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Idyology hosted many New Year's Eve families; some enjoyed playing cards before 2018 ended. For more New Year's Eve photos, see B2 and B7. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

IWD may have new general manager soon
And a chief operating officer

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District directors appear to be within 30 days of naming a successor to former General Manager Jack Hoagland, whose contract expired Dec. 31, 2018, and was not renewed.

The board held its fourth special and closed meeting in the past month, Friday, Dec 28. After that session, President Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly reported that he and his colleagues hoped to have negotiated contracts with someone as the next general manager and another individual as the first chief operating officer during January.

Schelly did acknowledge that the board had narrowed its choices to one person for each position.

Residential break-ins focus of Monday meeting

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

As a result of a rash of home break-ins, some reported and some unreported, Joel Feingold has organized another town meeting to discuss the situation and bring awareness to these nocturnal activities here in town.

Feingold has invited Capt. Leonard Purvis and Lt. Zach Hall, both from the Riverside County Sheriff's Hemet Station. Hall will discuss the importance of reporting these crimes, even if they are

not immediate. "Accurate reporting drives staffing considerations, directed enforcement operations, public outreach and education, and other useful tools we use to combat crime," he wrote in an email.

About 15 months ago, a similar community gathering was held. One major myth, which Purvis quickly dispelled then, was the presence of gangs coming to the Hill and committing the break-ins.

Purvis popped that balloon with his response that "... hasn't

been on our radar. There is no major crime syndicate here. It's mostly a homeless issue and problem."

Feingold simply wants to reacquaint residents, especially new home owners, to the issue. The regular late night or early morning patrols of the business area have continued since they began in the fall of 2017. The current series of break-ins have largely been concentrated in the residential neighborhoods.

At the 2017 meeting, some interest was expressed to expand Valley Forge Private Security

patrols to the residential areas. Unfortunately, this would cost some money and never occurred. This possibility may be discussed Monday.

This meeting is not about VFHS and its patrols, which are just one tool to try to limit crime in Idyllwild. Feingold expects several topics to be discussed and assumes the audience will have questions opening up many more topics.

The meeting will be 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at Town Hall.

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Top Idyllwild stories of 2018, part I

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Cranston Fire

Wednesday, July 25, the third of four consecutive days of heat warnings, started with blue skies, hardly any clouds, but hot. No one but one man, an arsonist, had any idea how hot that day and days that followed would get.

The Cranston Fire began that morning. At 11:45 a.m., 911 (emergency dispatch) received a call reporting the fire. It quickly endangered the town, moving near Idyllwild Arts Academy and spreading east below Double View Drive.

By Thursday morning, Gov. Jerry Brown had declared a state of emergency in Riverside County because of this blaze. The Federal Emergency Disaster Administration also issued its disaster declaration.

The trees, shrubs and vegetation along Highway 74, west to Hemet, began burning. A huge column of black smoke rose into the sky. It could be seen for miles. Idyllwild Fire, the U.S. Forest Service, and local Cal Fire and Riverside County Fire units were alerted and responded.

Before noon, Highway 74 was closed to all traffic but fire emergency vehicles.

By 12:37 p.m., Highway 243 from Banning was closed to traffic, too. The fire

plumes were towering over the Hill and creating shadows in the desert.

Two minutes later, "Cal Fire wants the entire mountain shut down," read California Highway Patrol's online tracking system.

Within four hours, the Cranston Fire, its official name, had grown to 1,200 acres and fire officials could claim no containment. Besides threatening the south edge of Idyllwild, the fire was rapidly approaching Mountain Center. Power went out during the afternoon. The outage affected 4,000 customers in Idyllwild and Mountain Center, and another 5,200 Anza Electric Cooperative customers.

Evacuations of Mountain Center communities, including south to Apple Valley and Hurkey Creek, and Idyllwild were ordered. Riverside County quickly established an emergency evacuation center at Banning High School, at the base of the Hill along Highway 243.

By evening, the fire had consumed 4,700 acres, with no containment. Some houses already had been destroyed. But Cal Fire also reported that Brandon McGlover, 32, of Temecula, had been arrested. He initially was charged with five counts of arson to wildland. Two days later, Riverside County District Attorney Michael Hestrin announced

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An air tanker dropping fire retardant on the Cranston Fire. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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Some moisture and a lot of cold at beginning of 2019

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Once again the holiday weather was a good reflection of the season — winter.

By the time 2019 arrived, rain and snow had fallen over the Hill. However, the interesting result was that the more southern locales were wetter than the northern ones.

More than half an inch of rain was reported at Thomas Mountain and slightly more than 0.4 inches of rain at the U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Station. About a quarter inch of rain fell in the Pinyon and Sage areas, but Idyllwild Fire recorded just 0.12 inches on New Year's Eve.

New Year's Day was less blustery than expected, but very cold. Morning temperatures in Idyllwild were below freezing and barely reached 40 degrees in the afternoon.

That was the precursor to New Year's Day night and early Jan. 2, when temperatures fell even lower. Only Anza remained above freezing at 32 degrees. Garner Valley was a crisp 27, Mountain Center recorded 25 degrees at 4 a.m., while Idyllwild and Pine Cove awoke to temperatures below 20 degrees.

Wednesday remained cool and cold at night.

The National Weather Service expects a slight storm, possibly snow at the higher elevations, over the weekend, and warmer days next week.

"The early part of next week looks to be mostly fair and mild under weak high pressure, but the models are indicating the arrival of another low pressure system for next Wed/Thu," was the forecast Wednesday morning.

Despite concern of possible flooding in the Cranston Fire burn areas this weekend, NWS Meteorologist Alex Tardy wrote in an email, "There is a storm expected [to] move through but not major for Saturday night and Sunday morning. Looks like quarter to half inch (0.25 to 0.75) will be the most likely totals (Sat-



New Year's Eve afternoon brought a winter wonderland to Garner Valley. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



The American Legion Post 800 Honor Guard and hundreds of spectators salute the American flag as it was raised over the dedication of Idypark Saturday, May 26. Idypark, dedicated to veterans and first responders, is the idea and creation of Loie and Dave Butterfield. Young and older sequoia trees line Idypark's perimeter. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Top 10

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that his office had filed 15 felony counts related to nine separate fires. The largest was the Cranston Fire. The nine arson fires were all set the same day, July 25, and were in the Idyllwild, Anza and Sage areas.

At the end of the second day, the fire was estimated to have grown to 7,500 acres and containment was 5 percent. More than a thousand firefighters and support were already on scene.

Thursday was the critical day for the Cranston Fire. Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz said, "Idyllwild dodged a bullet. Incredible firefighting, aggressive air attack and the fuel breaks made the difference."

As the fire continued to spread Friday, air attack kept dropping water and retardant to slow its advance. Late in the afternoon, Southern California Edison had restored power to Idyllwild and most of the Hill. The exceptions were Mountain Center and the Anza Coop.

On Sunday morning, July 29, after more than 13,000 acres, several residences and other structures had been burned, the evacuation was lifted. Residents could begin returning home.

Monday evening, the Incident Management Team organized a community meeting at Idyllwild School. They discussed the fire size, the damage it caused and plans for control. Several times a comment from a fire official was followed by thunderous and grateful applause.

"Every day has been better and better," said IMT Operations Section Chief Billy Steers.

Riverside County Sheriff's Department Deputy Frank James complimented the community on its attitude, both during and after the evacuation.

"This community is awesome, and we appreciate it. We appreciate your patience during this stressing and frustrating time," James said.

The principal disappointment was that Highway 74 west to Hemet would remain closed for days. The only ways to and from Idyllwild were Highway 243 north to Banning, or Highway 74 southeast to Palm Desert and Highway 371 west to Temecula.

The fire's damage to trees and road structures required Caltrans to take precautions before opening the roads. The work included Southern California Edison replacing damaged electric poles, and Caltrans replacing and repairing guard rails and more.

The Cranston Fire started 10 days after the fifth anniversary of the Mountain Fire. Ironically, the areas burned in the earlier fire had been torched again, but with substantially less dangerous fuel, helping firefighters.

Fire officials also attributed the work done to create and to maintain fuel breaks around the town as critical safety investments.

Normality has been slowly returning. Driving west to Hemet, the burned areas



Thirteen new deer were delivered to Idyllwild for the Art Alliance of Idyllwild in January. AAI planned to expand the Deer Herd. The six bucks, four does and three fawns were grazing at True Value Hardware until project artists are ready to prepare them to join the existing herd. Introducing the new deer to Idyllwild are (from left) Mike Hellerud, Carlos "Desert" Chavez, AAI board member Gary Kuscher, Jill Peebles, Eddie Ramirez and Jim Adams of True Value. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

are clearly visible for miles. It will take years for vegetation to return.

On Thursday, Aug. 2, the IMT returned command of the fire to the San Bernardino National Forest. The team had been managing the response to the fire for a week.

The next day most of the closures within the San Jacinto Ranger District of the SBNF were lifted. "Recreational sites that remain closed include the South Ridge Trail, the South Ridge Road and a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail," according to the Aug. 4 update. These closures were to remain in effect through July 31, 2019, but were lifted mid-December, including the portion of the PCT closed since the 2013 Mountain Fire.

On Aug. 4, full power was restored to the Anza Electric Co-op customers.

Finally, on Saturday, Aug. 10, the Forest Service announced that the Cranston Fire was 100 percent contained. It had burned 13,139 acres.

Highway 74 was opened with escorts on Aug. 3. But on Saturday night, Aug. 11, Caltrans removed the need for escort vehicles.

However, Caltrans Public Information Officer Shelli Lombardo cautioned that some delays would still occur as work continues on the damaged portions of the highway.

