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Cranston Fire suspect's hearing continues

Prosecution plans to add two more arson charges

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Witnesses testified for the prosecution at the preliminary hearing for Brandon McGlover, 32, of Temecula, who has been charged with starting the Cranston Fire in July. The hearing was for the prosecution to convince the judge that adequate evidence exists to proceed with a trial for McGlover.

The Friday, Nov. 9, hearing was continued to Tuesday morning, Nov. 13.

McGlover has been charged with a total of 15 felony counts related to nine separate fires, of which the largest was the Cranston. As the hearing began, the minutes report that prosecuting attorney Daniel Fox intended to "prove up two more counts" of arson of an inhabited structure.

The first witness was Officer Nicholas Troncale, a detective with the Hemet Police Department, who arrested McGlover after several citizens reported his car near and at several of the fire scenes.

Following Troncale, four citizens testified about seeing McGlover's car present at the fires. The nine arson fires were all set the same day, July 25, and were in the Idyllwild, Anza and Sage areas.

If convicted as currently charged, McGlover faces a potential life sentence. He is currently being held in custody and bail is set at \$3.5 million.

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NWS: This winter expect some rain, maybe snow

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The National Weather Service is forecasting the formation of an El Niño weather pattern this winter. Thus, the winter precipitation should be more than last year, according to Alex Tardy, meteorologist at the NWS San Diego office.

But that is likely to be "slightly more than normal," he said and then added, "Closer to average." And some may come as soon as later this month.

While that does not seem significant, the 2017-18 water year was the driest on record in Southern California. In San Diego, it was the second-driest year on record. And in the Southern California mountains, even snowfall was very low.

In Idyllwild, NWS recorded 3 inches when the average is 47 and near Keen Camp, 13 inches were recorded when the average is 23. In 2015-16, 36 inches of snow fell in Idyllwild and in 2016-17, nearly 45 inches were recorded. Returning to the average would be very beneficial for plant life and fuel moisture on the Hill.

Despite a dry year, Tardy said, "The water supply across the state is in pretty good shape. Most reservoirs are near normal levels."

Aggravating the dryness were record-high temperatures. During the June to August period, temperatures

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On Saturday, Idyllwild School students performed, "All's Swell That Ends Swell." Some members of the production are (from left) Ben Biber, Brayden Schlenz, Claudia De Lucien, Carter McLean, Andrea Rackley, Elizabeth Flores, Sydney Alexis, actor in bonnet unidentified, Emily Brosterhaus Agner and Chloe Kenyon. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

Riverside County voters favor incumbents; except in sheriff's case

Bianco defeats Sniff for sheriff

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

As of Saturday evening, nearly four days after the voting booths have closed, about 373,000 ballots or two-thirds of the ballots cast in the 2018 election have been counted, according to the Riverside County Registrar of Voters Office.

[See accompanying tables for the results as of Monday evening, Nov. 12.]

Another 227,000 mail-in and provisional ballots, are still being counted. Based on the number of registered voters, 34.1 percent of voters cast a ballot, and, with the uncounted ballots, turnout this year will approach 57 percent. In 2014, the last gubernatorial election, county turnout was 40 percent and in the 2016 presidential election, it rose to 75 percent.

Statewide offices

In the statewide races for governor though attorney general, Riverside County voters are favoring the Republican candidates. However statewide, the Democrats have won all of these races.

While a majority of the counted Riverside County ballots favored Republican John Cox, Gavin Newsom is the next governor. He is outpolling Cox with nearly 60 percent of the total state vote, a 1.7-million-vote lead.

Eleni Kounalakis will be the lieutenant governor. Alex Padilla returns as secretary of state, Betty Yee as controller and Xavier Becerra as attorney general. All have 60 percent, or slightly more, of the current ballots counted.

For insurance commissioner, Democrat Ricardo Lara has a 184,000-vote lead over Independent Steve Poizner. And Marshall Tuck and Tony Thur-

mond are virtually tied in the race for superintendent of public instruction.

As of noon Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1,800 votes separated them, out of 7.2 million ballots counted.

Federal legislators

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein will be reelected to her fifth full, six-year term, although she was first chosen senator in the 1992 election, now serving her 28th year. In Riverside County, voters favored her Democratic challenger Kevin De Leon, who has outpolled Feinstein by 3,100 votes at this point in the counting.

Statewide, Feinstein has received 54 percent of the counted ballots, which gives her a 630,000 lead.

For the 36 Congressional District, which includes all of the Hill areas, Rep. Dr. Raul Ruiz, with 57 percent of the vote, is winning reelection to his fourth term as a member of the U.S. Congress. He is leading Republican challenger Kimberlin Pelzer by 17,500 votes for the 125,760 counted for this race.

Local

Republican Sen. Jeff Stone continues to lead Joy Silver, his Democratic opponent. At this point in the counting, Stone has 53.3 percent (92,400) of the votes and leads Silver by 11,300.

However, Silver said she is patiently awaiting the conclusion of counting all ballots before acknowledging the final results. "We haven't conceded the election yet," she said Thursday. "Let's see how much is left to count."

As noted earlier, the registrar acknowledges that about 225,000 ballots have not been counted and has not identified which precincts these ballots are from.

In the local Assembly seat District 71, incumbent Republican Randy Voepel

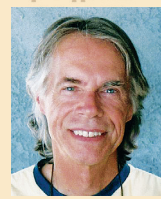
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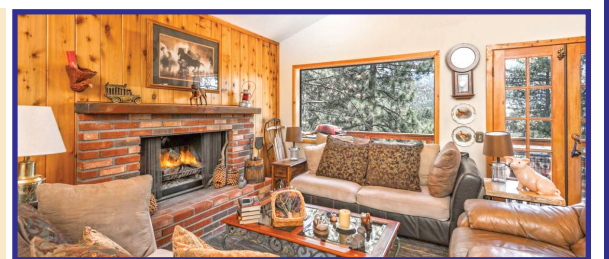
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Hiker missing since June, car found in Cranston Fire area

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Craig Finne, 61, was last heard from on June 21, 2018, and was reported missing July 15, 2018, in this area.

He is a white male, about 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds with brown eyes and gray hair.

Finne is transient and typically lived out of his vehicle, which was found July 22 at the Tool Box Springs Campground in Garner Valley.

Finne has been known to stay with his mother at the Brookdale Mirage Inn in Rancho Mirage, behind

the Walmart in Palm Desert, and with unknown friends in Orange County.

Finne is an avid hiker and camper. The Tool Box Springs Campground, where his vehicle was located, is in the area of the Cranston Fire, which began on July 25 and burned 13,139 acres.

If you know the whereabouts of Finne or have seen him in your area, contact the Palm Desert Sheriff's Station at 760-836-1600 and refer to case #S-18-196-0022.

The PDSS provided the following social media connections for Finne: www.facebook.com/cfinne1;



Craig Finne, 61, has been missing since June 21, 2018. PHOTO COURTESY PALM DESERT SHERIFFS STATION

Twitter @cfinne, Youtube Craig Finne or cfinne, and 50MEGS cfinne.

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Do you want to buy a generator?

MDP hosts community meeting to discuss options

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Do you need or have a generator when a power outage occurs again on the Hill? The question does not ask if a power outage will occur, but when. Southern California Edison has already announced that its future policies will lean toward more frequently planned public-safety power shutoffs, independent of the unexpected outages such as occurred in October.

On Sunday and Monday, SCE warned Hill residents that the Santa Ana wind event might result in a potential power shutoff.

The longer a power outage lasts, the more it evolves from an inconvenience to a potential, if not actual, emergency.

Mountain Disaster Preparedness recognizes the potential disruptions and problems that occur during an outage. While MDP cannot supply alternative power to Hill residences, it has planned a community meeting to offer ideas about the need for a generator, the questions to ask if buying one and installation cautions.

All of these questions about the pros and cons of a portable generator, or even one wired directly into a structure's electrical system, will be discussed at a community meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at

Town Hall.

"We presume power outages will continue. Not only the fire precautionary outages like last December, but winter is coming. Snow, limbs and other weather-related incidents can knock out the local power," advised MDP President Mike Feyder.

"I hope people recognize that whether they want a generator to keep the lights on and allow them to watch TV, that the equipment is different than if they want to keep the refrigerator, furnace and fans going," he added.

Restoring the power can take longer, too. Feyder noted that SCE crews must inspect all the lines to ensure that no branches, limbs or other potential igniters are on the electric lines when power is restored.

"It's not just five to six hours, it can be more than 24," Feyder said. "For people with medical issues and needs, it is not just an inconvenience, it could be an emergency."

So MDP has invited two local electricians to come and speak to the community about a broad range of issues involving the acquisition, installation and use of generators. They will discuss issues such as portable or wired-in generators, gasoline or propane fuel for them, installation, maintenance and safety of electrical cords.

"I hope the meeting will answer some of the questions people have making this decision," Feyder stated. To ensure questions get asked, he plans to devote a majority of the time to audience questions.



Above, The American Legion Post 800 Honor Guard folded the U.S. flag while emcee Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly explained each fold to the audience at the post's annual Veterans Day ceremony. The Women's Auxiliary fed the crowd a free buffet following the ceremony. PHOTOS BY BECKY CLARK

Right, U.S. Marine Corps David Grice, retired Idyllwild resident, spoke at the Veterans Day service at American Legion Post 800 Sunday morning. Grice, a 21-year veteran, was deployed 11 times and earned five purple hearts. He spoke emotionally of how each branch of service came to each other's aids during his many deployments.



