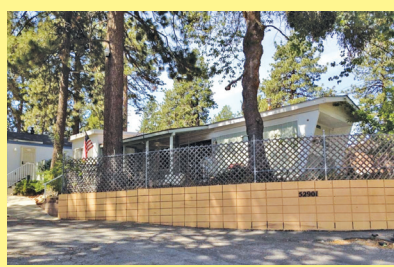


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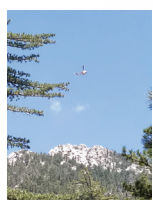
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MDP invites Edison to discuss power supply to Hill

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Southern California Edison is planning considerable work in Idyllwild for the next six months. Although Edison has mailed a letter to local customers, the Mountain Disaster Preparedness group has scheduled a public meeting with Edison officials from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at Town Hall.

"They will give us some good specifics about power outage and plans," said Mike Feyder, MDP president. "Especially up here in the cold weather, outages are not just an inconvenience. Without power, some have no heat, no hot water and it hurts those with medical needs."

Edison staff will describe the work planned this summer and fall, discuss past outages and problems, and chronicle the wildfire mitigation outage in December 2017, according to Feyder.

They will have staff to offer recommendations for residents who may have medical needs dependent upon availability of electricity, suggestions for the elderly and limited-income families, as well as verify the phone numbers and addresses of local customers.

"I've asked them to talk Hill-specific issues," Feyder said. "Examples of elevator use would not be needed here."

He expects some talk about how power gets to the Hill and where crews are located to respond to outages here.

Also, he hopes Edison people will leave with a better understanding of this community, what our issues are and what we expect.

If there is sufficient interest, Feyder said MDP is willing to schedule on another day a separate community meeting to educate people about the nuances of purchasing a generator for emergencies.

"I've spoken to two local electricians. They can discuss the difference between gas or propane generators, the danger and how to safely bring power into your house," Feyder said. "These are complex issues and I'd like to get good answers for the residents."

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Pine Cove Water board approves rate hike



A large crowd of customers attended Pine Cove Water District's public hearing on water rate increases last week. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

Full room basically opposed increase

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Beginning June 1, Pine Cove Water District customers will have higher base water rates and higher usage rates.

Many customers spoke in opposition to the rate increases at the May 9 public hearing, but the board felt the new rates were necessary and unanimously passed resolutions establishing the higher rates without any discussion after the public hearing closed.

When the hearing began, the first per-

son to speak, Mark Dean, expressed concern about the proposed increases and offered the board information regarding assistance to low-income families. He was aware that the San Jose Water District has a program to help these families.

"I'm probably one of the customers in the community not opposed to the rate increase," Dean said and urged the board to investigate finding a way to assist some customers.

While several other attendees voiced support for the proposal, this was the exception. The vast majority of speakers were opposed or, at least, skeptical of the need to permanently raise revenue.

Questions ranged from how the district

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Opposition to IWD rates hike is organizing

Customers want more time to study changes

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Opposition to water-rate increases has been building on the Hill. Over the past five months, all three of the local water districts have recommended rate increases for their customers.

In December, Fern Valley Water District was the first to hold a public hearing for a proposed rate increase. Nearly 20 customers came to the session and the majority opposed or, at least, were concerned about its costs on residents.

The board addressed questions from the public and discussed the comments, but still unanimously approved the increase, which was effective Jan. 1.

On May 9, the Pine Cove Water District held a public hearing on its rate-increase proposals. More than 30 customers came to the hearing. While a few supported the need for added revenue, some recommended extending it over a longer period and most objected to

any rate increase.

After the hearing concluded, the board unanimously approved the increase without any further discussion.

Idyllwild Water District has scheduled a public hearing on its rate increase for June 20. Already, customers are forming a shadow board in opposition to the increase.

In their view, the IWD board has neither explained nor demonstrated the need for more revenue. The group also argues that the public needs more time to understand how the proposal will affect customers.

"I have nothing else in my life that expects to increase 10-percent per year," said David Lilieholm, local custom home designer. "That's three times the rate of inflation. They haven't shown any need for extra costs."

When asked about the effect of the increases, three board members have each given the group different results of their impact. This uncertainty or confusion, in the opposition's view, demonstrates the complexity of the proposal and why more time is needed for the public to fully grasp its consequences.

Further, they argue that the board has not shown any significant effort to control or re-

duce costs before asking for more revenue.

Lilieholm opined that IWD has benefited from revenue growth several times in the past few years. "There was an effective rate increase in 2014 when they lowered the amount of water that would not be charged for, a newly imposed late fee, a rate increase in 2017, and now they're selling water meters."

"The district does not look at expenses realistically," he added, in reference to recent capital projects.

While they are frustrated with how the board seems to balance actions on expenses and greater revenue, Jeri John expressed concern for families and low-income renters.

After the IWD notice came out, she acknowledged it, but soon the county announced its intention to raise fees for the Transfer Station.

"I started getting calls," John said. "It's unfair to get these huge increases when people on fixed incomes barely get 2 percent."

Then she said what the others had also pointed to, "I don't really see the need. Is it warranted? We need time."

And Vic Sirkin, a former IWD director, added, "[The board] is not telling why they

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Tim Hollenhorst candidate for Superior Court judge

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR



Tim Hollenhorst, candidate for Riverside County Superior Court.

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Tim Hollenhorst, a native Californian, is a prosecutor in the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. He has been a deputy district attorney since 2004, and tried more than 50 cases.

For the past five years, he has been the prosecutor for the Gang Impact Task Force, and working on murder, guns and drugs cases originating in Moreno Valley.

A judicial candidate's "platform" describes how they intend to conduct themselves during trial, and not their opinion of current events or issues.

"It's the idea of fairness to both sides," Hollenhorst emphasized. "I will be impartial."

He points to the endorsements he has already. His boss, District Attorney Michael Hestrin and the Riverside County Sheriff's Association are one side of the room, but Steve Harmon, head of the county's Public Defender's Office, has also endorsed him. In addition, sitting Superior Court judges from Riverside County and elsewhere in Southern California, and several Court of Appeals judges also have endorsed him.

"I have no agenda or preconceived ideas," Hollenhorst stressed. "I get along with opposing sides."

This ability to understand that each case has two sides is not simply a skill Hollenhorst learned in law school. His father was a judge and the legal profession has always been his dream.

"At 5 years old, I was coming to court with my father. I learned to read from

looking at probation reports," he said proudly.

And he is most proud that even after a prosecution ends, the defense attorney will shake his hand.

"This is my dream put into action," Hollenhorst said.

He admits that running a campaign for a judicial seat is not what he ever planned. Raising money and visiting groups is more common for political positions, which were never on his horizon.

Further, he emphasized that being a husband and father come before other labels in his life.

His goal as a judge is to ensure "... truth and justice come out. And then I've treated both sides fairly."

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Attorney Shaffer Cormell seeks Superior Court judgeship

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR



Shaffer Cormell, candidate for Riverside County Superior Court, had dinner in Idyllwild last week.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

Editor's note: Shaffer Cormell and Tim Hollenhorst are running for a seat on the California Superior Court in Riverside County. Superior Court judges can be elected, as in this case, or appointed by the governor. The terms are six years and they must stand for re-election. Most often, sitting judges are not challenged. Cormell and Hollenhorst are competing for a judgeship (seat no. 2) where the incumbent retired last year. Fourteen other Riverside County judges have terms that expire this year, but have no challengers.

Judicial candidates can be interviewed during the campaign and often appear at candidate forums. However, unlike a candidate for legislative or executive office, they are discouraged from commenting on specific issues, such as marijuana dispensaries or sanctuary laws, because these issues may come before them once on the bench.

Superior court judges preside over every type of trial proceeding from criminal and civil, to family law to contracts.

Shaffer Cormell is a private attorney, but he emphasized that during his 26-year career, he has handled civil, family and criminal cases, but is primarily a defense attorney now. He has three law offices: Blythe, Indio and Banning.

Cormell was born in and grew up in Blythe. His father was a teacher, but during the summers, he worked at a gas station where, at a young age, Shaffer began to serve the public.

Today, he is married with two teenage children.

His earliest memories include his dream of becoming an attorney. With five siblings, he had many opportunities to referee altercations and he did.

"I've always looked at both sides of the story. Even with my siblings, I'd listen to both sides," he said.

And it's this ability to balance that has made his career successful. "I've worked hard for my clients and try to do the best I could for them; go the extra mile to represent them."

His website indicates endorsements from several law enforcement officers, the Blythe Police and several Superior Court judges.

Now he would like to apply his decades of experience to serving from the judicial bench. This goal was re-enforced

during his opportunities to serve as a judge pro tem.

"In 26 years, I've seen absolutely venerable judges," Cormell said. "I've learned to be decisive and make decisions and explain my reasoning."

"The people of Riverside County deserve a judge who is committed to justice, integrity, fairness and their safety," he stated. "Even if I rule against an attorney, I'm responsible to treat them with respect as I deliver a decision."

Too often, Cormell has seen judges act without a sense that they also are public servants. He said this will guide him while on the bench. "You treat people how you would like to be treated," he noted. "The best judges adhere to this behavior. The Golden Rule makes people respect you and guides how you handle cases."

"My job as a judge is to identify the facts, follow the law and make decisions independent of the victim, the defendant, the prosecutor or the defense attorney," Cormell said. "I'll take the time to talk with people. I want to do this and explain the law to juries, not race through the calendar."

"My Dad instilled the belief to leave the world a better place than you went into. And as a judge, I have that chance," he said.

There are many courts — mental health or drug — that offer opportunities to deal with today's issues, Cormell noted.

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Kimberlin Brown Pelzer challenges Ruiz for congressional seat

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

As a television actor, Kimberlin Brown Pelzer is a public figure; but challenging Rep. Dr. Raul Ruiz for the local congressional seat is her first political campaign experience.

Pelzer is running for the Republican nomination against five other Republican candidates. Unless one of the six, including Ruiz, garners more than 50 percent of the June 5 primary vote, the two candidates with the most votes will vie in the summer and fall for votes in the November gubernatorial election.

Pelzer is dominating the Republican fundraising. The National Republican Congressional Committee has recognized her as "on the Radar," which is the first rung on its "Young Guns" ranking.

Pelzer's financial position relative to her fellow Republican challengers is somewhat similar to Ruiz's funding compared to the five challengers. She has more cash available than the total for the other four candidates. And Ruiz has about 10 times what Pelzer has available. These figures were as of the end of March.

As a first-time political candidate, Pelzer has found campaigning to be exhausting. "There's not enough hours in the day to accomplish what needs to be done," she said.

Yet, she thoroughly enjoys it, especially the opportunities to talk with the public. "It's invigorating when they understand that someone is on their side."

While she has not experienced anything unexpected during the daily routine of campaigning, fundraising and candidate meetings, "the outpouring of support, not political, I never dreamed the amazing support from family to people I just met."

Besides acting, Pelzer and her husband have owned several small businesses and this is the motivation for her entry into politics. She has not found anyone who wants to represent small businesses, which have been negatively affected by Washington legislation and rulemaking.

"People realize that I understand what they are going through," she said. "They don't have anyone speaking for them and they will come up and tell me, 'You get it and we need people like you.'"

She recognizes the funding advantage Ruiz has now, but she expects to gain momentum during the summer. "If people step up to the plate, I should be in fairly good shape."

And if elected, Pelzer is disappointed in the recent budget that passed in D.C. "... that budget isn't anything any Republican is truly happy with, but they had to fund the military,

and I understand why the president signed it," she said.

She stressed that her own business experience helps her understand budgeting better than the typical elected representative. "Baseline budgets don't work. Not a single company relies on baseline budgets," she asserted.

Instead, she recommends that Congress review and approve three-year budgets for each department, not one grandiose budget bill for the entire government.

Her concern is that legislators are unwilling or unable to admit when an idea or program didn't work. But, "in business, if it doesn't work, we have to

change it or go out of business." Government fails to change the programs that aren't working, she argues.

Regarding immigration, which affects the district, Pelzer is a firm believer in maintaining the border. Yet she recognizes that local agriculture needs the help harvesting crops. She favors greater use of technology for visa programs to monitor non-citizens who are admitted temporarily.

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Kimberlin Brown Pelzer is a Republican candidate challenging Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz. PHOTO BY PHILIPPE RAMIC

Tribute to Jeff Turner

Saturday, May 5, 2018, Idyllwild said goodbye to Jeff Turner. Only a few of us knew Jeff as he rarely talked about himself. He was selected by the world-famous architect Richard Meier to help design and build the Getty Center in Los Angeles. This project was to house a portion of Getty's vast art collection so that it was open to the public at no charge. Jeff gave a talk at the Idyllwild Library about his work at the Getty Center and then gave a personal tour of the Getty to a bus-load of Idyllwild residents.

Jeff became a regular at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church where on Sunday he vacuumed after coffee hour and collected the service booklets. No job was too small for Jeff. He gave of his talent and time to another badly needed local project. Idyllwild has one resident doctor, but there are no local 24/7 emergency facilities. You can drive, or be driven by ambulance, to either Hemet or Rancho Mirage. Jeff designed and found the location for a local emergency room to be open 24/7.

Jeff paid his dues to his country as a Marine with not one, but two tours of duty in Viet Nam. His comrades-in-arms gave Jeff a military farewell. Jeff adopted Idyllwild. He will be missed by those who adopted him.

Janet Reynolds and Bill Faurot

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 5/16



65/42

Sunny.

Thursday 5/17



61/40

Sunny.

Friday 5/18



62/43

Sunny.

Saturday 5/19



68/42

Sunny.

Sunday 5/20



67/42

Mostly sunny.

Monday 5/21



65/43

Mostly sunny.

Tuesday 5/22



65/44

Mostly sunny.

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Idyllwild this year

| Date | High | Low | M | S |
|-------|------|-----|------|-----|
| 05/08 | 83 | 46 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 05/09 | 88 | 50 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 05/10 | 79 | 49 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 05/11 | 68 | 45 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 05/12 | 60 | 41 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 05/13 | 62 | 34 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 05/14 | 65 | 34 | 0.00 | 0.0 |

Idyllwild last year

| Date | High | Low | M | S |
|-------|------|-----|------|-----|
| 05/08 | 65 | 32 | 0.08 | 0.0 |
| 05/09 | 56 | 37 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 05/10 | 57 | 44 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 05/11 | 72 | 39 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 05/12 | 70 | 41 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 05/13 | 65 | 34 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 05/14 | 62 | 33 | 0.00 | 0.0 |

Moisture in inches

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| To date this season (Idy): | 7.58 |
| To date last season (Idy): | 17.70 |
| 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): | 5.0 |
| To date last season (Idy): | 1.0 |
| Total last season (Idy): | 31.3 |
| 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. Lower Pine Cove moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. by resident Thom Wallace. 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.