Next became the alerts and warnings about flooding and debris flows.

Idypark

One of the top 10 stories for 2017 described the purchase of JoAn's Restaurant, which was in the circle in front of the Fort and across Ridgeview Drive from the Gastrognome. It sold during the fall and was razed.

In 2018, Idypark replaced it.

Memorial Day 2018 was the dedication of Idypark, which returned the site to its original purpose. For many years in the 1950s into the 1970s, the site was called Eleanor Park, a reference to Eleanor Johnson, wife of Jerry Johnson, one of the builders of Idyllwild after World War II.

"As the center of town, we envision it to be a peaceful, beautiful location for all



The ceremonial groundbreaking for the long-awaited Idyllwild Community Center was Saturday morning, May 26. Here (from left) Dave and Loie Butterfield, generous benefactors to the community; Robert Priefer, a long-time advocate for a community center; Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington, an important supporter of the project; and Janice Lyle, president of the San Jacinto Mountain Community Center, which planned and oversees the work. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

to enjoy," wrote Dave Butterfield, who with his wife Loie, own Idylpark LLC, the new owner of the parcel.

Two other local business people, Shane Stewart, owner of Idyllwild Realty, and Bob Hughes of Hughes Properties, contributed to the effort making Idypark a reality for the benefit and enjoyment of the community.

Last spring, in anticipation of the park's opening and dedication, Pine Cove Water District donated three sequoia trees to the site. The trees were on the district's property in Dutch Flats. PCWD General Manager Jerry Holldber told the board that Butterfield assured him that sufficient water would be available for the trees at their new location.

An arborist was contracted to develop

a plan for protecting the massive sequoias already on the site. Next, the stonewall was built along the pathways into the park center.

At the center of Idypark stands a 50-foot flag pole, which was dedicated to first responders and veterans.

"I feel we owe that to veterans and first responders," Butterfield said. "They take a lot of abuse for things they haven't done." Many were present at the dedication, which American Legion Post 800's Color Guard led. Buzz Holmes directed the Idyllwild Master Chorale and Local Color in several patriotic songs.

Just prior to the Idypark dedication was the ground breaking for the Idyllwild Community Center.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Friday 1/4



Tuesday 1/8



Saturday 1/5



Wednesday 1/9



Sunday 1/6



Thursday 1/10



Monday 1/7



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

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
12/25	41	34	0.32	0.0
12/26	46	26	0.02	0.0
12/27	44	28	0.00	0.0
12/28	41	26	0.00	0.0
12/29	44	18	0.00	0.0
12/30	55	27	0.00	0.0
12/31	37	28	0.12	0.0
01/01	39	20	0.01	0.0
01/02	46	18	0.00	0.0

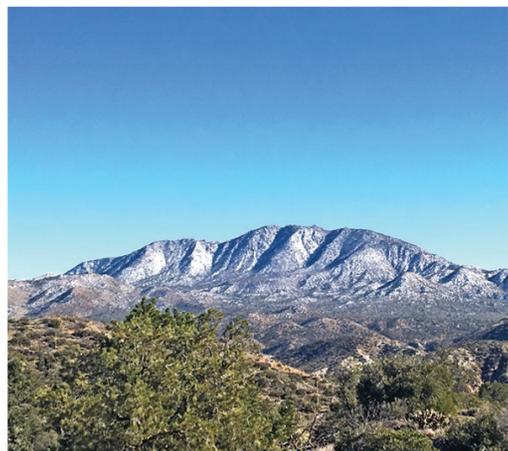
Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
12/25	61	37	0.00	0.0
12/26	62	37	0.00	0.0
12/27	66	37	0.00	0.0
12/28	69	36	0.00	0.0
12/29	70	37	0.00	0.0
12/30	65	36	0.00	0.0
12/31	62	36	0.00	0.0
01/01	64	35	0.00	0.0
01/02	68	42	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. [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 Wednesday afternoon on the Hill. A New Year's Eve snow still gracing the mountain peaks two days later. PHOTO BY EDDIE CALZAR



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

PHOTO COURTESY JIM WIESEN

Flowers of the forest for 2018

Throughout their lives, all of the people in this annual tribute were connected to Idyllwild. And because these are such small communities, many of the names that appear in Town Crier obituaries have appeared in past pages of the Town Crier when those people were alive. In that sense, they live on in the written history of our community, as well as in the memories of the people they left behind.

They were volunteers for one of the many organizations on the Hill, they were friends, they were relatives of a close friend, they were co-workers, they were fellow students and they were family. They were part of our community. We pause to memorialize in our first newspaper of the new year, the names of 51 people who died in 2018 and five whose passings were reported after the 2017 Flowers of the Forest was published:

Howard Calvin Ashby
Joel Kelly "Joy" Atilano
Donna Carol Barucza
Joseph William "Doc" Bernier
Nancy Virginia Bonham
David Elliot Bradish
Geoffrey Caine
Charles "Chuck" Clayton
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Antoinette Feyder
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Marsha Freed
Robert Fulton
Marvin Bertis Giese
Cheryle Hamilton
Stephanie Jayne Hamlet

John Charles Holt
Ardis Ruth Jackson
Paul Douglas Kirk
George J. Kretsinger
Russell Kenneth Lawler
Michelle Ledbetter
Mabel May Lein
Dr. Richard MacNeal
Tracy Maholland
Larry Eugene Medinger
James Mettler
Lenore Miller
Grace Moore
Daniel Gilbert Morris
David Wesley Pittman
Dr. Anne Marie Bennstrom
Prescott
Laveda "Lee" Ralstin
Robert Alan "Ross" Ross-Clunis
Donn Roderick Schoenmann

Eliza "Lydee" Scudder
Shirley Marie Severtson
Patricia A. Smith
Dawn Sorenson
David Strom
Brian Ryland Thompson
Frank A. Thompson Jr.
Jeffrey Hubbs Turner
Brenda Lorraine Underwood
Anneliese Maria Vollmar
Lilah Grace Whitney
Brent M. Witham

Passed away in 2017:
Barbara Ann Carroll
Ruby Allene Curtis
Douglas Kincaid
Virginia McKee
Lloyd G. Wood

Top stories

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At that ceremony, Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington read a county Board of Supervisors proclamation, which recognizes the Butterfields, not only for the gift of the Community Center, but also for the creation of Idypark.

Originally from New England, Butterfield said, "It's not unusual to see a village square in the towns. Every time we looked at this it was a perfect place — a present for the community."

"There's no place in town to just sit and talk," he continued. "Here, the community can enjoy the village square and it's always been a vision of ours."

Cannabis

Cannabis activities, from growing to selling, will be legal in Riverside County in 2019. The Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance 348.4898, which establishes regulations and development standards for cannabis activities within the unincorporated areas of the county.

As of Dec. 26, 2018, the county Planning Department began to accept conditional use permit applications for testing, distribution, manufacturing and wholesale nurseries of commercial cannabis.

Applicants for commercial cannabis retail and cultivation uses must participate in the county's proposal process. The county will seek and evaluate proposals from interested parties. In the first year of implementation of the ordinance, the county will accept and process 50 cultivation and 19 retail conditional use applications. This process will be the basis for selecting and awarding county business licenses for cannabis selling and growing.

In August 2017, the board held a workshop clarifying that cannabis activities were still illegal within the unincorporated areas of Riverside County despite the electorate's approval of statewide Proposition 64 and the Adult Use of Marijuana Act passed in November 2016.

The board did direct staff to prepare a workshop in early 2018 to discuss the issues around legalization of cannabis activities and the resulting effect on unincorporated communities. The workshop was held March 20.

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries (1st District) related how illegal dispensaries open, are shut down and reopen throughout his district without paying any county revenue. While he opposed Prop 64, he shared, "We're losing this war. The voters of my district voted in favor of [Prop 64]. In my unincorporated areas, the voters have spoken."

After more discussion, the supervisors agreed that staff should continue to develop ordinances for the regulation of the budding business.

Any new ordinance affecting land-use would pass through the county's Planning Commission, which held two hearings — June 20 and July 18.

Dozens of residents came forward to support and to



Idyllwild School's new Mountain Bike team prepares for another practice ride in this January photo. From left are **Michael Stroud, Jake Fey, Colby Sonnier, Mei Li Stroud, Jakob Parsons, Seth White** and Coach **Josh White.**

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



A sextet of Idyllwild Arts Academy jazz students performed at the Berklee High School Jazz Festival in Boston in February and took third place. Here they are playing one of their four sets, (from left) **Moe Dunaevsky** (piano), **Raymond Godfrey** (bass), **Caelen Perkins** (drums), and saxophonists **Mark Bebee, Franciso De La Garz** and **Mo Fienberg.** Directed by **Paul Carman,** the ensemble won third place for small ensembles or classes in the S4 group. PHOTO BY DAVE GREEN

oppose the legalization of commercial cannabis in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. Often the opposition came from residents who felt they were already experiencing, on a smaller scale, changes and impositions that would make their lives and communities far less comfortable if cannabis activities, particularly cultivation, were permitted.

Since cannabis businesses would be subject to county zoning and land use rules, the draft ordinance prohibited cultivation in several all residential zones, including R-R, R-A and W-2 zones.

But several speakers who live in these zones objected. One Anza resident argued that her 20-acre parcel, zoned R-R, was large enough to apply any setback requirement to protect neighbors from the odors.

Several Aguanga residents argued the opposite. They were glad that cultivation and other activities would be prohibited in their rural neighborhoods. The condition of their roads was a primary reason for restricting any commercial activity in their area.



