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On Sept. 11, in recognition of the "9/11" 2001 attacks on the U.S., the Idyllwild Fire Protection District raised the flag over Highway 243.
PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

MAST group continues to discuss fire protection projects

Grants available to help remove dead and dying trees

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Sept. 11, Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST) meeting was sparsely attended. No law enforcement officials and only a few fire managers were present. Those in attendance discussed current and prospective fire protection projects and forest health.

Grants
Kat Wilson, executive director of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council (MCFSC), described the two major grants it obtained for tree removal on the hill. Cal Fire awarded the MCFSC \$600,000 a year ago for removal of dead or dying trees. Already 87 properties have been assisted with abatement and tree removal, she told the group.

The second grant was awarded in December. The California Fire Safe Council awarded our local FSC \$200,000 to help with fuel reduction projects such as community chipper programs, fuel breaks, and roadside and defensible space projects. Thus far, the MCFSC has worked on seven properties.

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Forest Service hiring for 2020 temp positions

Positions available in California national forests

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has already announced it is taking applications for temporary jobs in 2020.

Applications for more than 1,500 temporary spring and summer jobs in California should be submitted between Sept. 16 and Sept. 30.

Positions are available across the state in many fields including fire, recreation, wildlife and fisheries, botany, timber, engineering, visitor services and archaeology.

The USFS will be hiring for both fire and non-fire positions with job announcements opening in USAJOBS on Sept. 16 and closing Sept. 30.

To apply at USAJOBS, create a profile and set up your resume. Be sure to read the job announcement thoroughly for specific information about the job requirements,

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Rose Venard joins PCWD

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While Rose Venard and her husband, Rocky, only moved to Pine Cove as full-time residents in August 2018, they have owned a cabin in Pine Cove since 2013. Venard has been coming to Idyllwild since the early 1980s. For years, she visited a high school friend who lived up here. She says she fell in love with the community and environment.

Venard has a broad business accounting background. Relying on this financial experience will be her contribution to the board as she learns more about water issues, she said.

Venard attended several local colleges and learned the business as she worked. She credits her willingness to work hard with her climb up the ladder to management positions.

Her first job was with a circuit board manufacturer. She started in the software division and moved to accounting. Unexpectedly, one day the manager of the credit department approached her and said, "I think I want you to join my department. I really enjoy working with you."

She made the switch. After her mentor retired, Venard served 15 years as the credit manager.

Venard understands how the price must cover the cost of delivering a product or service.

"There is always inflation and the cost of other supplies and wages go up. I understand that the cost of water goes up with the prices of everything," she said. "Unfortunately, with higher costs, some must be passed on. The district can't ab

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Rose Venard is Pine Cove Water District's newest director. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

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Legislature very active this session

Vaccines, rent, contractor status and more on governor’s desk

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The California State Legislature’s session ended Friday, Sept. 13. Hundreds of bills were passed before its adjournment. Gov. Gavin Newsom has already signed many into law, but many have not been signed and some will likely be vetoed.

Below is a brief highlight of the major pieces of legislation.

Vaccines

Senate Bills 276 and 714 were enacted to reduce the number of exemptions for child vaccinations, which physicians can approve. The governor requested some changes to Senate Bill 276 after it passed and the legislature quickly approved both.

Both bills were signed into law last week.

However, those opposed to mandatory vaccines have not given up hope of overturning the new laws. Last week, the anti-vaccine advocates began efforts to place each bill on a statewide referendum with the hope that a 2020 ballot initiative will repeal the legislative action.

To qualify for the November 2020 ballot, the referendums will need 623,212 signatures each. If they qualify, the legislation would be placed on hold. If voters support the referendums, then the legislation would not take effect.

Regarding the referendum effort, Sen. Richard Pan, D-Sacramento, author of both bills said, “Even more Californians support these vaccine policies today than in 2015 as demonstrated in PPIC polling, which shows 67% in support in 2015 and 73% in support earlier this year.

“California voters don’t want a privileged few to take away the freedom and right of all Californians to be safe from contagious, preventable disease,” he said at the conclusion of his statement.