Skies were clear but temperatures were fit for the Queen, hovering in the high 60s on Tuesday on the Hill.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

Solar panels will be required for new residential construction

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Solar panels will be part of new-home construction beginning in 2020. Last week, the California Energy Commission approved new building-efficiency standards that will require solar panels.

The commission expects the new standards will reduce energy consumption 53 percent for homes, the equivalent of 115,000 fewer gas-consuming cars on the streets. Energy consumption in nonresidential buildings is projected to decline 30 percent.

The commission also estimated the "... standards will increase the cost of constructing a new home by about \$9,500 but will save \$19,000 in energy and maintenance costs over 30 years.

"Based on a 30-year mortgage, the Energy Commission estimates that the standards will add about \$40 per month for the average home, but save consumers \$80 per month on heating, cooling and lighting bills," according to its reports.

The commission vote was unanimous, 5-0.

However, not all experts concurred with the commission's action. In an opinion piece published in the Sacramento Bee, James Bushnell, director of the Energy Economics Program at the University of Califor-

nia, Davis, wrote, "These mandates eliminate consumer choice and assume it is the best solution for all homes everywhere, with limited exceptions. Not only is residential rooftop solar not the obvious best option for 'green' electricity, there is evidence that it is among the most expensive."

His colleague at the institute, Severin Borenstein, wrote to the commission opposing the proposal and said, "I want to urge you not to adopt the standard. I, along with the vast majority of energy economists, believe that residential rooftop solar is a much more expensive way to move towards renewable energy than larger solar and wind installations."

The new standards also address ventilation and nonresidential lighting requirements. The ventilation issues are intended to improve indoor air quality.

In the press release announcing the commission's action, Commissioner Andrew McAllister, who is the Energy Commission's lead on energy efficiency, said, "The buildings that Californians buy and live in will operate very efficiently while generating their own clean energy. They will cost less to operate, have healthy indoor air and provide a platform for 'smart' technologies that will propel the state even further down the road to a low emissions future."

Hiker rescued Sunday afternoon

At 1:28 p.m. Sunday, May 13, Riverside County Fire Department/Cal Fire responded to a remote-area rescue at Humber Park.

An adult male hiker was reported to have a lower extremity injury on the Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail. At 3:15 p.m., Cal Fire helicopter 301 located, extricated and brought the patient to awaiting paramedics. The patient suffered moderate injuries and was transported by American Medical Response to an area hospital. Idyllwild Fire Department also responded.

An injured hiker was located and airlifted off Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail on Sunday with the help of Cal Fire Helicopter 103. The hiker, with moderate injuries, was then transported by ground ambulance to an area hospital.



PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON



Left, construction is beginning at the Idyllwild Community Center site. Grading and road-work are the first phases of work. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Right, work to demolish the tennis court at the site of the future Idyllwild Community Center was in progress Tuesday morning. PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON



On Saturday, May 12, the Rainbow Inn hosted a fundraiser for Marcia Gawecki (center, third from left) who has encountered unexpected and expensive healthcare issues. Joining Gawecki and helping during the event are (from left) Jeff Miller, Janice Murasko, Robert Hewitt, Kirsten Ingretson and Paula King. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Mahjong Club at library

Open to anyone interested in the game, the Mahjong Club meets from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Idyllwild Library.

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OUT LOUD



Back in February, when I traveled to Sacramento with my grandson to attend a California News Publishers Association board meeting, a funny incident occurred that some friends suggested I write about.

Carter and I flew up there for a partial week of my work and then a weekend of sightseeing. We packed lightly, taking small suitcases.

A week before the meeting, the directors were challenged by Membership Chair Dean Eckenroth to come up with newspaper names that were not members. Because of newspaper closings and layoffs due to loss of advertising, the number of newspaper members with CNPA has been declining, and that's unfortunate, because the organization offers such great service for newspapers of any size, particularly with a legal hotline, and lobbying to protect freedom of information and keep government transparent.

The challenge did not come without an award: a bottle of wine. Well, being the wine lover I am, I decided I was going to win that challenge.

So, I did some research and came up with a good-sized list of non-CNPA-member newspapers.

And when the membership part of the meeting came around, I won that bottle of wine. Other directors entered, too, but I had the most names.

Yet Dean didn't just present any old bottle of wine. He pulled a Jeroboam out of his bag. That's a big bottle of wine.

Dean is from Coronado. He didn't bring that bottle of wine on the plane. He bought it in Sac.

Well, I couldn't put the thing in mine or Carter's suitcase. It wouldn't fit. And I certainly couldn't carry it on the plane because it was a whole lot bigger than the 2 oz. liquid limits TSA allows.

I actually think some of the other directors felt a sigh of relief that they didn't have to contend with that bottle.

And then I remembered a FedEx down the street about a block-and-a-half away. I took that tote bag of wine, slung it over my shoulder and, with Carter as my sidekick, lugged that thing down the sidewalk to the FedEx. That was a miserable walk with that beast.

We made it and I felt immense relief that I would unload it then and there. But the man behind the counter said they weren't allowed to ship alcohol. No. Oh, dear. "Who can?" I asked. He said the wine store around the corner could.

Back on the sidewalk with the beast, we slugged to the wine store. A kind lady took the beast and about some of my moolah to ship it back to me in Idyllwild. I've never felt lighter on my feet.

It arrived about a week later. And it stayed in my office for all to admire for a couple of months.

On a Monday night a few weeks ago, my 60th birthday was celebrated with friends and that giant bottle of wine. And it went down smoothly. Thank you, Dean!

But the next time he challenges us with an award of a bottle of wine, the meeting had better be in Southern California so I can drive it home.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Disappointed in PCWD board

EDITOR:

I am a new resident and recently attended the Pine Cove Water District public hearing on rate hikes.

To give a little history, residents were notified by mail that they were proposing rate hikes and were given a schedule of increases over a five-year period. The explanation was that maintenance was needed on the equipment. At the bottom of the letter was a form to respond if the homeowner opposed the rate hikes.

I opposed it because so little information was given as to how the money would be spent and I needed to learn more. The letter also mentioned that a public hearing would be held (at 10 a.m. on a Wednesday, which meant those who worked would not be able to attend).

I took time off work to attend the public hearing to get more information. I have attended numerous public meetings in the past at my previous home, mostly dealing with development and code enforcement, so I knew how they would be conducted. The public asks questions or make suggestions, their concerns are heard and discussed, and responses are given by authorities. Often a compromise is offered and another public meeting or two is then scheduled to hash out the details and come up with a final solution acceptable to the public.

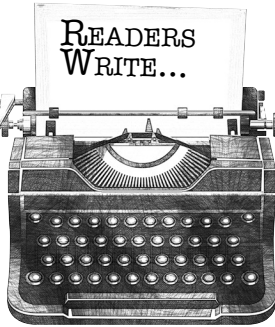
Unfortunately, it was quite clear that the PCWD hearing was unlike any other hearing I ever attended. As people voiced their concerns and asked specific questions, they received a "thank you" and the board went to the next question. No questions were answered: not, "Where will the money be spent?," not, "Can we compromise?," not, "Can we see a budget?," not even, "Will the employees and the board receive a raise?"

I am assuming their lawyer advised them not to answer questions. What is the purpose of a public meeting if no information is given?

As soon as the public portion of the meeting was concluded, the board immediately passed the rate-hike resolution, without any discussion of the questions asked by the public. And, because they are their own entity with no oversight by any government agency, there is no recourse to challenge their decision.

I must say that I am very discouraged with our water district and this will be reflected in my vote the next time the board is up for election.

LORRAINE KASSARIAN
PINE COVE



The manager of PCWD and the board of directors work hard at trying to keep the rates low — the water good and flowing well. To come to a public hearing, where the directors are there to hear folk make intelligent comments for their consideration, and then yell demands for information they should already have is embarrassing.

NANCY BORCHERS
PINE COVE

(Editor's note: Just to be clear, we do not share our letters to the editor with anyone prior to their publication.)

Speak up on IWD rate increases

EDITOR:

Yes, we all need clean, safe water. Of course. I'm willing to pay more for this vital commodity. But to tax at these proposed exorbitant rates cannot be the only solution.

The Idyllwild Water District board needs to extend the June 20 deadline for protests by several months so their customers have time to be better informed.

IWD customers were recently mailed notice of a public hearing for proposed rate changes. The water rate schedule provided in this mailing is extremely misleading, and not enough information was enclosed for me to get an accurate picture. My water rate will be increasing at least 60 percent in the next five years.

Whose income can support that? I'm especially worried about people on fixed incomes, minimum-wage earners and low-income families. If you rent now, you are already experiencing increases. New water rates will force your rent even higher.

The board will accept written protests until June 20, and then ... surprise ... pass these increases. This is unacceptable.

I feel rushed and upset over this lack of transparency. If readers are likeminded, it is imperative to attend the May 16 board meeting at 6 p.m. and speak up. Renters, you, too, have voices. Customers need time in order to make informed decisions.

JERI JOHN
IDYLLWILD

Attention IWD customers

EDITOR:

It's difficult for laymen to understand how this proposed rate increase would affect their pocketbooks, and little explanation of why it is needed or what the district is doing to minimize expenditures.

Here we go again. If you received a rate structure and newsletter by mail you may have glanced at it. Maybe tossed it. If you don't want to be blindsided by the 60 to 70 percent and higher increases (often \$100+ for water) over five years then keep reading.

If you don't participate in the process, you live with the results. Not even the directors in most cases understand how to read that rate structure.

Sending it by mail was fine. There were no accompanying examples/explanations of how to calculate your new bills or why the raise in rates.

The district spent \$50,000 to produce a document and boiled it down to what was mailed. Couldn't they spend a few more bucks to send along with the mail-out a way to interpret it?

Director Schelly admitted to me, "Its hard to wrap your head around it." I requested he put a vote on the agenda for the May 16 board meeting to delay the June 20 public hearing to approve this. He didn't.

I asked for more time to educate us. He said open meetings about this were posted in the paper, people were directed to review a "rate calculator" online. Not everyone gets the paper, not everyone has Internet.

Customers receive mail; that is the preferred method of delivery. Instead, they are sending you on a wild goose chase from the newspaper to the Internet to try to understand this enormous increase.

If everyone agrees it's valid, fine. If we wish to protest, it takes a majority of customers to write letters and deliver them to the board to halt this increase. Obtaining hundreds of letters following an education process is impossible quickly. So if we don't act now, it will pass without our input.

There are ways to reduce the rates. We pay almost three times what Pine Cove does for pipe replacement. They do their own.

Apply for grants. Get more bids on jobs and tweak them page-by-page. Taking this opportunity to consider consolidation could save duplication of costs.

Please use every effort to support this delay. See you May 16, 6 p.m., at IWD, if they don't cancel it due to this letter.

VIC SIRKIN (FORMER IWD VICE PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR)
IDYLLWILD

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Patient safety bill passes committee

Sen. Jeff Stone's (R-Riverside County) bill to require a pharmacist at a hospital to obtain an accurate medication profile for each high-risk patient admitted to that hospital received unanimous support from the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.

Working closely with the committee and the California Hospital Association, Stone accepted amendments to SB 1254 to narrow the bill to apply only to hospitals with more than 100 beds, only during the hospital's operating hours and only upon admission of a high-risk patient.

"This bill will enhance patient safety and reduce physician and hospital liability," said Stone. "I honestly believe this bill will save lives."

Senate Bill 1254 now moves on for consideration in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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In October 2017, IHP and the Town Crier have published our annual **Spring-Summer Explore Idyllwild Directory and Explore Idyllwild Map**. Thousands have been printed and distribution 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.



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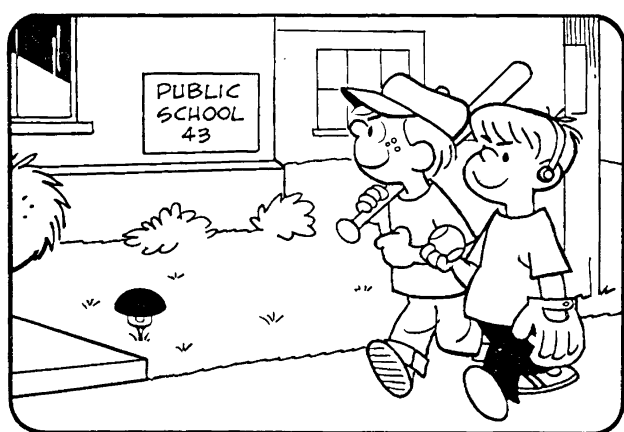
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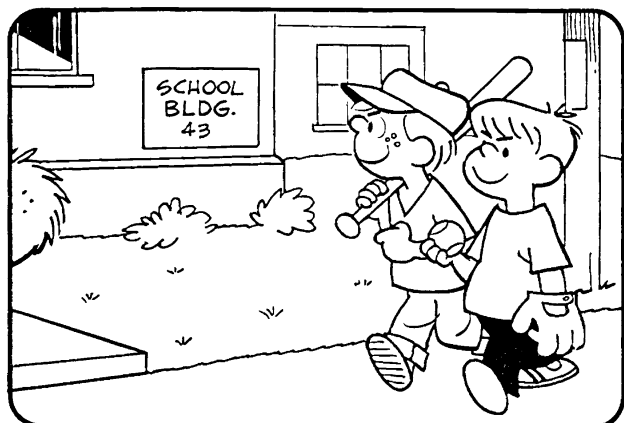
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The Membership Model. Why did we go there?

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER AND GENERAL COUNSEL

Some of our past subscribers don't understand why they can't buy a subscription for \$29 anymore. The short answer is that \$29 included the price of mailing 52 issues to you. Simply put, \$29 wasn't making it.

The long answer involves the nationwide fact that, in general, newspaper advertising has been in decline for several Internet years now, and the Town Crier is no exception to that. And now, the newly imposed tariffs on Canadian newsprint will be raising our printing costs.