The 2018 Women's Marches occurred throughout the state and world. Millions of women and men marched in support of women's issues, including several hundred here in Idyllwild. The theme this year was "Power to the Polls." PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



At 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, Idyllwild School students joined hundreds of thousands of other students across the nation to walk out of class and honor the 17 victims of the February Parkland, Florida, school shooting, and urge for more gun control. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

At the end of the June Planning Commission hearing, staff was asked to revise the ordinance and address several questions posed during the hearing.

After the July hearing, the commission approved the draft ordinance and referred it to the Board of Supervisors for approval or rejection.

The board met Oct. 23, and after listening to the public and debate among the supervisors, approved the ordinance. The vote was 3-2, supervisors John Tavaglione and Marion Ashley opposing the changes. Some details, such as whether cultivation may be permitted within the R-R, R-A and W-2 zones, which are residential, is to be further studied and is still to be decided.

Commercial cannabis operators and owners will
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Annually, around the first of the year, we review the top 10 stories affecting Idyllwild of the prior year and also list all those we know we lost in the prior year in "Flowers of the Forest."

2018 proved to be a horrific year for many of us because of the Cranston Fire. But most of us — particularly those of us who did not lose homes — returned, gathering ourselves, loved ones and friends, seeking solace in the resources of a small community who comes together in crisis.

Besides the devastation and stress of this fire, we lost more community or former community members than we have in several years.

Having been a part of this community since 1978 and compiling this list for all but three years from that first time in 1999 — 20 years now — for me, and maybe also for you, reading these names brings back floods of memories of those whom I knew, as well as what they meant to me personally and the community, too.

I will mention just two here and apologize in advance if your loved one is left out. These are just my own personal insights.

George Kretsinger died last week. He wasn't just associated with Kretsinger Plumbing, as many might think, especially if you're a recent resident.

The Kretsingers go back a long way in Idyllwild. The first mention of George was back in the July 10, 1947, TC issue where the Mounted Music Makers were rehearsing in the Kretsingers' front room with little George belting out a song at the top of his lungs.

George wasn't just content to take over his father's plumbing business. He instilled himself in this community as an active volunteer.

He and I served as charter members of the Idyllwild Community Fund board. But long before that, George's name turns up in Town Crier files time and time again over the decades volunteering for fun and tragedy — both at local fundraising events such as organizing golf tournaments and the Timber Festival, and serving as an Idyllwild Fire call firefighter. He served with the Idyllwild Lions Club and as an Idyllwild Water District director for many years.

He was a fixture in our community and helped improve it.

Nearly everyday, I would look up to see Chuck Clayton walking into the front office to do faxing or copies with Mandy. I still look up, still expecting to see him. We joked that Mandy was his secretary as he seemed to conduct much of his business in his truck and at her desk.

Chuck, the building contractor, also imbedded himself for the betterment of this community. He served as a volunteer in youth sports and education activities throughout the time his children were growing up here.

One time when the newly formed Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council found it was \$200 short of the funds needed to file its nonprofit status, Chuck stood up in the meeting and suggested everybody in the audience donate \$10. A hat was passed and the money was raised. MCFSC is an important fixture in our community today.

These two souls will be greatly missed here.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

A tracking device for Alzheimer's patients?

EDITOR:

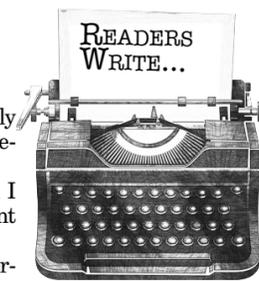
As everyone up here knows, we recently lost one of our newer residents due to his being a victim of Alzheimer's disease.

I am the same age as the victim and I have been thinking about how this recent tragedy could have been avoided.

Hundreds of man hours from San Bernardino and Riverside, along with a great many volunteers and \$300-per-hour helicopters and canine searchers were not able to find the victim in time to save his life.

How about this: Why can't Medicare issue a tracking device to the families of Alzheimer's victims and their family? It can be worn as part of clothing, a bracelet or a necklace. Not only would it be very cost effective, but most important of all, it would save lives.

If our political representatives would just do their job instead of playing "gotcha" with their political opponents, they could make this happen.



BOB RAHMAN
IDYLLWILD

Warming up for the holidays

EDITOR:

A bonfire up in Humber Park Trailhead area. Well, it seems that on Christmas day, there were some folk warming their tootsies by the glow of their bonfire in the Humber area.

No matter that this town and surrounding areas have suffered two major fires in the past five years and that a sprinkling of snow does not a drought end.

Most people who come up to visit do not come up with the intent of trashing the community or burning down the forest. But a bonfire up at Humber Park Trailhead. That is incomprehensible.

Gratefulness to the person who reported this incident. I hope it lights a match under the people who are entrusted to monitor this type of activity. Our safety against fire has become a year-round issue.

CATHERINE EDBERG
CLAREMONT

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TC's renewed and new Members

BY JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER AND GENERAL COUNSEL

The whole idea of the Town Crier's Membership Model is to keep our community newspaper serving the Hill — reporting what's been and will be going on for all of us who live here, have second homes here, and plan to retire here. (Most Town Crier Members' newspapers are mailed to off-the-Hill addresses.)

As we now are one-third of the way into the Town Crier's second Membership Model year, we are often asked how our renewed and new Memberships are coming along.

Already there are 251 Members who have renewed their Charter Memberships — that's 38.7 percent renewals so far. True, there have been a few folk who did not timely renew their Charter Memberships, but some of them have signed up by now — just a little late, that's all. And we have 78 brand-new Members this year, as well.

While we ended Membership year one with 648 Charter Members, the TC now has 687 Active Members — a net increase of 39 so far this year — so the Active Membership keeps growing.

So, please, if you didn't timely renew your Charter Membership, you still can rejoin and be fully active Members of the Town Crier once again.

Don't forget that everyone — everyone, whether member or not — is invited to attend the TC's weekly news meetings, which are open to the public. News meetings are where we discuss news stories for future publication in the paper. Several readers have been attending and contributing for years. Generally, the TC's news meetings are held Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. at the Idyllwild Library. But because of the New Year's holiday this year, this week's meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. at the Town Crier office on Friday, Jan. 4. We'll be back to Wednesday news meetings starting next week at 8:30 a.m. at the Idyllwild Library. Please come and participate!

Town Crier 2nd-Year Renewed Memberships (251 Renewed Memberships as of Jan. 2, 2019) Saving and Supporting the Town Crier for our Community

Angels (3) — Other unlimited amount above \$1,000 annually: Nancy Borchers \$2,000; Charles "Chic" Fojtik \$1,100; Kathy & Dr. Tom Kluzak \$1,250; (0) Anonymous.

Heroes (2) — \$1,000 annually: Donald Abrams; Janice Lyle; (0) Anonymous.

Patrons (6) — \$500+ annually: Morgan Cannon; Kitty Kieley Hayes; Pamela Jordan & Christopher Scott; Ron Luebbert; (2) Anonymous \$500.

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USPS changes rates in 2019

The United States Postal Service will have new rates as of Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019.

The new prices will include a 5-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 50 cents to 55 cents. The single-piece, added-ounce price will be reduced to 15 cents, so a 2-ounce stamped letter, such as a typical wedding invitation, will cost less to mail, decreasing from 71 to 70 cents.

Mailing Services product prices will rise about 2.5 percent. Shipping Services price increases vary by product.

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How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps). Letters must be identified with the author's name, address and weekday phone number.

The Town Crier will not publish "thank-you" letters, consumer complaints, form letters, clippings from other publications or poetry. Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word but are not accepted the week before an election.

We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (becky@towncrier.com).
Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.



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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.

Friday, Jan. 4

- Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
- AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523
- Narcotics Anonymous, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Saturday, Jan. 5

- Pine Cove Property Own-

- ers Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr.
- American Legion Post 800 meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Sunday, Jan. 6

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon-1 p.m., Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- "As Bill Sees It: The AA Way of Life," 1:30-4:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Monday, Jan. 7

- 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.
- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Science lunch, 11:30 a.m. Mile High Cafe, Hwy. 243.
- Quiet Skies Idyllwild, 3 p.m. Café Aroma, 54750 N Circle Dr.
- Community meeting on crime, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive. Call 659-6208 for information.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- Free ESL class, 5:30-8 p.m. Computer Room, Idyllwild Elementary School, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

- 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. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m.; 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. Wed. & Fri.
- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

Here are some of the calls Idyllwild Fire responded to recently.

- Dec. 28 — Medical aid, 11:37 a.m. Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail.
- Dec. 28 — Medical aid, 2:11 p.m. Idylbrook Dr.

Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire

Here are two of the calls Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire responded to recently.

- Dec. 28 — Medical aid/rescue, 11:37 a.m. Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail.
- Dec. 28 — Medical aid, 2:11 p.m. Idylbrook Dr.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, Dec. 23 to 29.

Idyllwild

- Dec. 23 — Alarm call, 4:37 a.m., Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 23 — Vehicle theft, 7:36 a.m., Delano Dr. Report taken.
- Dec. 23 — Burglary, 5:48 p.m., Jameson Rd. Report taken.
- Dec. 24 — Alarm call, 3:40 p.m., Glen Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 24 — Trespassing, 3:58 p.m., 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 25 — Barking dog, 10:40 p.m., Roble Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 25 — Alarm call, 11:49 p.m., San Jacinto Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Alarm call, 1:48 a.m., Cedar St. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Burglary, 9:41 a.m., Tahquitz Rd. Report taken.
- Dec. 26 — Battery, 8:23 p.m., 52000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Suspicious vehicle, 8:50 p.m., Lilac Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Alarm call, 10:07 p.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Alarm call, 10:14 a.m., 53000 Block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Burglary, 4:39 p.m., Seneca Dr. Report

taken.