Rent

Assembly Bill 1482 establishes more restrictive rent controls in California. According to the media, millions of California renters are about to receive some of the nation’s

strongest protections against rent hikes and evictions.

Here is what Assembly Bill 1482 does for some, but not all, renters:

- For the next decade, landlords will only be able to raise rent for an existing tenant by 5% after inflation — no more.
- It will give tenants more protection against eviction. Landlords will actually have to have a legitimate reason (i.e. the tenant isn’t paying rent).
- Initially, the rent cap will only apply to California apartments built before 2004. It will also exempt single-family homes (unless owned by a corporation) and duplexes where the owner lives in one of the units.

After its passage, Newsom issued the following statement. “In this year’s State of the State address, I asked the legislature to send me a strong renter protection package. Today, they sent me the strongest package in America.”

However, the legislature was unable to pass a companion bill to expand the renters’ tax credit. The credit for low-income renters has been fixed at \$60 since 1979.

Independent Contractors

A 2018 California Supreme Court decision resulted in the idea that Uber and Lyft drivers are employees rather than independent contractors. This allowed drivers the advantage of negotiating many benefits, such as health care and wage rates.

This year, the legislature intended to codify the decision and expand it to other “independent contractors.” Assembly Bill 5 will curb the use of independent contractors throughout the state’s business communities.

The bill drew much opposition. Many professionals, especially in health care, were opposed to losing their independence. The bill had many exemptions, including newspaper carriers.

Higher-paying professions — physicians, dentists, veterinarians, lawyers, architects (but not landscape architects), engineers, accountants, brokers, real estate agents and commercial builders — generally succeeded in getting carve-outs from the bill.

“As with any complex legislation, it is the norm that future clean-up legislation is necessary to sand down the rough edges and diminish the unseemly gap between the written word of legislation and the hazy hieroglyphics of everyday California. Assembly Bill 5 is no excep-

tion,” stated the senate staff analysis of Assembly Bill 5.

Daylight savings

Following the passage of Proposition 7 last November, which authorized the legislature to move forward with legislation to abolish Daylight Saving Time in California, Assemblyman Kansen Chu, D-San Jose, the author, introduced Assembly Bill 7 to take the next step.

However, the rest of the legislature was less enthusiastic about the bill, which is stalled in a senate committee.

In a tweet, Chu wrote: “I want to clarify that AB 7 is not dead and will be moving forward in January. My main goal will always be to stop the practice of switching back and forth, and I am dedicated to make this a reality.”

Cannabis

Although cannabis is legal in California and counties are in various states of permit issuance. Cannabis legislation was not very popular during the recent legislative session.

Several significant cannabis bills stalled this year. For example, Senate Bill 51, which would have authorized state chartered banks to accept deposits from cannabis businesses, passed the senate, but didn’t get out of the assembly committees.

Senate Bill 475 would have allowed cannabis companies to provide samples. Assembly Bill 228 would have allowed cannabidiol, or CBD, to be added to cosmetics, food, dietary supplements and other products. It failed to move forward.

Senate Bill 305 was passed and awaits Newsom’s signature. The bill allows terminally ill patients to use medical cannabis within certain health care facilities and is subject to certain restrictions.

Beginning of school day

Senate Bill 328 passed and it restricts the start of the schoolday for middle schools to 8 a.m. High schools, including charter schools, may not begin before 8:30 a.m.

The assembly vote was 44 to 20 and 15 members did not cast a vote. The bill’s assembly representative, Randy Voepel, voted for the bill.

The senate passed the bill in May with a 24-9 vote, with five senators not voting. State Sen. Jeff Stone opposed the bill.

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was hired earlier this summer.

Riverside County also has grant funds to remove dead and dying trees, which were infested by either the bark beetle or the gold-spotted oak borer (GSOB).

So far, the funds have not been used, but Gregg Bratcher, Riverside County Fire Department (RCFD) division chief forester, said the county would begin once a licensed tree operator was selected.

Property owners will be required to pay a quarter of the project’s cost, he added.

