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Rain comes, but still well-below average

Dry and warm weather forecast to continue

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

Winter appeared to arrive last week. At least Mt. San Jacinto Peak and some higher-level elevation neighborhoods, such as upper Fern Valley, Humber Park and Pine Cove, briefly saw a few inches of snow.

The center of Idyllwild was drenched from the rainfall, but snow was noticeably absent, as were the "snow-play visitors." No winner has yet been declared for the Town Crier Snow Guessing Contest due to the lack of measurable snow at the Idyllwild Fire Station.

The U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Ranger Station recorded 3.3 inches of rain from Monday afternoon, Jan. 8, to early Tuesday morning, Jan. 9. Between

July 1, 2017 and Jan. 1, 2018, Keenwild recorded 1.4 inches of rain, for a total rainfall since the beginning of the rain year of 4.7 inches, which is the historic average just for January. The historic average rainfall between July 1 and Feb. 1 has been 14 inches, which is well above Hill rainfall this rain year.

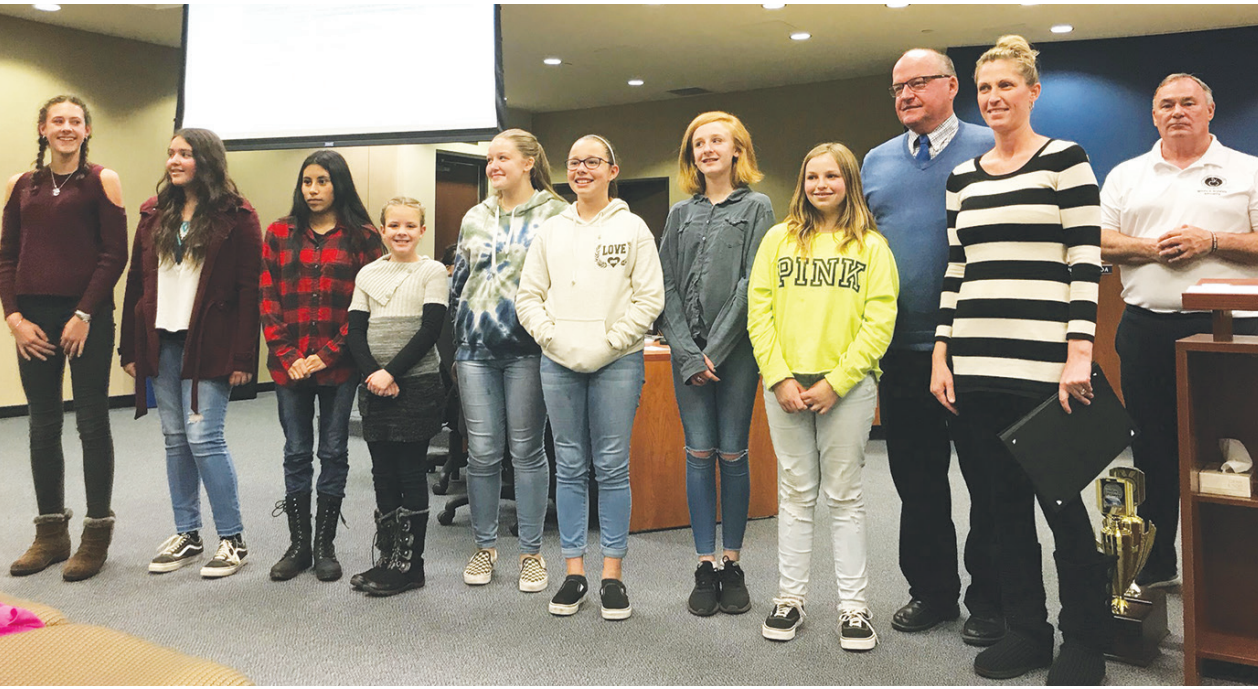
The National Weather Service is forecasting that the current La Niña will continue through the winter months and eventually weaken in the spring. This forecast means above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation are most likely to continue through March.

Last week's storm dropped more precipitation on areas north and south of Idyllwild and Pine Cove. Vista Grande reported nearly 4.5 inches of rain and Palomar reported more than 6 inches of rain.

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Snow did fall on the Hill during the Jan. 9 storm. While Marion Ridge Road in Pine Cove was clear and safe for driving, the yards and side of the road remained covered in a few inches of snow even at noon the next day. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Girls volleyball team goes undefeated

The Idyllwild Middle School's girls volleyball team ended their season undefeated, 8-0. Last week, they were recognized at the Hemet Unified School District's board meeting. Team members are (from left) Katelyn Sonnier, Jessica Ruelas, Fatima Guzman, Mikayla Gooch, Alyssa Kraemer, Maraja Kelly, Geneva Dagnall and Alexandra O'Neil. Joining the team are Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer, girls volleyball coach Michelle Wiesen and Jim Wiesen, HUSD athletic director. PHOTO COURTESY JIM WIESEN

Dead trees, communications dominate discussion

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Mountain Area Safety Task-force members last week discussed concerns that the county grinding station may be limiting the size of trees accepted at the Highway 243 site. Gregg Bratcher, state forester division chief and MAST chair, was told the grinding station was not accepting wood greater than 10 inches diameter at breast height.

No one from the Riverside County Waste Management Department was present to discuss the possible change in procedures. Fire officials expressed concern about how and where

tree contractors would dispose of these larger pieces.

For example, the cost to remove trees may increase significantly if the wood has to be transported off the Hill before it is cut or chipped, according to Bratcher. He intends to follow up with WMD so that a representative will attend the MAST March meeting.

Norm Walker, president of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council and former fire chief for the San Jacinto Ranger District and Idyllwild Fire Protection District, concurred and expressed worry that too much wood would be left at the Idyllwild Help Center and over tax the MCFSC Woodies, tree-cutting volunteers.

"Our capacity is already at its maximum," he said. "The [tree contractors] may be thinking they're doing good, but it causes problems." He also suggested a MAST workshop about the issue to invite local tree contractors to participate.

MAST incident commanders agreed to establish a subcommittee to address communication issues on the Hill during emergencies.

MAST met last week, but the December meeting was postponed one month because of the recent fires in Southern California. At last week's meeting, all of the local fire agencies were able to send representatives.