- Dec. 28 — Burglary, 3:11 a.m., 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Report taken.
- Dec. 28 — Search & rescue operation, 12:10 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 28 — Alarm call, 2:04 p.m., 55000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Check the welfare, 8:39 p.m., Wildwood Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Dec. 23 — Alarm call, 6:19 p.m., McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Dec. 25 — 911 call, 5:54 a.m., Appleton Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 25 — Harassing phone calls, 11:43 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Alarm call, 9:04 a.m., Double Tree Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Assist other department, 10:14 a.m., Sylvan Wy. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 28 — Harassing phone calls, 9:02 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Follow-up, 12:53 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Alarm call, 10:08 p.m., Oak Leaf Ln. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Dec. 23 — Trespassing, 11:45 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Found property, 4:15 p.m., Big Horn St. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino

- National Forest**
- Dec. 24 — Danger to self/other, 4:52 a.m., Horse Trail. Report taken.
- Dec. 26 — Alarm call, 6:41 a.m., 47000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Shots fired, 12:48 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Area check, 2:29 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 28 — Vandalism, 10:51 a.m., 28000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Report taken.

One suspected DUI arrest/crash on Hill road

One crash and a suspected driving under the influence arrest occurred over the last week on Hill holiday roads.

At 6:50 p.m. Friday,

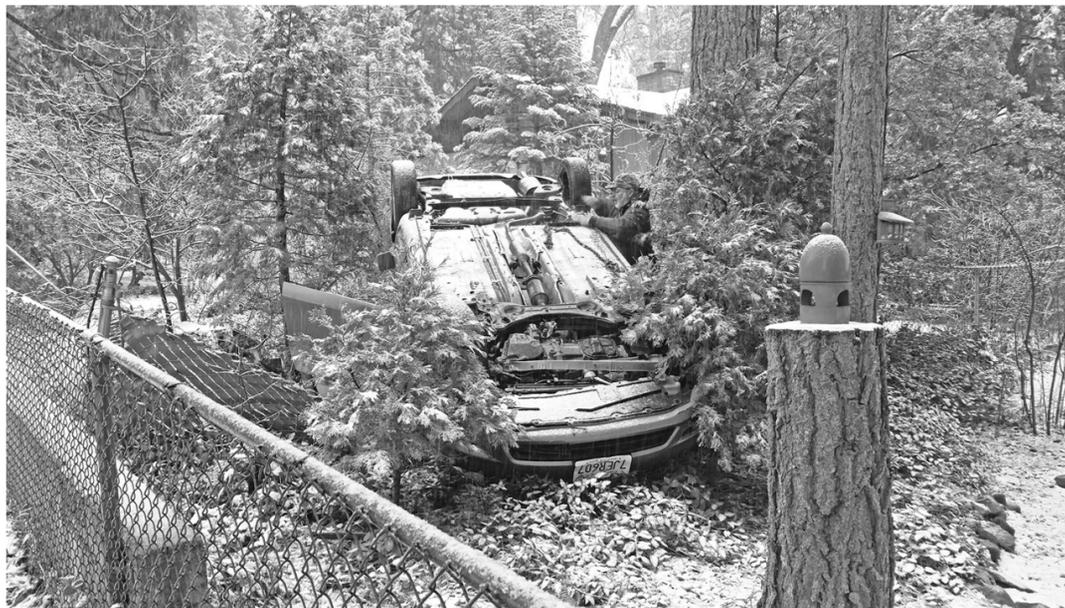
Dec. 28, Joel Villanueva, 21, of Palm Springs, was driving a gray 2001 Ford Windstar westbound on Highway 74 near mile marker 84.75 when he made an unsafe turning

movement causing his vehicle to drive off the pavement and overturn.

Villanueva had one passenger, Angela Leopard, 45, of La Quinta. Neither was injured in

the crash. Villanueva was arrested at the scene on suspicion of driving under the influence.

The vehicle was towed by Valley Auto in Anza.



At about 7:20 Christmas morning, this silver 2013 Nissan Versa skidded down Fern Valley Road, hit a brick wall and came to rest upside down in a yard at the corner of Fern Valley and Palomar roads. PHOTO BY DEBORAH WHITE

Readers

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Duntley; Sue Draper - gift from Jerry Holldber; Earth 'n' Fire (Eddie & Summer Brown) \$100; Rita Edwards-Motter - Tax Consultant; Dr. Jenny Egan; Jamie Elder; Janice & Norman Ellis; Frank Fernandez; Michael Franich; Peter Frautscher; James & Sandi Fulcher; Deborah & Julian Geisinger; Eva & Ken Gioeli; Pam Goldwasser; Lance & Tricia Gould; Stephen Gould; Douglas Hopper; Bob Houck; Janette Johnson; Josh & Lea Johnson; Avianna Jones; Suzie Jones; Evelyn & Harris Kight-Moore; Anthony LaFetra; Lewis & Marilyn Leih; Gary Leong; Karla & W.F. Leopold; Doris Lombard & Ron Perry; Pat Lundeen; Gail & Scott Martin; John & Kathleen McAndrews; Mesa Silver Native Jewelry (Sheila Keifetz); Dan & Linda Meyer-Abbott; Betsy Meyers; Miller Jones Mortuary (Nick Jones); Dr. Marjorie Mosier; Anson Musselman - gift from his grandfather Charles Carey; Wayne Myers & Aaron Twombly; Mary Nelson; Thomas Noce CPA CFE; Sheila Ollar; Joel Palmer; Bonnie Parlee; Vivian Pranger - gift from James Palmer; Mary Teresa Price; Alison Primoza & Jesse Sandoval; Ann Read; George & Susan Reardon; Lillian Rieder; Marshall & Sally Rigdon; Riverside County Sheriff's Department; Ernie & Sherrie Sanchez; Dr. Charles Schelly; Ric & Carol Service; Donna & Lalo Shiffrin \$139; Diane Smith - gift from Nadiene Kuhn; Connie & David Seltz; Larry Spicer; Roy & Wendy Stephens; Stephen Sutton; Dr. Erna & Norman Toback; Donna Towne; Alex & Valerie Virtue; Barbara & David Wilke; Mr. & Mrs. Dick Wilmot - gift from Robert McCalla; Fredricka & Paul Young; (0) Anonymous \$100. Thank you, all!

Small series of quakes

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

A 3.2 magnitude earthquake occurred Wednesday about 7:30 p.m. The tremor was centered 18 miles south/southeast of Valle Vista, and 5 or 6 miles northeast of the intersection of highways 79

and 371, east of Temecula.

About an hour earlier, a 2.2 magnitude tremor occurred about 2 miles further southeast. Thursday morning, another 2.2 tremor occurred in about the same location.

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

Man rescued from Ernie Maxwell Trail

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Cal Fire/Riverside County and Idyllwild Fire departments personnel responded to a report of an injured hiker at Humber Park at 11:37 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28. The incident occurred on the Ernie Maxwell Trail.

The patient was a 20-year-old male hiking with his family on the icy trail when he lost his footing, according to Cal Fire Capt. Katherine Garver, rescue group supervisor, of the Pine Cove Fire Sta-

tion. He fell on the trail, injuring his leg.

A helicopter responded but was canceled because the canopy was too thick to consider hoisting out the patient, Garver said.

Personnel rescued the patient within about 10 minutes via the trail and Cougar Road residential area. He was carried to a waiting Idyllwild Fire ambulance by Stokes basket and transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

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

Retreat has event this Friday

Spirit Mountain Retreat will host Ancient Fire Ancient Wisdom from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the retreat.

Say thank you to the old year and welcome to the new year with free soup (vegetarian and non-vegetarian). Bring your drums and other percussion instruments (or borrow theirs).

Katya Williamson and Mary Morse will facilitate the event.

Some, but not all, new laws for 2019

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

During 2018, the state Legislature passed and Gov. Jerry Brown signed 1,016 new laws. While some were effective immediately, some will not go into effect until 2020 or 2021. Most were effective Jan. 1, 2019.

Below is a sampling of some of the more important or more interesting laws the state Legislature and governor felt would improve life in California.

Minimum wages

On Jan. 1, California's minimum wage will increase to \$12 per hour for companies with 26 or more employees and to \$11 an hour for businesses with 25 or fewer employees. An employee must make at least \$45,760 a year to be exempt from the minimum wage increase. Please note that this law actually was enacted in 2016.

Vehicle and traffic laws

Bicycle helmets: Assembly Bill 3077 allows persons under age 18 and not wearing a helmet on a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or skates to receive a "fix-it" ticket. A "fix-it" ticket is considered non-punitive and is correctable with proof the minor has completed a bicycle safety course and has a helmet that meets safety standards. These items must be presented within 120 days to the issuing law enforcement agency to be considered corrected.

Motor scooters (AB2989): In contrast with AB 3077, this bill allows adults to ride motor scooters without wearing a helmet. It also permits people to ride motor scooters on roads with speed limits higher than 25 mph, as long as they remain in the bicycle lane and do not exceed 15 mph.

Smog checks (AB 1274): Owners of

vehicles up to eight years old are now exempt from the annual smog check. In 2018, the limit was vehicles up to six years old. The exemption is not free; owners of vehicles between seven or eight years old will pay an annual \$25 smog abatement fee. Owners of vehicles six years old or newer still pay the annual \$20 fee.

Loud mufflers (AB 1824): A fine will become mandatory when drivers of loud motor vehicles and motorcycles are cited. They no longer can correct the problem to avoid a fine. Now, an official citation will be issued for loud mufflers or exhaust systems with excessive noise. This applies to owners of cars, truck and motorcycles, but not to aircraft.