Patrick Keplinger of Rep. Raul Ruiz’s, D-Palm Desert, office alerted the agencies to some emergency grants from the Department of Commerce. These funds are limited to businesses, nonprofit groups or public agencies that incurred damage from the February storm.

Commerce’s Economic Development Agency announced application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental Funding Opportunity. Subject to the availability of funds, this investment assistance will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects. It is for areas who suffered from a variety of natural disasters including “floods occurring in calendar year 2019.”

Forest Health

“I’ve seen no extra damage [to local trees]

from bark beetles beyond what we would normally expect,” Bratcher commented. “But the GSOB is alive and well.”

This summer it was found in the San Bernardino Mountains, so it is expanding its habitat. Call the local GSOB hotline at 951-659-8328 to request an inspection.

Bratcher is requesting that volunteers form inspection teams. The MCFSC organized several teams a few years ago, but interest dwindled. Consequently, he is relying mostly on calls to the hotline to help identify oaks damaged from GSOB infestations.

“It’s very helpful to have local [residents] conduct inspections. They are familiar with the area,” Bratcher said. “I’d like to keep them going and we can provide training.”

Dan Olsen, RCFD battalion chief for the mountain, confirmed that staff at Station 23 (Pine Cove) is currently conducting property abatement inspections. If an individual wants to know the status of a property, they can contact captains Kathy Garver and Milford Ferguson at the station, he added.

Matt Ahearn, acting U.S. Forest Service division chief for the San Jacinto Ranger District, said his agency is staffed and ready for any possible fall fires. The next few days may see an elevation in fire weather, but not red flag warnings, he added.

“The live fuel moisture is higher than normal but dropping. Near the Cran-

Sitting at the incident commander table for the Sept. 11 Mountain Area Safety Taskforce meeting are (from left) Matt Ahearn, acting division chief for the U.S. Forest Service’s San Jacinto Ranger District, Michelle Kelly of Riverside County Emergency Management Department, Gregg Bratcher, forester division chief for Riverside County Fire Department, and Dan Olsen, Riverside County Fire Department battalion chief on the mountain.



ston Ranger Station, it is still 55%,” he noted.

RCFD is continuing work on the Red Hill fuel break and is preparing to begin work on the Point of Rocks project, Bratcher said. The latter will extend from Thousand Trails in Pine Cove to the water tank in Fern Valley at the top of Chip-

munk Drive.

Ken Kietzer, senior environmental scientist at California State Parks in Perris, said that more GSOB damaged trees have been found in local campgrounds and have been removed.

Other


In other work relat-

ed to safety on the hill, Shane Massoud, maintenance public information officer for Caltrans, confirmed that the work on highways 74 and 243 are progressing without any interruptions. He still expects the use of pilot cars on Highway 74 will become unnecessary by late September

or early October.

Some work will continue, but traffic can be managed with the use of flagmen at specific sites.

The repaving of Highway 243 from Banning to Lake Fulmor has begun. Winter is likely to interrupt the work and it will be completed in the spring of 2020, he said.



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Thursday 9/19



66/44

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Friday 9/20



73/49

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Saturday 9/21



77/53

Mostly sunny.


Sunday 9/22



78/51

Mostly sunny.


Monday 9/23



72/50

Sunny.

Tuesday 9/24



72/51

Sunny.

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


Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
09/10	x	x	x	x	
09/11	78	46	0.00	x	
09/12	86	53	0.00	x	
09/13	89	50	0.00	x	
09/14	90	51	0.00	x	
09/15	83	54	0.00	x	
09/16	78	53	0.00	x	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
09/10	84	49	0.00	0.0	
09/11	81	50	0.00	0.0	
09/12	81	52	0.00	0.0	
09/13	80	52	0.00	0.0	
09/14	86	49	0.00	0.0	
09/15	84	52	0.00	0.0	
09/16	85	57	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 Tuesday afternoon with temperatures in the low 70s.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

Life Tribute
Diana Lynn Robinson
1949-2019

Diana Lynn Robinson passed away on Thursday, Aug. 22 in the family home where she grew up in Hemet, California. Diana entered into life on Jan. 8, 1949, at Hemet Valley Medical Center. She was the oldest of Irvin and Bernice Robinson's three children. Diana is survived by her brother, Larry Robinson, sister, Pamela Robinson, daughter, Denise, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



Diana graduated from Hemet High School with honors, and received her Bachelor of Science degree and a teaching credential from the University of California, Davis. She earned a master's degree from California State University, San Bernardino. She retired after 30 years of teaching for the Hemet Unified School District.