Edwina Scott brought copies of the recently completed and approved San Jacinto Mountains Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Scott, executive director of the MCFSC that prepared this and previous plans, proudly offered copies to attendees. The CWPP has been submitted to the state Fire Safe Council to help obtain future grants.


And future grants are on Scott's agenda. Funds for several of the MCFSC grants are nearly gone, she said. This includes money for removing dead and dying trees, although she was optimistic that one or two more projects might still be funded.

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Obituary
Ruby Allene Curtis
1940-2018

Ruby Allene Curtis passed away Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017, at the age of 77.

Ruby was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri Feb. 29, 1940, to Albert and Leatha Patch. She relocated with her family at the age of 9 to California, eventually moving to Hemet in 1980.

Ruby worked as a nurse's aide and enjoyed many things, including gardening, traveling and reading. She moved to Mountain Center, which she loved and where lived until she passed.

She was married to Russel Cullimore and had two children, a daughter Shelley and son James who preceded her in death.

She remarried Tom Curtis in 1980 and moved to San Jacinto. There she would help raise her nine grandchildren with love and compassion.

She is survived by her daughter Shelley; grandchildren Joshua, Cristie, Ryan, Scott, Amanda, Jonathan, Taylor, Ashley and Caitlin; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was a loving woman who will be forever cherished and missed.



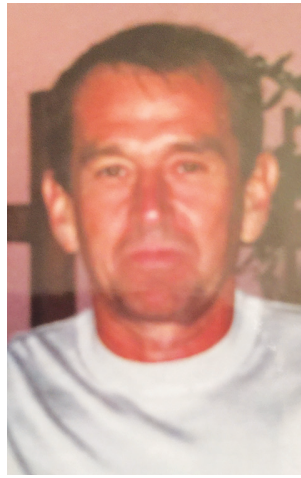
Obituary
Douglas Kincaid
1948-2017

Douglas Kincaid, 69, passed away calmly Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the home of his best friend after a long fight against cancer. In the many weeks prior, he was surrounded by his family and close friends.

Doug was a resident of Idyllwild for 36 years and was known for his love of family, fun and good food. He served in the Army as a cryptographer and later owned Home Sweet Home Saloon and Kincaid's Roadhouse.

By those close to him, he was known for his strength, wit, bravery, and intellect. Doug was an accomplished artist of many mediums, including stained glass, painting and fine carpentry. He also became a homeopath in his later years.

Doug was preceded in death by his daughter Shannon Kincaid and survived by children Victoria Fredericks, Jena Halman-Kincaid and Spencer Kincaid; brother Whitcom Kincaid; sister Rina Stein; nine grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, friends and extended family. He will be greatly missed.



Obituary
Russell Kenneth Lawler
1933-2018

Russell Kenneth Lawler passed away Wednesday, Jan. 3, at age 84.

He is survived by his wife Judith Ann, son Michael of Pasadena, daughter Carie of Berkeley and five grandchildren.

Russ was born in San Francisco, grew up in Salinas, and played basketball in high school and through college at Stanford University.

He continued his basketball career in France for the French Olympic Team followed by Caterpillar in Illinois.

He also was a commercial realtor, and a counselor at high schools and Morning Sky in Mountain Center.

A Celebration of Life and Open House for Russ will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at his home at 25475 Lodge Road, in Idyllwild.

Burial was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at Arlington National Cemetery in Riverside.



Free ESL classes in Idyllwild

Mt. San Jacinto College Adult Education is partnering with Hemet Unified School District to offer free English as a Second Language classes on the Hill.

The classes are designed to develop listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, and to help learners reach their education and employment goals.

The Multi-level ESL I classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 30 to May 24, in the Computer Room at Idyllwild School.

Registration occurs in class from Jan. 30 to Feb. 9. No early registration is required. Classes are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be evaluated to determine their level at time of registration.

Sign language author to speak

Author Janie Lancaster presents her book "Opal's Secret Code," a series recently featured in the Town Crier, from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Idyllwild Library.

The topic of the book is deafness in children and how sign language allows them to communicate. Families are encouraged to bring their children to this book talk and discussion on diversity.

Lancaster will have two special deaf guests, special guests Rosa and Jobd.

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

Free tax preparation

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program provides free tax preparation that helps filers access the tax credits and refunds they are entitled to. There are VITA sites throughout Riverside County. Sites are staffed by volunteers representing Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. Volunteers are required to go through training (November/December) and become IRS VITA-certified. Tax preparation sites are open from Jan. 31 to April 15 annually.

Schedule appointments at 951-848-7607 or online at capriverside.itfrontdesk.com/programs/.

President **Roland Gaebert** presents an Idyllwild Rotary mug to **Rita** and **Bruce Cripe** at last Wednesday's meeting. Bruce is the division manager for the Orange Empire Railway Museum and Rita is a volunteer. The museum, located in Perris, has become the largest railway museum in the western United States. The Orange Empire Railway Museum acquires, preserves, studies, exhibits and interprets artifacts and documents of the rail transportation industry in order to educate the public on the technology, history, and impact of rail transportation in Southern California and the West.

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CSA 38 looking for more money answers from county

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

A Pine Cove meeting created frustration last week when the Riverside County representatives did not have adequate budget details to explain which projects were included the budget for fiscal year 2017-18 and the final expenditures for last year.

Pine Cove's County Service Area 38 Advisory Committee met Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 10; this was its first session since

June.

As an example of the inadequacy, at the June meeting, David Alvarez, of the county's Economic Development Agency, said the Type 6 engine for Station 23 cost \$240,000. However, the final financial report for fiscal year 2016-17 shows the CSA budget was assessed \$281,000 for the engine.

Alvarez did not know why that had occurred, nor did he know if the added extraction equipment, which County Fire Divi-

sion Chief Bill Weiser ordered for the engine, was included in the total.

Weiser was concerned that the county might be billed twice; however, it was determined that the invoice for this equipment was dated in October. Consequently, they agreed that it was unlikely this \$10,000 was part of the higher total cost.

Other budget and funding changes were questioned but the specific answers were unavailable. Alvarez agreed to investi-

gate these questions and get answers from his county finance colleagues for the next CSA 38 meeting.