DUI ignition locks (Senate Bill 1046): Repeat DUI offenders, as well as first-time DUI offenders who caused an injury as a result of their condition while driving, will be required to install an ignition interlock device for a period of one to two years. The law also allows people who have had their licenses suspended under an administrative order "to obtain an IID-restricted driving privilege." This law sunsets on Jan. 1, 2026, unless it is renewed. SB 1046 was enacted in 2016.

Gun laws

Long guns (SB 1100): As of Tuesday, only individuals 21 years or older may buy any gun in California. This bill raises the age limit to buy shotguns and rifles from 18 to 21. This was already the law for purchase of handguns. However, for "long guns," SB 1100 exempts members of the military, police and licensed hunters.

Concealed weapons permit (AB 2103): Beginning now, one must complete at least eight hours of firearms safety training and pass a live-fire shooting exam to demonstrate proficiency, in order to obtain a concealed weapons permit in

California.

Banned from owning (AB 3129): Future convictions of misdemeanor domestic violence will result in the permanent loss of the right to own a firearm. Currently, felons are prohibited from owning firearms and some misdemeanor violators can lose the right for 10 years.

Bail

Cash bail (SB 10): On Oct. 1, 2019, cash bail for suspects awaiting trial will be eliminated. Instead, a pretrial risk assessment will be conducted. The purpose will be to assess the risk level of a person charged with the commission of a crime. The results will be reported to the court for a decision. The risk-assessment system will allow local courts to decide who can and can't get out of jail while awaiting trial. Most defendants accused of nonviolent misdemeanors would be out within 12 hours of booking without seeing a judge.

Food and restaurants

Plastic straws (AB 1884): To receive a plastic straw for your drink in California, restaurants will require a request. Full-service, dine-in restaurants will no longer offer plastic straws without a customer request.

Kids' drinks (SB 1192): In an effort to combat childhood obesity and other diseases linked to sugar consumption, water or unflavored milk will be the default beverage when kids' meals are ordered; unless an alternative beverage is ordered.

Home food preparation (AB 626): Selling homemade food will be legal with a local permit for small, home-cooking operations.

Freedom of Information

Police records (SB 1421): Police officer personnel records and the investi-

gations conducted by law enforcement agencies into their employees will now be accessible through a public records request. Three categories of disclosure are defined: Cases where a police officer discharges a firearm or causes a person great bodily injury, or when there has been a substantiated charge against an officer of sexual assault or a serious case of dishonesty, like perjury. The bill specifies what records are subject to disclosure upon request, and sets forth timing for disclosures.

Police audio and video footage (AB 748): This bill allows access to video or audio footage related to "critical incidents," defined as an officer's use of a firearm, or an incident where an individual is seriously injured or dies. Dash camera and body camera footage, along with 911 calls, videos collected by an agency like surveillance footage, and any other audio or video record related to a critical incident may be disclosed. The bill applies retroactively.

Pet sales

Pet shops (SB 2445): Only dogs, cats or rabbits obtained from a public animal control agency, public shelter or rescue group can be sold in California pet shops. Pet store operators will be required to keep records documenting the health, including veterinary records, status and disposition of each animal for at least two years after the animal is sold. Also, the organization providing the animal to the pet store will have to provide the pet store operator the terms of the transfer and information about the animal, if requested. Violation of the new law is a misdemeanor, carrying a civil penalty of \$500 per pet sold illegally.

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to make it up."

Finally, in December 2018, the fourth water district, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District, which provides water service to Garner Valley, raised its rates for all customers, including the 240 in Garner Valley.

Again, the board was unanimous in its intent, despite vociferous local objections. The principal issue raising the ire of the Garner Valley customers was a \$1.7 million charge LHMWD staff said was from some past legal cases related to Garner Valley water. The litigation costs were not fully collected from the Garner Valley base. About \$1.7 million remains outstanding and the board does not believe its customers in Hemet or San Jacinto should be responsible for these costs.

"The \$1.7 million deficit came from two cases involving eminent domain and water rights," stated Director and Finance Committee Chair Todd Foutz.

The last Garner Valley rate increase was 2010. Some of those revenues began to reduce the borrowed debt. In 2010, it was about \$2.3 million, according to General Manger Mike Gow.

The next onslaught of Hill water rate increases should begin to occur in 2023.

Idyllwild Fire ambulance

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District gained formal approval from Riverside County to provide emergency medical services beyond the bounds of its district. Whether this is a new authority or a revival of service to areas, where IFPD has previously provided emergency medical service may be fodder for a political debate; but residents, particularly in Mountain Center, feel more comfortable and slightly safer with the decision.

Before the county Emergency Management Department acceded to the community's urging and pleading, Idyllwild Fire Department was limited to its formal jurisdictional boundaries unless the county's Emergency Dispatch felt more help was needed.

The Idyllwild Fire Department has served the district since before 1981 when the state enacted medical emergency service laws. Consequently, the department has an exclusive right to serve this district. But its exclu-



Town Hall was placed on the market as a commercial property in April. FILE PHOTO



Matt Gray, executive director of the Rocky Mountain Innovation Lab, will moderate several listening sessions in town for the Idyllwild Arts Academy. Gray is a former Idyllwild School and Idyllwild Arts student. PHOTO COURTESY OF MATT GRAY

sivity does not apply to the rest of the Hill.

One consequence of this policy was that emergency medical service, such as an ambulance, was the county's responsibility first. Thus, the American Medical Response ambulance, under contract to the county and stationed on Franklin Drive in Pine Cove, would be dispatched to calls, such as traffic crashes on Highway 74 before IFPD equipment was called, although the IFPD location is closer and its ambulances could arrive on scene sooner.

Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz raised the issue with the IFPD Commission at its March meeting. It defined the issue as the county's inability or unwillingness to use the "closest available unit" policy.

Areas to the east and south, such as Mountain Center and Garner Valley, are outside the IFD exclusive area, and are considered non-exclusive. Consequently, IFD may be the closest available unit when a medical emergency occurs, and the chief and Commission argue it should be dispatched to those calls.

If time is critical in an emergency, then the closest unit could be vital for the patient or victim's survival.

Reitz described two crashes on Highway 74 when IFD was the closest unit, but were told to "stand down, this isn't your jurisdiction," Reitz said. The commission asked President Rhonda Andrewson to write the supervisors a letter to open discussion on the policy.



Water district general managers Jack Hoagland (Idyllwild), Victor Jimenez (Fern Valley) and Jerry Hollidber (Pine Cove) spoke to local realtors and affiliates during the first of a series of educational presentations that will award attendees with a Mountain Specialist Certificate. This first class took place at the Idyllwild Association of Realtors' office on March 12. PHOTO COURTESY IDYLLWILD ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

In early April, the county announced that the closest available unit was its official policy for medical emergencies. Use of the policy began May 1. This seemed to resolve the issue. At that time, Reitz was happy with the concept, which he has advocated for some time, and acknowledged that it would not strain IFD. Its primary mission is service to the district's residents.

However, by the end of May, Reitz, Assistant Chief Mark LaMont and the commission said they felt betrayed because the county was not honoring the new policy.

County EMD Director Bruce Barton disputed this and said Reitz was part of the meeting with AMR developing the policy, and AMR had given digital locator units to IFPD for its ambulances.

By August, Reitz and the commission felt the policy was being applied uniformly and appropriately with patient safety the primary goal.

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John Hawkins, Cal Fire's Riverside Unit chief and the Riverside County fire chief was removed from his position on Jan. 19.



Friday evening, May 25, the Idyllwild School Eighth Grade promotion occurred. Laughs and tears overwhelm the students as the reality of promotion to high school sets in and parents prepare their cameras. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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Hicksville Pines one of Fodor's top 100 hotels in the world for 2018

One of top 15 in the United States

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In 2017, Hollywood writer, director, actor and entrepreneur Morgan Night made a bet — that imagination and a spirit of fun, playfulness and adventure could turn a rundown Pine Cove motel into a travel destination.

His bet has paid off in spades — Night's Hicksville Pines Chalet Bud and Breakfast in Pine Cove won a place in Fodor's Travel Guides Top 100 Hotels in the World for 2018.

Hicksville Pines is one of only 15 in the United States to be chosen and one of only two in California in Fodor's top 100. The other California hotel is the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, a grand dame of great hotels. When it was built before the 1906 earthquake, it was the largest and most expensive hotel in the world, according to Fodor's.

For Hicksville to join the Palace reveals a bit about Fodor's approach to guiding travelers to special destinations.

Not singlehandedly, but with imagination and determination, Eugene Fodor began introducing tourists to travel destinations with the publication of his first guide book in 1936. He started publishing travel guides in Europe because those he found were, in his words, "boring." His first publication was a book — "On the Continent — The Entertaining Travel Annual."

"Entertaining" is the key word in this title. In "On the Continent," Fodor showed his own playfulness in writing about Rome. "Rome contains not only magnificent monuments, but also Italians," he winked.

And in selecting the top 15 hotels in the U.S. for 2018, editors used terms to justify their U.S. choices such as "cool factor," "cultural vibes," "flamboyant," "fabulous," "outdoorsman appeal" and "dazzling architecture," demonstrating their continuing commitment to fun and entertainment as part of their recommendations.

In the intro to their 2018 list of Fodor's Finest, editors wrote, "We hear it year after year: The number one thing our readers want when they travel is a unique experience ... something new, something undiscovered. You want to be surprised and swept away. The 100 properties on this list are certainly some of the best hotels in the world, but they're also some of the dreamiest, most swoon-worthy and sometimes, most unusual this world has to offer.