She was active with the Girl Scouts in Hemet all her life, starting in the second grade as a Brownie through her senior year. As an adult, she was a Girl Scout camp counselor, troop leader, and a council trainer and volunteer for the Girl Scouts of the San Gorgonio Council for over 50 years.

A long-time resident of Pine Cove, Diana was an Idyllwild Girl Scout leader and camp director for many years. With her friends Pat Hopkins and Aggie Szigeti, she owned and operated Raw Beginnings on North Circle, a shop featuring Navajo sandpaintings and Native American pottery made in southeastern Utah.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Miller-Jones Mortuary located at 1501 W. Florida Ave. in Hemet. A reception in the desert will immediately follow. A second celebration, A Celebration of a Girl Scout Life, will take place at Skyland Ranch Girl Scout Camp located at 19750 Highway 243 in Banning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28.

In lieu of flowers and in her honor, please make donations to the Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio, 1751 Plum Lane, Redlands, CA 92374. It was a dream of Diana's to create a Nature and Science Center at Skyland Ranch. All donations will be directed to that endeavor.

Life Tribute
Robert William Haine
1949-2019

Robert William Haine went into the light Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019. He passed at home with his soulmate Kathi Haine, who had been his wife for 42 years. Although he died in Los Osos, California, his heart never left Idyllwild. He was born in Los Angeles on Sept. 29, 1949.



He shared his singing gift in numerous churches, most notably for Queen of Angels in Idyllwild and St. Joseph's in Upland. He influenced countless students as a French, ESL, and English teacher for 33 years at Chaffey High School in Ontario, California. He also performed in several musicals on the Chaffey stage.

He did KAIROS Prison Ministry, drove for the American Cancer Society as a volunteer, was active in Marriage Encounter and Marriage Enrichment, brought exchange students from foreign countries, and took students to France during the summer.

He won awards for his outstanding photography from African safari and rainforest expeditions. He produced five spiritual CDs with his wife, which have music videos online.

His greatest accomplishment was the love he gave to his family and his wife, which has not diminished even by death.

The memorial mass will be at Queen of Angels in Idyllwild at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27. A reception will follow immediately after the mass at the family home, 55250 John Muir Rd.

Bob is survived by his wife Kathleen, brother, Steve Haine, and many nieces and nephews. He is now with our children in heaven.



A helicopter dropping water on the Bautista Fire. The fire started Sunday evening, Sept. 15. By Tuesday morning, the 163-acre fire was at 85% containment.

PHOTO COURTESY ZACH BEHRENS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR THE SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST

Pine Cove Water
fills vacant
director position
Water usage up over 2018

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Pine Cove Water District (PCWD) board of directors approved Rose Venard as its newest member. She replaces former Director Steven King, who resigned Aug. 1 because he and his wife, Paula, moved out of the district.

Venard and her husband have owned property in Pine Cove since 2013 and became full-time residents a year ago.

In her email requesting consideration, she wrote, "I have read the PCWD web page and have been following the improvements that the district has been making and I would like to be a part of this well-run and operated district."

With no other applicants for the position, Director Diana Luther made the motion to appoint Venard and the vote was unanimous, 4-0.

Finances

At the end of August, PCWD had a cash balance of \$320,000, the largest in years, according to General Manager Jerry Holldbber. Director Lou Padula complimented Holldbber and staff on their financial management.

Holldbber is continuing to work with representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to obtain reimbursement for the district's costs to repair damages caused by the February storms.

Water

PCWD customers used 3.7 million gallons in August, which was about 380,000 gallons or 11.4% more than in August 2018.