"We need to get what our funds paid for and what is planned to be paid for," CSA 38 Chair Jerry Holldber told Alvarez. "We need breakdowns so the committee understands."

Committee members Robert Hewitt and Marge Muir agreed. Hewitt was concerned that the committee would not be able to explain to CSA 38 constituents how their parcel fees

were being used.

Muir concurred: "The committee has no idea what the county approved. We're flying blind."

Based on the current Riverside County finance reports, the cash balance for CSA 38 has decreased from \$720,000 in July 2016 to about \$437,000 at the end of November 2017. Purchases of the Type 6 engine and a wood chipper account for most of the decrease in the balance.

The chipper, however, is not yet in use. Weiser said

the county needs registration and permits for air quality from the manufacturer before it can be used.

He also said criteria for its use and reimbursement still need to be prepared.

EDA is in the process of purchasing a masticator for CSA 38 this year. And the shade cover for the fuel tanks, which Station 23 and Pine Cove Water District share, has been completed for about \$54,000.

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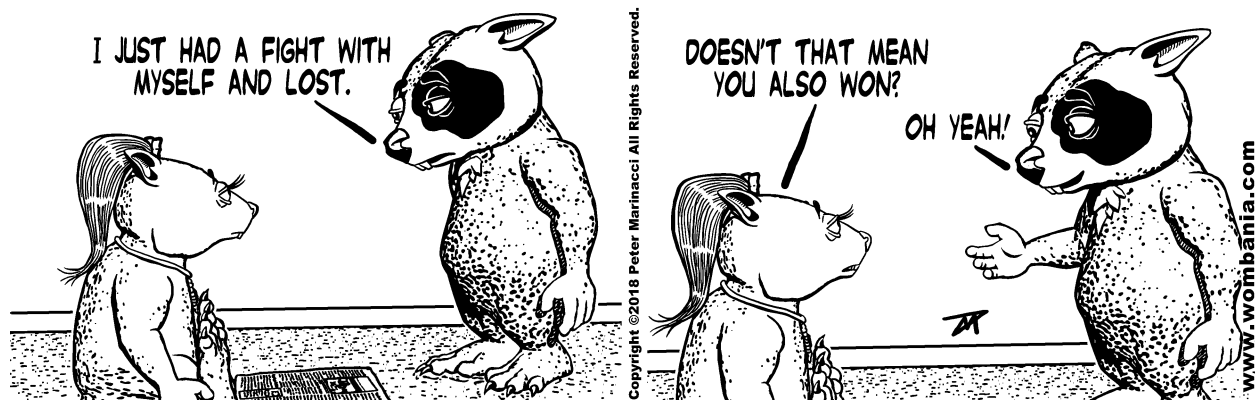
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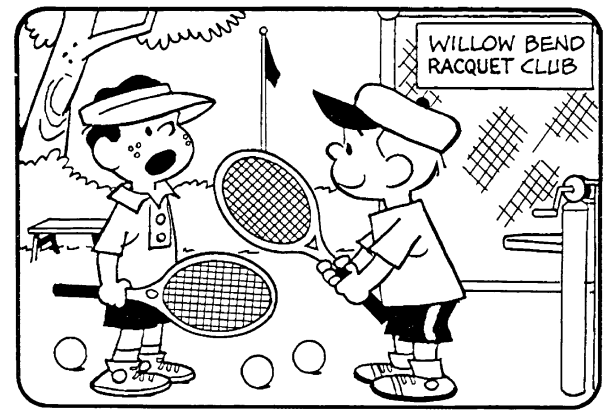
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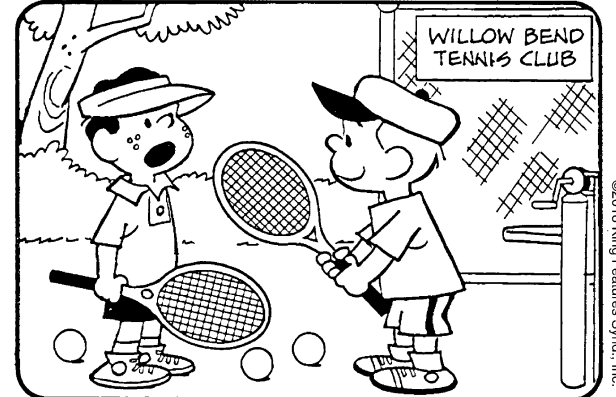
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Chief executive says 'No alarm,' but county reserves disappearing

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Riverside County budget beyond fiscal year 2017-18 appears to be in a very precarious position. Any major and unexpected budget expense may have dramatic effect on the county's reserves.

While the Board of Supervisors is trying to protect its goal of a minimum of \$150 million in reserves, county Executive Office Jay Orr and Finance Officer Don Kent told the board last week that projected costs, as well as unexpected costs, continue to threaten budget policies.

"This is just an advisory item," Orr told the board and added that the public, unions, department heads, staff and supervisors should be aware of the county's budget status and future.

He did not want the presentation to be an alarm, he said, "But we want you to fully understand the budget challenges facing the county."

Just for the current fiscal year, potential added costs could approach \$45 million. In fiscal year 2021-22, only four years away, added costs will be nearly \$200 million.

While costs are growing at a staggering rate, the

county's revenue is not equal to the spending needed to provide just current services, according to Orr.

"The only way to cover the net county costs is to spend out of unassigned reserves," stated President Chuck Washington of the 3rd District. "... if we don't do something; if we continue on the path we're on we'll go below the \$150 million level."

First District Supervisor Kevin Jeffries urged his colleagues to schedule a workshop just to study the budget growth and prepare for the cascading deficit.

He observed that the budget forecast would prevent any department from having any increases. And the \$200 million deficit is equivalent to 2,000 employees or positions that cannot be funded.

"As our county experiences growth of roughly 30,000 additional people per year, we're incurring demands on our services," Jeffries said. "That a pretty staggering request to ask of any department with population growth we're experiencing or at least, trending."

Orr told the board he has already imposed a hiring freeze countywide. Only he can grant exceptions to the freeze. Orr also has scheduled meetings with the leadership of all of the county's labor and union organiza-

tions. He intends to discuss the budget's condition and its dwindling stability.

He estimated that with no change, the county's reserves could fall to \$8 million within three years.