So, we had to leave it up to our readers: When Becky and I retire (and I'm 72 and have retired once already), is it OK if the Town Crier retires with us? Because, if it does, there will be no community watchdog that publishes the bad with the good, warns of danger, advises of opportunity, challenges authority, praises accomplishment, investigates irregularity, marvels at art, exposes

abuse, celebrates life and publishes its readers' letters. Perhaps most importantly, if the TC were to retire, there would be no monitor of the nine public-agency boards we have up here on the Hill.

But, so far, 514 of you have become Members, clearly showing that you want the Town Crier to continue with new, younger owners willing to carry on publishing a real newspaper for our community. Thank you, all!

Please join us at our public news meetings, each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., at the TC office at North Circle and Cedar.

Town Crier Charter Members
Saving and Supporting the Town Crier for our Community
(514 Charter Members as of May 14, 2018)

Readers

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Lack of fiscal responsibility

EDITOR:

I was very disappointed to receive and study the Idyllwild Water District's letter stating its plan to increase our water rates for the next five years, and after having just had a rate increase last year.

While the water district notice states, "Just as many households incur increased expenses," it doesn't make clear the rate of increase. I am shocked and feel misled that an increase at four to five times the rate of inflation, and for five years running, is attempting to be characterized as normal. My water bill will increase by between 60 and 85 percent.

Whatever happened to fiscal responsibility? This degree of increase will only create a disincentive for the water district to become more efficient in its operations.

How does a water district board treat its community this way? Proposition 218 makes clear that a Notice of Intention to increase rates can be sent out to ratepayers prior to the notice we received, essentially limiting our input, and thus making this increase a done deal.

Prop. 218 also states the helpfulness of including percentages in the written material for people to better understand the impact of the proposal, neither of which the water district chose to do for us.

Finally, for our comment period, the district chose to give Idyllwild the absolute minimum 45-day period. This sadly, is nothing short of a massive rate increase being rammed through.

Please let's attend the Idyllwild Water Board meeting this coming Wednesday, May 16, at 6 p.m. to voice our opposition.

DAVID LILIEHOLM
IDYLLWILD

My favorite vacation

EDITOR:

Our granddaughter Kalena Perry is 10. I wanted to share this with our readers on the Hill. I think it sums up how we all feel about our mountain. Here is her homework:

"The place I like to go to on vacation is a small town called Idyllwild. This place is located up in the San Jacinto mountains, a quiet and beautiful place to hike and relax. You can find plenty of boulders and rocks of all shapes and sizes in this area. In my opinion, these rocks are very fun to climb and investigate. Sometimes you can find little critters hiding in cracks and crevices all around you. The air up there is fresh and kind of sweet. Tall trees and gorgeous views make this place even more special. Be sure to come here if you want a little bit of everything in a mountain town.

"You can head to town and get a bite to eat, look at art, paint pottery, or go shopping. The shops and restaurants are sort of rustic and comfortable, while still feel-

Air quality documentary released

The South Coast Air Quality Management District this month released an updated version of its signature documentary film, "The Right to Breathe."

The "Right to Breathe" reveals the serious health effects of Southern California's air pollution, shared through stories of individuals. Directed by award-winning documentary filmmaker Alexandre Philippe, the film aims to make viewers aware of the impacts of air pollution while also inspiring them to take action and participate in practical solutions to help improve our air quality.

The documentary film is available on SCAQMD's website at www.aqmd.gov.

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

ing at one with nature. If you want to watch a movie, make sure the one you want to see is available, because they only screen one movie at a time.

Like I said before, you can take a hike up the mountains and look at the view. There's also an awesome park in town, and a hard-to-reach exercise area and river below it. You can get here by walking down the driveway by the general store, and take my word for it, it is worth the steepness of the hill. There is plenty to do in Idyllwild and tons to explore. Check it out!

This place is particularly special to me because one of my grandmas lives up there. We visit her large mountain house and hang out, play games like hide-and-seek, spicy farkle and more. This spot is awesome in so many ways, from hanging out at home, to exploring the nearby forests.

One time, me, my grandma and my dad went exploring the river and found a mini-beach that we hung out in for a while. Another time, me and my mom went exploring the forests and found a beautiful view (and some steep climbs!).

Overall, this trip is definitely one to remember. It'll be a great time for you and your family.

KIM MURRAY
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.)

Cal Fire suspends burn permits

Due to potential for wildfire, Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Chief Daniel L. Talbot is suspending burning by permit and other uses of open fire in all State Responsibility Area lands within the county.

The restrictions also went into effect Monday, May 14, 2018, and until further notice:

- Use of campfires is restricted to within established campfire facilities located in established campgrounds open to the public.
- Cooking fires with a valid permit are permissive when no alternate means of cooking is available and requires an on-site inspection prior to the issuance of a permit.
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State rangers or other authorized agents of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection may issue restricted temporary burning permits whenever it can be shown that burning or use of open fire is essential for reasons of public health, safety or welfare.

Duck Stamp Art Contest

Artists are invited to submit their original artwork to the 2018-19 California Duck Stamp Art Contest. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife will accept submissions from May 11 to June 11.

The contest is open to U.S. residents ages 18 or older as of March 5. Entrants need not reside in California.

The winning artwork will be reproduced on the 2018-19 California Duck Stamp. The top submissions will also be showcased at the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association's art show in July.

The artwork must depict the species selected by the California Fish and Game Commission, which for the 2018-19 hunting season is the ruddy duck.

Forms and official rules are available at www.wildlife.ca.gov/duck-stamp/contest.

Scholarship donations accepted

The Idyllwild Scholarship Board is requesting community donations to support scholarships for 2018 high school graduates.

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

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If you previously had an uncompleted subscription before we went "free on the Hill," or if you have an off-Hill subscription now, you may contact Becky for credit against or an extension of your new Membership. But she currently is extending Memberships for subscription holders without being asked.

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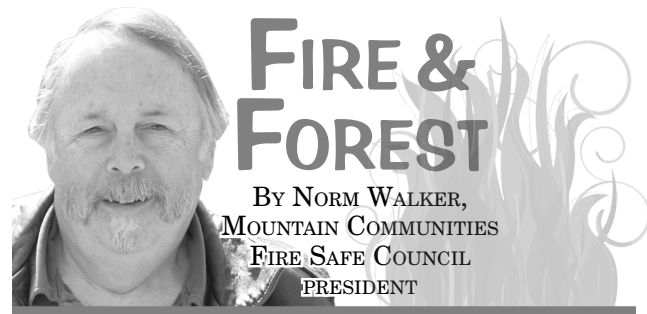
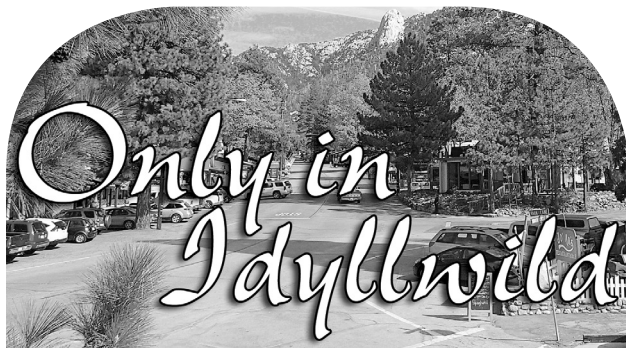
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BY CALLIE WIGHT

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

Some info below taken from: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/nutrition-and-healthy-eating/in-depth/water/art-20044256>

Dehydration is common and a very serious condition in older adults (64 years and older). Maintaining the body's fluid balance is critical to healthy aging.

Dehydration, when not adequately treated, can be fatal; it's associated with serious effects like poor mental functioning, blood clots, infectious diseases, kidney stones, and severe constipation. Dehydration should be prevented whenever possible; properly diagnosed and treated when present.

As we age, there is a decrease in overall body hydration (the absolute amount of water in the body). Also, kidney function and the sensation of thirst decline in older adults. Taken together, these account for the prevalence of dehydration. (Note: if you are thirsty, you are already dehydrated).

With increasing age, a substantial number of older adults drink less than 1 quart of fluid per day. The lower our body weight and overall body hydration, the sooner the loss of even a small amount of body water will cause dehydration.

Environmental and disease-related risk factors play a substantial role among older adults. For instance, even a viral infection with its high fevers, vomiting and diarrhea can dehydrate.

The most important risk factors for dehydration were identified in a large study on a nursing home population: Being over 85, female, having five or more chronic diseases, taking five or more kinds of medication, and being bedridden. Being dependent on others for care, and therefore water intake, can increase the risk of dehydration. Since much fluid is taken with meals, eating "like a bird" may lead to lesser intakes of water than is desirable.

Diagnosing dehydration in the older population isn't straightforward. Classical signs, such as the time it takes skin to rebound when pinched (recoil), increased thirst and drops in blood pressure upon standing up are not reliable in older adults. At the same time, dehydra-

What a day it has been (May 1).

This morning, Joy and I arose at 5 and were on the road to west Riverside for a visit with Joy's doctor. All went well.

Then, we traveled to another Kaiser facility to visit Joy's primary physician. So far, so good. Then we traveled to the Ontario airport to pick up Pauline, Joy's attorney daughter, who will assist her in the next week after Joy's surgery. It was so good to see Pauline.

After that, I came back up the Hill. Upon arriving home, I discovered that my rescue-dog, Tinker, had escaped from the yard of extremely good friends.

With the diligence and support of Diana and Terry Kurr, I was able to find Tinker in the rain and cold. There were at least eight people looking for this chihuahua-corgi in the rain. Where would we ever find such kind, loving people? Only in Idyllwild.

ED HANSEN
IDYLLWILD

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tion often causes symptoms associated with several other conditions in the elderly; symptoms like confusion, constipation, fever or falls. This all muddies the diagnostic waters.

However, good news — we can self-manage. When older adults know they should not trust thirst to signal dehydration (if you're thirsty, you're already dehydrated), but drink water because it is healthy, their intake increases above the absolute minimum intake of 57-1/2 fluid ounces of water per day.

For calculating the minimum amount of fluid per day, an easy method is to drink half your body weight in ounces of water daily. Remember, that's merely a minimum. Be sure to increase intake by many ounces in pregnancy/breastfeeding, hot weather, dry or humid climates, high altitudes and physical activity.

Caffeine leeches water from your body, so avoid it in sodas, coffee and even teas. (Black and green teas both contain caffeine.) Alcoholic drinks, as well as fluids with high protein intake, also leech body water.

Reminders to yourself, friends, loved ones to drink water plus keeping water visibly handy during the day can help. Don't underestimate dehydration!

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

How to tell your story

Alaskan storyteller Tom Cosgrove returns to Idyllwild for "The Story Factory," a free storytelling workshop, from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the Idyllwild Library.

Everyone has a story, but are you ready to share it? Maybe you haven't figured out the right way to tell it or just need some encouragement. There is help.

Receive story coaching from Cosgrove, who has helped lots of storytellers get to the stage of Juneau, Alaska's monthly live storytelling event.

Bring a story ready to tell or just a story idea. Whatever state your story is in, Cosgrove will help you improve it. The event is free and open to adults.

Rate hike

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is spending its revenue, to why certain projects were needed and why, when the capital projects are completed, the rates couldn't be lowered.

After one person acknowledged the need to recoat the water-storage tanks, another member of the audience asked, "Once that's done, why don't we go back to the old rates? Why only raise them and let them stay there? It's not fair."

But the basic objection expressed was the rate increase was too steep in a short time. This prompted one person to propose spreading the increase over 10 years rather than five years.

Questioning the need for the increase was a frequent comment. One individual said, "Why all of a sudden a huge rate increase? If you couldn't see this coming, what good is the board?"

Marge Muir, Pine Cove resident who attends many water board meetings, raised questions about the district's use of loans to acquire assets such as land on Franklin Drive or a new tractor.

After another person inquired about the purpose of the Franklin Drive property, General Manager Jerry Holldber said he recommended its purchase. Two wells were already on the site and it was a good price for water sources. Further, he believes two more wells could be drilled on the site if the district needed them.

Some of Muir's comments were not questions but statements about the district's work, such as installing more fire hydrants and pipe closer to U.S. Forest Service land, and the unfunded liability due to CalPERS.

"I point these out because we don't know these things," she said.

As the hearing ending, one person lamented, "We're all on the same side here. We're all water users but disturbed and distressed."

Thom Wallace, resident, observed, "We've been getting excellent water for years at a discount. Now we're being asked to pay what it costs [to produce]. I know it's not easy."

Stage 2 water conservation in Pine Cove

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

Following the conclusion of the public hearing on the rate increases, the Pine Cove Water District board reviewed the April financial statements and heard General Manager Jerry Holldber's report on the district's operations.

Water production was 2.7-million gallons, 8 percent or 236,000 gallons less than the April 2017 production.

For the first four months of 2018, water production was 9.6-million gallons, 313,000 less than a year ago. However, in both years, production was the highest levels since 2009.

Holldber did announce that PCWD would go to a Stage 2 water conservation situation on June 1. He emphasized that this will encourage greater water conservation, but will not raise the usage costs.

"It doesn't penalize people. It's merely a campaign

to heighten awareness of the water conditions," he told the board. "Pine Covers do a good job conserving, but we can't wait until August. I've been talking about this for several months and now doing it."

Holldber is still pursuing a grant and contract to do an income survey of district customers. If the results were to classify the district as disadvantaged, the approximate cost of \$6,000 would likely be recovered in two years from lower state fees.

He also described the capital projects, replacing pipeline in the South Central area and recoating storage tanks, which he is planning for the summer and fall.

At the June 13 board meeting, a public hearing for stand-by fees applied to unimproved parcels has been scheduled. No change in the rate of \$30 per acre is planned.

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need the money and how they will use it. They're supposed to look out for us and treat the public with respect."

But the group realizes that the public hearing on June 20 is barely five weeks away. That is not much time to organize the community and to convince the board for more time.

The IWD board has been preparing for the hearing and rate increase for several months. It has had Interim General Manager Jack Hoagland prepare a capital project plan for the next decade, and has retained a consulting firm to review the budget and propose a new rate structure.

On its website, the district has a page with information about the proposed rate increase, including a calculator for individuals to estimate how it might affect them based on their current water usage.

Nevertheless, these customers would like to see some demonstration that the district is making efforts to be more efficient and find ways to reduce costs before coming to the customers for more revenue.

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SPRINGTIME FIRE ABATEMENT ...

Spring is presenting itself on our mountain after a very dry winter. Within a couple of weeks, the entire annual grass crop will be cured. Cal Fire is already fighting fires in the low elevations of Riverside County, and both it and the U.S. Forest Service will be up to full wildland fire staffing within a week or two.