Thursday evening, Nov. 8, several dozen people assembled in front of Harmony monument to join in a nationwide protest in support of protecting Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into the possible Russian interference in the 2016 election, and protest replacing the attorney general with Trump ally Matthew Whitaker. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

Check your vehicle for recalls

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is reminding the driving public to check their vehicles for any open recalls on NHTSA.gov/recalls.

Over the last decade, NHTSA oversaw 7,878 recalls affecting more than 390 million vehicles and items of vehicle equipment.

Vehicles one to three at the time of recall average an 80-percent repair rate. Vehicles that one to five years old at the time of recall average a 76-percent repair rate.

Vehicles recalled at six to 10 years old see the repair rate drop to 56 percent, on average (while manufacturers mail recall notices to owners, the task of reaching current vehicle owners becomes more difficult when vehicles have changed hands, particularly if they've had multiple owners).

Visit NHTSA.gov/Recalls and enter your vehicle's 17-digit vehicle identification number. In seconds, you'll know if your vehicle is subject to a safety recall. Every recall is fixed for free. Recalls do not expire.

Get Alerted. Sign up for Recall Alerts. If your vehicle is included in a future safety recall, you'll receive an e-mail letting you know.



IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

To All Interested Parties

This is official notice that the Idyllwild Water District Board of Directors will consider an Ordinance adopting a Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) and corresponding Drought Water Rates on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at the Idyllwild Water District Board Room, 25945 Highway 243, Idyllwild, California.

A formal notice (Proposition 218 Notice) of the proposed Drought Water Rates was mailed to all ratepayers. The proposed Water Shortage Contingency Plan and the Proposition 218 Notice can be found on the District website (www.idyllwildwater.com) or viewed at the District Office.

Summary of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan

The Proposed Ordinance rescinds Ordinance No. 64, establishes a WSCP consisting of five stages, and establishes an objective criteria based on the District's available water supplies versus the water demand to change stages.

Stage 1-Water Supply Watch, is the normal operation of the District reminding all customers to be careful and efficient in their use of water due to the limited, potentially uncertain, resources available to the District, without back-up supply.

Stage 2-Water Supply Alert, requests voluntary reductions in water use by all customers of 10% and imposes Stage 2 Drought Water Rates to keep the District financially sound.

Stage 3-Water Supply Warning, sets a goal of at least a 20% overall reduction in water use, mandates the elimination of certain outdoor water uses by all customers, imposes fines and/or assessments for non-compliance and imposes Stage 3 Drought Water Rates to keep the District financially sound. No additional water meters will be installed.

Stage 4-Extreme Water Supply Warning, establishes the need for more than 35% reduction in water use, mandates the elimination of all non-essential outdoor water use, imposes significant fines and/or assessments for non-compliance and imposes Stage 4 Drought Water Rates to keep the District financially sound. No additional water meters will be installed.

Stage 5-Water Supply Emergency, establishes the need for more than 50% reduction in water use, mandates the elimination of all non-essential outdoor and indoor water use, imposes significant fines and/or assessments for non-compliance and imposes Stage 5 Drought Water Rates to keep the District financially sound. No additional water meters will be installed.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 11/14

64/33
Mostly sunny.

Thursday 11/15

65/32
Sunny.

Friday 11/16

63/32
Mostly sunny.

Saturday 11/17

62/39
Mostly sunny.

Sunday 11/18

63/36
Mostly sunny.

Monday 11/19

59/36
Mostly sunny.

Tuesday 11/20

53/33
Chance of rain.

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

| Idyllwild this year | | | | |
|---------------------|------|-----|------|-----|
| Date | High | Low | M | S |
| 11/06 | 71 | 40 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/07 | 68 | 39 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/08 | 65 | 42 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/09 | 63 | 34 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/10 | 63 | 27 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/11 | 62 | 32 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/12 | 58 | 27 | 0.00 | 0.0 |

| Idyllwild last year | | | | |
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| Date | High | Low | M | S |
| 11/06 | 62 | 42 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/07 | 64 | 47 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/08 | 60 | 38 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/09 | 64 | 33 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/10 | 68 | 36 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/11 | 68 | 36 | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 11/12 | 65 | 39 | 0.00 | 0.0 |

The Town Crier's Idyllwild daily high and low temperatures and rain and snow totals in the past were taken directly from the National Weather Service website, which gets its Idyllwild weather information from automatic weather sensing equipment at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official

NWS COOP reporter. The amount of rain plus the amount of water present in snow would be the "moisture" total for that day. But we cannot accurately report "moisture" since we currently receive no report of how much water is contained in any particular snowfall. [We are seeking reliable Idyllwild and Pine Cove full-time residents to provide this information. Residents who follow CoCoRaHS procedures would be strongly preferred. CoCoRaHS is an organization of private, amateur weather observers that provides carefully collected data for use by the NWS. If you are interested in providing us with rain and snow reports, please contact jack@towncrier.com or (951) 659-2145.]

Our weather season is July 1 to June 30. Our season totals now have been corrected for the period July 1 through September 17, 2018, which prior to this issue of the TC had been in error. 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 Tuesday afternoon on the Hill, as temperatures stayed cool throughout the day. A red flag wind advisory was in effect through Wednesday. PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

Turkey incident quickly stamped out

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

At about 11:20 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, U.S. Forest Service firefighters responded to a small vegetation wildfire off of Highway 74 near the old turkey ranch south of the highway, heading toward Hemet.

The Turkey incident, a small spot fire, was quickly extinguished. No cause was given.

U.S. Forest Service and Cal Fires firefighters also responded to a smoke report at 1:52 p.m. that day on McCall Park Road. A smoldering log within the Cranston Fire burn area was extinguished.

At 2 a.m. and at 9:33 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, firefighters returned to property on McCall Park Road where Cranston Fire flare-ups also were extinguished.

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



Shortly after 2 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, Josh Whitney of Mountain Center placed a call about a vegetation fire on his McCall Park Road property. Multiple agencies responded quickly, including Idyllwild Fire Department, Riverside County Fire, U.S. Forest Service and Southern California Edison. The small spot fire appeared to be a remnant from the Cranston Fire in July. The Santa Ana winds ignited smoldering trees causing embers and ash to be cast in the air. Emergency resources extinguished the blaze promptly and no injuries were reported. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



The Idyllwild Fire Department responded to a call about smoke in a residence on Tollgate Drive Monday morning. Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz said it involved the resident's woodstove insert. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

Family Game Day at library

Visit the Idyllwild Library between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, for a fun family day with board games, puzzles, popcorn and more.

Winter

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were the warmest ever, according to Tardy. The average temperature in Palm Springs this year has been 80.3 degrees, which is nearly 2.5 degrees higher than the previous high average, which was last year.

High temperatures and little precipitation have resulted in an expansion of the drought areas. Idyllwild and the San Jacinto Mountains are now within the classification of severe drought (D2) and fuel conditions are very dry.

If a wetter winter develops, that will help mitigate the effects of the drought spreading. The NWS said, "The official forecast favors the formation of a weak El Niño." The probability of an El Niño pattern forming is currently 80 percent for this winter, with a 55 to 60 percent chance it will continue in the spring of 2019, according to the Nov. 8 NWS report.

Although extensive precipitation is not expected, Tardy did emphasize that based on recent years, any rain or snow event may be heavier than normal, though less frequent overall.

Café reaching out to help family who lost daughter

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Mountain Center Café's Pearson family is extending a hand to another local family who recently lost their 15-year-old daughter in a traffic crash.

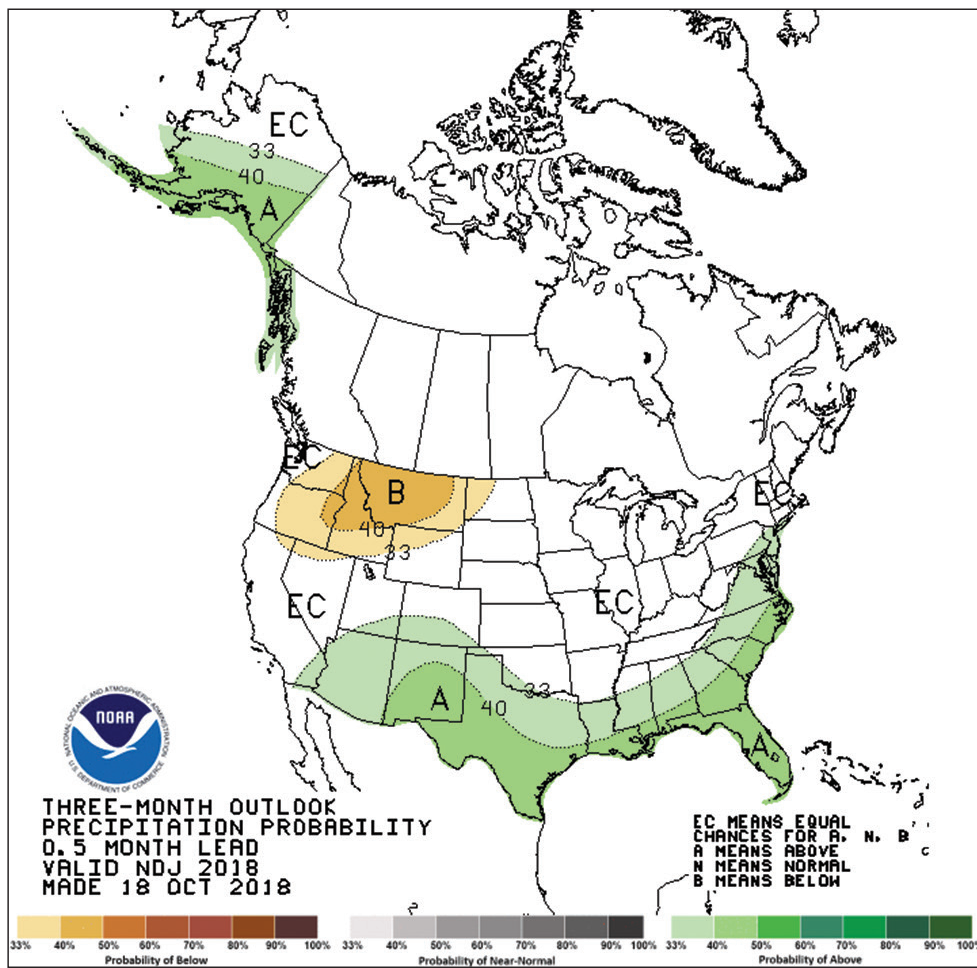
Lilah Whitney lost her life in a traffic crash Sunday afternoon in Idyllwild when she was a passenger with both of her brothers in a vehicle that hit a rock. The brothers were injured but are recovering.

