Sugar Bear, 10 p.m. Idiology.

Saturday, Nov. 25

- Rotary Club's Harvest Festival, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Idyllwild School gym.
- Nonprofit booths, 10 a.m. Center of town.
- Family Game Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Mellow Yellow, 1 p.m.; Patrice Morris, 6 p.m.; Sammy Busby, 10 p.m. Idiology.
- Santa Claus, 1-3 p.m. Gazebo, Village Centre Complex.
- Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Olde-Fashioned Christmas, 4:40 p.m. Center of town.
- Sandii Castleberry & Laree Gibson, (upbeat & fun rock, country & blues), 6-9 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Sunday, Nov. 26

- Acoustic Sunday, 1 p.m.; Cole Withers, 7 p.m. Idiology.
- "Making Spirits Bright," Stratford Players, 2 p.m. Christian Science Church.

Monday, Nov. 27

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon.; Children's Storytime, "Holiday Hoe Down," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
- Mahjong, 1-4 p.m.; Is there a case to be made for Intelligent Design? Community forum, 6:30-8 p.m. Idyllwild

Taxing work

If you are receiving Social Security and have extra income, you may wind up having to pay taxes on a portion of your benefits, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. AMAC says that you can work with your tax preparer to determine the exact amount of taxes you must pay using your Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099/1042S). The Social Security Administration automatically sends that statement out to all benefit recipients each year.

Scholarship donations accepted

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

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

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

Matching savings program

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Library.

- Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Vocal Jazz Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

- Holistic healing circle, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Ping Pong, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Student Music Recital: Mavis Xue, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, Nov. 30

- Idy Talks: Geronimo Angel Gutierrez, 6-7 p.m. Town Gallery.
- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, Dec. 1

- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Don Reed & Mikele Kreitner (guitar driven classic & original music), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Visual Arts Student Theme Show Opening Reception

Parks, 6-7 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Music Recital: Abreal Whitman, Zhengnan Wang, Jeong Yun Lee, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, Dec. 2

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Winter Fashion Show, 4-5 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.

"Making Spirits Bright," Stratford Players

2 p.m. Christian Science Church.

Toler Gibson Band

(classic folk country), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Karaoke

7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Sunday, Dec. 3

- "Making Spirits Bright," Stratford Players, 2 p.m. Christian Science Church.

Monday, Dec. 4

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon.; Children's Storytime, "Season's Greetings," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Ensemble Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.
- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
- Mahjong, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.



Idyllwild Arts student Caelen Perkins (at microphone) sings and plays his composition "Get Away" with Michael Ghadban on guitar, Ray Godfrey on bass and Briley Miller on drums to finish off the Songwriting Concert at Idyllwild Arts Academy on Tuesday, Nov. 14. By the end of his song, the entire cast and audience were on their feet clapping.

PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Dave Blackburn and Robin Adler performed beautiful and exciting music at Café Aroma Sunday afternoon.

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Jenny Egan presented "The Last Non-automated Art" free acting workshop Saturday afternoon at the Idyllwild Library.

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 Dec. 6.

Participants will explore and experience their chakras, learning how to heal, nourish and vitalize themselves utilizing intention, color, sound and essential oils.

The event is free but donations are accepted.

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

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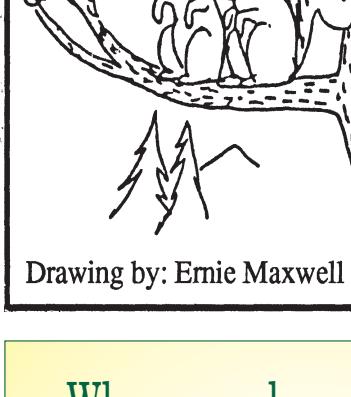
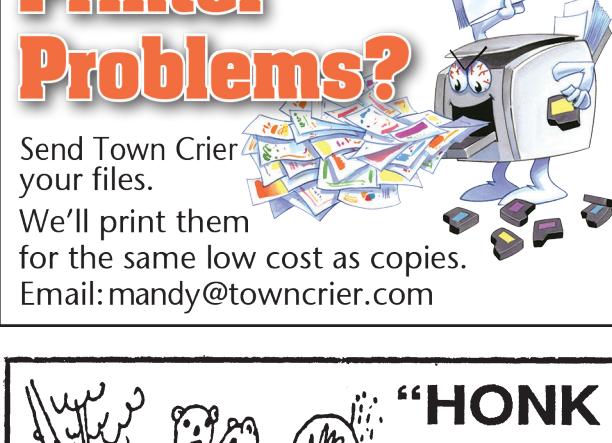
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HOROSCOPES

November 2017 — Week 4



March 21 – April 19

Aries, you may be tempted to tie up loose ends this week, but there is a lot to finish so expect things to take longer than you hoped. Focus only on one project at a time.