"Last year was lower and usage depends on when thunder showers occur," Holldbber told the board. The usage a year ago was lower due to a higher amount of rain that August.

Since January, PCWD water production has been 24.4 million gallons. For the same period in 2018, production was 22.8 million gallons. Production has been higher this year for several reasons.

During late winter, the freezing temperatures and flooding created numerous leaks, most of these were on the customer side of the water meter. Secondly, the district has used more water for construction projects at its Dutch Flats property. Also, Holldbber has told the board for more than a year that the number of full-time residents has been growing in recent years. Finally, the absence of monsoonal rains in July and August has increased water demand for many outdoor uses that rain would obviate.

Holldbber described the water system as "Operating fantastic!" The groundwater level of the district's static well rose another 5 feet in August and is at 105 feet.

"Water is still coming through the ground," he said. "The water level is rising."

He also reported on the recent semi-annual testing of water quality for trihalomethanes (TTHM) and haloacetic acid (HAA) that comes from natural organic compounds in the water.

The results for the TTHM concentrations were 3.1 micrograms per liter (µl) and the state maximum contaminant level is 80 µl. The testing of the samples for the HAA could not detect any measurable concentration.

"The tests are good," he said.



Right, the Horseshoe Fire started in Juniper Flats, west of San Jacinto late Saturday afternoon. Some evacuations were ordered Saturday night, but were lifted Sunday. By Tuesday morning, the 520-acre fire was 72% contained.

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Local newspapers top all other news outlets in local news production

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Last month, researchers at Duke University released their study of 16,000 randomly selected news stories from 663 local media outlets including newspapers, television, radio and online-only news sites from across the country.

The researchers’ findings suggested that “newspapers are the most important producers of local news in terms of the volume of journalistic output being produced for local communities. ... The relative paucity of online-only local media outlets, and the relatively limited (compared with newspapers) journalistic output of these outlets suggest that online-only outlets have yet to come close to matching local newspapers as significant sources of reporting that is original, local, and addresses critical information needs.”

Their overall conclusion was that “newspapers remain by far the most important source of local journalism serving local communities.”

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Steps for earthquake safety

The Earthquake Country Alliance has prepared seven steps for people to take before, during and after an earthquake.

Before:

Step 1: Secure your space by identifying hazards and securing movable items.

Step 2: Plan to be safe by creating a disaster plan and deciding how you will communicate in an emergency.

Step 3: Organize disaster supplies in convenient locations.

Step 4: Minimize financial hardship by organizing important documents, strengthening your property and considering insurance.

During:

Step 5: Drop, cover and hold on when the earth shakes.

Step 6: Improve safety after earthquakes by evacuating if necessary, helping the injured and preventing further injuries or damage.

After:

Step 7: Restore daily life by reconnecting with others, repairing damage and rebuilding community.

For more information, visit <http://earthquakecountry.org>.

Medicare does not give out DNA kits

The FTC is getting reports that callers claiming to be from Medicare are asking people for their Medicare numbers, Social Security numbers, and other personal information in exchange for DNA testing kits. The callers might say the test is a free way to get early diagnoses for diseases like cancer, or just that it’s a free test, so why not take it? But the truth is, Medicare does not market DNA testing kits to the general public. This is yet another government imposter scam.

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.

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By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

On Aug. 27, Mountain Disaster Preparedness and Caltrans hosted a town hall to give the community an update on highways 74 and 243. Part of that town hall included tips from public safety officials on how to further develop the community/public safety

Editor asks ...

partnership.

One of the things discussed by Riverside County Emergency Management Department Director Bruce Barton was the addition of sirens to our mountain to alert residents and visitors of emergencies. What are your thoughts on installing sirens on the mountain?

To submit a letter to the editor, please see the criteria outlined below in “How to get a letter published.”

Thinking about health

Providers don’t want to say what that surgery will cost you

By TRUDY LIEBERMAN
RURAL HEALTH NEWS SERVICE

You would think that making the prices charged by hospitals and doctors available to their patients would be a no-brainer. After all, we’ve become accustomed to knowing the price we pay for cars, carrots, comic books, and almost everything else we buy. Why not knee surgery or appendectomies?