Spring is the time to revive our fire-abatement measures that will protect your home or cabin from a wildland fire. Unfortunately, every year somewhere in California, we see homes burn down that were not directly in the path of the fire's flames; rather, burning embers landing on flammable material on the structure's roofs and decks ignited them.

These fire losses are preventable through continuing maintenance of your property. Long-time residents of "the Hill" know how to constantly inspect their property for any flammable material that can be ignited by an ember cast from a small or large fire.

Last year, we witnessed the worst combination of abundant fuel and long-duration wind events in a long time. Fires transitioned from the wildland into normally fire-resistant neighborhoods, destroying hundreds of homes at a time, killing homeowners (Santa Rosa) and firefighters.

Cal Fire's Ready, Set, Go! program is a must read for all of us who live in the wildland urban interface (www.readyforwildfire.org). Having a plan prior to an emergency can be the difference between surviving or not.

For those who may not know, the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council stands ready to help families get their abatement done and comply with PRC 4291 (State of California fire abatement standards). We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We have two paid members: Edwina Scott, executive director, and Pete Coy, project manager. Our six-member board of directors is all volunteer, as is our working group, the Woodies (21 members).

MCFSC is funded through grants from the U.S. Forest Service, Cal Fire and Riverside County Fire, as well as from donations from the public and civic groups. The grants are 65/35 grants so the homeowner pays only 35 percent of the total abatement cost. One hundred percent of the grant monies go to contractors who do the actual abatement. The 35 percent the homeowner pays and public donations go to public education (bi-annual newsletter and public functions) and operating costs.

Idyllwild Fire Protection District and Cal Fire are beginning their abatement inspections so your property cleanup should begin now. If the job is too big for you, call MCFSC at 951-659-6208. Our contractors normally do not do yard cleanup jobs. However, if you need brush or trees removed that are fire hazards, we can assist with that. No work is done until you approve the plan and the price.

The annual grass crop mentioned above is curing at the bottom of the Hill already and soon will be cured up here. Let us all contribute to a large pile of green waste at the transfer station!

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.

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| \$1.80 | \$3 | \$4 | \$5 | \$6 | \$7 | \$8 |
| % increase | 66.7 | 33.3 | 25 | 20 | 16.7 | 14.3 |
| year over year | 66.7 | 122.2 | 177.8 | 233.3 | 288.9 | 344.4 |
| % total increase | 66.7 | 122.2 | 177.8 | 233.3 | 288.9 | 344.4 |
| Residential water usage rate increase per 1,000 gallons for 7,500 to 15,000 gallons | | | | | | |
| Current | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2203-24 |
| \$3.10 | \$5 | \$6 | \$7 | \$8 | \$9 | \$10 |
| % increase | 61.3 | 20 | 16.7 | 14.3 | 12.5 | 11.1 |
| year over year | 61.3 | 93.6 | 125.8 | 158.1 | 190.3 | 222.6 |
| % total increase | 61.3 | 93.6 | 125.8 | 158.1 | 190.3 | 222.6 |

After another person opined that it was unfair to the community to hold the meeting on a weekday morning, Marlene Pierce, president of the Pine Cove Property Owners Association, responded that PCPOA has had Holldber come to the last several meetings to discuss the proposal. Few residents attend the Saturday morning PCPOA meetings either, but could, if it were more convenient to learn or to comment on the rate issues, she said.

Interestingly, attendees focused on the water-usage rate increase. Currently, Pine Cove customers pay \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons each billing period if usage is 7,500 gallons of water or less. At the end of the five-year rate increase, based on the board's proposal, the cost of 1,000 gallons will be \$8 per billing period. This is the "400 percent huge increase."

For a customer using 7,500 gallons, they would pay another \$279 a year for water.

The U.S. Geological Survey estimates that the per capita daily water use in the U.S. is 80 to 100 gallons or about 2,400 to 3,000 gallons per person each month. While it could be less on the Hill, the statewide California usage is above the national average.

The fixed rate increase, which is currently \$62 per billing period, will be \$80 per billing period, about 29 percent more than the current rate. For six billing periods, that would cost the user \$108 more per year.

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

Wednesday, May 16

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- High Valleys Water District board, 3 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Water District board, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Thursday, May 17

- 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.

- Meet Riverside County Services & Utility Assistance Outreach Clinic, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District board, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
- Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
- American Legion Post 800 board, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Free ESL classes, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School computer room, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Friday, May 18

- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
- Fern Valley Water District board, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
- AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523
- 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.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness

Center, 151 Cedar St.
• Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Saturday, May 19

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

Sunday, May 20

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon-1p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Al-Anon “Mixed Nuts” open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Monday, May 21

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. & Women's Alanon Step Study, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Day of Mindfulness, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Tuesday, May 22

- 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.
- Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
- 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.

- Idyllwild Indivisibles, Ellen O'Rourke, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

- Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.
- Free ESL classes, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, computer room 26700 Hwy. 243.

Wednesday, May 23

- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Help Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon.; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri. beginning May 1.
- 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, May 6 to 12.

Idyllwild

- May 6 — Suspicious vehicle, 12:41 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 6 — Missing person, 9:35 p.m., Alderwood St. Report taken.
- May 7 — Alarm call, 3:18 a.m., Meadow Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — Vandalism, 7:04 a.m., 53000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — Public disturbance, 9:16 a.m., 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — Follow-up, 9:39 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — Public disturbance, noon, 52000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — Vandalism, 2:22 p.m., Crestview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — 911 call, 2:37 p.m., Ridgeview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — Defrauding an inkeeper, 4:07 p.m., 54000 block of South Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — Check the welfare, 5:02 p.m., North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — Trespassing, 5:38 p.m., 21000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 7 — Suspicious circumstance, 9:16 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- May 7 — Public disturbance, 9:39 p.m., Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Alarm call, 11:42 a.m., Robin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Suspicious vehicle, 12:04 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Civil dispute, 12:20 p.m., 54000 block of South Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Public disturbance, 4:35 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 9 — Vandalism, 1:19 p.m., 25000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 9 — Danger to self/other, 4:03 p.m., 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 9 — Shots fired, 8:38 p.m., Deer Foot Ln. Handled by deputy.
- May 10 — Disoriented subject, 12:19 p.m., Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 10 — Trespassing, 4:38 p.m., 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 11 — Battery, 1:13 a.m., North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 11 — Vandalism, 7:48 a.m., 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Report taken.
- May 11 — Battery, 4:22 p.m., North Circle Dr. Report taken.
- May 12 — Suspicious vehicle, 7:51 a.m., 52000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 12 — Noise complaint, 8:06 p.m., Jameson Rd. Handled by deputy.

Handled by deputy.

- May 12 — Noise complaint, 8:55 p.m., Jameson Rd. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- May 8 — Follow-up, 5 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- May 9 — Alarm call, 2:32 p.m., Gail Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 10 — Public disturbance, 8:06 p.m., 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 12 — Alarm call, 5:57 a.m., Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.

Garner Valley/Pine Meadows

- May 6 — Battery, 7:53 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Suspicious person, 8:06 a.m., Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 9 — Search & rescue operation, 9:11 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 10 — Public disturbance, 9:07 a.m., Morris Ranch Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 11 — Fraud, 2:48 p.m., Devils Ladder Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- May 6 — Incurable minor, 2:31 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Runaway child, 8:18 a.m., Keyes Rd. Report taken.
- May 8 — Trespassing, 12:58 p.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 9 — Unknown trouble, 10:25 p.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 9 — Missing person, 12:19 a.m., Bear St. Report taken.
- May 10 — Vehicle theft, 7:28 p.m., Cryer Dr. Report taken.
- May 11 — Petty theft, 3:27 p.m., address undefined. Report taken.
- May 12 — Suspicious person, 6:34 a.m., Keyes Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 12 — Suspect info, 7:58 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 12 — Grand theft, 5:52 p.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Unfounded.
- May 12 — Follow-up, 7:43 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 12 — Unlawful entry, 10:23 p.m., Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- May 8 — Trespassing, 5:26 p.m., 28000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 10 — Trespassing, 5:09 p.m., 28000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 11 — Danger to self/other, 9:16 a.m., Apple Canyon Rd. Report taken.
- May 12 — Public disturbance, 7:03 p.m., Canyon Trl. Handled by deputy.
- May 12 — Area check, 10:29 p.m., Bautista Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.

CSA 38 committee still preparing 2018-19 budget

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Advisory Committee for County Service Area 38 met last week but took no action on the fiscal year 2018-19 budget. The committee did not have the latest financial report from the county and the Economic Development Agency representative could not attend.

Cal Fire Division Chief Bill Weiser re-confirmed that the paperwork approving the purchase of a masticator for CSA 38 had been approved and it should arrive sometime later this month.

The committee did review the costs associated with the ill-fated deck on Pine Cove Station 23. At its January meeting, the committee decided the payments for the plans and the estimated construction costs were too much.

The cost of the plans were more than \$28,000, according to the report from David Alvarez, EDA development

specialist. But at the January meeting, Alvarez said EDA estimated construction costs for the 600-square-foot deck would exceed \$100,000.

Although the committee felt the deck would benefit crews at the station, this cost was too high. Then and now, Weiser was in full agreement with the decision.

Several other projects, such as the autopulse, an automated CPR device, and ropes and extrication equipment for the squads, were still in various stages of approval and acquisition.

Work on the Pine Cove Shaded Fuel Break should start later this spring, before summer, according to Weiser. The Vegetative Management Plan is in the final stages of approval and work will begin quickly after it is approved.

The committee agreed to meet next month to finish deliberations on next year's budget.

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Fatal traffic collision

BY HOLLY PARSONS
STAFF REPORTER

At 6:41 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, Sabrina Garcia, 25, of San Jacinto, driving a black 2002 Mercedes westbound on Highway 74, east of Bee Canyon Truck Trail, allowed her vehicle to drift onto the north dirt shoulder of Highway 74.

The vehicle collided with the dirt embankment and overturned back on to the roadway. The driver was wearing her seatbelt; the passenger was not.

The driver suffered minor injuries and refused transport to the hospital. James Honeycutt, 28, of

Hemet, in the right front seat, was ejected as the vehicle overturned. He was declared deceased at the scene.

Drugs and/or alcohol have been ruled out as a contributing factor(s) in this collision.

At 9:55 a.m. Saturday, May 12, Allison Bojkovsky, 39, of Palm Desert, driving a white 2015 Toyota Prius westbound on Highway 74, just west of Bull Canyon Road, lost control of her car and ran off the road into some bushes. She was subsequently arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. The driver suffered no injuries and there were no passengers.

At 2:35 p.m. Monday, May 14, a female from Cherry Valley, was traveling south on Highway 243 driving a gray 2016 Toyota Rav4.

For an unknown reason, the vehicle struck a boulder south of Mt. Edna Rd. It was the only vehicle involved, but the driver incurred serious injury and was transported by an American Medical Response ground unit to Riverside County Regional Medical Center in Moreno Valley.

The driver's name has not been released pending notification of next of kin.

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Rumble-strip project on Highway 371

Caltrans will make safety improvements near Cahuilla in two locations on Highway 371 between highways 74 and 79 to place centerline and shoulder rumble strips, and install enhanced visibility, 6-inch striping.

The first location is from Wilson Valley Road to Cary Road (mile-post marker 60.2 to mpm 67.7) and the second area is from Kirby Road to Highway 74 (mpm 72.8 to mpm 77.1.)

The estimated \$756,000 project, awarded to Jabre Contracting Inc., was scheduled to begin Monday, May 14, weather permitting, and is anticipated to last fewer than 30 working days.

Initially, the work will be done between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding holidays. One lane will be closed at a time with one-way lane traffic control in place. Motorists should be prepared to stop and plan for delays.

Washington's quarterly meeting

Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington will be at the Idyllwild Library for his quarterly meeting from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, June 1.

To reserve 15 minutes to speak with him about concerns, call Claudia toll-free at 866-383-2203.

County recruiting poll workers for election

Poll workers are needed at voting locations throughout Riverside County for the upcoming June 5 Consolidated Primary Election. Poll workers may earn up to \$125 as precinct inspectors or \$90 as precinct officers.

No experience is required. The Registrar of Voters Office will provide the needed training. Poll workers must attend a training class to familiarize themselves with election procedures and prepare to assist voters when the polls open at 7 a.m. on Election Day. Workers in both posts will receive an added stipend for attending the training class.

The Riverside County registrar of voters also is seeking individuals proficient in English and at least one of the following languages: Chinese (Cantonese/Mandarin), Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese or American Sign Language.

Anyone who wishes to participate as a poll worker should call the Registrar of Voters Office at 951-486-7341 or 877-663-9906.

Prop 69 requires approved transportation revenues be spent on transportation

Locks gas and infrastructure tax revenue into purposes for which intended

By MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

Proposition 69, on the June ballot, requires that revenue raised from Senate Bill 1 (2017) be spent on transportation-related purposes. It puts legislatively approved gas and transportation tax revenues into a “lockbox,” restricting use to the purposes for which intended.

Specifically, SB 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, enacted an estimated \$5.2-billion-a-year increase in transportation-related taxes and fees — 12 cents per gallon increase of gasoline excise tax, 20 cents/gallon increase of diesel excise tax, 4-percent increase of the diesel sales tax, an annual \$25 to \$100 Transportation Improvement Fee and an annual \$100 zero-emission vehicles fee.

If approved by voters, Prop 69 would require revenue from SB 1 diesel sales tax and Transportation Improvement Fee be deposited into the existing Public Transportation Account to fund mass transportation and rail systems. Also, the measure would require TIF revenue be spent on public streets and highways, and public transportation systems.

Furthermore, the measure exempts revenue from SB 1 tax increases and fee schedules from the state’s appropriation limit. (The Gann Limit prohibits state and local governments from spending more than a per-person/per-fiscal-year limit, which was enacted in fiscal year 1978-79 and modified in 1988 and 1990.)

On its face, Prop 69 appears relatively straightforward — locking transportation tax revenues into a fund that guarantees they be spent on transportation infrastructure. The measure prohibits the Legislature from diverting those funds to other purposes and prohibits revenue from new vehicle license fees from being used to repay general obligation bond debt.

The non-partisan Legislative Analyst’s Office notes Prop 69 has “no direct effect” on the amount of state and local revenues or costs since the measure does not change existing tax and fee rates. Passage would affect how certain tax revenues are spent by ensuring they be spent on the purposes for which enacted. And the measure would put the state “a little further below its constitutional spending limit.”