"Every day we delay savings is a day of reckoning we're postponing," Jeffries warned his colleagues.

Washington announced that he has planned a "Vision Workshop" for Jan. 30. "It's an informal discussion of how we view the county going forward, better vision of what we can achieve and accomplish."

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Governor increases rainy-day funds

Cautious about new program funding

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

No new programs, concern about future recession, and care for the poor and low-income were the primary themes last week of Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-19, which begins July 1.

The governor proposed spending \$131.7 billion in general funds, which is 4.1-percent greater than the current-year budget. In his press release, Brown proudly said, "In stark contrast to the \$27 billion budget gap of 2011, the 2018 fiscal plan reflects a healthy one-time surplus and increases funding for education, health care and other core priorities."

This will be Brown's last budget. Next January, a new governor will submit a budget for fiscal year 2019-20. But in his final proposal, Brown continued his cautious outlook toward the economy and the sensitivity of the state's revenues to fiscal conditions. He continues to build the state's reserves.

In his letter introducing the budget proposal, Brown emphasized his long-standing concern about prudent fiscal policies.

"In recent years, I have warned of an inevitable recession lurking in our future, which thankfully has not

yet arrived. Nevertheless, we must remain vigilant and not let rosy statistics lull us into believing that economic downturns are a relic of the past. Fiscal restraints are needed more than ever as California approaches the peak of the business cycle ... As was true in 2011, our Job Number 1 is fixing our state budget and keeping spending in line with revenue," he said in his introduction.

Not only did he propose a deposit in the rainy-day fund, but he recommended full compliance with Proposition 2, approved in 2014, that established the goal that the fund achieve 10 percent of tax revenues.

Consequently, Brown proposes a supplemental transfer of \$3.5 billion, along with the required 2018-19 transfer, for a total deposit of \$5.1 billion, which will bring the rainy-day fund to \$13.5 billion. And there is another \$2.3 billion available in discretionary reserves.

The budget proposal also increases funding for educational programs consistent with Prop 98. Funding for K-12 programs will grow more than \$3 billion to an all-time high of \$78.3 billion.

The education budget does include funding for a new program — a fully online community college.

"The online college's initial focus will be collating and developing quality content and programs that provide vocational training, career advancement opportunities, and credentialing for careers in child development, the service sector, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, and in-home supportive services, among other areas," the report said.

Healthcare totals more than \$150 billion, which includes \$118 billion for other funds such as federal grants. Medi-Cal funding is about two-thirds of this total.

The governor also has fully funded replacing voting systems and technology in every county. This will cost about \$135 million.

State Sen. Jeff Stone was glad to see some of the governor's budget proposals but also expressed concern about taxes.

"The Governor was prudent to propose fully funding the rainy-day reserve fund, but we have plenty of room to provide much-needed tax relief for California's working families through income tax rate reductions to mitigate any negative impacts that may come from the recently adopted federal tax reform legislation," concluded Stone.

The state's Legislative Analyst's Office advised that the May revision may see higher revenues this year because of the recent federal tax law changes. Also, funding for the Children's Health Insurance Programs is still not definite.

Yet the LAO did conclude, "We believe the Governor's continued focus on building more reserves is prudent in light of economic and federal budget uncertainty. The Legislature may want to consider whether the proposed level of reserves is its optimal level or if it wishes to have more or less total reserves (including those outside of the rainy day fund) at this point in time."

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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 Geronio 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.

Volunteers needed for recycling

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources is seeking people to help the Earth by helping others become better recyclers and composters.

Outreach volunteers assist with classes or events by interacting with the public, answering questions on outreach programs and distributing materials. The ideal volunteer enjoys meeting people, likes to learn new things and is passionate about the environment.

Total volunteer commitment is attendance at the two-hour orientation and training meeting, and four hours of volunteer time donated each quarter while participating in the program. Opportunities to volunteer at classes and events exist across the entire county, plus the volunteers select the events, dates and times that work best for them.

Orientation and training is scheduled on several dates and locations around the county in 2017. For more information, visit www.rcwaste.org/volunteer or call 951-486-3200.

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Markus Thorington receives honor in international film competition

BY DEBRA VARNADO
CORRESPONDENT

Sam Markus and Jen Thorington of Idyllwild rang in the New Year with sights and sound reminiscent of Great Britain's music scene nearly 40 years ago — and with a coveted prize from the California Film Awards 2017 competition.

The directing duo, known by last names only, raked in the Gold award for their music video “30 Cents,” created for 19-year-old Eli Raybon, a new wave, '80s-influenced, electro-pop sensation, who is making the rounds of L.A.'s nightclubs.

Music Blog Revue described the video as, “...better than most movies you'll see.”

Raybon's single is considered top-notch: “Music that sounds like ... Billboard's top 100,” according to Revue.

Some reviewers see shades of David Bowie in Raybon's “odd noodling of a stylophone.”

Others see hints of The Smiths and Morrissey of Britain's 1980s independent music scene.

Noisy/VICE, Buzzbands LA, The Deli, Paste Magazine, OC Weekly and other well-known media brands worldwide have taken note of Raybon.

That level of ink and pixels comes after many long hours put into ensuring that the artist stands out from the crowd. Markus Thorington acts as Raybon's publicist through their public relations firm, Working Brilliantly.

“Our work is to connect him and other clients like Trevor [Hall], an Idyllwild Arts graduate, with journalists,” Thorington said.

“What we do is hand-select a press list from more than 6,000 world-wide contacts that fits the sound of the album that we're working.

“We solidify a compelling angle for the artist and then sink our teeth in and come up with a visual vehicle that we think is going to help get the song farther along than it would go by itself,” Thorington added.

“The work is really gratifying,” Markus said.

In Raybon's case, the hook, “I want to go back where everything made sense, even if it costs me twenty-three bucks and 30 cents,” and “I had a dream I had lost my mind,” are the scaffolding for the spy thriller-themed video.

The two-day video shoot took place at Idyllwild hotspots including The Fort, Grand Idyllwild Lodge, Tommy's Kitchen, Idyology and The Break (Lawler Lodge).

“We didn't have much time,” Markus said, “and the locations were so generous to let us in and shoot ... everyone was so supportive.”