The fundraiser for the Whitney family is from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at the café. Cost for the fundraiser dinner is \$15 for adults and \$8 for kids. It includes spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. Alcoholic beverages will not be served that evening, said Emily Pearson.

All proceeds will be given to the Noah and Danielle Whitney family.

Donations may also be dropped off to Martha Pearson during open hours at the café or at www.gofundme.com/2h38zz-whitney-family.

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



The National Weather Service is forecasting an El Niño weather pattern this winter. Consequently, above-average precipitation is expected for Southern California. MAP COURTESY NWS

Red Flag fire patrol trucks were on the Hill Thursday afternoon when high winds were threatening the need for another power outage to mitigate the risk of fire. The Hill has been under a Red Flag Warning off and on throughout the weekend and into Tuesday. PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON



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Thursday, November 15, 2018

Attention, realtors!

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER AND GENERAL COUNSEL

How would you like to speak about your real estate services before hundreds of people who have second homes on the Hill (prospective sellers), or who want second homes on the Hill (prospective buyers), or who want to move or retire to the Hill (also prospective buyers)? Too good an opportunity to pass up, isn't it? Well, did you know that most Town Crier Members/subscribers, who read the TC every week, live off the Hill?

That's right, as of our last count, 477 Town Crier Members/subscribers have their TCs mailed to off-Hill addresses — every week. These are people who are avid Town Crier readers, even though they currently live primarily off the Hill. They are huge Hill fans.

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THE SUBJECT OF GRIEVING

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://upliftconnect.com/what-nobody-ever-says-about-grieving/>

Back in August, I wrote an extended article on grief and trauma, but our little colony on the Hill keeps getting struck with tragic loss. Sometimes tragic loss brings the opportunity for acting courageously and honorably, a moment in which to be selfless.

Our little community on the Hill has experienced these heroic moments as well.

Perhaps it's time to take another look at grief. Sudden, unexpected, even untimely loss can shatter us; it can change everything we thought we knew about life in a matter of moments. The inconceivable has occurred and we are brought to our knees, swamped with overwhelming pain both emotional and physical.

For a time, even for a rather long time, there's just no way to make any sense of it, even though we struggle to find reasons; to find solace in a cognitive path that we hope can set everything we know back in its proper place. We experience a felt-knowing of what the word "tragedy" truly means. But the pain of grief is feral, uncontrollable and relentless.

And perhaps we are not even meant to control it. Stuffing emotions in the attempt to control this or any wild pain, trying to bear-up and have a stiff upper lip may actually stunt and prolong normal grief and not allow one to gradually move through and even grow with it.

The psychoanalyst Carl Jung once said, "What we resist, persists, embrace it, and it will dissolve."

For the record ...

Neither the Town Crier nor Idyllwild House Publishing Co. Ltd. has ever published Idyllwild Living magazine or Destination Idyllwild. Neither IHP nor the Town Crier bears any responsibility whatsoever for anything having to do with those publications. Jay Pentrack and Dolores Sizer have not been employed by IHP for two years. Please do not confront Town Crier employees with any concerns you may have regarding Pentrack's publications.

In April 2018, 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.

Great kindness from far away

EDITOR:

The Cranston Fire seems like it happened a short lifetime ago with all that's been going on in the world around us.

I'm writing you today to share my thoughts regarding an extraordinary outreach event that took place in Idyllwild a few weeks ago.

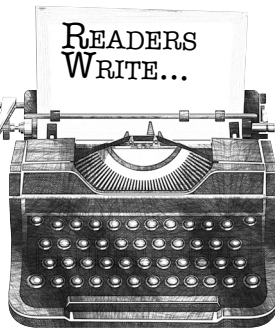
Several weeks ago, my Facebook page posted several pictures of the Cranston Fire, a day after evacuation. Within 24 hours I received a call from a board member of an international organization in New York who saw my posting. The call inquired if I was aware of any organization up here or a community member who was severely impacted by the fire. They had disaster funds that may be available to us.

I immediately contacted Chief Patrick Reitz and the Help Center and forwarded their mission statements and need requests to New York.

Within days, the Help Center was contacted requesting more information and an interview. They subsequently received an award of \$4,200 to assist with their mission, providing health vouchers, food, clothing to the underserved population of our community. We were thrilled.

An organization across the country found Idyllwild and helped our little mountain top community.

Mid-October, representatives from B'nai B'rith International from Los Angeles came to the Help Center for a presentation of the check along with four Alpha Epsi-



lon Pi fraternity brothers from LA, Pomona and out of state. These four young men worked most of the day helping the Help Center with abatement, donating their time and efforts on behalf of Idyllwild.

We are living during very chaotic times where heart-to-heart connections, compassion and generosity to our brethren are of the utmost importance in supporting one another.

SUZIE BENNETT
FERN VALLEY

'Reduced to an Ad rag'

EDITOR:

You have done a grave disservice to this mountain. You allowed the firefighting and water services to pat each other on the back, yet not highlight the broken hydrants and no hydrant maintenance on this mountain.

Each hydrant could have been serviced at this point but nada. Shame on you.

JEFF SMITH
PINE COVE

(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.)



Scams against older adults: reporting to Congress

By Lois Greisman
Federal Trade Commission, Elder Justice Coordinator

You might have read media stories about older people losing lots of money to scams. It does happen — and FTC data show that when people over 80 report losing money, the amount they lose is a lot higher than the amount younger people lose.

But that's not the whole story. In fact, FTC data also show that people 60 and older are great at reporting the fraud they see — and can be great at avoiding it, too. Because, according to the FTC's 2017 data, people 60-plus

A while back in mental health, there was a notion, especially relevant when working with trauma survivors, that we called "frozen grief." I've had clients describe it to me as feeling as if a huge block of solid dry ice was laid across one's shoulders. Others have said they dare not cry because they fear that if they start to cry, they will never ever stop, as if that block of dry ice would melt all at once and one would be flooded by fearfully overwhelming emotions.

Psychotherapist Katherine Schafner (see Uplift link above) states it beautifully: "... you swallow your grief. It comes up in small spurts when you're not paying attention, then you numb yourself to it somehow, then it jumps up more forcefully, then you numb yourself more heavily. That is the path of staying stuck in grief. The path loops. And people lose themselves on that path."

She also offers a path through grief while honoring the truth of it.

"Understand your heart is broken.
"Recognize why it's broken.
"Touch the grief.
"Move towards the epicenter of your grief, as it's the only path to other side of your pain.

"... the grief you're experiencing is yours ... If you do feel ready to move through it, recruit professional support. You don't have to do it alone."

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

are much more likely to report fraud than people in their 20s — but far less likely to say they lost money.

That's an important part of a report the FTC just sent to Congress [in October]. The report, "Protecting Older Consumers 2017-2018: A Report of the Federal Trade Commission," also noted the top scams where older people are more likely than younger people to report losing money (tech support scams, business imposters, prizes/sweepstakes/lottery scams, romance scams and family/friend imposter scams).

The report talks about what the FTC is doing about fraud against older adults — including some of our law enforcement: from a case challenging phony sweepstakes, to one challenging bogus tech support, to a case over alleged claims that a product could treat everything from arthritis to memory loss.

And it covers our Pass It On campaign, which focuses on older adults and gives them the information they need to start a conversation about scams with family and friends. [Visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0030-pass-it-on.]

The idea of Pass It On is central to the FTC's work on older adults: talk about scams. Tell someone, because you're less likely to fall for a scam that you've talked about. And then tell the FTC, because — in both cases — you might help someone else avoid that scam. And, like the cases mentioned above, we might be able to put a stop to it all together. So visit ftc.gov/complaint to tell your scam story.

Cash back program for homebuyers

The Golden State Finance Authority and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have partnered on a new gift program that will benefit rural homebuyers in California.

Individuals or families purchasing a primary residence in California with a USDA Rural Development Single Family Loan Guarantee through the GSFA Platinum Program will be eligible for assistance of up to 4 percent in the form of a non-repayable gift. The amount of the gift is based on the amount of the mortgage loan. Funds from the gift can be used for closing costs and/or principal reduction.

USDA's loan guarantee program offers 100 percent financing and is available to low-to-moderate-income homebuyers in rural areas. Coupled with the GSFA Platinum Program, qualifying homebuyers may be able to purchase a home with no money out of pocket.

To participate in the program, visit www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-guaranteed-loan-program/ca.