The measure is offered as a constitu-

tional amendment to Section 15 Article XIII B and Section 1 of Article XIX A.

Editorial support throughout the state is generally in support, with no significant media opposition. The Los Angeles Times notes, “Voters should hold lawmakers to their word and pass [Prop. 69],” the Sacramento Bee opines, “While most transportation revenue is already constitutionally earmarked, some of the new funding falls outside those protections, so this is just common sense cleanup, endorsed by a long list of good government groups;” the San Francisco Chronicle observes, “If that reassurance [of Prop 69 fund restrictions] seems unnecessary, it’s because anti-tax opponents are readying a repeal of the gas tax, claiming the funds may be diverted or misspent ... California is at last tending to its highways, and this measure underlines that promise;” and the Mercury News questions, “Whether you are for or against the tax and fee increases, wouldn’t you rather see the money go to transportation than the state general fund and politicians’ pet projects?”

Prop 69 is supported by the state Democratic Party, and numerous state organizations, including the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, the California Chamber of Commerce, Congress of California Seniors, League of Women Voters of California, League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties.

Top donors include the League of California Cities, the California County Supervisors Association, and the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California.

Official opposition is limited. Opponents note the measure is not intended to only fix roads but to also address “high speed rails, bike lanes, and fixing habitat” (Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, AD 5). Bigelow also writes, “Proposition 69 fails to protect all transportation dollars. Sacramento will collect \$1 billion annually in vehicle weight fees, which go unprotected and backfill the State General Fund.”

State Senate Minority Leader Patricia Bates (R-36) offers, “It didn’t have to be this way. Senate Republicans put forth our own transportation plan that would have provided \$7.8 billion for our crumbling roads without raising taxes. Instead, drivers will be paying more to fund not just road repairs that could have been paid for with existing dollars, but also other projects such as bike trails and potentially high-speed rail. Californians deserve better.”

Crime victim protection bill

Senate Bill 1146 by Sen. Jeff Stone (R-Riverside County) to protect crime victims from harassment by incarcerated individuals today received unanimous support from the State Senate.

The bill would give prison officials the authority to open and inspect outgoing mail from incarcerated individuals for the purpose of enforcing a restraining or protective order against the inmate.

“SB 1146 gives an additional level of protection to those victims who have already suffered enough,” said Stone.

SB 1146 now advances to the Assembly for consideration.

Pelzer

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“They have to earn the right to be American,” she advocated. “Our country is built on immigration and better for it.”

Pelzer is firmly opposed to “Obamacare” because of her experience as a small businesses owner. “It hurt our employees; they were worse off,” she said.

She wants a replacement and has been talking with people at the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, as well as locally at Loma Linda Hospital.

“People who worked in big healthcare organizations understand what the public wants,” she said. “Obamacare can not sustain itself.”

Pelzer and her husband have a home in the desert. She is a native Californian, born in Northern California, and raised there and in Southern California.

“I got to play cowgirl on my grandparents’ ranch in Northern California and go to the beach in San Diego County,” she said. The desert has been an important part of her life for nearly 25 years, she added.

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Prop 71 changes date approved ballot measures become effective

Allows additional time to count and certify ballots

By MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

Proposition 71 on the June ballot would move the date approved ballot measures become effective to the fifth day after the California secretary of state certifies the election results. Currently, California law stipulates measures become effective the day after the election in which they are approved by voters unless the initiative spells out another start date.

Both chambers of the California Legislature voted without opposition to forward Prop 71 to the ballot for voter approval. Their reasons for doing so were because of the ongoing increase in numbers of voters casting votes by mail ballots. Under current law, vote-by-mail ballots can be counted by election officials if they were cast “by election day and received no later than three days after the election.”

In forwarding Prop 71 for voter approval, legislators reasoned that current law makes no sense, since in most cases it is not know for certain if a measure has passed until all ballots have been counted. Many vote-by-mail ballots have not been counted the day after the election and some have not even arrived at the county election office by that time.

As the Los Angeles Times notes in editorial support, “The potential for a law to be wrongly put into effect grows every year as more voters cast mail ballots and the count on the day after the election becomes less reliable.”

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst’s Office finds “little or no effect on state and local finances,” were Prop 71 to pass.

Brown’s budget changes are limited

Governor remains cautious about economy

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

Last Friday, Gov. Jerry Brown announced his revisions to the fiscal year 2018-19 budget he proposed in January. The major change is the expectation that revenues will be \$8.8 billion greater than the estimate four months ago.

Despite the revenue growth, Brown remains cautious about the state’s future economy. In fact, he revealed economists’ deep secret: “They never forecast a recession!”

Brown remains concerned about the length of this recovery and its likelihood of ending. He displayed charts showing the state running a deficit for nearly 10 years from early 2002 through the first years of his term.

“We are nearing the longest economic recovery in modern history,” Brown said at the budget press conference. “Isaac Newton observed, ‘What goes up must come down!’”

Then he added, “This is the time to save for our future, not to make pricey promises we can’t keep. Let’s not blow it now.”

Consistent with his economic worries, the budget summary states, “A moderate recession will drop state revenues by over \$20 billion annually for several years.”

As a result, one of his adjustments is to continue building the Rainy Day Fund so that future governors will have some help when the next recession occurs. At the end of the current fiscal year (June 30), the Rainy Day Fund will have \$9.4 billion and Brown proposes to add another \$4.35 billion. At the end of fiscal year 2018-19, the fund will be at \$13.8 billion.

Besides the Rainy Day Fund, Brown is proposing another \$3.2 billion be placed in the state’s traditional reserve fund.

“We’re already overextended,” he said. “It’s hard to believe.”

In his press release, State Sen. Jeff Stone (R-District 28) praised the governor’s actions. “Governor Brown should be commended for showing fiscal restraint and placing most of the projected budget surplus into the Rainy Day Fund and reserves. He is correct to point out that we must plan for uncertain times.”

With the added revenue, Brown focused on adding funds to programs that are one-time investments rather than continuing demands on future budgets. For example, \$2 billion was allocated

The measure amends Section 10 of Article II and Section 4 of Article XVIII of the California Constitution. Language includes, “An initiative statute or referendum approved by a majority of votes cast thereon takes effect on the fifth day after the Secretary of State files the statement of the vote for the election at which the measure is voted on.” The measure may provide that it becomes operative on a date even later than five days after the secretary of state files the statement of vote certifying the election.

In support of Prop 71, the Sacramento Bee notes, “Of all the initiatives [on the ballot], this is probably the most needed. Right now, under the state constitution, all propositions that appear to pass on election night automatically become law the next day. That may have been fine when the state was young, but absentee and provisional ballots and voting by mail can now add weeks to the time it takes to determine an election’s outcome. The result is a real potential for ballot measures to take effect and then turn out to be defeated and have to be rolled back.”

As an example of proposed changes in times propositions become effective, an initiative approved by voters on the Nov. 8, 2016, ballot became law on Nov. 9. Under Prop 71, that law would not have become effective until Dec. 17, 2016, allowing adequate time for counting all ballots.

Where new fees are assessed as part of a voter-approved measure, such as charges for plastic bags in supermarkets, the problem with existing law becomes clearer, according to proponents. Had the measure been found not to have passed days or weeks after it had gone into effect, what would have happened to the fees collected by supermarkets? Would they have had to have been refunded?

It is this apparent constitutional conundrum that Prop 71 seeks to rectify.

to deferred maintenance of state buildings, including universities, courts and flood control.

Another \$360 million was assigned to homeless programs and \$310 million for mental-illness programs, especially for enhanced early detection.

School funding continues to be a priority, as Proposition 98 specifies. Since FY 2011-12, when funding for kindergarten to community college bottomed at \$47.3 billion, it has grown to a projection of \$78.4 billion for next fiscal year.

The governor said that for K-2 students, this funding level is equivalent to \$4,600 per student more than in FY 2011-12.

The earned income tax credit increases for those between 18 and 25 years and older than 64. Healthcare coverage grows, as well as benefits for low-income residents.

The May revision still includes funding, proposed in January, to establish a state online college.

Stone recommended, “We should ensure that local law enforcement has the ability to clear the growing backlog of untested rape kits, so that victims of serious crimes can seek justice. We should ensure that the attorney general does his job, by giving him the resources to go after dangerous individuals who illegally possess firearms. And the public rightfully expects us to follow the will of the voters when they passed Proposition 1 and immediately begin building new water storage projects.”

Last week, Brown also announced an executive order to “combat dangerous tree mortality, increase the ability of our forests to capture carbon and systematically improve forest management.” His budget proposal incorporates \$96 million to implement this effort. [More detail on the executive order and how the funds will be used will be in the May 24 issue.]

Besides funding for the Forest Carbon Plan, the May proposal also adds money to the state’s emergency response programs. This includes improving the communications systems, support for volunteers, hazard mitigations and the Office of Emergency Services, all needs identified after the fall wildfire season.

Before leaving the podium, Brown was asked if the Legislature might be more willing to spend the expected surplus. He replied, “The Legislature will have some ideas. We’ll work together. But all the people won’t be getting what they’d like to have ... The money is not there.”

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



After 25 years as a home-based sewing business, Chris Finney opened a brick and mortar store at 54585 North Circle Dr. It features sewing notions, thread and quilt fabrics, as well as Finney’s custom quilts. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week. Rotarians and others participated in a ribbon cutting Monday morning. Shown are Finney with scissors; (front row, from left) Barbara Wallace, Diana Kurr, Leslie Wiedner, Kathy Duncan and Earl Parker; (back row, from left) Christopher Scott, Doug Austin, Ted Kinoshita, Steve Espinosa, Terry Kurr, Danny Richardson and John Graham (hiding). PHOTO BY THOM WALLACE

CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," Panther introduced six new ARF dogs.

Panther: Easy come, easy go! The two Rottweilers Donut and Caboose were adopted on Saturday. They went together to a forever home.



Indigo: What great news. What about the other four dogs?

Panther: Waffles will probably be adopted this week. He will be meeting potential "siblings" at one home to see if they get along. If not, he'll probably go to another family on the waiting list.



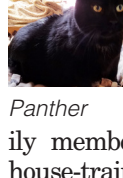
Mr. Gray: So, we'll be down to three dogs.

Panther: Yes, three dogs and a new litter of kittens!

Pepper: I heard that we'll be getting eight babies.

Panther: That's right. A litter of eight will come to ARF later on this week. What fun!

Mr. Gray: OK, but back to the canines. What ARF dogs still need forever families?



Panther: Zoe and Jax, the terrier-mixes, are so cute. They will make great family members because they are house-trained, good with cats and other dogs, and very affectionate.



Indigo: What about Freda?

Panther: Freda is also house-trained, and she is learning to use a doggy door. She does just fine with cats and other dogs, and she really loves to be in a human's lap. She is a good size, not so small to be stepped on, and not so large that she'll push her human out of the bed!



Indigo: I hope humans will come to meet all of us this weekend. Adopting one of us loving four-leggeds is a great way to celebrate spring.

Mr. Gray: And we are a perfect way to bring unconditional love into any human's life.

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

Creature Corner is sponsored by Carole Herman & Sandi Mathers.

So You Think You Know the Hill?

BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

Eight names in the hat this week, all the usual suspects: **Rochelle Ainsworth, Dave Hunt, Marsha Kennedy, Kris Kirschbaum, Grace Manues, Chris Morse, Marc Reis and John Thomford** all correctly identified a silver-colored deer statue at the front of **Strawberry Creek Village**, at the corner of River and North Circle drives. Names in the hat and **Mandy Johnson** pulled out Rochelle's slip, so she wins this week's prize. Please come to the **Town Crier** for it.

OK, this week's partial photo is a bit tougher. Maybe. Good hunting, all!



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. Email entries to jack@towncrier.com.



Twenty local residents took a cruise to Ensenada, Mexico, a month or two ago. Calling themselves the Idyllwild Social Club, they included **Audrey Brown, Sharla and Dan Carpenter, Ira Chomsky, Angela Colson, Reba Coulter, Dottie and Mel Goldfarb, Carole Herman, Janeille Herman, Margaret Lovig, Virginia Lumb, Sandi Mathers, Joan McCullough, Dianna McKimmons, Brent Miller, Pat Ruffner, Yvonne and Jeff Smith, and Sandy Wyckoff.** PHOTO COURTESY CAROLE HERMAN

Work on I-10 in Beaumont

Caltrans will be performing nighttime slab work next week on Interstate 10 between Cherry Valley Boulevard and Highway 79/Beaumont Avenue on two consecutive nights, beginning Tuesday, May 15.

From 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, to 5 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, and from 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, to 5 a.m. Thursday, May 17, slab work will close lanes 2 and 3 will be closed at the eastbound Highway 60 and I-10 transition. Traffic will be directed to take the 6th Street exit as a detour.



Gary Parton's **Alpenglow Lilac Gardens** are in full bloom in Fern Valley. PHOTO BY TOM PIERCE



Last week, **Doug Austin** announced the honorees of the 2018 Mary Austin grants for first-year college books. Here (from left) Rotary President **Roland Gaebert** hands the \$1,000 check to **Chloe Schelly**, Austin and **Evan Biley** accepts his check from Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer**. This was the 11th year the Mary Austin grants have been awarded to Idyllwild students. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

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A translator is working with students at Institut Edeline during a program, "Girls Voices," which included photography lessons. PHOTO BY KATE SIRKIN

Haitian speaker coming to library

Improving educational option on island

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On May 21, Edeline Felizor will be in Idyllwild to discuss the community school in Haiti, named after her, Institut Edeline, which several local residents have helped support.

Felizor, a native Haitian and nurse, was trapped in the rubble of the 2010 Haitian earthquake. In an area that had few earthquake-safety standards, the magnitude 7.0 tremor created enormous damage.

After several days, she was found. Her injuries required hospitalization and more medical attention than a local hospital could offer. She eventually arrived in San Diego, was helped and recovered. She still hasn't returned to Haiti because of continuing health recovery.

In 2011, she visited Idyllwild and discussed her dream of building a school in her town. That has happened. It has grown from 30 students to more than 240 now, said Kate Sirkin, who has visited the school.

But the school still has needs and does not offer the facility or options of schools in the United States. Currently, they are collecting supplies in case of a future disaster.

Nearly half of Haitian children do not attend school. Nearly 70 percent of schools are not accredited. Institut Edeline is accredited, but is raising money for a new kitchen and two new classrooms to accommodate the student growth.