For three-and-a-half minutes, a kelly-green-outfitted Raybon and a cast of Idyllwild residents drive, bike and walk in reverse to throbbing, high-energy, synthesized pop melodies — before he stumbles into a restaurant-bar and a neon-yellow masked robber.

“Once we start working with an artist and we become intimately familiar with their sound and who he is, we get inspired by the music,” Markus said.

“We'll do it all—from concept to completion: write, storyboard, produce, edit, color correct and finalize everything in-house in Idyllwild,” Markus added.

The Markus Thorington win at the San Diego-based competition places the partnership squarely within the



A still from a scene in filmed at Idyology from “30 Cents,” which featured many Idyllwild actors including Jacob Teel and Tracy Philipi (in suits).

ranks of contemporary, cutting-edge American and foreign independent films and writers, notably directors Dodo Banyak and Bill Wisneski.

Banyak was honored for the short biopic, “Flowers and Roots ...,” about internationally acclaimed Czech-American poet, playwright and author James Ragan.

Ragan headed USC's Professional Writing Program for 25 years, was a screenwriter for Paramount Pictures, and is a Pulitzer Prize nominee and three-time Fulbright scholar.

Wisneski's 2016 win for “Joshua Tree: Threatened Wonderland” concerns threats to the trees from air pollution, fires and global warming. “Scientists believe the majority of Joshua Trees may be gone in less than 100 years,” Wisneski said.

The California Film Awards recognize the high-quality work of filmmakers like Markus Thorington, and Banyak and Wisneski.

The competition was “inundated with thousands of submissions,” Markus said, including entries from Canada, Germany, France, Ireland, Australia and Bangladesh. Of the music videos submitted, 20 received prizes ranging from Grand to Silver. “30 Cents” was one of six receiving the Gold.

“We were very excited when we got the award and it's really cool to be involved,” Markus said.

The competition, now in its ninth year, also accepts screenplays, short and feature-length films, student work, animation, TV pilots and more.

“30 Cents” is an official selection in the Indie Memphis Film Fest, “one of the biggest music-centric film festivals — about the size of South by Southwest in Austin, Texas,” Markus said.

It is a winner at the Los Angeles Film Awards, an official nominee for the best music video at the Paris Art and Music Awards, and an official selection of the UK Music Festival. It has been pre-selected for the 2018 Washington Film Festival.

Later in January, “30 Cents” will premiere at the Irvine International Film Festival.

Raybon's PR team is deeply embedded in the highly competitive Hollywood entertainment industry. “We



Samuel Markus and Jennifer Thorington

PHOTO BY JON MILLHOUS

have our hands pretty heavily into music and film,” Thorington said.

“We've done everything from building websites to creating graphic materials and CD covers, and we're writing and pitching music to TV and film and selling it for ‘synth’ purposes,” she added.

In 2009, Markus and Thorington moved from L.A. to get away from the city and to be together around nature — to get inspired.

Markus was already sold on Idyllwild's lifestyle and creative culture as an Idyllwild Arts film graduate, after which the New Mexico native studied at the School of the Visual Arts in NY. As a musician, he co-writes songs with Trevor Hall and The Rosewood Thieves, and composes for TV and film.

“Plus, we're [band mates in] The Morning Birds,” Thorington, a Torrance native, said.

The former hair stylist and makeup artist spent 15 years in the industry, travelling internationally and doing jobs for Prince, the Pussycat Dolls, the Tyra Banks Show and The View.

“About two weeks after we moved here, we found out we were going to have a baby and that's how it all began,” she said.

“We're extremely grateful for ...the recognition, assistance, and support — anything that we receive from anywhere. Our personal philosophy is when you receive ... and express deep and sincere gratitude, you open channels for more to come to you.”

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International Lilac Society to visit Idyllwild

Annual lilac festival and Victorian Tea will not continue

BY MARSHALL SMITH
 STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild became a lilac tourism destination during the years that the late lilac hybridizer Reva Ballreich dedicated her energy and her family's property to planting, hybridizing, cultivating and eventually displaying more than 887 lilac varieties.

Each spring, Ballreich opened her garden to the public — her gift to the community.

Gary Parton has continued that tradition by hybridizing new lilac varieties on his 1-acre property in Fern Valley. Beginning in 2009, once there were enough mature lilacs in the garden, Parton hosted an annual lilac festival, with docent-guided tours, music and artists.

A popular highlight of the annual festival and garden tour was the Saturday Victorian Tea, presented by the Idyllwild Garden Club. It was a big draw for tourists and locals alike. Unfortunately, it has become too time intensive to continue.

"It had just become too complicated," said Parton. "It all [the infrastructure work] comes to me in the end. The event permit was expensive and there were issues with parking on Fern Valley Road. Last year, two buses, which were supposed to have had staggered arrival times, arrived at the same time.

"We've become too famous for the venue," Parton said. He suggested the Garden Club turn its focus to sup-

porting Earth Day. "There are other doors to open to be involved in the community."

Although there is no lilac festival this year, 40 to 50 members of the International Lilac Society will visit Idyllwild in April, in recognition of Ballreichs and Parton's work in popularizing Idyllwild as a lilac tourist destination.

"People will be coming from all over the world — from Russia, France, Canada and other countries with lilac devotees," said Parton of the society's visit. "They'll arrive here on Saturday, April 21." Parton said they'd first visit the Idyllwild Library for an introduction to the work the Garden Club has done in planting more than 1,200 lilacs throughout the village business core. Parton will discuss the work of Ballreich, his mentor, his creation of the Alpenglow Garden on his property and the annual lilac festivals.

"They'll visit lilac collections at the library, the Idyllwild Inn and St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. Then they'll come to the garden for a tour, lunch buffet and auction."

Parton noted that people are flying in specifically to attend the auction on Saturday in order to purchase lilac varieties that are available only in Idyllwild.

"It's quite an honor," said Parton of the visit of the International Lilac Society and its acknowledgment of Idyllwild's history of lilac propagation.

Parton's Alpenglow Garden is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday during the months of April and May, when lilacs should be at their peak and available for purchase.

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

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Idyllwild's business profile changes often

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The ledger of Idyllwild businesses changes often. Off-Hill visitors come to the Hill, fall in love with the village shopping district and decide to open businesses. If these businesses fill a then-unavailable niche, or if the products or services offered are superior to existing businesses, the newcomers generally find success.