Local Red Cross seeks volunteers

The American Red Cross is seeking local volunteers. Meetings are about once a month.

Volunteers are needed to set up a shelter in Idyllwild during a disaster, be prepared for floods and manage disasters.

Especially now, with the increased risk of mud/rock slides, and flooding from the burn scar, there may be more of a need for shelter openings in the future.

For more information, contact Dennie Ohrazda at 574-370-8282 or dennieohrazda@gmail.com; Dick Goldberg at 310-941-1653 or dickmgoldberg@gmail.com; or Tracy Phillippi at 951-795-6093 or animalguy4u@hotmail.com.

MATTER OF FACT

In last week's story on page B3 of business changes, the caption under the second photo was a duplicate of the third photo's caption. The caption should have read: Rachele Belleci, owner of Idyllwild Aura, where Georgia's existed for many years. Photo by Marshall Smith
Town Crier regrets the error.



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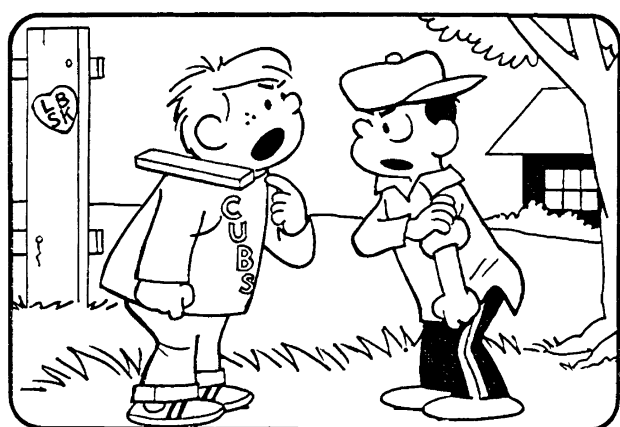
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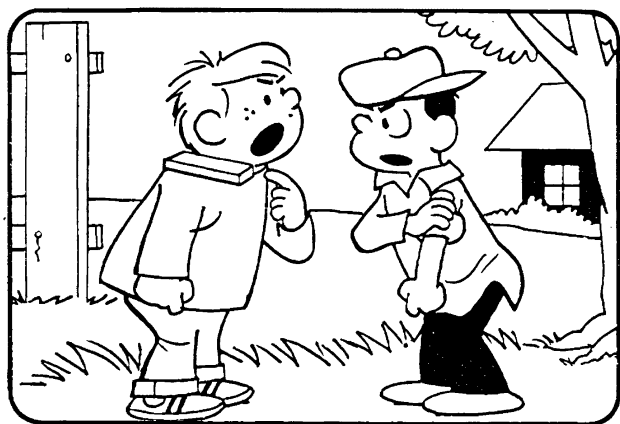
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Romero's attorney pursuing civil punitive damages against Allen

Criminal case hearing next

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

As previously reported, the Riverside County District Attorney has filed three felony counts against Pine Cove resident Pamela Allen, 66, for a March 2017 collision with Julia Romero, 18, of Idyllwild.

In parallel with the criminal suit, Romero, through attorney Matthew Poelstra, has filed a civil suit seeking to recover medical costs and other damages as a result of the collision.

In the criminal suit, Allen's attorney Donald Bartell, has filed a motion to dismiss the first two felony charges against Allen. These relate to driving under the influence and causing great bodily injury. A hearing on this motion is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 20.

In his motion, Bartell writes, "The evidence presented at the preliminary hearing was insufficient to show that the defendant did any act forbidden by law ... also no competent admissible evidence to show that the defendant had a blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent or more, by weight of alcohol in her blood while driving."

In the civil action, which was filed in May 2018, Poelstra's complaint alleged Allen was negligent that night, but further, that she was intoxicated and drove anyway.

"Defendant was consciously aware that she was consuming too much alcohol ... Defendant consumed her last drink before beginning to drive, she consciously knew that she was unfit to operate a motor vehicle," he wrote. He argues that this "constituted malice and a conscious disregard for the rights and safety of others" and is considered malicious behavior in California that is subject to punitive damages beyond the actual medical costs and injuries.

Allen's defense argued to dismiss these claims as "... grossly negligent or even reckless conduct is insufficient to support punitive damages unless the element of deliberate failure to avoid risk can be shown," he argued.

The defense did not argue for dismissal of the entire action, but stated that claims for punitive damages were unproven.

On Oct. 30, Judge Randall Stamen, overseeing the civil case, ruled in favor of Romero's attorney and this suit will continue. Poelstra expects it to continue to trail the criminal trial as more discovery will be necessary before any further courtroom action.

These suits arise out of a traffic collision on Highway 243 March 31, 2017, where the officer on the scene reported that Allen "veered into the oncoming southbound traffic lane, crossing over solid double yellow lines and directly into the path of Romero, who was driving south."

This summer, in the criminal case, Allen's attorney brought an expert witness, who argued that his evaluation of the damaged vehicles and tread marks on the roads leads him to believe the opposite happened. He told the court that Romero crossed into the northbound lanes. Further, he asserted that the blood-alcohol tests were not given properly; consequently, these data should not be admissible.

Judge Randall D. White has not ruled on this motion in the criminal case.

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Pine Cove émigrés Jamie Johnston and Rick Clark moved to Paradise

And then it burned

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Editor's note: We publish these accounts from the Paradise evacuation to keep friends of Johnston, Clark, Redeker and Williams updated.

In December 2017, the Town Crier published an article about Pine Cove resident Jamie Johnston and her book "Following Breadcrumbs, Tales of a Rock and Roll Child." Johnston's book chronicled her own music career and how it interwove with many of the rock icons in what many will acknowledge as the best time in American pop music.

Johnston and partner Rick Clark, younger brother of Gene Clark of The Byrds, survived and understood the pop music business of the '60s and '70s — how time was fluid, much was ephemeral, much was changing and hope was always in the air.

In the spring of this year, they packed up and moved to Paradise in Northern California, in an area reminiscent of Pine Cove and Idyllwild. They liked Paradise, in the foothills of the Sierras just north of Sacramento.

Johnston read of the July fires in Idyllwild that nearly took the town out and said she felt such "survivor's guilt."

Now she is wondering if the house she and Clark bought is still standing. By

most accounts, very little of Paradise survived.

The fire came quickly on Thursday, Nov. 8, early in the morning. Because of winds, dry conditions and low humidity, it spread quickly before most in town realized the need for evacuation.

In a phone interview Johnston recounted that she and Clark had time only to load a few personal items, including their guitars, and their two dogs into their car and a small travel trailer. They, like others, were trapped in a line of cars trying to evacuate when fire authorities ordered them out of their cars and into transportation to a big parking lot.

After authorities thought it safe, people were cleared to try to get to their vehicles. "Ours were unscathed but others were burned," said Johnston. "As we drove out, fire was on all sides."

Johnston and Clark evacuated to a home of friends near Sacramento. "We heard from a neighbor three to four houses up from ours that his had burned to the ground," she said. "We still don't know about ours. Luckily, we were insured. I knew that was very important."

Later Tuesday, they would drive to the post office in Chico where mail for Paradise residents was being held. They'll also be better able to find out the fate of their home.

Johnston said she'd keep the Town Crier and Idyllwild friends updated about their, as she described

it, "journey through Hell."

Scott Redeker and Gregg Williams, former Idyllwild residents, also had moved to Paradise, but earlier than Johnston and Clark. They, too, had trouble evacuating because of clogged evacuation routes and traffic stopped for hours. "We got out using an access road that is just gravel after trying to get out after sitting three hours and not getting anywhere," said Williams. "Relatives of my brother all lost their homes in Paradise and we have no idea about ours. There was gridlock everywhere and no help from police and sheriff."

Oddly, longtime friends of Redeker and Williams, Steve and Amanda Taylor, had come to visit on Wednesday only to face evacuation as well on Thursday. The four evacuated to Redding.

Shortly after the interview, the reporter received an email from Williams. Their house is still standing in one of the few neighborhoods to survive but power will be out for a long time.

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Ecologist wants to minimize fire damage

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Editor's note: Chad Hanson, Ph.D., is the director and principal ecologist for the John Muir Project in Big Bear City. He spoke at the Idyllwild Library on Oct. 16 about "The Effects of Post-fire Logging on Wildlife Habitat." Although the Town Crier could not attend his presentation, this story is from an interview with Hanson.

"My message was to focus attention and resources to protect homes from wildland fires," Hanson said. "I want to help ensure homes are safe."

He believes more homes can be protected through greater information about wildfires, financial assistance from the federal and state governments, and a shift in means of protection.

"Backcountry fire suppression and logging pro-



Chad Hanson, Ph.D., the director and principal ecologist for the John Muir Project in Big Bear City, spoke about "The Effects of Post-fire Logging on Wildlife Habitat" at the Idyllwild Library on Oct. 16. PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

grams are not protecting homes from damaging wildfires," Hanson argued. "More private property can be protected with greater emphasis on defensive space within 100 feet of structures. This has proven to be extremely effective."

Hanson is not opposed to logging per se, even on public lands. "Not every forest management pro-

gram is logging; some are close to cities." But he recommends more attention to the size of the trees being removed.

"Whether it's logging or non-commercial removal, the basic message is the same," he stressed. "Focus on homes and defensive space. Science tells us that whatever is done beyond 100 feet has little additional

See Ecologist, page A7

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San Bernardino National Forest honored for energy savings

Idyllwild Office one of contributing projects

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The U.S. Forest Service's Los Padres and San Bernardino National Forests were recently honored and recognized for their efforts to conserve energy through the implementation of renewable energy projects. The two forests received the award for implementing and constructing 63 different projects (including several on the San Jacinto Ranger District). Energy savings from these projects is estimated to be 80 percent of their previous energy consumption.