Not only has Sirkin donated money, but she has given time to the school. Just this past January, she visited Haiti to do work. She is excited about the progress, but encourages more support.

"I think you will find her story so touching and compelling to listen to. We are in the process of raising funds to actually convert a shipping container into a library for the school, so how fitting that she will come to speak at the library," Sirkin wrote in an email.

At 3 p.m. Monday, May 21, Felizor will speak at the Idyllwild Library describing her school and its students. JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

'Homegoing' is on book club list

The Fireside Book Club will discuss Yaa Gyasi's book "Homegoing" from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at the Idyllwild Library.

"Ghana, eighteenth century: two half sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in the very same castle and sold into slavery. 'Homegoing' follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants through eight generations," according to Amazon.

Adults are invited to the event.

Genealogy group to meet

The Mountain Area Genealogy Group meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the Idyllwild Library.

This is an introductory meeting for those interested in being part of a genealogy group. Bring your family tree and share stories if you have them. The group will discuss what they'd like to do and learn in their genealogical search.

For full details and to RSVP, visit www.meetup.com/Idyllwild-Genealogy-Meetup/events/249204205/.

Free family event at library in May

Idyllwild Library is hosting an event in May for families. From 1:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, kids are invited to an afterschool Photography Workshop.

The event is free to the public.

'Reading Takes you Everywhere'

Library's summer reading is for all ages

BY HOLLY PARSONS
STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Library officially launches its Summer Reading Program for all ages with a dynamic kick-off on Saturday, June 2, featuring kid-friendly festivities and a showcase by Pacific Animal Productions.

This summer's "Reading Takes You Everywhere" theme represents book selections from Japan, Mexico, Australia, Israel, USA, Italy, the Netherlands and more. Country-specific crafts will accompany each Monday's story-time for kids and each Wednesday, country-specific cooking classes will be offered.

"There are many more special programs from across the world featuring in this summer's reading program. All are designed to provide kids with a robust and inspiring summer program, so keep an eye out for updates," said Branch Manager Shannon Ng.

The Summer Reading Program serves all ages. Preschoolers 5 years and younger can learn from the parent reads program. The kids' program serves the 6- to 11-year-old set, the teen program enlightens the 12- to 17-year-old virtual traveler and the adult program targets everyone 18 and older, providing inquisitive and ESL adults with a unique window into world literature.

Here's the best part — generous prizes, including earning badges, abound in this program for each par-

ticipating child. Virtual raffle tickets are issued for each book read with weekly drawings of amazing prizes, like robots, giant stuffed animals, and laptop desks for kids and teens. Equally amazing adult gifts can be won as well.

Special gifts will be awarded for those accomplishing the five-book challenge, "all together, providing powerful motivators designed to keep readers engaged and excited about reading," said Ng.

How does summer reading for school-age kids counter the dreaded "Summer Slide?" "In her landmark study

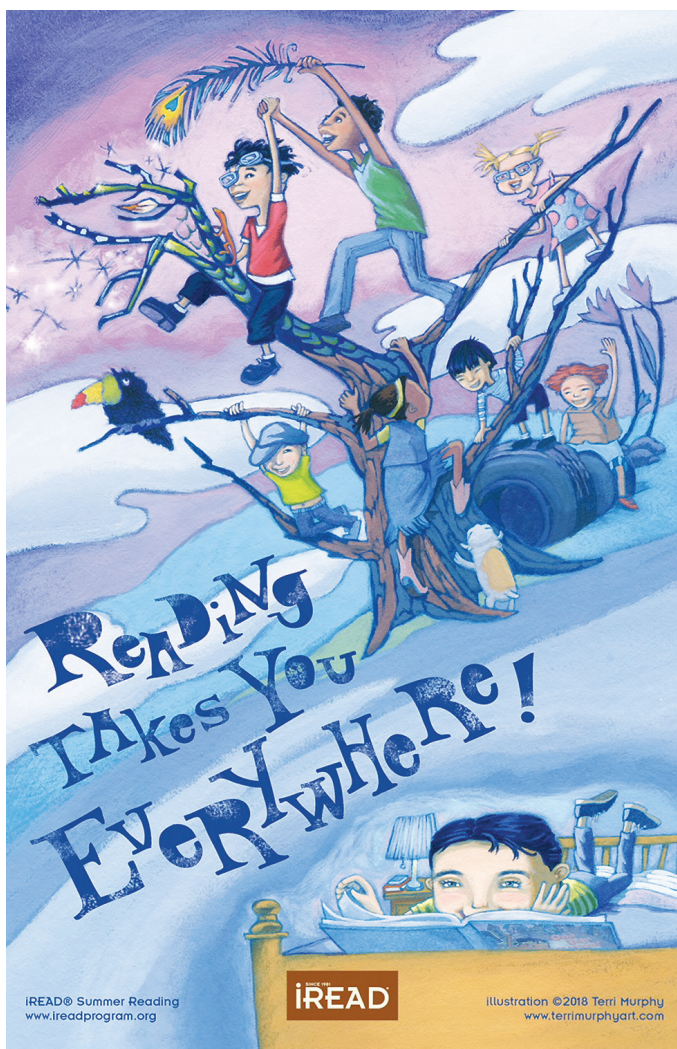
of public library summer reading programs, Barbara Heyns found that children who read at least six books during the summer retain or improve their reading skills, while children who didn't read any books saw their reading skills decline by as much as one grade level," reports the California Library Association. The White House reports that "reading just five books over the summer prevents learning loss."

This multi-faceted program also engages readers exclusively online or at the library at any point between June 1 and July 31. Registration begins online May 29 or at the library and each Monday beginning June 4 parents may register their kids.

"Everything done by our Summer Reading Program is paid for by Friends of the Idyllwild Library," Ng said. "While we appreciate the stipend received

each summer from Riverside County, it's the funds raised by the Friends and our wonderful volunteers which make this program full featured, stimulating and fun for all involved."

Holly Parsons can be reached at holly@towncrier.com.



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Another fabulous piece, "Erase the Stigma," was performed last week by Idyllwild Arts Academy students. The work is by **Carlos Martinez** and the principal dancers are **Sofía Tellez** and **Fabio Tello**. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



David Pelham discussed "Fabricating Guitars and the Guitar Makers Paracho de Verduzco" (often called merely Paracho), which is a small city located in Michoacán, Mexico. He also played for the audience to demonstrate the results. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Idyllwild School students proudly showed parents and families their hard work they've put in during Idyllwild School Open House Thursday evening. Here, **Daniel** and **Margaret Gray**, along with Grandmother **Joan Gray**, admired their child's work. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, a Hindu temple in Chino Hills, was represented, along with temples from six other states, at an annual conference at the Idyllwild Bunkhouse last week. Fifteen priests planned their yearly activities at the lodging over several days. Their hosts were owners **Rajiv** (bottom row, left) and **Anjali Panchal**. PHOTO COURTESY RAJ PANCHAL



The community came out for a showing of a free PBS special movie "The Jewish Journey to America" at the Community Church Wednesday evening. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Capt. **Leonard Purvis**, Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station, pins deputy badges on children at the Idyllwild Library during story time, of which this week's theme was "Our Community Rocks." PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

'Chairs for Charity' May 26

Tickets are still available for the inaugural "Chairs for Charity" live auction on Saturday, May 26, in Nelson Hall on the Idyllwild Arts Academy campus. Led by Michael Slocum, president of the Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation, the one-night only live auction is part of the bigger 50th

Anniversary Celebration. Tickets for the May 26 festivities are \$45 each and include dinner, beverages, music, silent auction and live auction. Dinner will be catered by Carte Blanche Gourmet Tacos with music provided by DJ Billy Sheppard. The live auction will feature four of the 15

custom-created chairs. There also will be a silent auction featuring art, event tickets, wine baskets, autographed posters and much more. Attendees may continue to bid online for all other available chairs. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Scholarship Funds for the Idyllwild Arts Academy and

Summer Programs. Event tickets may be purchased in Idyllwild at the Town Crier or Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, or online at www.associatesofiaf.org/chairsforcharity. Checks may be mailed to P.O. Box 303, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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Boy Scouts to allow girls to join its flagship programs

BY DEBRA VARNADO
CORRESPONDENT

The chief organization in the U.S. noted for teaching leadership, building character, and developing outdoor and other life skills in pre-teen and high school-aged boys announced May 2 it will open its doors to welcome girls.

The Boys Scouts of America is broadening its boys-only "iconic programs" to families and young people, but will retain its brand name.

BSA told the Town Crier in an email, "There are over 70 million children in America who could benefit from any character-building program, and today, organizations like ours and others only serve a fraction of them. "That is a huge unmet need, but one we can help address."

California Inland Empire Boy Scout Council Assistant Scout Executive/Chief Operating Officer Ricci Dula said BSA "polled communities and they were interested in having better opportunities not just for boys, but for the girls to join. Therefore, nationally we decided to do so."

Beginning in February 2019, the new Scouts BSA program will admit older girls, making them eligible to take the same curriculum as older boys and become Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in boy scouting.

"Scouts BSA is not a co-ed program," Dula emphasized, "but a program that is now admitting girls and allowing them to earn the same ranks, and we are not diluting the advancement requirements."

The new Scout Me In program is already available to Cub Scout-aged younger girls. More than 3,000 in kindergarten to fourth grade enrolled in the "Early Adopter Program" (between January and May 2018) and are participating in Cub Scouts, according to BSA's website. Full launch of that program will take place June through August 2018.

Dula added, "The boys and girls will have their meetings separately, and not together. As an example, for the troop meetings, they may have the same opening of the flags, but will then meet separately."

"Cub Scout dens also will meet separately. Both programs can go to activities together."

Amy Hawley, Idyllwild Daisy and Brownie Girl Scout Troop 533 leader, said, "If my daughter [a Brownie] wanted to be a Cub Scout, I would support it, but I would also encourage her to also be a Girl Scout."

"Kids play soccer and guitar lessons. I don't think one would necessarily take away from the other."

"With our age group, it is a moot point — there isn't a Cub Scout troop available for them if they wanted to join. But if there were, that would definitely be a conversation to bring up with the parents."

Dula's council serves Riverside and San Bernardino counties and about 15,000 youth and 8,000 adults. "We are open to all age-level Scouts on the Hill," he said.

"We've tried Cub Scouts in the past with not a whole lot of success, but with the inclusion of girls, that could change."

"And there absolutely has been a lot of interest from families with girls who want to be a part of both programs. Our current base seems to be fine with the new programs and we're moving forward."

Last October, BSA announced the pending changes to include girls in its newly restructured programs, but several Boy Scouts programs have been co-ed for decades.

In 1971, BSA began offering the Exploring program to serve both boys and girls. Venturing, which has always served boys and girls, became an official program in 1998. Sea Scouts has served boys and girls since 1971. The Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Scout pilot program also is available for both boys and girls.

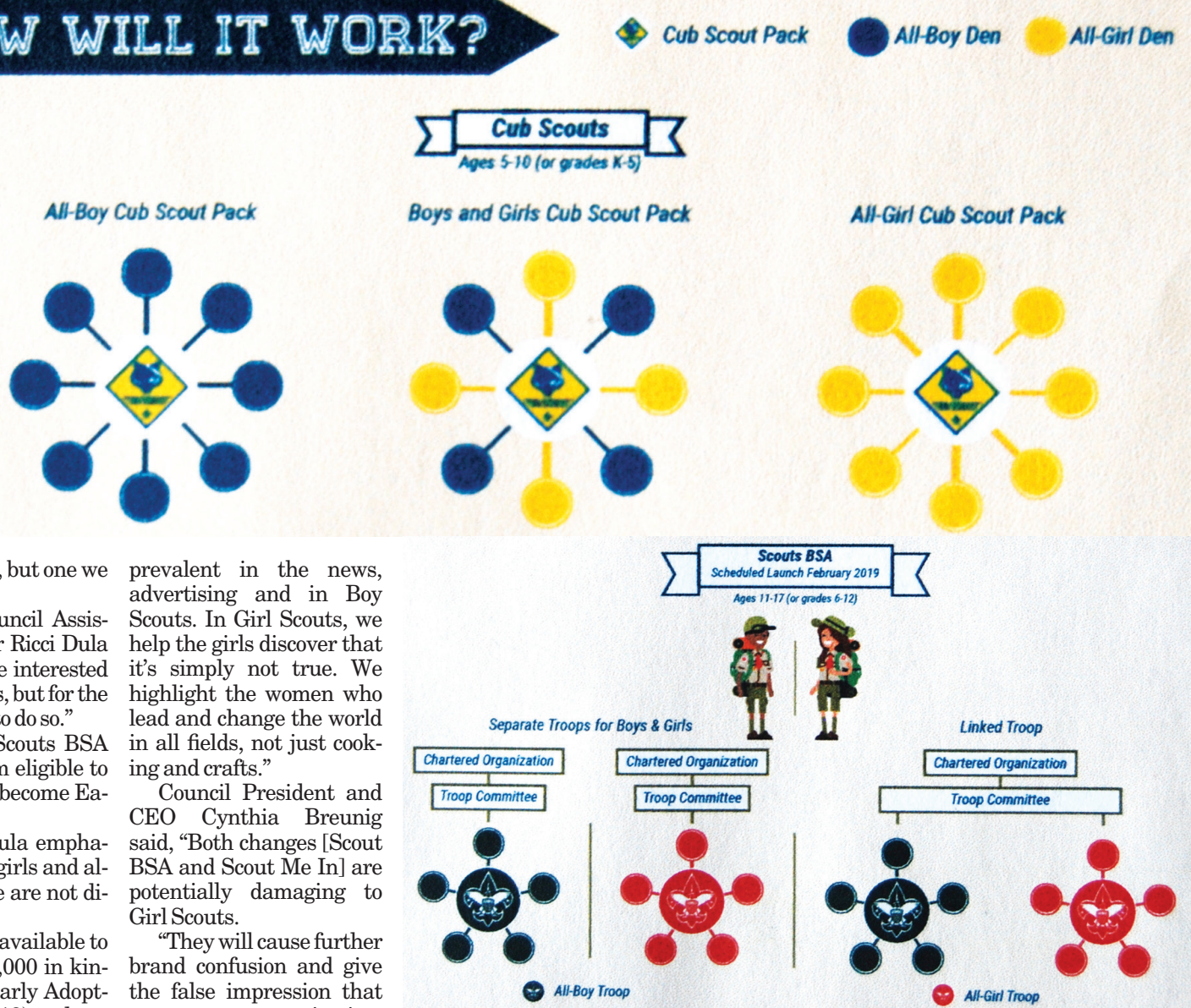
The Town Crier reached out to community members to get their thoughts on the BSA's new initiatives.