The medical establishment, it seems, isn’t keen on letting the public in on what health practitioners charge for their services. Despite lots of talk about price transparency from government officials, including the Trump administration, the actions of hospitals and physicians speak otherwise.

“Price secrecy is a calculated strategy,” says Jeanne Pinder, founder and CEO of ClearHealthCosts, a digital startup that works with news outlets to disclose the costs of medical care. “All that money collected from overpriced care and mysterious bills goes into lobbying and behind the scenes pressure. They lobby lawmakers and regulators to protect the current system and to skew it even further to their benefit.”

That’s what has happened in Ohio where the hospital industry and its lobbyists succeeded in killing two laws passed by the state legislature — the first in 2015 and the second this summer — that would have allowed patients to know the prices of the medical procedures and services they were about to receive.

The 2015 law would have required hospitals and other health care providers to give patients an estimate of their costs no later than the same day a procedure or medical intervention would take place. The hospitals objected. The governor’s office never wrote rules to implement the law, and hospitals and other health care groups sued to prevent implementation.

The law was passed as part of the worker’s compensation budget bill, and the medical industry argued that it violated the state prohibition on including multiple subjects in one bill. A lower court judge sided with the hospitals. The matter is now before the Ohio Court of Appeals and likely to go to the state Supreme Court.

This year Jim Butler, speaker pro tempore of the

Despite lots of talk about price transparency from government officials, including the Trump administration, the actions of hospitals and physicians speak otherwise.

Ohio House of Representatives and champion of the 2015 law, succeeded in getting a second bill passed that he said took into account the health industry objections. He called it a “much better version of transparency.” Health care providers would not give price estimates. Instead, they would have to notify a patient’s insurance company within 24 hours of scheduling the procedure and disclose what the service would cost. The carrier would then give patients an estimate of those costs.

Patients would not have to ask for the information. Butler said that requiring patients to ask for a price estimate is not satisfactory since most people won’t do it.

In 2012, Massachusetts passed a law requiring medical providers to disclose to patients within two business days the amount their insurer would pay for a procedure or the hospital list price if a patient was uninsured — but only if the patient asked. It turned out very few did, even though the prices for services like MRIs vary widely.

Butler’s latest attempt at price transparency has failed, too.

Using his line-item veto power, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine nixed Butler’s second attempt at medical price transparency, saying his veto was “in the public interest” and citing efforts by the federal government to address transparency. It’s important the state not put “duplicative or burdensome regulations on health care providers,” he said.

What’s really at stake for the hospitals?

Armed with price information, patients not in the midst of an emergency may be able to find cheaper providers for their care.

With medical prices rising and insurers demanding larger deductibles and more expensive coinsurance, patients may be looking for all the help they can get. A study by insurance giant United Health Group found that hospital prices for inpatient care increased by 19% and physician prices by 10% between 2013 and 2017.

“Hospitals certainly don’t want transparency because it will create competition,” Butler told me.

I’ve been covering consumer issues for decades. Most businesses I’ve written about have fought government regulation. Instead, they’ve pushed for more information and price disclosure to solve whatever consumer abuse was taking place.

As we see in Ohio, sellers in the health care marketplace seem to want neither.

What do you think will lower the cost of care? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

Second tax measure to fund California schools proposed for 2020 ballot

Association seeks backers for \$15 billion tax on the wealthy

By JOHN FENSTERWALD
EdSource

The California School Boards Association is exploring whether to place a \$15 billion tax for K-12 schools, early education and community colleges before voters, creating the possibility of dueling tax initiatives on the statewide ballot in November 2020.

Together with the Association of California School Administrators, the California State PTA and the Community College League of California — its partners so far — the school boards association has created a “Full and Fair Funding” (www.fullandfairfunding.org/) election fund and website to solicit support. Assemblyman Kevin McCarty, D-Sacramento, who chairs the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance, is shopping the idea around the legislature to see if there’s enough support to ask legislators to put the tax proposal on next year’s ballot.