The Department of Energy gives the Federal Energy and Water Management Project Award to federal government projects that cut energy waste and promote energy independence, resilience and security.

"This large-scale energy efficiency project supports our mission to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests," said Regional Forester, Randy Moore for the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Region, in a press release announcing the award. "The project saved about 4,899 million BTUs of energy, which equates to saving \$225,000 in energy costs annually." The Pacific Southwest Region has earned three DOE Federal Energy and Water Management Award

Region 5's ESPC ENABLE project streamlined procurement for implementation of energy conservation measures at nine Forest Service locations across both national forests. Upgrades include lighting, HVAC controls, one-for-one HVAC replacements, and photovoltaic systems.



New solar panels on the roof of the U.S. Forest Service's local warehouse help conserve energy and save money.

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tems.

Within the San Jacinto District, three major projects contributed to the energy savings and ultimately the award. The work was installed at the Idyllwild ranger station and the warehouse and woodshed. The specific conservation measures included lighting upgrades, one-for-one HVAC replacements, and HVAC controls. In addition, the District office now has a 15 kW roof-mounted PV array.

According to Brenda Kendrix, Media Coordination Officer for the region, the annual savings from reduced utility expenditures are expected to be approximately \$8,890 at just this location.

Other projects installed at the SBNF were additional roof and ground-mounted arrays at the Big Bear Visitor Center, the Mill Creek Ranger Station and the Lytle Creek Ranger Station.

"Next we'll focus on an addition-

al five off-grid Forest Service sites across the Cleveland, Los Padres, Sequoia, Mendocino and Plumas National Forests," said Lara Buluç, Region 5 Sustainable Operations Coordinator and Project Co-Lead. "Each site will receive a mobile solar photovoltaic system to replace diesel and propane generators, plus more efficient lighting. We expect to save about \$143,600 annually in fuel costs."

The Pacific Southwest's success has spurred the Forest Service to launch similar projects across the country. In Oregon and Washington, the Forest Service will streamline procurement and small, energy efficiency projects across 390 agency sites. In addition, the Forest Service is initiating implementation of another 10 ESPC ENABLE projects nationwide with support from a DOE grant.

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11 California propositions: How the state and county voted

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Of 11 propositions on the November 2018 ballot, voters statewide approved six.

Riverside County voters also approved six, but not the same six as statewide voters chose.

Approved by state voters and, therefore, becoming law are:

- Proposition 1 with 54.3 percent voting "yes" (bonds to fund affordable housing programs and veteran home loans);
 - Prop 2, 61.5 percent "yes" (amend existing housing program for mental health services and housing to prevent homelessness);
 - Prop 4, 60.8 percent "yes" (bonds for children's hospital construction/improvement);
 - Prop 7, 60 percent "yes" (advisory measure to make daylight saving time permanent within the state);
 - Prop 11, 60.5 percent "yes" (measure to require emergency ambulance employees to remain on-call during breaks);
 - Prop 12, 61.1 percent "yes" (sets commercial confinement standards for farm animals).
- Defeated statewide were:
- Prop 3, 52.2 percent "no" (bonds for water and environmental projects);
 - Prop 5, 58.4 percent "no" (senior/disabled can transfer tax assessment);
 - Prop 6, 55.5 percent "no" (fuel tax; road repair and accountability act);
 - Prop 8, 61.4 percent "no" (caps kidney dialysis treatment charges); and
 - Prop 10, 61.5 percent "no" (allows local jurisdictions to approve rent control measures).

Whereas statewide voters approved Proposition 1 (bonds to fund affordable housing programs and veteran home loans) by 54.3 percent, county voters voted "no" by a similar margin of 51.6 percent.

The greatest difference between votes cast statewide and within Riverside County came with Proposition 6,

the repeal of the "fuel tax" (road repair and accountability act). Statewide, 55.5 percent of the electorate voted not to repeal the tax package that funds road and bridge infrastructure improvements throughout the state.

In Riverside County, voters marked their ballots "yes" to repeal the tax by an even larger margin of 57.53 percent.

Carl DeMaio, a Republican activist who helped back the campaign and get the repeal measure on the ballot blamed the defeat on a confusing ballot title for the initiative placed on the ballot by the state. "We've known that politicians have been stealing our gas taxes for years and will continue to do that," said DeMaio. "Tonight [Nov. 6] we learned that they can also steal our votes by changing the ballot title on our initiative."

DeMaio also complained that the ballot title was deceiving because it said passage of the measure would eliminate certain road repair and transportation funding without making it clear that it repeals new gas taxes. The official ballot title for Prop 6 was "Eliminates Recently Enacted Road Repair and Transportation Funding by Repealing Revenues Dedicated for those Purposes. Requires any Measure to Enact Certain Vehicle Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Fees be Submitted to and Approved by the Electorate. Initiative Constitutional Amendment."

A contributing factor in the measure's defeat may also have been the large disparity in funding with DeMaio and allies raising \$4.8 million to publicize and justify the measure, and opponents raising more than \$45 million.

Riverside County shares the dubious distinction as having the second-lowest voter turnout (29 percent) in the state as of Nov. 10. San Mateo County took the "least committed" prize with only 28 percent of its registered voters casting ballots in the November election.

Alpine County scored first place with the highest percentage of registered voters casting ballots. Of its eligible electorate of 758 registered voters, 594 or 78 percent cast ballots.

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Voters

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will easily defeat James Elia, his Democratic opponent. Voepel has garnered about 65 percent of Riverside County votes, slightly more than his 62.2 percent in San Diego County, which represents about 90 percent of the district.

In the Riverside County sheriff's race, Lt. Chad Bianco has unseated incumbent Sheriff Stan Sniff. With 321,600 ballots counted, Bianco has a 41,500-vote lead.

Disappointed in the results in his third election, Sniff said, "Huge weight has been lifted off my shoulders."

Also, there will be two new members on the county Board of Supervisors. Karen Spiegel has a 2,000-vote edge over Eric Linder to replace retiring Supv. John Tavaglione in the

2nd District. Former Assemblyman Russ Bogh has a 620-vote lead over his opponent Jeff Hewitt in the 5th District, where Supv. Marion Ashley is retiring.

HUSD

In the Hemet Unified School District race, four candidates are running for two seats and the incumbents are leading. Rob Davis has 37 percent of the vote and Ross Valenzuela has 24.3 percent. Challenger Adam McQueen has 20.5 percent and trailing in fourth is Jamie Swain.

HUSD's bond measure — Measure X — is winning with 61.6-percent approval after 22,760 votes have been counted. For approval, it needs 55 percent of the total votes cast.

Idyllwild Fire

Fire Commission President

Rhonda Andrewson is far ahead of the other three candidates in the race for the Idyllwild Fire Protection District commission. Three seats are available with four candidates.

Besides Andrewson, the other two incumbents, Henry Sawicki and Ralph Hoetger, are ahead of challenger Andy Balendy. Of the nearly 550 ballots, which have been counted, Andrewson was chosen on 509.

Both Andrewson and Sawicki said a tax measure to increase departmental revenues would be the commission's priority in the next year. Tax measures throughout Riverside County were successful last week. Even the repeal of the notorious gas-tax increase was defeated statewide, of which Sawicki commented, "I didn't think the gas tax would go that way."

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Riverside County election registration and turnout

Last updated at 3:29 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12

1,040,218 voters

| | Vote count | Percent |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|
| Precincts reporting turnout | 142,739 | 13.72% |
| Vote by Mail reporting turnout | 230,973 | 22.20% |
| Total | 373,723 | 35.93% |

Governor

1072/1072 100% precincts (not including all mail-in and provisional ballots)

| | Vote count | Percent |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Rep - John H. Cox | 194,324 | 52.61% |
| Dem - Gavin Newsom | 175,014 | 47.39% |
| Total | 369,338 | |

Lieutenant Governor

1072/1072 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|------------------------|------------|---------|
| Dem - Ed Hernandez | 141,405 | 48.34% |
| Dem - Eleni Kounalakis | 151,142 | 51.66% |
| Total | 292,547 | |

Secretary of State

1072/1072 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|----------------------|------------|---------|
| Dem - Alex Padilla | 181,701 | 49.61% |
| Rep - Mark P. Meuser | 184,539 | 50.39% |
| Total | 366,240 | |

Controller

1072/1072 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|
| Rep - Konstantinos Roditis | 180,553 | 49.56% |
| Dem - Betty T. Yee | 183,780 | 50.44% |
| Total | 364,333 | |

Treasurer

1072/1072 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|-------------------|------------|---------|
| Rep - Greg Conlon | 184,862 | 50.82% |
| Dem - Fiona Ma | 178,926 | 49.18% |
| Total | 363,788 | |

Attorney General

1072/1072 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|------------------------|------------|---------|
| Rep - Steven C. Bailey | 187,306 | 51.21% |
| Dem - Xavier Becerra | 178,442 | 48.79% |
| Total | 365,748 | |

Insurance Commissioner

1072/1072 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|---------------------|------------|---------|
| Dem - Ricardo Lara | 153,334 | 43.99% |
| Npp - Steve Poizner | 195,238 | 56.01% |
| Total | 348,572 | |

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

1072/1072 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|------------------|------------|---------|
| Marshall Tuck | 182,499 | 58.88% |
| Tony K. Thurmond | 127,425 | 41.12% |
| Total | 309,874 | |