Girl Scouts of San Geronimo Council member Shannon Ng and the mother of an Eagle Scout described herself as "very pro-Girl Scouts. It's something I'm passionate about."

"The issue now is that Boy Scouts is encouraging girls to participate in programs designed with boys in mind. The Girl Scouts program is specifically researched and created to meet the needs of girls."

"The stigma, 'Girls can't do math or science,' is still

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prevalent in the news, advertising and in Boy Scouts. In Girl Scouts, we help the girls discover that it's simply not true. We highlight the women who lead and change the world in all fields, not just cooking and crafts."

Council President and CEO Cynthia Breunig said, "Both changes [Scout BSA and Scout Me In] are potentially damaging to Girl Scouts."

"They will cause further brand confusion and give the false impression that we are one organization. More than 53 percent of non-scouting families believe the two organizations are the same."

"The Boy Scouts want to reverse their declining membership by adding girls, so there is no reason for the Boy Scouts to reduce this confusion; in fact, they benefit from it."

"We have a history of inclusion and girl safety, commitment to reaching girls in under-resourced communities, and experience with building confidence and leadership identity in girls."

"Both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts strive to build character and leadership in their members, but go about it in different ways."

"Our activities and programs are based on research specifically about girls and are backed by 106 years of experience."

In a March 2018 interview with the Town Crier, Chuck MacKinnon, the development chief for the GSS-GC, which covers Idyllwild Troop 533, as well as 12,386 girl members and 5,657 adult members in Riverside and San Bernardino counties, commented on the challenges and influences facing girls:

"The issue is huge and complex. If girls start young in Girl Scouts, they have a much greater sense of self when they get to that time when every child is going to ques-

tion and be questioned.

"Girls are going to be pulled in different directions. There'll be some influences over which they have control and influences over which they have no control. Some are physiological and biological. Lots of them are societal."

"Grades K-5 is an ideal age to capture a girl's attention. Equipping a girl early for those challenges is a real good thing. If they come into Girl Scouts at an early age, then barriers don't need to be overcome."

"They already have their sense of self in nature and in being willing to take risks and to take independent action ... even when they are quite young."

In mid-May, Breunig's council helped kick off a nationwide campaign and "call-to-action" to "protect, preserve, grow, and defend Girl Scouts." The national organization aired a "powerful Girl Scout public service video" on May 14 and staged a social media campaign May 15 asking Girl Scouts across the nation to "show ... Girl Scout Pride by sharing ... love of Girl Scouts on social media, and wearing pins and clothing that identify [them] as Girl Scout supporters."

For more information regarding BSA programs, visit www.scouting.org/familyscouting.

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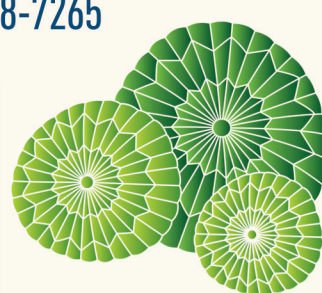
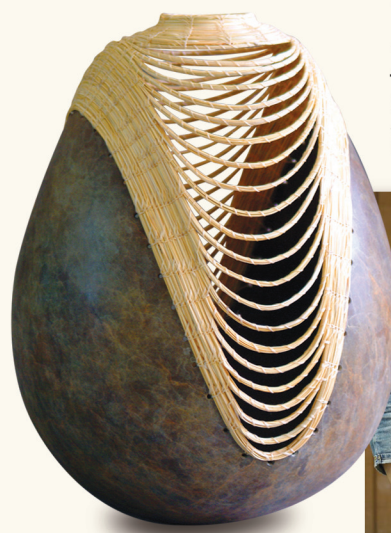
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Baseball

Mike Holato of Town Hall gave this report on Youth Baseball:

(Note: Players of the game for both teams receive a game ball after each game.)

T-Ball

The Dodgers and Giants played two games. In the first game, **Augie Titus** of the Giants and **Chaz Piche** of the Dodgers were players of the game. In the second game, **Ian Castro** of the Dodgers and **Halayia Wilcock** of the Giants were players of the game.

Minors

The Red Sox defeated the As 11-6 with **Roger Gonzalez** of the Red Sox and **Gaige Schnalzer** earning player-of-the-game honors.

In a wild finish, the Blue Jays scored 10 runs in the top of the fourth inning only to see the Braves score 11 in the bottom of the fourth for a 19-18 victory. Players of the game for the Blue Jays were **Hannah Jung** and **Piper Pritchett**. **Chase Potter** and **Silas Zimmerman** captured the honors for the Braves.

The Red Sox won 11-2 over the Blue Jays with **Landon Bloom** of the Red Sox and **Rory Lovett-Jensen** earning player-of-the-game honors.

The Braves held off a late rally from the As to hang on and win 10-9. **Tate Donovan** of the Braves and **Caden Meyer** of the As earned player-of-the-game honors.

| Standings | Wins | Losses | Ties |
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| Red Sox | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Braves | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Blue Jays | 1 | 2 | 0 |
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Majors

The Giants edged the Dodgers 1-0 with players of the game going to Dodger **Finn Carpenter** and Giant **Cameron Gage**.

The Red Sox shut out the Blue Jays 4-0 with players of the game awarded to Red Sox **Layton Teeguarden** and Blue Jay **Dane Mock**.

The Red Sox defeated the Dodgers 8-3 behind the pitching and Red Sox Player of Game **Colby Sonnier**. **Josslyn Nowell** captured the player of the game honor for the Dodgers.

Giants pitcher and Player of the Game **Christian Gonzalez** helped the Giants win 4-1 over the Red Sox. **Preston Pino** hit the first homerun of the season and



Hannah Johnson of the Idyllwild School girls softball team, makes it safely to third base during last week's game against San Jacinto Leadership Academy, who eventually won. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

earned player of the game for the Red Sox.

In the most outstanding pitching performance of the season so far, **Dominic Esparza** pitched a complete game shutout, striking out more than 10 batters and giving up only a couple of hits in leading the Dodgers to a 6-0 win. He definitely was the player of the game. **Brian Alderete** earned the honors for the Blue Jays.

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Basketball

Mike Holato of Town Hall gave this report for Adult Basketball:

Young guns won the Adult Basketball League. **Noah Rutherford's** Red basketball team defeated Buddy's Black basketball team in the finals 21-13 and 23-20.

After Buddy's Black team defeated Derrick's Blue team in the semi-finals 23-20, 17-23 and 25-21, they were defeated by the young Red team.

The Red team consisted of four youngsters, **Noah, Jake Mabery, Evan Biley** and **Vinnie Parillo**, with one adult, **Jon Zoln**. Congrats to the Red team.



Abigail Borchers (second from left, top row) stands with her teammates of the U.S. Under-16 National Soccer Team preparing to face the national teams from Belgium, Switzerland and Portugal in the Union of European Football Associations' Women's International Development Tournament in Rebordosa, Portugal. Abby, of Fresno, is the granddaughter of **Nancy Borchers** of Pine Cove. PHOTO COURTESY NANCY BORCHERS

Mountain Biking

Coach **Josh White** gave this report on the Idyllwild Middle School Mountain Bike Team:

The Idyllwild Middle School Mountain Bike Team competed in their final race of the season Saturday, May 5. The race was the SoCal Finals presented by Hyper Threads and was located in Tehachapi.

Once again, the kids did very well riding at the most challenging (and fun) course of the year.

Jakob Parsons, competing with the Level 2 Boys, overcame not feeling well to place 24th out of 36 racers. **Michael Stroud**, competing with the Level 1 seventh-grade boys, came from starting way back in the pack to finishing 17th out of 59 racers.

Mei Li Stroud, competing with the Level 1 girls, turned in another stellar performance finishing seventh out of 34 racers.

In the Level 1 sixth-grade boys class, **Seth White** finished 28th and **Colby Sonnier** finished 36th out of 58 racers.

While the middle school races do not count toward the overall team standings, the kids were proud to take part in Hemet High's team placing first in the overall standings for Division 2 on the season.

All in all, it was a great season and the kids are already talking about next year and how they can improve as riders.



Tara Geisinger with "Cheeky," a Green Cheek Conure, during Idyllwild Homeschool Art Explorers with **Mary Edmundson** sponsored by Art Alliance of Idyllwild at the Idyllwild Library last Thursday. Cheeky was the inspiration for that week's art. PHOTO COURTESY IDYLLWILD LIBRARY

Idypark dedication on May 26

At noon Saturday, May 26, residents are invited to a dedication of the new Idypark to first responders who keep us safe and veterans who protect our freedom.

The American Legion Post 800 Honor Guard will raise the flag and the Idyllwild Master Chorale will lead singing of songs celebrating the flag and country.

It is most fitting that we are having this dedication on Memorial Day weekend to honor those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice," said Idypark co-owner Dave Butterfield.

Temple offers film festival

A free film festival, sponsored by Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild, is at 6 p.m. the second Wednesdays of June and July.

The series is an outgrowth of interest from members of the community who attended the Judaism 101 sessions led by Rabbi Malka Drucker. All showings will be at the Community Church, 54400 North Circle.

The June 13 showing is "Paper Clips," nominated for 12 News and Documentary Emmy® awards in 2006.

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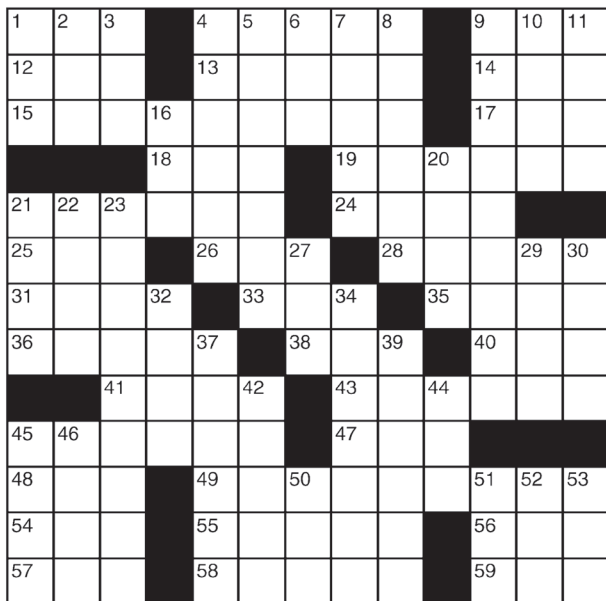
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| 15 Shift back and forth | 57 Dog or cat, usually | 30 "Zounds!" |
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HOROSCOPES
May 2018 — Week 3

March 21 — April 19
 Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

April 20 — May 20
 Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

May 21 — June 21
 You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

June 22 — July 22
 Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there waiting for you to find them.

July 23 — August 22
 Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

August 23 — September 22
 Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

September 23 — October 22
 Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

October 23 — November 21
 Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

November 22 — December 21
 You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

December 22 — January 19
 A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.

January 20 — February 18
 Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

February 19 — March 20
 Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

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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, May 16

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Film Screenings, 3:30-4:30 p.m. & 7:30-9 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.
- Afterschool Photography Workshop, 1:30-3 p.m.; Fireside Book Club, "Homegoing," 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

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

Thursday, May 17

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Chess Club, 1-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, May 18

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Mountain Area Genealogy Group, 1-2:30 p.m.; "The Story Factory," Tom Cosgrove, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Mikele Kreitner & Don Reed (blues, soul, R&B and rock), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

Saturday, May 19

- Patrice Morris (R&B and soul with a little pop and jazz), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

- "Dear Elizabeth," Stratford Players, 7 p.m. Christian Science Church.
- Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Sunday, May 20

- "Dear Elizabeth," Stratford Players, 2 p.m. Christian Science Church.
- "God's Not Dead 2," movie, 2 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Church.

Monday, May 21

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "It's Gardening Time," 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Project Edeline, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, May 22

- Ukulele class, 11 a.m. Royal Pines Trailer Park clubhouse.
- Mahjong, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
- Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Wednesday, May 23

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

Thursday, May 24

- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910; Idyllwild Book Club, 7-9 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Chess Club, 1-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, May 25

- Yard/garage sales. See Classifieds this issue.

- Shake & Boogie with the Len-Tones (classic rock dance tunes), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

Saturday, May 26

- Yard/garage sales. See Classifieds this issue.

- Idyllwild Community Center groundbreaking, 10:30 a.m. ICC site.
- Idypark Dedication & Flag Raising, noon. Idypark.

- Associates of IAF "Chairs for Charity" fundraiser and 50th anniversary, 5 p.m. Nelson Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Jason Lohrke (Neil Diamond tribute artist), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Mustang Giveaway. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Sunday, May 27

- Yard/garage sales. See Classifieds this issue.

Monday, May 28

- Yard/garage sales. See Classifieds this issue.

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

Tuesday, May 29

- Idyllwild Knitting Club, 9:30 a.m. Idyllwild Commu-

nity Church.

- "Reframed," selected work from the permanent collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Ukulele class, 11 a.m. Royal Pines Trailer Park clubhouse.

- Mahjong, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

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

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

O'Rourke to speak at library

Idyllwild Indivisible, a local discussion group, will feature guest speaker Ellen O'Rourke, facilitator and keynote speaker of Courageous Resistance of Palm Springs, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the Idyllwild Library. Topics covered will be single-payer healthcare, Russian bots and education. The public is welcome to attend.