Sometimes businesses decide to downsize for economic reasons and sometimes they close for the same reasons. This week's profile includes a bit of each.

Downsizing, for practical and business efficiency reasons, is the long-popular Spruce Moose in The Fort. The owners' extensive remodeling of their new space, done to continue the decorative and marketing theme that has made the Spruce Moose one of the more popular businesses in town, should be completed by next weekend. The Spruce Moose remains on The Fort's second floor in a prime location. Closing on The Fort's second floor is The Elephant Walk.

Internationally exhibited photographer and longtime Paris, France, resident Deborah Anderson has opened a gallery on the ground floor of The Fort. Prior to her acclaimed photography career, Anderson had a successful

fashion-design business in Paris. In opening her Idyllwild gallery, Anderson said she wanted to offer visitors and residents quality and affordable art and to contribute to Idyllwild's reputation as an arts district and shopping venue.

Anderson will continue off-Hill enterprises, including serving as art director for the renowned Gansevoort Hotel Group and its flagship Park Avenue location in Manhattan. Anderson also is working on a feature documentary film about abuse of Native American women.

Also new in The Fort is Christy Hopkins' Sacred Soul Creations and Pets and People Boutique in the second floor space previously occupied by Lady of the Lake.

Evan Mills, owner of the building in which the Courtyard Gallery is housed, has yet to announce the future of the gallery after an attempt by sculptor Kara Unland to preserve the long-running artists' co-op collapsed. The Town Crier will continue to report on this situation, including documenting the artist co-op's history, Unland's attempt to continue it as manager and Mills' decision as to future use of the building.

Chiropractor Lauren Chandler has moved her practice across North Circle to Oakwood Village along with her vitamins, herbs and homeopathic remedies, as well as classes in aroma therapy, herbology, and use of vitamins and supplements. That part of her business is called The Art of Wellness. Chandler said she was very happy with her new and remodeled space. "Now I have a waiting room," she said, smiling.

Also in Oakwood, Chris and Katie Bayer have opened Black Mountain Coffee Roasting and Tasting Gallery. Chris explained, much like wine shops with tasting facilities, he and Katie will offer customers tastes of beans they have roasted and are selling. They moved into the space in mid-November. "We do wholesale coffee roasting for both on-Hill and off-Hill businesses, as well as selling our roasted beans in our shop," said Chris. "Also, our place is made to be kid-friendly, so parents can come in to taste coffee and have a comfortable space in which their children are welcome." The Bayers have two young foster children of their own.

Attorney Jill L. Ryther as opened a legal practice in Oakwood. Ryther could not be reached regarding the nature of her practice, but her practice in Los Angeles, Ryther Law Group, fights for animals and their advocates.

On a regular basis, the Town Crier will continue to update the village business profile.

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Internationally exhibited photographer Deborah Anderson in her gallery in The Fort. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Bald eagle pair still call Lake Hemet home

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Lake Hemet's two nesting bald eagles stared back at volunteers during Saturday morning's bald eagle count.

"We saw both eagles, one sitting at the edge (not in) of the nest and the second one perched in a tree near-

by. They stayed put the whole hour we were watching," said U.S. Forest Service biologist Ann Bowers.

No information was available about the results of the Southern California count at the other sites.

The next bald eagle count is Saturday, Feb. 10. The final count of 2018 will be in March.

Lake Hemet participants should plan to meet at Lake Hemet Market at 8:30 a.m. for orientation. Contact Bowers (via email at annbowers@fs.fed.us or call 909-382-2935) for more information.

Other counts that day will be at Big Bear Lake, Lake

Arrowhead, Lake Gregory, Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area and Lake Perris State Recreation Area.

The Forest Service stresses that no experience is necessary. Signing up ahead of time is not required either. Volunteers can just show up at the designated time and location. Dress should be warm to accommodate morning temperatures, and binoculars and a watch will be helpful.

Brief orientations are conducted prior to the count so volunteers know where to go and what to do.

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



Well, finally! We have our usual post-holiday influx of contest players. Seven of our regular aficionados entered and six got it right. Last week's photo was of the sign at the entrance to Camp Maranatha, down the road past the South Bay Cable Company.

Rochelle Ainsworth, Dave Hunt, Marsha Kennedy, Kris Kirschbaum, Chris Morse and Merrie VonSeggern all got it right. So six names in the hat this week. Mandy Johnson pulled out Rochelle's name — yet again! So she wins the \$15 gift certificate graciously supplied by the new Village Market each week. Please pick up at the TC office.

Now, where was this week's photo taken? This one is tough, so if you find it, you may be alone in the drawing.

For entry to this column's contests, please email me at jack@towncrier.com, if you can. But any other way that actually succeeds in getting it to me by noon Monday will be OK.

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.

'The Little Paris Bookshop'

The Fireside Book Club will discuss "The Little Paris Bookshop" from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Idyllwild Library

All are welcome to the book group. Amazon's description of "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George is: "Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life.

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Free uke lessons at Royal Pines

Chris Johnson will offer free ukulele classes at the Royal Pines Trailer Park clubhouse at 11 a.m. Tuesdays. The event is open to the public.

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild Imagery of Words event

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild will sponsor The Imagery of Words from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Town Hall. The event is free with a community potluck and a no-host bar. The event pairs poets, visual artists, musicians and film for an evening of inspired artistry.

Featured poet Kenji Williams, poet in residence for Nike, will perform as well as notable Idyllwild poets, actors, writers and authors, Mick Lynch, Suzanne Avalon, Françoise Frigola, Bronwyn Jones

and Katya Williamson will each read a timeless work of poetry.

Over the course of the last six weeks, 22 poets submitted a total of 54 original poems to AAI visual artists. Ten artists stepped up to the challenge together choosing 16 poems, each of which inspire a piece of art which will be available to collectors as companion works in a silent auction.

Also, Cole Withers, Jen Haj and Eric Yandell will perform originals accompanied by acoustic guitar. The short film "30 Cent" creator Eli

Raybon will feature. And jazz piano and harp performances by Barbara Rayliss and Christian Chalifour, respectively, will round out an evening where the senses will sizzle with poet portraits by Aaron Demarco and Neil Jenkins (who will live paint a piece inspired by a poem). Mimi and Don Lamp will create notecards and AAI will raffle a gift basket. Mike Gustin provides sound and audio/visual.