Member, State Board of Equalization, District 4

1072/1072 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|---------------------|------------|---------|
| Rep - Joel Anderson | 188,601 | 52.57% |
| Dem - Mike Schaefer | 170,193 | 47.43% |
| Total | 358,794 | |

United States Senator

1072/1072 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|------------------------|------------|---------|
| Dem - Dianne Feinstein | 154,675 | 49.47% |
| Dem - Kevin De Leon | 157,958 | 50.53% |
| Total | 312,633 | |

Us Representative 36th District

397/397 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|------------------------------|------------|---------|
| Dem - Raul Ruiz | 71,658 | 56.98% |
| Rep - Kimberlin Brown Pelzer | 54,102 | 43.02% |
| Total | 125,760 | |

State Senator 28th District

547/547 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|------------------|------------|---------|
| Rep - Jeff Stone | 92,430 | 53.26% |
| Dem - Joy Silver | 81,101 | 46.74% |
| Total | 173,531 | |

State Assembly 71st District Riverside County

88/88 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| Dem - James Elia | 3,034 | 35.25% |
| Rep - Randy Voepel | 5,573 | 64.75% |
| Total | 8,607 | |

State Assembly District 71 - San Diego County results

reporting as of 5:13 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12

| Candidate | County votes | State votes | Percent |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| James Elia | 41,906 | 38.04% | 44,940 |
| Rep - Randy Voepel | 68,263 | 61.96% | 74,916 |
| | | | 62.28% |

Sheriff, Coroner & Public Administrator

1072/1072 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|-------------|------------|---------|
| Stan Sniff | 140,010 | 43.53% |
| Chad Bianco | 181,627 | 56.47% |
| Total | 321,637 | |

Measure X - Hemet Unified School District

85/85 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|-----------|------------|---------|
| Bonds Yes | 13,989 | 61.55% |
| Bonds No | 8,739 | 38.45% |
| Total | 22,728 | |

Commissioner, Idyllwild Fire Protection District

3/3 100%

| | Vote count | Percent |
|---------------------|------------|---------|
| Rhonda L. Andrewson | 509 | 31.21% |
| Ralph Hoetger | 414 | 25.38% |
| Henry Sawicki | 382 | 23.42% |
| Andrew Balendy | 326 | 19.99% |
| Total | 1,631 | |

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Tree Lighting more interactive, casual this year

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

There are changes wafting in the wintry air for this year's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony.

The biggest of them is that this year's festivities will be managed by the Idyllwild Community Center, with Chris Perreault chairing the entertainment activities planned for the event.

The second is that the tree that will be brilliantly lit is the sequoia near Fratello's, not the tree that has long been the center of the celebration. For years, the town Christmas tree has been slowly losing its vitality, kept in some measure of health by the heroic efforts of Phyllis Mueller and others.

Also, according to Perreault, this year's festivities are planned to be more casual and interactive, giving attendees the chance to meander and mix with Christmas characters at various photo opportunities within and around Idypark. "We'll have three smaller stages at points around the park, each with Christmas musical entertainment," said Perreault. Photo settings include a Christmas sleigh, the North Pole Post Office, a Gingerbread House and a log cabin.

For meandering and mixing, there will be Dickens characters, a gingerbread man, elves, a reindeer and other holiday characters with whom families and children can have their pictures taken. For the not so faint of heart, the Idy Beast will furtively lurk and skulk around, joined, I am told, by his girlfriend the Heidi Beast.

Diane Burt's Caroling Company will be featured lofting their impeccably sung Christmas fare, including famous carols written by Burt's father, Alfred Burt. There will be many opportunities for attendees to sing carols at any one of the three stages said Perreault.

In short, the Tree Lighting will be more laid back than in years past, with no program on a main stage around which celebrants must gather and wait for the arrival of Santa Claus and the tree to be lit. The event begins at 4 p.m. and runs to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24.

Also, according to Perreault the tree will be lit as soon as it is dark, so that people can stroll around bathed in its light enjoying the Christmas ambience. "The fence throughout the park will also be lit," said Perreault. "It will be beautiful."

Santa will be ensconced at the Gazebo in Village Centre, hosted by the Soroptimists, according to Perreault, during the afternoon and throughout the ceremony times.

Vendor booths will surround the park. "We'll have 16 booths helmed by local organizations including the Art Alliance, Forest Folk, Living Free, Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild, the Idyllwild Association of Realtors, Mountain Quilters, Idyllwild Fire Protection District, Spirit Mountain Retreat and others," said Reba Coulter.

The 52nd-annual Harvest Festival by Rotary International of Idyllwild is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Idyllwild School gymnasium. The free event features arts, crafts and food booths, and raffles.

From noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 22, the American Legion Post 800 will host a free Thanksgiving dinner for the public.

Mark your calendars, dress warmly, drink in the music, the lights and the crisp mountain air — it's Idyllwild at Christmas.

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Steele playing in Australia

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele plays this week in the 103rd Emirates Australian Open, the oldest and most prestigious tournament on the PGA Australasia Tour. His buddy, Keegan Bradley, is in the field, too.

The Idyllwild native will tee off Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. PST, playing with Greg Chalmers and Byeong Hun An. His round 2 tee time is not yet available.

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Master potter at Mountain Pottery

Dr. Arthur Tobias, a master potter, will give another presentation at Mountain Pottery in December.

From 7 to 8 p.m. Monday Dec. 10, Tobias will present another "Artists on Art" film, "Toshiko Takaazu." Snacks will be served and a discussion will follow.

The event is free and open to the public.

Middle Ridge Winery hosts 'Gospel Tunes for the Season'

This Sunday, Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery will host recording artist Patrice Morris for a captivating performance of classic and original gospel music.

For 12 years and counting, this quintessential singer/songwriter has kept her soul alive performing with The 5th Dimension much of the year, with gospel music in her heart.

Morris began singing in church choirs at age 5, deciding in her teens that she would make singing her profession. That Morris continues to deposit a lifetime legacy into the American musical lexicon is but one direct consequence of her talents.

"I knew early that a life inspired by God would provide the safest, most satisfying experience," Morris explained. "Living a musical life has centered me in profound ways. I know that I would have been miserable without it in my life. I love the way spiritual songs can deliver messages of encouragement and change lives. I feel complete, whole, at peace and blessed when I'm singing."

One of Morris' original favorites, "In the Valley," is a song she wrote during a period when she was going through struggles. "In the song," Morris said, "I explain my journey and how I praised God through, and was shown my way out of, the storm. This tune continues to inspire me."

Originally a Mississippi Christian, Morris accepted God's presence early. "Then I married a guy from Cali-



Patrice Morris will perform gospel music Sunday at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery. PHOTO COURTESY MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY

fornia who showed me that I could be Christian and fully enjoy life. He has fully supported my musical life. I owe much of this wonderful journey we share to him."

It takes considerable depth of character to stay true to the vision you see for your life. What advice can Morris offer others? "Women go through life with so many challenges. I've used my platform to help empower women, particularly my own daughter. I believe in instilling values and virtues by being an example in the way I live my life and by being consistent." This has offered her a life of following her own path without settling.

Morris will perform her distinctive brand of gospel magic from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Writing workshop at library

Katya Williamson presents "Ten Thousand Waves of Women's Voices," a writing workshop, bringing together the young, the wise and all people, in a collective for peace and harmony. There will be an opportunity to write at the event and share your original writing. All genders are welcome to come and join in this experience of community sharing. The free event is from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Idyllwild Library.

Golf volunteers needed

Grandfathers For Golf needs adult volunteer instructors of all skill levels. The program, which teaches kids how to play golf for free, has near-record numbers of kids signed up for instruction at Golden Era Golf Course in San Jacinto and Echo Hills Golf Course in Hemet. Volunteers are needed to both teach and supervise the kids. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. To find out how to help, call Tony Viola at 909-754-4148.



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WEEK OF MUSIC

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|  | Friday, Nov. 16 5:30-8:30 pm Dark Canyon Reserve Terry Jo & Jeff Hixon Folk Rock, Blues & Country |  | Sunday, Nov. 18 2:00-4:30 pm Patrice Morris OMG! Gospel Music |
|  | Saturday, Nov. 17 4:00-7:00 pm Jac Jacaruso & Miles Thomas Pop & Soft Rock |  | Friday, Nov. 23 5:00-8:00 pm Jason Lohrke Neil Diamond Tribute Artist |
| | |  | Saturday, Nov. 24 3:00-7:00 pm Miles Thomas Soft & Pop Rock |

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'Tis the Season to find the Help Center's Angel Trees. As a hint, **Peyton Manchee**; **Skye Zambrana**, client services administrator; **Colleen Meyer**, executive director of the Idyllwild Help Center; and **Katie White**, owner of Idyllwild Bake and Brew, have found one. Another might be in Fairway, and shortly, one for books, can be found at the Idyllwild Library. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



The group "Moawmik" performed at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, Nov. 9. Here the members are (from left) **Monica Sierras**, **Colin Smith**, **Tawny Harrington** and **Mikele Kreitner**. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



Sunday afternoon, **Oleh Krysa**, violin professor at Eastman School of Music, and Dr. **Douglas Ashcraft**, piano, performed at the **William M. Lowman Concert Hall** at Idyllwild Arts. The highlight was Krysa's solo performance of Bach's "Chaconne Partita No 2 in D minor." PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Idyllwild Arts held its Visual Arts Theme Show at Parks Exhibition Center on Idyllwild Arts Academy campus Friday night. Well-attended, students, staff, faculty and many others came to the exhibition to support their friends and students. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Kim Henderson shares some of her writings during the latest Idyllwild Storytellers program at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Nov. 10. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



The latest speaker in the Idy Talks Arts in Society series was **Nikki Taro** (right), an Idyllwild Arts Film and Digital Media major. Her presentation was Thursday evening at the Town Gallery. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the ARF cats were a slight bit irritated that ARF dogs get more attention.