April 20 – May 20

Taurus, your words and actions may not be matching up right now. This may be confusing to others. It may be better to just lead by example.



May 21 – June 21

Gemini, things have been moving along quite easily for you and you are enjoying the respite. Take all the deep breaths you can during this period of recovery.



June 22 – July 22

Cancer. You may be feeling like you aren't quite catching up to the clock. As long as some work is getting finished, you are completely fine.



July 23 – August 22

Leo, you are anxious to go on an adventure, but you simply can't find time in your schedule. You may just have to make it happen by turning off your devices and heading out.



August 23 – September 22

Virgo, even if you are sure that your perspective will win over the crowd, you have to accept there will be some who don't agree with you. Be gracious and don't step on any toes.



September 23 – October 22

Libra, although you might not realize it, someone is making a concerted effort to get to know you this week. Be open to new relationships and you may make a lifelong friend.



October 23 – November 21

Scorpio, you have worked hard and are now beginning to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Treat yourself to whatever you would like. Be proud of your efforts.



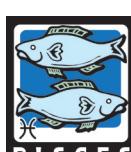
November 22 – December 21

Conversations with others should be kept light and easy this week to avoid any drama, Sagittarius. Delving deeper into others' lives is the furthest thing from your mind.



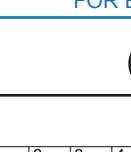
December 22 – January 19

Capricorn, are your achievements isolating you from others? You may have to let someone else get some of the glory this week, if only to show your vulnerable and accommodating side.



January 20 – February 18

Do not avoid others to escape conflict, Aquarius; otherwise, you are only delaying the inevitable. Speak your mind and address the situation with tact and professionalism.



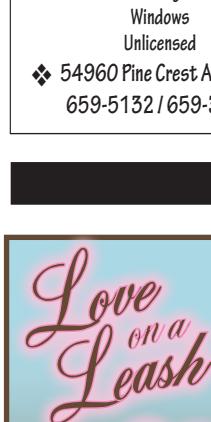
February 19 – March 20

Pisces, your self-esteem can soar this week if you

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CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," ARF cats and dogs were listening to their caretakers make plans for the weekend.

Little Girl: Thanksgiving is here!**Mr. Gray:** Will we get turkey?

Little Girl: You never know. After spending a great day with their family and friends, our ARF humans will spend all day Saturday at the tree lighting event in town.

Anabel: Will they take us?

Little Girl: Oh, Anabel, you know that would be too stressful for us felines. But I bet they will have photos of us and will tell everyone who visits them just how wonderful we are.

Trenton: Any one of us would be the perfect Christmas or Hanukkah gift!

Indigo: Heck, yea! Let's tell everyone to do their holiday shopping at ARF!

Little Girl: And they could start their shopping when they visit the ARF booth at the tree lighting.

Zorro: The best part about adopting an ARF cat, or dog, is that the gift is for both the human and the loving pet.

Anabel: You're so right, Zorro. Knowing that an adoption saves a life is a gift in itself.

Batman: And as Pepper said last week, a dog or cat can be a very healthful addition to a home.

Anabel: I think everyone who has room in his heart and home should visit us here on the weekends.

Trenton: And we will tug at their heartstrings and maybe find a forever home.

Little Girl: Wouldn't that be the most wonderful Thanksgiving weekend ever?

Pepper: And the good news for you, Little Girl, is that senior dogs and cats are better for the elderly because they are more calm and quiet, and require less maintenance.

Little Girl: Are you quoting that study again?

Pepper: Well, maybe...

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

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So You Think You Know the Hill?

BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

Well, last week's photo, while very local, was a bit out of the way, so I thought I might fool everybody. Not so. It's past time to recognize super sleuths **Dave Hunt** and **Kris Kirschbaum** as our current top "usual suspects." They consider this column an integral part of their exercise program, pedaling around the Hill each week in search of the correct answer. Last week they spotted the small seahorse logo that graces the business-name sign in front of **South Bay Cable Company** on Maranatha.

So, only those two entries this week and **Kamila Wilson**, age 1, reached in and — careful not to read any — pulled Dave's slip out of the hat. So he wins the \$25 Visa gift card put up by the **Town Crier** this week, so please come get it, Dave.

We're now out of Visa gift cards, and we'll come up with another prize idea. Hey, let's get another Hill business in here to sponsor this column and garner an in-print thank you each week. Use your imagination as to what the prize will be: theater tickets, gift certificate, an appetizer from a restaurant menu — even a \$20 bill — it doesn't have to cost as much as a \$25 gift card, and you don't have to make a year-long commitment. So try it out awhile!