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CROSSWORD

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King Crossword

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| ACROSS | 46 "... twilight's last —" | video on the Web |
| 1 Nasty insect | 48 Privy to | 22 Praise in verse |
| 5 Badly lit | 49 Boxer | 23 Spring mo. |
| 8 Error | 50 Pedestal occupant | 24 Buck's mate |
| 12 Chills and fever | 51 Chinatown gang | 25 One of the Seven Dwarfs |
| 13 Kreskin's claim | 52 Witness | 26 High card |
| 14 Docket entry | 53 Say it ain't so | 27 Commotion |
| 15 In reverie | DOWN | 28 Modern (Pref.) |
| 17 Anger | 1 Test the waters | 29 Spigot |
| 18 Dine | 2 City of India | 31 Wall climber |
| 19 Sternward | 3 Fat | 34 Mischievous one |
| 20 Dissuade | 4 Pod denizen | 35 Long story |
| 21 Firmament | 5 Treat as a god | 37 Prolonged attack |
| 22 Stop — dime | 6 " — It Romantic?" | 38 Skewer |
| 23 Augment | 7 Gasoline stat | 39 Gambling game |
| 26 Firm | 8 Very conspicuous | 40 Press agent? |
| 30 Needy | 9 Cafe au — | 41 Sad |
| 31 Hockey milieu | 10 Capri, e.g. | 42 Ocean motion |
| 32 Concept | 11 Equal | 43 In due time |
| 33 Get | 16 Shark variety | 44 Homely |
| 35 Pry | 20 Modern-day evidence | 46 Navig. aid |
| 36 Singer | 21 Like some | 47 Central |
| 37 Droop | | |
| 38 Cut corners | | |
| 41 Huge | | |
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| 45 Actress Gilpin | | |

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Y A D E N O E E R F H F E L D

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally


Character	Equal	Freedom	Liberty
Civil rights	Faith	Hope	Struggle
Dream	Free at last	Join hands	Together
Emancipation	Free one day	Justice	

HOROSCOPES
January 2018 — Week 3



ARIES

March 21 — April 19
You're eager to take on that new opportunity opening up as January gives way to February. Now all you need to do is resist quitting too early. Do your best to stay with it.



TAURUS

April 20 — May 20
Doff a bit of that careful, conservative outlook and let your brave Bovine self take a chance on meeting that new challenge. You could be surprised at how well you do.




GEMINI

May 21 — June 21
You might not want to return to the more serious tasks facing you. But you know it's what you must do. Cheer up. Something more pleasant soon will occupy your time.



CANCER

June 22 — July 22
As you dutifully tidy up your end-of-the-month tasks, your fun self emerges to urge you to do something special: A trip (or a cruise, maybe?) could be just what you need.



LEO

July 23 — August 22
Your achievements are admirable as you close out the month with a roar. Now you can treat yourself to some well-earned time off for fun with family or friends. (Or both!)



VIRGO

August 23 — September 22
Be sure you know the facts before you assume someone is holding back on your project. Try to open your mind before you give someone a piece of it.



LIBRA

September 23 — October 22
You might feel comfortable in your familiar surroundings, but it might be time to venture into something new. There's a challenge out there that's just right for you.



SCORPIO

October 23 — November 21
Your love of things that are new gets a big boost as you encounter a situation that opens up new and exciting vistas. How far you go with it depends on you.




SAGITTARIUS

November 22 — December 21
That recent workplace shift might not seem to be paying off as you expected. But be patient. There are changes coming that could make a big difference.



CAPRICORN

December 22 — January 19
While few can match the Goat's fiscal wizardry, you still need to be wary in your dealings. There might be a problem you should know about sooner rather than later.



AQUARIUS

January 20 — February 18
Easy does it when it comes to love and all the other good things in life. Don't try to force them to develop on your schedule. Best to let it happen naturally.



PISCES

February 19 — March 20
A surprise decision by someone you trust causes some stormy moments. But a frank discussion explains everything, and helps save a cherished relationship.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

(Answers on previous page)

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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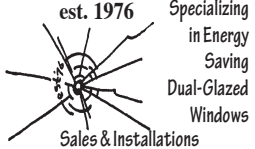
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Little Girl: Are any of you missing Anabel?

Mr. Gray: Of course I am. She is a beauty. Where is she?
Little Girl: Anabel is on a trial adoption. Let's keep our fingers crossed for her.

Heavenly Whiskers: It's about time! Anabel has worked hard to woo every ARF visitor.

Pepper: When will we meet our new dog Janey?

Little Girl: She will be here in a minute with Cal, our other new dog.

Mr. Gray: Cal?

Little Girl: Yes, Cal. He is a puppy, just about 5 months old. He is a great dog. I'm told he already walks beautifully on a leash, is being potty trained, and is really good with dogs and cats.

Mr. Gray: He sounds like a keeper!

Pepper: I've heard that Janey is, as well.

Little Girl: See for yourselves. Here are Janey and Cal now.

Janey: Hello, cats! I'm Janey, and I promise you will all love me.

Cal: And I'm Cal, the adorable puppy.

Mr. Gray: Cal, how big will you be when you're grown?

Cal: Probably about 50 pounds. And I have very good house manners, especially for a puppy.

Janey: And don't forget about me! I am very good with dogs and cats.

Indigo: I saw Janey at last week's Sadie's Clinic. She never even barked at the other dogs, and she saw them all day long.

Little Girl: That's right, Indy. She was as quiet as a mouse. She just liked to watch.

Indigo: Seems that these two dogs will be great family members.

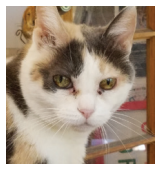
Little Girl: Just as any of us cats will be. Some day.

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.