Indigo: No surprise. I just took a head count, and we are all here. Still.

Pepper: (Begins to cry) I don't know why. I really don't.

Zeus: Aw, don't cry Pepper! We try, we really do. I let any- and every-one pet me.

Bear: And I look so handsome for everyone who comes into the cattery.

Indigo: So, here is the deal, and I guess we need to learn to live with it. Many humans just don't understand that we cats take a little time to warm up to them. We need to trust them!

Heavenly Whiskers: No kidding. I see humans walk into the cattery and take a look around at us (some of us kind of like to hide, it's true). Then they just leave. Walk right out.

Carly: How can they get to know us when they do that?

Pepper: (Sniffing) I don't know. It's just not in me to run up to a human, but once he sits quietly and gives me a little time, I'm there.

Indigo: Me, too! I'm in the office, usually in my condo just watching all the goings-on. But if someone talks to me and has a seat, I want to get to know her.

Zeus: We just aren't dogs.

Bear: Duh.

Zeus: What I mean is we don't respond to humans the way dogs do. Well, except for Panther. He was very special.

Heavenly Whiskers: And that's why he found his forever home so easily. I wish I could be like him, but I'm just not.

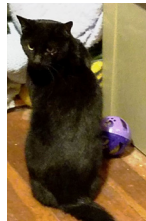
Zeus: We make such loyal, loving family members.

Bear: So much like dogs!

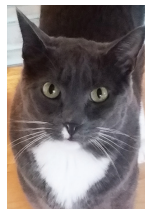
Indigo: Patience, my fellow felines. Patience.

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

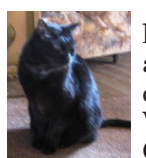
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Indigo



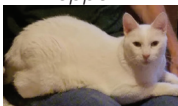
Mr. Gray



Bear



Pepper



Zeus



Cristie Scott, manager of the Parks Exhibition Space and Gallery at Idyllwild Arts, was the featured speaker of the Spotlight on Leadership series, presented as part of the monthly meeting of the Associates of the Idyllwild Art Foundation on Monday, Nov. 12. Scott spoke about her background in art, art administration and education, including time spent working in various capacities at Idyllwild Arts, leading up to her present position. She brings her belief statement that "art energizes communities" to life by managing the gallery, teaching an art class and raising a 1-year-old son. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Ignacio "Nacho" Garcia (left) shared with members and guests of the Idyllwild Rotary Club at its Wednesday, Nov. 7 meeting, who he is. This is a tradition of the club as a way of introducing new members. Garcia told about the sense of community he developed growing up in Los Angeles and maintained throughout his careers in the Marines, and then in the aerospace and insurance industries. He has continued his community involvement in Idyllwild, extensively volunteering for Rotary projects, and becoming a very important member of the club in a short time. Rotary President **Chris Scott** presents a Rotary squirrel to Garcia. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

Dance

Fall Dance Concert

November 14

November 15

November 16

7:30 PM

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James Bachmann, the art of dreaming

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Fifteen-year-old Idyllwild resident James Bachmann is preparing to open his own gallery on North Circle Drive. The gallery will showcase James' paintings, as well as the art of other young artists. And James will helm the gallery as host and proprietor during the hours it is open. Asked why he is undertaking this venture at so young an age, given all he has been through, James said, "It's my dream."

There is a famous quote from Shakespeare's "The Tempest," that best informs James' choice — "We are such things as dreams are made on." Dreams are not, for those who act on them, ephemeral or frivolous. Dreams are the fundamental fabric of which remarkable individuals are made. And for a diminutive young man with a shy gaze and a merry glint in his eye, James has big dreams and outsized determination.

For the last seven years, James has faced serious health challenges that could sap the will of many adults. In 2011 while visiting family in Switzerland, James was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a brain tumor in the region of the brain at the base of the skull. Surgery removed 80 percent of the first tumor.

He then had six months of chemotherapy, a bone-marrow transplant, followed by 30 days of radiation.

In 2012, doctors in California discovered a second tumor. James underwent a two-year trial of a new chemotherapy



During two interviews and visits to the gallery space, James Bachmann discussed his vision for the gallery and its grand opening from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

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regimen. Throughout the progress and reverses, James and parents Tommy and Kristen Bachmann, owners of Tommy's Kitchen in Idyllwild, have worked to support James' dreams and together find hope and purpose.

Prior to moving from Orange County to Idyllwild in 2014, while James was undergoing treatment, he became interested in ventriloquism. For his "make a wish," he got to meet famed comedian and ventriloquist Jeff Dunham who inspired James to pursue his imagination

and interests further.

After the family moved to Idyllwild, again during a period of treatments, James met Idyllwild artist Jerry Baccaire, who became a mentor in the arts, launching James into painting.

For James more than many, his dreams have become his art. And his art has sustained and motivated him to remain unflappable and committed to his ventures, no matter the obstacles.

When you enter "Young Art of Idyllwild, an art gallery for kids run by a

kid," you may find James at his drawing table, situated so that he can see all who come in his door. On the right wall are paintings and art by those featured this month — James, Haley Neu and Madison Hawkins.

James is billed as a multimedia painter — acrylics, watercolors, pastels and digital art. Neu, 18, is an Idyllwild Arts Academy graduate and will be featured with pencil drawings, acrylic paintings and human-figure studies.

Finally, Hawkins, 17, will showcase pencil drawings and sketches.

James' mother Kristen said two young artists from Orange County also will be featured, one a sketch artist and the other decorates pens. Both also have faced medical issues.

James is excited that his father will be catering the gallery opening and that there will be live music. All art is for sale. Sixty percent goes to the artist, 30 percent to the house and 10 percent to Megan's Wings, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit assisting families across Southern California through the Children's Hospitals and Cancer Centers.

Young Art of Idyllwild has its grand opening and open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16. The gallery will subsequently be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday to Sunday. It is located just up from Tommy's Kitchen.

Asked if anyone would be assisting him doing gallery hours, James said, "No, it will be just me."

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

Ken Gioeli (far right) leads his crew in planting trees donated by Jack Stone for the Young Idyllwild Demonstration Garden. Also shown are Kevin Turner (left) and Christian Maldonado (background). PHOTO COURTESY APRIL PALMER



Young Idyllwild Demonstration Garden grows

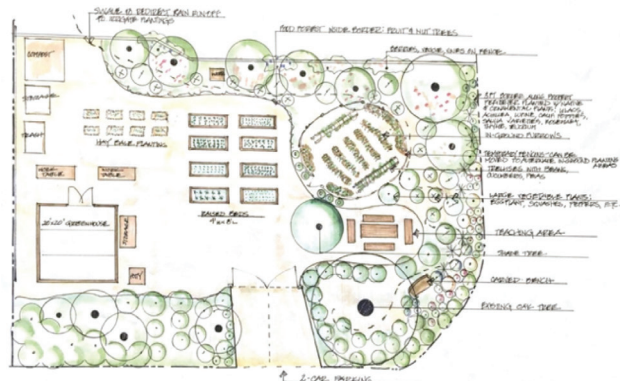
The Young Idyllwild Demonstration Garden enjoyed a leap forward recently with a donation of fruit tree varieties made by Jack Stone in honor of his late wife Joan McIvor, who was an avid gardener.

Planting of the trees was made possible by Ken Gioeli, noted local landscape designer/builder. Gioeli and members of his crew, Romi Rankin, Kevin Turner, Andy Perez and Christian Maldonado, made short work of removing the trees from Stone's property and planting them at the Demonstration Garden site on the corner of North Circle Avenue and Alderwood Street.

IDG coordinators Bob Greenameyer and April Palmer invite members of the community to get involved in developing the garden and participating in the upcoming classes and activities. Winter projects will include

starting seedlings in the greenhouse and continuing development of the site.

For more information, email info@youngidyllwild.org or call Bob Greenameyer at 858-382-4638.



Young Idyllwild's Demonstration Garden vision

Chess club is on Fridays

The Idyllwild Chess Club meets from 1 to 5 p.m. every Friday at the Idyllwild Library. Beginners are encouraged to come and learn the "royal game." Bring a chess set if you have one.

Hunters warned about fire areas

Fires throughout California have affected access to public lands in many locations that are normally heavily used during the fall general hunting season openers.

Archery deer hunters on scouting expeditions around the state are already encountering restricted access to desirable properties, according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. As the general deer seasons approach in many California hunting zones, hunters are reminded to research the areas where they intend to hunt or scout to be sure those areas are free from fire restrictions.

Check the websites of those agencies who manage the land you intend to visit or where you have reservations.

Karaoke is back at the Legion

Karaoke night is returning to the American Legion but now also will include dancing, DJ music and music videos. The free event begins at 6 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month.

Washington's quarterly meeting

Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington will be in Idyllwild to meet with constituents in scheduled 15-minute meetings from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the Idyllwild Library, a change from his original date of this Friday, Nov. 2.

To schedule a meeting with Washington, call his office at 951-955-1030.

'MeepersBots' at the library

Children and families are invited to "MeepersBots," a STEAM program at Idyllwild Library from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Be sure to sign up with the library so there will be enough supplies. The event is free.