Morgan Night in 2017, in the game room at Hicksville Pines. Many upgrades to the property have been made since this photo. FILE PHOTO

"We also wanted to pay special attention to pricing. What's an incredible experience if you can't afford it?"

www.fodors.com/worlds-best-hotelsHicksville Pines rooms are in the ballpark of common Idyllwild inns' pricing, making their affordability a standout with other featured Fodor hotels.

Prior to opening Hicksville in August 2017, Night brought in chosen friends to help decorate themed rooms, each room occupying an iconic place in Night's childhood and upbringing. From David Lynch to Disneyland to John Waters to Dolly Parton to burlesque, to bong celebrants Cheech and Chong, there is something of Night as a young child, as an adolescent and as a man-child in each of these 10 rooms.

"It feels great to be on this list," said Night in interview. "But any list without the Madonna Inn [San Luis Obispo — with its over the top kitsch factor] may be suspect," he laughed.

Night said he had no idea Hicksville was being considered by Fodor's for their top 100 world list. "We get lots of photo requests," he remembered. "We sent some in. There was no interview request." Night noted it is especially satisfying that Hicksville was honored given its marijuana-friendly vibe and, as one of the first "bud and breakfast" establishments, part of Night's objective to build a community of guests who feel welcome in a growing subculture. "I feel so grateful that Hicksville has become a place of community rather than just a place for people to stay."

Each of the 15 U.S. hotels on the 2018 Fodor's list has a tag line. For the Palace in San Francisco, it is "tried and true." For Hicksville Pines in Idyllwild/Pine Cove, it is "weird and wonderful."

Night noted that his guests, not just on the Hill but also from his Joshua Tree Hicksville Trailer Palace

and Artist Retreat, are repeat guests who become entranced with the locales and communities. "So many of Hicksville Pines first-time guests said they had no idea Idyllwild was here," said Night. "Now they're regulars and introducing others to the Hill. The comment I hear is that Idyllwild is 'adorable.' Soon they're picking up real estate brochures for properties here, just as I did."

Night is planning improvements this year, including a plan to add a meal service café to the property — a sit-down breakfast and lunch café catering to guests and locals. Knowing that county permitting can be stressful, he offered, in his typical upbeat assessment, "I'll just be patient and keep my fingers crossed."

For more on the Fodor 2018 top 100, visit www.fodors.com/worlds-best-hotels.

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One of 10 themed rooms, this one is the Haunted Mansion. PHOTO COURTESY MORGAN NIGHT



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CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," Bernard was disappointed with Santa's performance.

Tex: Hello! Anyone here?

Mr. Gray: I am, but Bernard and New Sadie are not. They found their forever families!

Tex: Wow! So Santa did grant their wishes.

Mr. Gray: Maybe Santa is just a bit behind, and we will find our families very soon.

Sadie: Well, it will be less confusing now with only one Sadie.

Mr. Gray: Maybe humans will adopt us when they realize we can help with their new year resolutions.

Pepper: What a great idea!

Tex: Think about it. Anyone who adopts me will most likely get more exercise and lose weight! I would take him on walks and hikes, and I love playing ball. Resolution achieved!

Sadie: And I heard ARF humans talking about how researchers theorize that petting a cat can lower stress or that the type of people who own cats are more stress-free naturally. More good health! And we know that is a common resolution.

Pepper: Humans who want to quit smoking might be more encouraged to provide clean, healthy air for their pets. I know I don't want to breathe in secondhand smoke!

Sadie: Maybe human parents need to know that a seven-year study of almost 500 children found that children who were exposed to dogs and cats as babies were half as likely to have allergies and risk factors for asthma as they grew up than those who had no pets. Who wouldn't make a new year's resolution to have healthier children?

Tex: I have one more. People resolve to be less judgmental, like not assuming a dog who wants to be in a home with no other pets is less loving and loyal than any other.

Mr. Gray: Tex, we know you are so loving and loyal, and we hope an understanding human comes along very soon.

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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Mr. Gray



Bear



Pepper



Zeus



Tex



George



Cole Withers performed at Idylogy Monday afternoon, setting the stage for the New Year's Eve evening. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



The Garner Valley Gals donated toys and food to the Idyllwild HELP Center for Christmas. Shown with the donations are (from left) IHC Client Service Administrator **Skye Zambrana** and IHC Executive Director **Colleen Meyer**. PHOTO COURTESY PAULINE COSTI



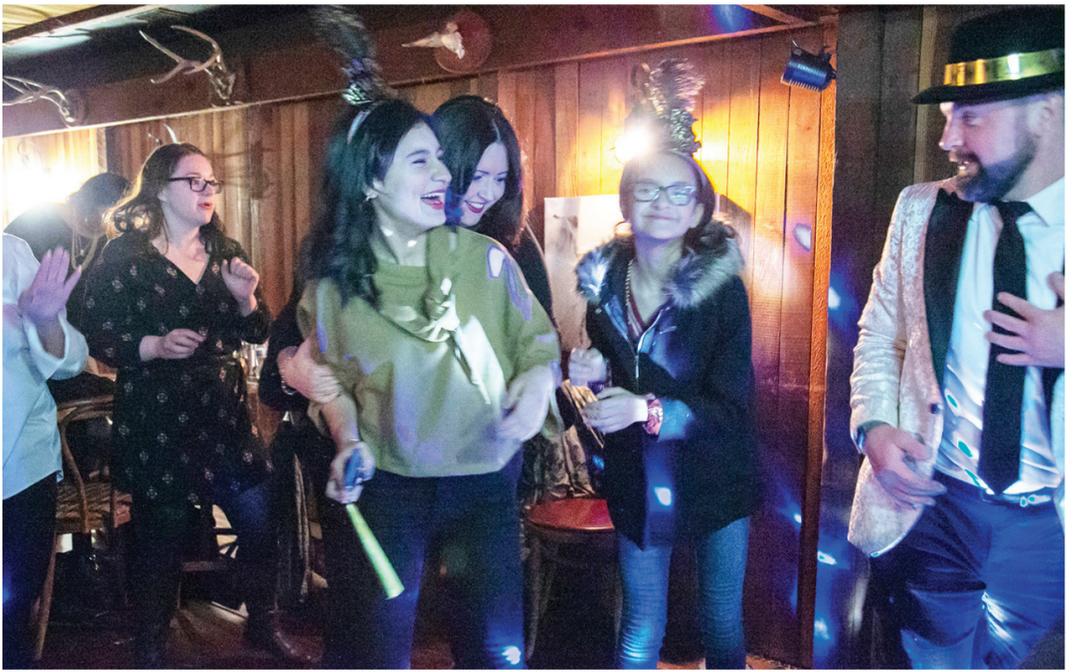
Keith McCabe and Bill Sheppard performed ballads from the Everly Bros, the Beatles, Burt Bacharach and James Taylor, along with a little Motown at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Monday afternoon. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Trick Dog performed at Idylogy Saturday night. The trio performed rock 'n roll classics, and brought dancers to the floor (see below). PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



DJ Billy Sheppard was the late night-entertainment at Idylogy on New Year's Eve. Many patrons danced the final hours of 2018 away as they awaited the arrival of 2019. PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Dian Andrews of Mountain Center just returned on Dec. 24 from Antarctica where she may have set a record for the southern most visit by the *Town Crier*. PHOTO COURTESY DIAN ANDREWS

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David Haddad, a path directed by faith

Recent Idyllwild arrival finds community

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

As a preadolescent, Michigan native David Haddad experienced what he calls an epistemological crisis. To define this for our readers, epistemology broadly means the nature and extent of human knowledge — how it is we either know or do not know something. For young Haddad, what it meant specifically was angst, discomfort and a feeling of disconnection.

“It was an unwelcome awareness,” said Haddad. “There was nothing to verify what my senses were telling me. How do you know what you know? How can you trust anything? I recognized that I could not verify my existence or my relationship to something, or anything. I did not trust my senses and felt that I had no proof of life.”

These definitional questions occurred amidst a comfortably insulated maturation process in which Haddad played rugby, football, tennis and neighborhood frisbee games on expansive Grosse Point front yards. “I was fortunate to grow up in a neighborhood with lots of boys around for sports and play,” said Haddad. He also took piano lessons and sang in choirs. Yet there remained these gnawing and probative questions about perception and his relation to the world around him — what was so, what was not and how does one discern the difference?

Not all questions, especially those with complex philosophical underpinnings, are ever fully answered. But for Haddad, answers came early on and through a book — the John Bertram Phillips New Testament Bible translation in modern English. “It spoke to me and answered my questions,” recalled Haddad. He credits his spiritu-

al grounding and what he calls his “enlightenment” to a decision and a date — Jan. 6, 1970, the day on which he made his personal and lifelong commitment to Jesus Christ. There were also mentors who listened carefully and coached him through his adolescence.

“It was an important time of change in society and the Jesus Movement, as it was called, was part of that social and spiritual experience,” said Haddad.

And having found answers in a spiritual commitment that altered and defined his path, Haddad continued to fine-tune his adult life through further questioning. “I’m not embedded in my culture. I criticize it, I always have,” he said. “You have to have your own conclusions. People should be thinking and questioning.”

After a Bachelor’s Degree in communications from Michigan State University, Haddad navigated a career in finance. “I wanted to see how the world was put together,” he recalled. “Any industry [such as finance] that can give you such a research-based protocol is a good motivation to learn.”

For 15 years Haddad pursued employment in various components of the finance industry (investments, mergers and acquisitions, brokerage, as finance director for a community action program), learning the lessons of that professional world. One of the work-world lessons he learned was that many people do not keep their agreements and commitments, instead finding ways to circumvent ethics-based choices.

To realign his career path to tack more closely to education, human development, ethical behavior and contribution to others, Haddad made a midlife decision to return to school — to leave finance and launch into disciplines and paths more in line with the philosophical and perceptual issues that propelled his early years’ intellectual development.