Meanwhile, here we go again: Another sign, but this one's a dedication plaque. Oh, shucks, I musta cropped off the top line with the name of the place! Can you supply it for me?

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

Opal and the Secret Code

BY JANIE LANCASTER
AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

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

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

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

Chapter Five: The Surprise

After that night, I began to slowly understand the secret code. Now I had my very own secret. Won't they all be surprised! But I'd wait for the perfect moment.

Then one day, that perfect moment came. We were all in the auditorium for our monthly program. I waited until the program was almost over. Then I took a deep breath, pushed my shoulders back, held my head up high and marched up onto the stage. I looked at the woman with the cinnamon bun hair, the woman with the red sticky-out hair, the man with the potato nose and the rows of girls. All eyes were on me.

I put my flat palm facing out and motioned to all of them. Closing my hand I tapped my thumbnail over my lips. I pointed to myself with my index finger. Then I bent my hand and tapped my forehead several times. I

had signed my very first sentence. "I know your secret!" They all knew that I had cracked the secret code!

Everyone raised their arms in the air and shook their hands in applause. I bowed. Some of the girls ran up to me and hugged me as others came and patted me on the back. The tall woman with the cinnamon bun had a wide smile on her face as happy tears trickled from her eyes.

From that moment on, the big stone house became my home. I continued to make many new friends. I learned so many new words and even how to spell my very own name — O-p-a-l. I kept busy learning the secret code and getting to know all the girls. I started to feel at home. I didn't forget about Pa. Then one warm afternoon, someone poked me on the shoulder. I turned.

It was Pa! School was out. I was going back with Pa.

When I got home, I taught Pa and my family the secret code. I wrote letters on a small slate just like my teacher had done. I showed them the hand shapes for each letter. I wrote down words and showed them how to sign each one. Pa learned quickly how to sign the letters and the words, but Ma and my brother and sister had a very hard time. I had to show them the signs many times over and when they would finally learn the signs, I would clap my hands.

Now I was happy that Pa had brought me to the big stone house on the hill. Not only had I discovered the secret of the people within that house, but I had become a teacher of the Secret Code!

But my family wasn't the only ones I would teach. I was invited to visit the one-room school house at the end of the dusty narrow path, the very same place I was kicked out of no so long ago. I would teach them, too.

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<h3>Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild</h3> <p>Calvary Chapel Idyllwild To Know Jesus Christ & Make Him Known Meeting at 10 am Sundays at Tahquitz Pines Camp 55251 S. Circle Drive Tuesday Bible Study Pastor Earl Somerville: 714-333-7493</p> <p>Christian Science Church 25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-Noon.</p> <p>Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship Pastor Wally Boer • 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center Sundays at 10:00 a.m. - Worship service Children's & Youth Ministries Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups 951-659-0097</p> <p>Idyllwild Assembly of God Every Sunday at 10 a.m. Idyllwild Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street (951) 581-0012 • Everyone is welcome! Visit us on Facebook or at iagchurch.com</p> <p>Idyllwild Bible Church 25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott. A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship. Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m. Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups. Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775</p>	<p>Idyllwild Community Church 54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. J. Matthew Soeter Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship ~ Child care available • Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church 54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA Father Charles E. Miller Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.; Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708</p> <p>Shiloh Christian Ministries FULL GOSPEL ~ 54295 Village Center Dr. Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Sleme 659-2416 Sunday Worship 10 a.m. - Thurs. - Bible Study 6 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries announces the opening of their "Healing Prayer Room" on Dec. 3.</p> <p>Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living 54240 Ridgeview Dr., Ste. 104 (Courtyard Building) 659-3464 Classes - Weddings - Memorials Sunday service, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>St. Hugh's Episcopal Church An Anglican House of Prayer for all people Rev. Daniel Rondeau • Sunday Service, 10:00 25525 Tahquitz Dr. (in Fern Valley off South Circle Dr.) Phone (951) 659-4471</p> <p>Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild Friday Evening Service, November 10 5:30pm Pre Neg Service begins at 6pm Shabbat Study, Nov. 11 9:30-11 am Rabbi Malka Drucker-Held at St. Hugh's • 951-468-0004</p>
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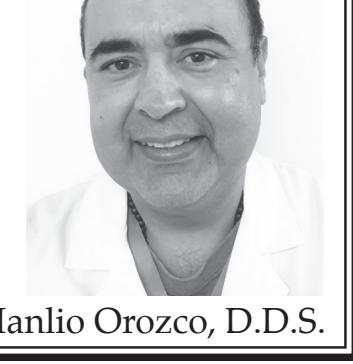
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