Foundation doubles donations

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, Nov. 14

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Fall Dance Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. IAF Bowman Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m.: "Meep-erBots," 1:30-2:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Holistic healing circle, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

Thursday, Nov. 15

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Fall Dance Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. IAF Bowman Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.
- DJ Mike, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Friday, Nov. 16

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Fall Dance Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. IAF Bowman Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Chess Club, 1-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Terry Jo & Jeff Hixon (acoustic rock, folk rock, blues & country), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, dancing, DJ & music videos, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- DJ Dennis Blaze, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Saturday, Nov. 17

- Garner Valley Craft Faire, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 61600 Devils Ladder Rd.
- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- "Ten Thousand Waves of Women's Voices," Katya Williamson, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Jac Jacaruso & Miles Thomas (pop & soft rock guitar), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- Tease Band, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Sunday, Nov. 18

- "OMG! Gospel Music," Patrice Morris, 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Monday, Nov. 19

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

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Tuesday, Nov. 20

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Ukulele class, 11 a.m. Royal Pines Trailer Park clubhouse.
- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
- Free pool, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Latin Night, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Wednesday, Nov. 21

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, Nov. 22

- Free Thanksgiving dinner, noon-3 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- DJ Mike, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Friday, Nov. 23

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Jason Lohrke (Neil Diamond tribute artist), 5-9 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- DJ Mike, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Saturday, Nov. 24

- Family Game Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Miles Thomas (soulful soft & pop rock guitar), 3-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- The Cougrzz Band, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Monday, Nov. 26

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

Tuesday, Nov. 27

- Idyllwild Knitting Club, 9:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Church.
- Visual Arts Student Theme Show, 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.
- Free pool, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Latin Night, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.



Idyllwild Arts presented "A Year With Frog and Toad" Saturday in Rush Hall on campus. This student-run production was very popular and was well attended. This is a touring production, and has bookings throughout Southern California, including Pasadena. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Finn Altschuler plays a trumpet solo as other members of Combo Armstrong look on Friday evening at the Jazz Combos concert at Idyllwild Arts. Other musicians pictured are (from left) Mark Beebe, alto sax; Briley Miller, guitar; Raymond Godfrey, bass; and Maggie Boyd, trombone. Eleven additional jazz artists participated in the two combos that performed to a packed Stephens Recital Hall. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

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Free art classes for home schoolers

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild is in the process of arranging art classes for home-schooled students. These two-hour classes are free of charge and will be offered once a month at a venue in Idyllwild.

An experienced local art instructor will teach the art classes. One class will be scheduled for younger students and another for older students.

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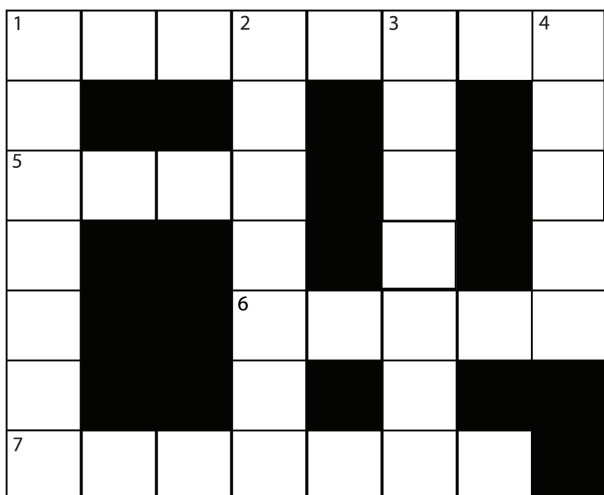


★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★



Homeroom teacher Mr. Leih chose seventh graders **Jessa Smith** and **Hunter Stewart** as this week's students of the week. Mr. Leih said "Jessa is a wonderful example of what an Idyllwild Middle School student should be. Each day, with her warm smile and great attitude, she comes to school prepared to work and eager to learn. She shows kindness to others in so many ways and is always willing to help others." Of Hunter, Mr. Leih said he "shines at Idyllwild Middle School. He is an outstanding problem solver, engages in classroom discussions with an excitement all his own and has a wonderful, caring personality. He excels academically in all subjects and his love of learning shows others how they too can be their best." PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Metabolism disorder
- 5. Burn crisply
- 6. Opposite of "outer"
- 7. Type of sugar

DOWN

- 1. Healthcare providers
- 2. Prevents movement
- 3. Occupants
- 4. Sweet substance

Down
1. Doctors 2. Barrier 3. Tenants 4. Sugar

Across
1. Diabetes 5. Char 6. Inner 7. Sucrose

Answers:



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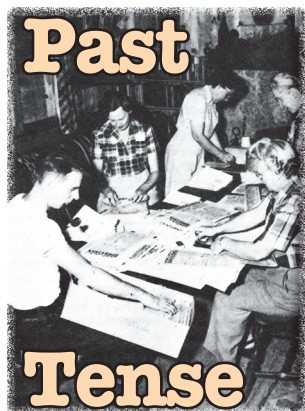
Three entries re: last week's photo, all correct, from **Rochelle Ainsworth**, **Dave Hunt** and **Kris Kirschbaum**. All spotted the commemorative plaque for **Pam Sundling** that is at the northeast corner of the Fort, near the Children's Christmas tree. The top line of the plaque that I cropped off in the contest photo reads "This Christmas tree."

Evelyn Johnson pulled Dave's name from the hat, so he wins the prize. Our **Town Crier** contest prizes are supplied through the courtesy and generosity of the **Red Kettle** restaurant and **Higher Grounds** coffee house.

So, on to this week's photo of another commemorative. One entry per household. Contest deadline: Mon-



day 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.



70 years ago - 1948
Sen. William Knowland, an overnight guest at the Idyllwild Inn, met formally with Hill residents to discuss local affairs.

65 years ago - 1953
Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary met to sew gift projects for the Veterans Hospital.

60 years ago - 1958
The Rotary Club announced a Halloween party for grade-school students. The Lions Club was feting teenagers.

55 years ago - 1963
A Cal Electric construction crew started work on a new 33,000-volt line that would double the volume of power in the Idyllwild area. It was to supplement the line that was extended from Mountain Center in 1947.

50 years ago - 1968
A representative of J.P. Edmunson Co., nationwide tourism firm, announced the company had purchased 2,000 acres in Garner Valley. The firm mentioned plans for 2,000 to 2,500 vacation homes initially, plus a golf course and lake.

45 years ago - 1973
There was excitement when the Idyllwild County Water District tested a



Dwight Metcalfe (left) receives a life membership card for the American Legion Post 800. **John Reed** (right) made the presentation with **George Fales** in November 1974. FILE PHOTO

new well in its watershed a mile above Foster Lake. The well was producing 100 gallons a minute at 560 feet.

40 years ago - 1978
Hill residents talked about what they were doing to win the battle against inflation. Some solutions offered were growing a vegetable garden, burning wood as fuel and buying food in bulk.

35 years ago - 1983
A school bus crash was simulated as part of a training exercise involving mountain emergency service units. Representatives from the Idyllwild Fire Department, California Department of Forestry, Mountain Area Disaster Preparedness, U.S. Forest Service, the sheriff's office, Hemet Valley Ambulance service and Mt. San

Jacinto State Park participated in the exercise.

30 years ago - 1988
Then-owners of the Rustic Theatre Morrie and Sara Bronson were fighting Riverside County over regulations requiring them to build a parking lot with 84 parking spaces.

25 years ago - 1993
A tree on Lodge Road fell and crushed an Acura Legend owned by Lynnda Allen of Fern Valley. Strong winds caused the tree to fall. It was removed later that day.

20 years ago - 1998
After 34 years of volunteer service, George Kretsinger retired from the Idyllwild Fire Protection District.

15 years ago - 2003
As wildfires raged

in Southern California, the annual Great Pumpkin Parade was canceled and the carnival events were moved indoors to Idyllwild School due to fire-safety concerns on the mountain.

10 years ago - 2008
Idyllwild resident Greg Schultejan completed the last leg of a four-day, 420-mile bicycle charity ride to raise money for Marines injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. Schultejan and the other 20 cyclists raised more than \$70,000.

1 year ago - 2017
Idyllwild's own Stratford Players presented a holiday confection — something sweet, something tuneful, something thoughtful, and, of course, something merry, all designed to "Make Spirits Bright."

GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: INSULIN VIAL

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

• **1533:** FRANCISCO PIZARRO ARRIVES IN THE CAPITAL OF THE INCAN EMPIRE.

• **1806:** EXPLORER ZEBULON PIKE SPOTS THE MOUNTAIN TOP THAT IS NOW CALLED PIKES PEAK.

• **1939:** PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT LAYS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE JEFFERSON MEMORIAL.

How they say that in...

ENGLISH: Blood

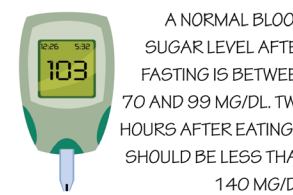
SPANISH: Sangre

ITALIAN: Sangue

FRENCH: Sang

GERMAN: Blut

Did You Know?



A NORMAL BLOOD SUGAR LEVEL AFTER FASTING IS BETWEEN 70 AND 99 MG/DL. TWO HOURS AFTER EATING IT SHOULD BE LESS THAN 140 MG/DL.

New Word

MONITOR

device used to check something



THE HORMONE INSULIN HELPS MAINTAIN STEADY SUGAR LEVELS IN THE BLOOD. INSULIN IS PRODUCED IN WHICH PART OF THE BODY?

ANSWER: PANCREAS

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