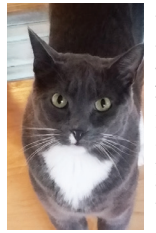
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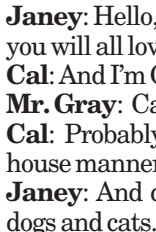
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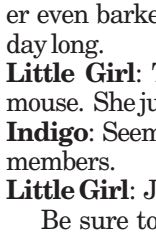
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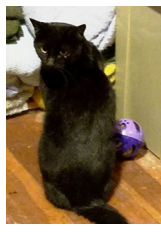
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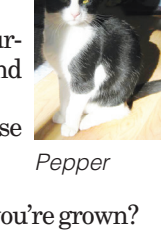
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Indigo



Janey



Pepper

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, Jan. 17

- Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- "Opal's Secret Code," author Janie Lancaster, 1-3 p.m.; Fireside Book Club, "The Little Paris Bookshop," 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, Jan. 18

- Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekestone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, Jan. 19

- Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Music Student Recital: Jewel Chen, Sunny Liu, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Jac Jacaruso (pop & soft rock guitar), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, Jan. 20

- Visual Arts Junior Show, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Miles Thomas (soulful soft

& pop rock guitar), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

- The Imagery of Words & Community Potluck, Art Alliance of Idyllwild, 5-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Sunday, Jan. 21

- Survive the New Year. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Monday, Jan. 22

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

Tuesday, Jan. 23

- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
- Mahjong, 1-4 p.m.; Nature & Science Program with Ann Bowers, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Holistic healing circle, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Ping Pong, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Thursday, Jan. 25

- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Cree-

stone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.

- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, Jan. 26

- Patrice Morris (R&B and soul with a little pop and jazz), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- InterArts Senior Show Opening Reception, 6-7 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, Jan. 27

- InterArts Senior Show, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Music Recital: Ashley Leung, Dmitri Tabala & Alex Babin, 4-5 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; Jazz Music Student Recital: James Journey, Alfi Welter & Josh Gray, 7:30-8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- "Fire & Ice" Afternoon with the Artists, 2-5 p.m.; The Len-Tones (classic country, rock and R&B), 2-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

• Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

• Survive the New Year. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Sunday, Jan. 28

• Survive the New Year. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Monday, Jan. 29

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

• InterArts Senior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

• InterArts Senior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Jonah Tolchin Music Concert, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

• Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.

• Mahjong, 1-4 p.m.; Community Forum Discussion Group, World Happiness Report, 6:30-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Grief support group meets

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

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

For more information, call 951-659-0097.



Volleyball

Town Hall Director **Bob Lewis** gave this report on recent Co-ed Adult Volleyball games.

Games

- Monday, Jan. 8, Silver Pines beat Wilson Woodworking 3-2.
- Tuesday, Jan. 9, Idyllwild Inn beat Perez 3-0.
- Wednesday, Jan. 10, Idyllwild Garage beat Perez 3-1
- Thursday, Jan. 11, Silver Pines beat Idyllwild Inn 3-0.

Standings

	Wins	Losses
Silver Pines	5	1
Idyllwild Garage	3	2
Wilson Woodworking	3	2
Idyllwild Inn	2	4
Perez	0	4

School dates to know

Kindergarten registration began Tuesday, Jan. 2, for the Hemet Unified School District.

Until Thursday, Feb. 15, is the open enrollment priority window for transfers. Any transfer request submitted after Feb. 15 will be granted on a space availability basis. Students on the waiting list may not be notified until after the start of school.

For more information, visit www.hemetusd.org, visit 2085 W. Acacia Ave. in Hemet or call 951-765-5100, ext. 3580.

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.



Port O'Thority performed at the Idyllwild Brewpub Friday, Jan. 12. Members of the band (from left) are James Hooke, Collin Smith, Jim Torrey, Stephen Spies, Clayton Hamburg and Caitlin Sicksels. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Steele plays in La Quinta this week

BY JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele goes into this week's CareerBuilder Challenge in eighth place on the FedExCup points list and in 46th place in the Official World Golf Ranking. The

CareerBuilder is played on three different golf courses in La Quinta.

Brendan's tee times: Thursday, Stadium course #1 at 9:40 a.m.; Friday, La Quinta CC #10 at 9:10 a.m.; Saturday, Nicklaus course #1 at 8:40 a.m. Why not head down to La Quinta to follow him during one

or more of the four rounds he is expected to play?

The Town Crier will be covering his every shot.

If you wish more information you can go to careerbuilderchallenge.com, pgatour.com, or contact me at jack@towncrier.com.

Visual Arts Junior Show
January 12 - 20, 2018

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Idyllwild Arts Campus
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*Lease: \$2999 total due at Signing. 36 months. 10k miles per year. \$0 security deposit. JDB-01 for well qualified applicants only. Tier 1.
**Financing: Well qualified applicants only. Tier 1 and 2. Cannot be combined with any other incentive. See dealer for full details. Offer expires 1/31/18.

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LEASE FOR **\$169** PLUS TAX PER MONTH 36 MONTHS* OR AS LOW AS **0.0%** Financing For Up to 48 Months** On select models.



*Lease: \$2999 total due at Signing. 36 months. 10k miles per year. \$0 security deposit. 2.5i model, JFA-01 for well qualified applicants only. Tier 1.
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First month's payment due at signing: ALL 2017.5 MAZDA6 Sport with MSRP \$23,870. Stock #14277.
Must be taken from dealer's in-stock inventory. Must take delivery by 01/31/18.



2018 MAZDA3 Sport Hatchback



FINANCING AS LOW AS **0%** UP TO 60 MONTHS OR LEASE FOR JUST **\$139** PER MONTH PLUS TAX

OR \$1,000 Customer Cash in lieu of Financing & Lease Offers

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OR lease for 36 months with \$3,399 down. 10K miles per year. 15 per mile excess mile fee, plus tax, title, fees.
First month's payment due at signing: ALL 2018 MAZDA3 Sport Hatchback with MSRP \$21,270.
Must be taken from dealer's in-stock inventory. Stock #14313. Must take delivery by 01/31/18.



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FINANCING AS LOW AS **0%** UP TO 60 MONTHS OR LEASE FOR JUST **\$179** PER MONTH PLUS TAX

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OR lease for 36 months with \$2,449 down. 10K miles per year. 15 per mile excess mile fee, plus tax, title, fees.
First month's payment due at signing: ALL 2018 MAZDA CX-5 with MSRP \$25,125.
Must be taken from dealer's in-stock inventory. Must take delivery by 01/31/18.



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