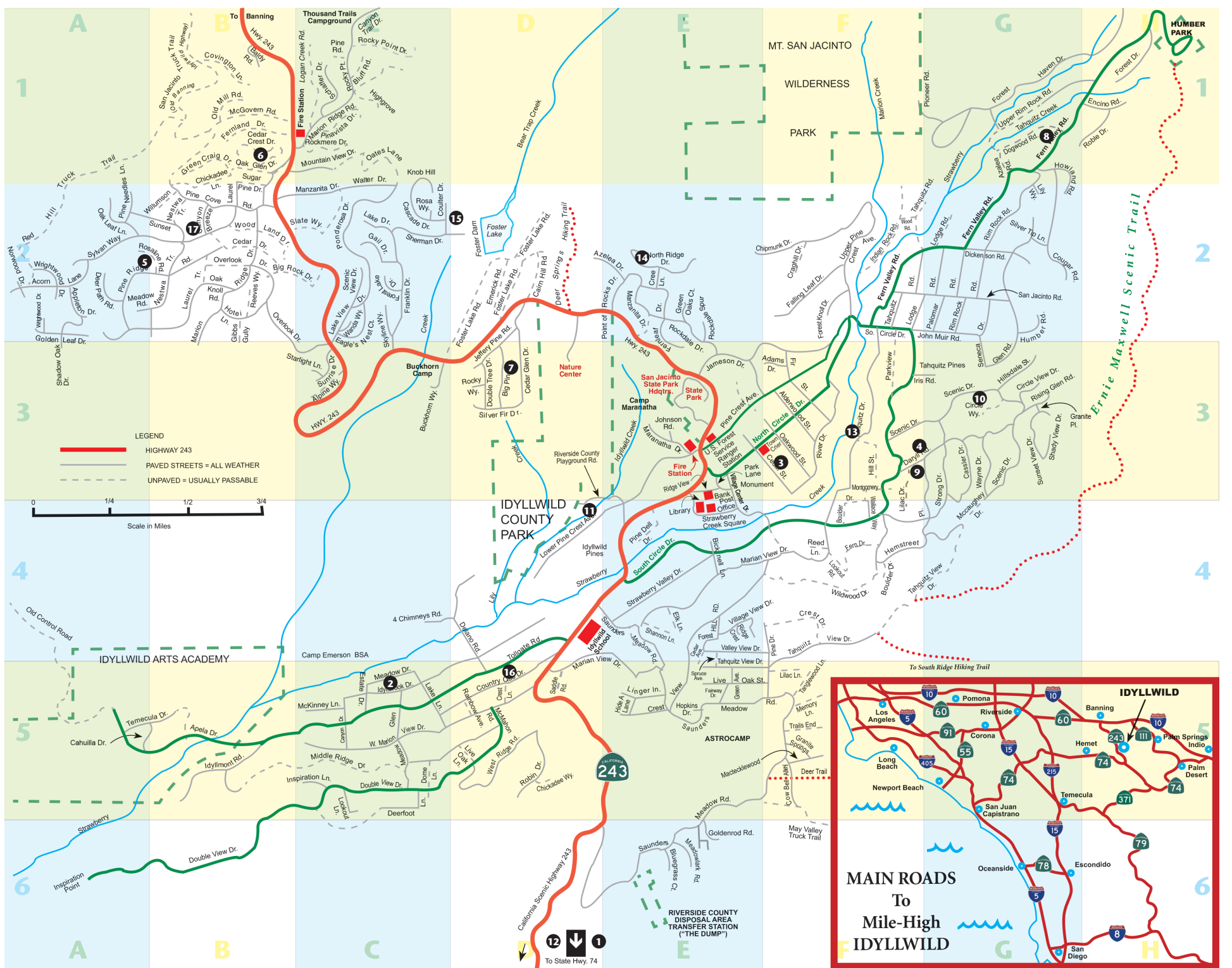
'I remember Ernie'

The Idyllwild Town Crier, in conjunction with the Idyllwild Area Historical Society, is asking for written stories from folk about their memories of Ernie Maxwell to be published in the Town Crier and, possibly, at an event at the Courtyard Gallery in June.

Email your stories and a photograph of yourself to becky@towncrier.com.

Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale Treasure Map

Use the treasure map below to plan your yard sale adventure. The number at the end of each yard sale listing corresponds to the location number on the map.



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Yard Sales

Entire Home - Moving Sale of Pam Goldwasser & Tim Wurtz
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Yard Sales

Huge Yard Sale. Friday, May 25 & Saturday, May 26, 8am-1pm. 25601 Scenic Drive, Idyllwild (off South Circle). Oodles of household items, collectibles, sports & camping gear, electronics, etc. Check it out! (10)

Furniture, billiards table, TempurPedic eastern king headboard, couch with love seat, office desk & chair and much more. Fri., Sat., Sun., May 25 - 27, 8am - 3pm. 34312 Morris Ranch Rd. in Garner Valley. (1)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY May 25 & 26 from 8am-2pm. No early birds, please. Multi-family sale. Dining room table, baby/toddler items, misc. household items. Great deals! 59 292 Donna Mae Pl., Garner Valley. (12)

Antique Iron Bed double. Excellent mattress, box springs, all bedding. \$200 or best offer. 25140 Coulter Dr., Pine Cove. 951-452-0790. Fri., Sat., Sun., May 25-27. (15)

Yard Sales

AWESOME garage sale! 1 large dark wood dresser drawer & 2 matching night stands. Kitchen stuff, furniture, books, games, antiques, collectibles & a little bit of everything. Better than ever! May 25-27, Fri., Sat., Sun., 9am-1pm. 26105 Tahquitz Dr. (13)

Idy's Best Value. 53245 Meadow Dr. May 25 - 27, Fri. - Sun. at 8am. Something for everyone. Tools, clothes, household wares, etc. (2)

VINTAGE - VINTAGE YARD SALE. May 19 This Saturday Only. 25915 Hemstreet Pl. and Daryll 8am-4pm. May 19 SATURDAY ONLY. Corner of Daryll and Hemstreet Pl. (9)

Estate Sale on Saturday and Sunday, 8am-2pm. Couches, refrigerators, coffee table set, lamps, kitchen items, twin bed, bunk beds, 2 dressers, lg oak kitchen table w/3 extension leafs & chairs, washer & dryer, portable heater. 52660 Sylvan Way. (17)

Yard Sales

Large Sale with furniture, desk, office phones, kitchenware, lots of candles, dolls, clothing & much more. Large selection of new & used Scuba equipment & accessories. Includes wet suits, masks, fins, used scuba tanks & much more. Adult & child sizes. May 25 - 27, 8am. 55050 Daryll Rd. (4)

Everything cheap! 24855 Fern Valley Rd. May 26 & 27. Bought a furnished house & don't need most of it. Sleeper couch, futon, chairs, tables, lamps, grill, bed & lots of free stuff. (8)

Cleaned out the attic. Snow gear, yard equipment, clothes & much more. 52870 Cedar Crest. Sat. & Sun., May 26th & 27th, 8am. (6)

Multiple family yard sale. A little bit of everything, household items, jewelry, you name it. 53680 Country Club Dr. Friday and Saturday, 5/25 & 5/26, 9am-1pm. No early birds, please. (16)

Yard Sales

4 Family Sale. Motorcycle Ramp. Newborn, kids & ladies clothing. Lu La Rue clothing, Origami Owl Jewelry, Scentsy items, bathroom sink, Thomas Kincaid collectibles, holiday items, Beanie Babies, costume jewelry & lots more. 25628 Big Pine off Hwy 243 off Cedar Glen. May 24th - May 27th. 8am-5pm. (7)

Antiques, collectibles & other cool stuff. Plates, platters, tea cups & pots, salt dips, oil lamps, stereo-scope viewer & cards, 78 rpm album sets, bar stools, satin comforters & many other unique items. Reasonable prices. 52560 Pine Ridge. Fri. - Sun. 9am (5)

Yard Sales

We're Back! Lots of garden decorations, furniture and a smorgasbord of everything BUT the kitchen sink. Sneak preview: Fri., 5/25 11am-3pm; Sat., 5/26 9am-3pm. 53960 Lower Pine Crest. No early birds, please. (11)

25890 Cedar Street. May 25th & 26th, Fri. & Sat. at 8am. (3)

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70 years ago - 1948
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65 years ago - 1953
Dick and Virginia Homan took over operation of the Hillbilly Variety Store while owner Edith Oliver recuperated from surgery.

60 years ago - 1958
Idyllwild's first massage parlor was opened. J.L. Hatch invited everyone to drop in and try a massage, and the first customer each day got a free one.

55 years ago - 1963
Opera singer Lily Pons and a party of friends dined at the Schwarzwaldhaus Restaurant after touring Idyllwild.

50 years ago - 1968
Three-thousand fin-



Idyllwild Boy Scouts and leaders proudly displayed their flag at a meeting in possibly January 1960 when the troop was given its charter. The Rotary Club sponsored the troupe and Bob Boyers (in back) was scoutmaster.

gerling rainbow trout were dropped by helicopter into Tahquitz and Andreas creeks, on the Palm Springs side of the mountains. They were the first California streams ever stocked with trout from a hovering helicopter.

45 years ago - 1973
Water started flowing in Lake Perris, culminating 22 years of planning and construction. Miss Idyllwild, Janet McCaghren, and the Town

Crier were present for the dedication ceremonies.

40 years ago - 1978
The House Appropriations Committee in Washington, D.C., approved \$1.95 million for the U.S. Forest Service's acquisition of a 1,500-acre portion of Garner Ranch.

35 years ago - 1983
Town Hall Recreation Program Director Shirley Root announced a planned summer day camp that

would provide Hill children with weekday activities at Town Hall during summer vacation break.

30 years ago - 1988
The traditional Mother's Day snowstorm arrived two days early, leaving almost 2 inches of snow that disappeared quicker than the flapjacks at the annual Lions Club Mother's Day breakfast.

25 years ago - 1993
After many delays, the

Strawberry Creek Bridge was finally opened. It was a particular relief to business owners who stated that their businesses had suffered devastating losses since construction began in March 1992.

the Silent Valley RV Club in Poppet Flats dedicating the 30 miles of Highway 243 from Banning to Mountain Center as the "Esperanza Firefighters Memorial Highway."

20 years ago - 1998
A big sweep by deputies from Lake Hemet Sheriff's substation and assisting agencies picked up several of the area's parole and probation violators. The operation was part of a larger crackdown conducted throughout San Jacinto Valley and surrounding communities.

15 years ago - 2003
The Strawberry Fuel-break was completed, giving Idyllwild about 2 miles of defensible space against wildfires.

10 years ago - 2008
Assemblyman John J. Benoit led a ceremony at

5 years ago - 2013
David Jerome, secretary of the moribund Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce, called a meeting of the general membership on Monday, May 13, to begin the process of disposing of Chamber assets. The Chamber no longer had a board of directors authorized to act on behalf of the membership.

1 year ago - 2017
The Idyllwild School PTA smARTS Project received the 2017 Community Partnership Award from the Arts Schools Network, the nation's largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools.

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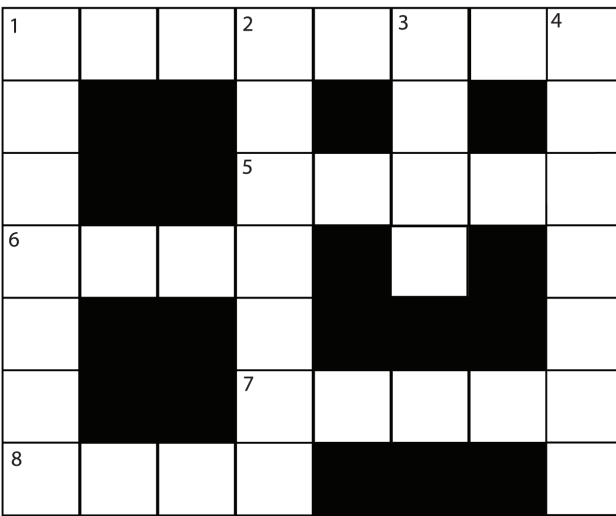
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Large hill
- 5. Used to measure
- 6. Warm food
- 7. Rule over
- 8. Certain

DOWN

- 1. Female parents
- 2. Care for
- 3. Can do
- 4. Feeding a baby

Answers:
 Across: 1. Mountain 5. Ruler 6. Heat 7. Reign 8. Sure
 Down: 1. Mothers 2. Nurture 3. Able 4. Nursing

★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★



Idyllwild seventh-grade students **Victoria Lovett** and **Geneva Dagnall** are this week's students of the week. They are set to complete the year with the highest GPAs in their class.
 PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

Two sixth-grade students from Idyllwild School received Citizenship of the Year awards from the Idyllwild Rotary Club at its Wednesday, May 9, meeting. **Natalie Grove** and **Drake Malloy** were selected by their teachers for their outstanding qualifications. **John Graham** (center, back), who coordinates the Rotary awards, gave the students their certificates along with a \$100 bill and described why they were selected. Accompanying Natalie are her sisters **Abby** and **Hannah**, Mom **Sarah** and Dad **Bob**. Drake's dad, **Aaron**, attended with him. Looking on is Rotary President **Roland Gaebert**.
 PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Woman
SPANISH: Mujer
ITALIAN: Donna
FRENCH: Femme
GERMAN: Frau

Did You Know?

FLOWERS, CHOCOLATES AND JEWELRY ARE POPULAR MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS. HOWEVER, ANY GIFT THAT INVOLVES A MOTHER'S HOBBIES WILL LIKELY BE APPRECIATED, TOO.

PEOPLE FACT:

THIS HOLIDAY, CELEBRATED EACH MAY, HONORS WOMEN WHO HAVE CHILDREN.

ANSWER: MOTHER'S DAY

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: TULIP BOUQUET

New Word

WEED

a wild plant growing where it is not wanted

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

MAY 13

- 1846: THE UNITED STATES FORMALLY DECLARES WAR ON MEXICO AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF FIGHTING.
- 1912: THE ROYAL FLYING CORPS, A FORERUNNER OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, IS ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

MARY AUSTIN SCHOLARSHIP & GRANTS PROGRAM AND THE IDYLLWILD SCHOOL FOURTEENTH ANNUAL

CHARLES DICKENS ESSAY & POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to the winners!

Essay Winners:

- 1st place:** Chloe Lovett (\$100)
- 2nd place:** Anlin Babcock Hunt and Grace McKimson (\$50)
- 3rd place:** Katelyn Sonnier, Kazial Wood, Joel White and Samantha Berryman (\$25)

Poster Winners:

- 1st place:** Briana Henry (\$100)
- 2nd place:** Rosalind Gong and Fatima Guzman (\$50)
- 3rd place:** Katelyn Sonnier, Joel White and Breanna Sheppard (\$25)

Funds were presented by Principal **Matt Kraemer**. Underwritten by **Mary Austin Scholarship and Grants** to purchase all books for the contest and provide all contest funding. This year's book was "A Christmas Carol." Students wrote essays about what they believed was Mr. Dickens' message in the story. Poster contest participants created a poster they thought would encourage others to read "A Christmas Carol."

Thank you to Principal **Matt Kraemer**, Mrs. **Christy Tilley** & **The Town Crier Newspaper Shannon Ng** of the Idyllwild Library will display the posters.

A special Thank You to Kim & Howard Chates for their very generous donation of historical Dickens novels.