After obtaining degrees from Field-



Dr. David Haddad, dean of California International University in Los Angeles, is seen here with Son of Northern Dancer, “Sonny” for short. Said Haddad, “Sonny has been training me in dressage arena jumping and cross-country riding for six years. This shot came after an event at Galway Downs in Temecula.” PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID HADDAD

ing Graduate University — a master’s in organizational development and a doctorate in human and organizational systems — Haddad served as adjunct faculty at Argosy University in Los Angeles and Orange County. He taught a range of courses in both business and psychology at bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels in subjects including corporate social responsibility, cognitive psychology, critical thinking, and innovation and change.

As part of his current position as dean of the California International University in Los Angeles, a position he has held since 2010, Haddad uses his business coaching expertise to mentor professors’ and instructors’ professional development, and to build a collegial environment of trust based on collaboration and discipline.

Haddad also established the CIU Human Rights Project to raise aware-

ness of world-wide human rights issues for the university’s faculty and student body. He initiated fundraising efforts tied to the project to strengthen CIU as an international institution and as a voice for others.

His administrative duties as dean include recruiting and developing faculty, monitoring instructors’ practices and teaching abilities, and counseling international students on their living and learning needs.

Haddad commutes to Idyllwild for weekends and breaks in his university schedule. He is active in the life of St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church and is finding his way into volunteer activity, including founding the Sandia Creek Ranch Auxiliary Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that creates a gift and funding channel to assist in rescuing, maintaining and adopting out thoroughbred horses retired from racing.

His interests in horsemanship include dressage, hunting, jumping and backcountry equitation. He also pursues photography and hiking in our local mountains as favorite hobbies.

When asked why he moved to Idyllwild, Haddad emphasized the seclusion, the quiet and the beauty. “It’s easy to plug into Idyllwild,” he said. “I feel like I’m part of it, I can experience it and it’s manageable because it’s small.”

Another factor influencing his move to the Hill was the kindness and openness of residents, as well as activities such as a local riding group, the Red Shank Riders, that appealed to him. RSR is a nonprofit made up of individuals dedicated to conserving backcountry wilderness and protecting historic use by riders of those public lands.

“Idyllwild is also the friendliest place in Southern California,” he said. And for a man for whom searching and questioning have been fundamental driving forces in his development, Haddad said he has found in Idyllwild a place of peace, community and personal fulfillment.

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Talisman Trio took the stage at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Sunday afternoon, bringing a jazzy feel. Many enjoyed the vibe. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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Answers to Sudoku
 (Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
 (Puzzle on next page)

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

Cleveland	G.W. Bush	Madison	Reagan
Clinton	Jackson	McKinley	Washington
Eisenhower	Jefferson	Monroe	Wilson
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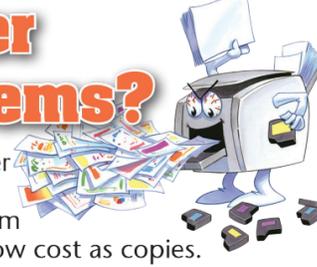
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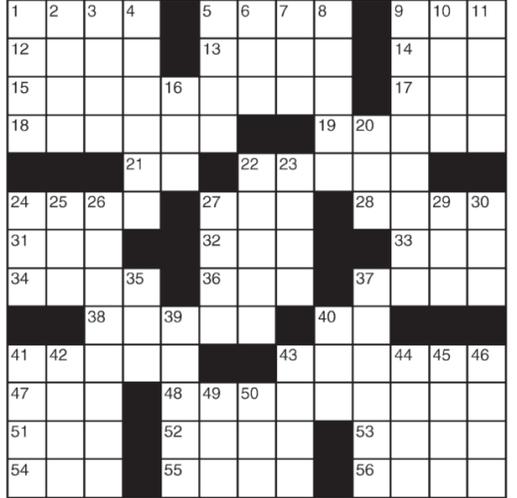
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CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous page)
King Crossword

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| ACROSS | 43 Meager | 16 Dine |
| 1 Gumbo ingredient | 47 Fresh | 20 Afternoon affair |
| 5 MasterCard alternative | 48 Traveling, maybe | 22 Rendezvous |
| 9 Night flier | 51 George's brother | 23 Rope fiber |
| 12 Conks out | 52 Boyfriend | 24 Pump up the volume |
| 13 State with conviction | 53 Frat party garb | 25 Ultramodern |
| 14 Formerly called | 54 Plaything | (Pref.) |
| 15 Healing | 55 Black, poetically | 26 Getting there |
| 17 1933 dam org. | 56 Stalk | 27 Culture medium |
| 18 Porter | | 29 "Hail!" |
| 19 Different | DOWN | 30 Chart |
| 21 What @ means | 1 Smell | 35 Vast expanse |
| 22 A crowd? | 2 Cattle, old style | 37 Intelligence |
| 24 Soon, in verse | 3 On pension (Abbr.) | 39 Pueblo building |
| 27 Exist | 4 Depth charge | 40 Mimic |
| 28 Cain's pop | 5 Temptress | 41 Make booties |
| 31 Chaps | 6 " - Got a Secret" | 42 Infamous fiddler |
| 32 Workout venue | 7 D.C. VIP | 43 Stay away from |
| 33 Eggs | 8 Passion | 44 Source |
| 34 Cookware | 9 Promptly | 45 Wise one |
| 36 Cleopatra's slayer | 10 " - Only Just Begun" | 46 Cheese choice |
| 37 Dance lesson | 11 Shakespear-ean king | 49 Kan. neighbor |
| 38 Core | | 50 Confucian concept |
| 40 "I think, therefore I -" | | |
| 41 Massage | | |



HOROSCOPES
January 2019 — Week 1

March 21 – April 19
ARIES
Romantic aspects are high at this time for single Lambs looking for love. Warm and fuzzy feelings also are at enhanced levels for Rams and Ewes in paired relationships.

April 20 – May 20
TAURUS
This week favors what Taureans dote on -- namely, love and money. Look for more meaningful relationships for both singles and pairs, as well as an improved financial outlook.

May 21 – June 21
GEMINI
All lingering shreds of that recent bout with boredom are dissipated as you eagerly accept a challenging offer. Your positive mood persuades others to join you in this venture.

June 22 – July 22
CANCER
You might need validation for a possible solution to a situation involving someone close to you. Consider asking a trusted friend or relative to help you with this problem.

July 23 – August 22
LEO
Investigate carefully before agreeing to assist a friend or colleague with a personal problem. There might be hidden factors that could emerge later that will create problems for you.

August 23 – September 22
VIRGO
Your decision to work with an associate rather than go it alone, as you first proposed, brings an unexpected bonus. Be careful not to be judgmental. Allow for free and open discussion.

September 23 – October 22
LIBRA
A loved one's health problem could, once again, make demands on your time and attention. But this time, make some demands of your own, and insist that others pitch in and help.

October 23 – November 21
SCORPIO
This is a good time for the traditionally staid Scorpion to plan adjustments in your day-to-day schedules. Be more flexible and allow for more impromptu, off-the-cuff actions.

November 22 – December 21
SAGITTARIUS
Avoid creating unnecessary fuss over a situation you don't approve of. If it's going to work, it will do so despite your objections. If it fails, it will do so without a push from you.

December 22 – January 19
CAPRICORN
Working with a trusted colleague could open your mind to exploring some considerations you previously dismissed out of hand. The weekend brings news from a loved one.

January 20 – February 18
AQUARIUS
Resolving a recent problem leaves you in a good position to strengthen your influence on how things get done. But continue to encourage ideas and suggestions from others.

February 19 – March 20
PISCES
A new friend suggests an interesting opportunity. But check it out before you snap at it. It might be a good deal for some people, but it might not work in helping you reach your goals.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

(Answers on previous page)

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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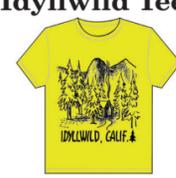
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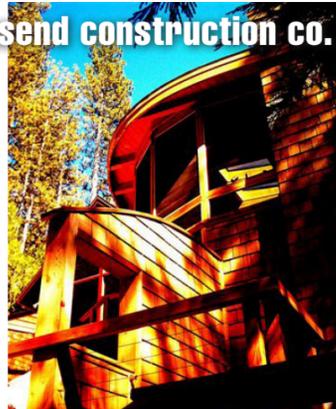
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

Friday, Jan. 4

- Chess Club, 1-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Ancient Fire Ancient Wisdom, 2-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Country, folk & a little blues with Jamie, Don & Lennie, 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.

Saturday, Jan. 5

- Ukulele & hot beats with Tongue & Groove, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

Monday, Jan. 7

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

Tuesday, Jan. 8

- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; "The Pursuit of Happiness," 2-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m.; Presidents Book Club, Ulysses S. Grant, 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, Jan. 10

- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Affairs of the Harp, Christian Chalifour, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, Jan. 11

- Chess Club, 1-5 p.m.

Idyllwild Library.

- Classic rock hits with Elaine & John, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

- Visual Arts Junior Show Opening Reception, 6-7 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

Saturday, Jan. 12

- San Bernardino National Forest Bald Eagle County, 8:30 a.m. Lake Hemet Grocery Store.

- Visual Arts Junior Show, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Don & Dennis Reed (acoustic roots Americana music), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

- Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

Monday, Jan. 14

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

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

Tuesday, Jan. 15

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

- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; "The Pursuit of Happiness," 2-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

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

- Fireside Book Group, "The Light Between Oceans," 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

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

Thursday, Jan. 17

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



The Len Tones, (from left) Ron Vander Linden, Rodger Reeder on drums and Lenny Hansell on guitar, were the New Year's Eve entertainment at Café Aroma. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Vocalist Renée Thomas and the Cocktail Monkeys entertained the New Year's Eve crowd at the Idyllwild Brewpub. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Carlos Reynosa and friends were the entertainment New Year's Eve at Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe and Bistro. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

So You Think You Know the Hill?

BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE



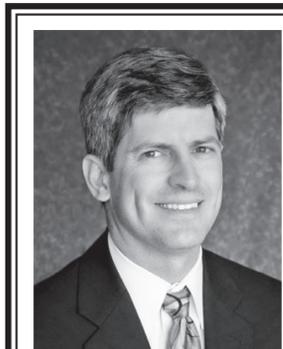
This does not often happen: Only one entry last week (that I know of) and it was correct. **Rochelle Ainsworth** spotted the top of the wine glass on the Café Aroma sign on North Circle Drive. No drawing necessary, so, Rochelle, please come to the **Town Crier** to pick up your winner's gift certificate. Gift certificates are provided courtesy of **Higher Grounds Coffee House** and the **Red Kettle** restaurant, both in downtown Idyllwild. Our thanks to both of those fine establishments. Please stop in and thank them for sponsoring this column while you're enjoying their excellent wares.

OK, this week's photo should prove a bit of a challenge.

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.



The Idyllwild Bake Shop and Brew had the Backroom entertainment for New Year's Eve. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



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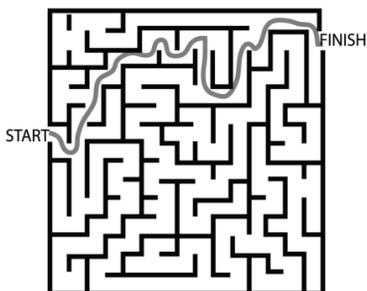
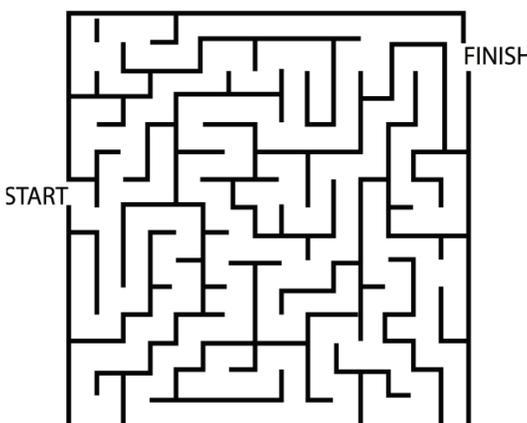
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Kids' Corner

Maze Craze

Can you find your way through the maze?



Golf

Jim Crandall, Palms to Pines Golf Association handicap chair, provided this report about the association's regular monthly tourney on Friday, Dec. 21 at the Hemet Golf Club.

Competition was keen and one shot separated the winner, **Norm Kyriss** (course handicap 8) from the next four golfers. Kyriss shot a net 68, but four others shot net 69, which created a tie for second through fifth place. The runner-ups were **Dennis Chavez** (9), **Paul Cozens** (11), **Scott Schroeder** (19) and **Barry Wallace** (14).

In the B flight, no ties occurred. This group is golfers with a handicap index of 24.4 or above as of Aug. 15, 2018.

Jerry Daquila (26) shot a net 69 for first place. Second place was earned by **Chris Kramer** (35) with a net 79. **Barry Zander** (34) shot a net 81 for third. **Don DePalma** (35) was fourth with a net 84 and **David Hiemenz** (32) rounded out the top five with a net 86.

The winners of the closest-to-the-pin contests on the four par 3s were Schroeder on hole no. 4, Wallace on hole no. 7, Kyriss on hole no. 14 and **Bob Wadlow** on hole 17.

Here are the 2018-19 point standings for the season that runs from August 2018 through July 2019:

Place	Golfer	Points
1	Norm Kyriss	17.5
2	Lee Lanfried	13.5

3	Bob Wadlow	11.33
4	Barry Wallace	11
5	Pete Capparelli	9
6	Pete Holzman	8.33
7	Gary Brown	6
tied	Dennis Chavez	6
	Scott Schroeder	6
10	Paul Cozens	5.33
11	Ken Garelick	4
12	Jim Crandall	3.5
tied	Danny Crosser	3.5
14	Mike Feyder	1.5
15	Mike Higginbotham	1
tied	John King	1

Flight B Stats (Flight B comprises high handicappers who don't qualify to compete in the club championships):

Place	Golfer	Points
1	Jerry Daquila	27.5
2	David Hiemenz	17.5
3	Barry Zander	16
4	Don DePalma	14.5
5	Chris Kramer	4.5
5	Tony Viola	2.5

In regular season, points are awarded at each tournament as follows: first place, 6 points; second place, 4 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 2 points; fifth place, 1 point. Also, one-half point is awarded to everyone who participates.

A member has to compete in at least five regular-season tournaments to qualify for the playoffs.

The club is a member of the Southern California Golf Association and is sanctioned to establish SCGA handicaps for members.

If interested in joining the club or playing as a guest, contact Crandall at jim.crandall@verizon.net or 951-265-5732, or Capparelli at pete@capparelli.com or 951-452-5552.



Kretsinger Plumbing received an award in May 1980 from the Idyllwild Playschool. From left, Sarah Oates, a member of the IP Board of Directors, presented a plaque to Charlie Kretsinger while Melissa Rochte and George Kretsinger looked on. The plaque was awarded in appreciation for the donation of plumbing services and supplies to help the playschool facilities meet state regulations. (George, a longtime resident who served the community in various capacities over the years, passed away last week.) FILE PHOTO

New Word

NUTRITION

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THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

• **1896:** UTAH IS ADMITTED AS THE 45TH STATE IN THE UNITED STATES.

• **1948:** BURMA GAINS ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

• **2007:** CALIFORNIA DEMOCRAT NANCY PELOSI BECOMES THE FIRST FEMALE SPEAKER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.



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ANSWER: NUTS

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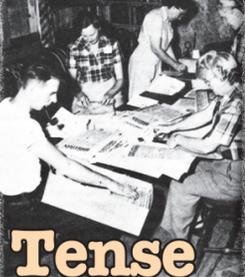
SPANISH: Cuerpo

ITALIAN: Corpo

FRENCH: Corps

GERMAN: Körper

Past



Tense

70 years ago - 1949

The Women's Association of the Idyllwild Community Church was considering setting up a "bank" of food and clothing for needy families on the Hill.

65 years ago - 1954

Snow finally arrived—9 to 11 inches of it. It was welcome, for Idyllwild had been through a very dry year.

60 years ago - 1959

Jim Johnson, head of the Businessman's Committee of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce, announced his resignation from the post.

55 years ago - 1964

In a filing with the California Public Utilities Commission, Southern California Edison Co. proposed substantial rate reductions for customers of the recently

merged California Electric Power Co.

50 years ago - 1969

Locals Carl and Nelda Siegmund, and Ben and Helen Jones were among Whittier College alumni who gathered at the Anaheim Convention Center to honor President-elect and Mrs. Nixon. Carl and Ben were called to the stage as fellow football team members of 1933 for a handshake with Nixon.

45 years ago - 1974

Parents frustrated by their children's math homework could enroll in a weekly "How to Help Your Child With Math" class at Idyllwild School. The class was offered through the Adult Education program of the Hemet Unified School District.

40 years ago - 1979

Elimination of the double-S curve on Highway 243 about 1/4-mile north of Mountain Center was the subject of a meeting between the Idyllwild Property Owners Association and county transportation engineers. Labeled "a death trap" by IPOA President Jim Palmer, that stretch of the highway had been the site of numerous

injury collisions over the years.

35 years ago - 1984

The feasibility of housing California Conservation Corps crews on the ISOMATA campus was discussed by the executive officers of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation Board of Trustees.

30 years ago - 1989

The U.S. Forest Service made an environmental assessment of Garner Ranch properties in a step to acquire nearly 320 acres on top of Baldy Mountain near Mountain Center. The land would be used as a wildlife habitat and would be open to the public.

25 years ago - 1994

Idyllwild Water District customers experienced low or no water pressure and dirty water following a traffic collision that knocked off a fire hydrant. The fire hydrant gushed more than 42,000 gallons of water onto Idyllwild Pines Camp property.

20 years ago - 1999

American Legion Post 800 celebrated its golden anniversary.

15 years ago - 2004

County Service Area 38

revised its contract with Idyllwild Fire Protection District to exclude areas north of Pine Cove. CSA 38 did not receive taxes from the area, known as Zone 3, for ambulance services.

10 years ago - 2009

Jonathan LaBenne's offer to provide a second tree monument for Idyllwild was generating strong reactions within the community. Whether the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce decided to continue its contract with artist David Roy or accept LaBenne's offer, the community was split but not indifferent.

5 years ago - 2014

Leg Up Theater Company presented a New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31, celebrating the 1920s. The party included appearances by Cole Porter and Ernest Hemingway, Parisian can-can dancers, cocktails, Dali's oyster bar, Joie de Vivre cheese boards, Jambon de Paris and lots of surprises.

1 year ago - 2018

Idyllwild punk rock-metal band Throw The Goat was among 25 bands that won a Combat Records label.

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Academy visual arts show

The Idyllwild Arts Academy's Visual Arts Junior Show Opening Reception is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Parks Exhibition Center on campus.

The exhibit continues through Saturday, Jan. 26.

Drum workshop and circle

Spirit Mountain Retreat will lead a Native American Drum-making Workshop and Full Moon Drum Circle Saturday, Jan. 19, at the retreat. The workshop is from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Drum Circle is from 6 to 7:30 p.m.