“We’re talking to anyone who will listen,” McCarty said. That includes the administration of Gov. Gavin Newsom, said Dennis Meyers, assistant executive director for governmental relations for the California School Boards Association. “They know what we are doing.”

The association’s move coincides with the announcement this month by the organizers of another tax plan that they are rewriting their initiative, which already had qualified for the November 2020 ballot, to exempt more small businesses. The initiative from the Schools and Commu-

nities First Coalition (schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org/) would revise Proposition 13’s 40-year-old limits on property taxes to increase the take from business and commercial properties. Organizers say they will replace the text with the latest version once they’ve again collected the more than 1 million signatures needed to put the initiative on next year’s ballot — an expensive and possibly daunting challenge.

Their proposal for a “split-roll” tax would leave Proposition 13’s tax protections for residential property owners intact while raising an estimated \$11 billion annually from business and commercial properties. About \$4.5 billion would go to schools and community colleges and the rest to cities and counties, which provide the bulk of the state’s social services and health care.

The school boards’ proposal would bring in triple the amount of money for K-12 schools than the \$4.5 billion estimated under the split-roll proposal. That will be tantalizing to education groups and the California Teachers Association (CTA), whose financial and organizing prowess the school boards and administrators would need to qualify the measure for the ballot.

But the CTA, the California State PTA, the California Federation of Teachers, United Teachers Los Angeles, individual school district boards and nonprofits such as Public Advocates and Californians for Justice already have joined dozens of housing, social justice and local government officials who have endorsed the split-roll initiative (schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org/endorsers/).

That could create a dilemma regarding whether to support either or both — or whether to actively discourage one

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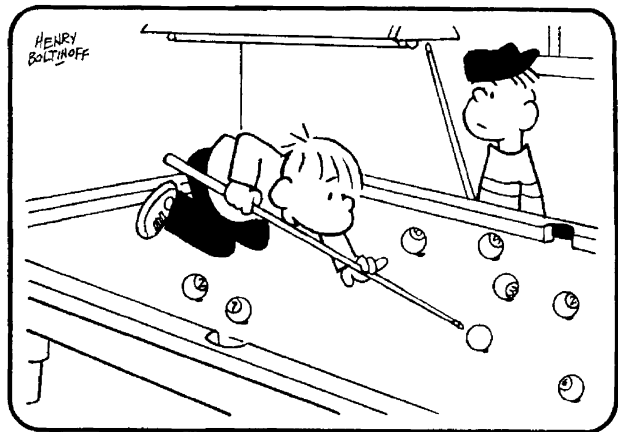
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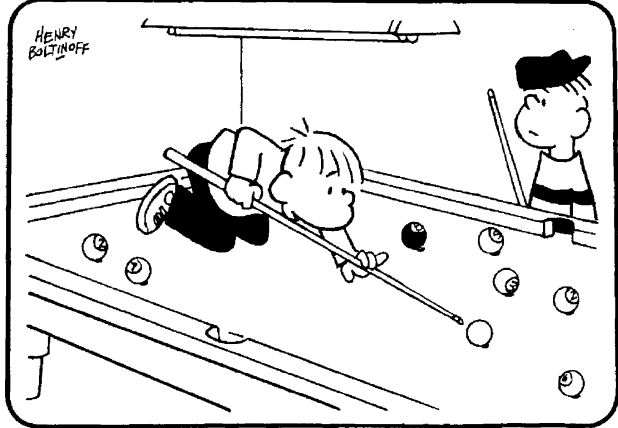
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Rotary District Assistant Governor William Sullivan (left), past-president of the Hemet Sunset Rotary Club, spoke at the Idyllwild Rotary Club Wednesday morning, Sept. 11, at American Legion Post 800. Sullivan, who installs solar systems, also is a member of a barbershop quartet and his group just won a gold medal in Salt Lake City. Rotary President Tom Kluzak thanks Sullivan for his talk with a Rotary squirrel. PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

Social Security scam

Getting calls saying your Social Security number is suspended because of suspicious activity? It's a scam. The Social Security Administration (SSA) is not calling you, no matter what your caller ID says.

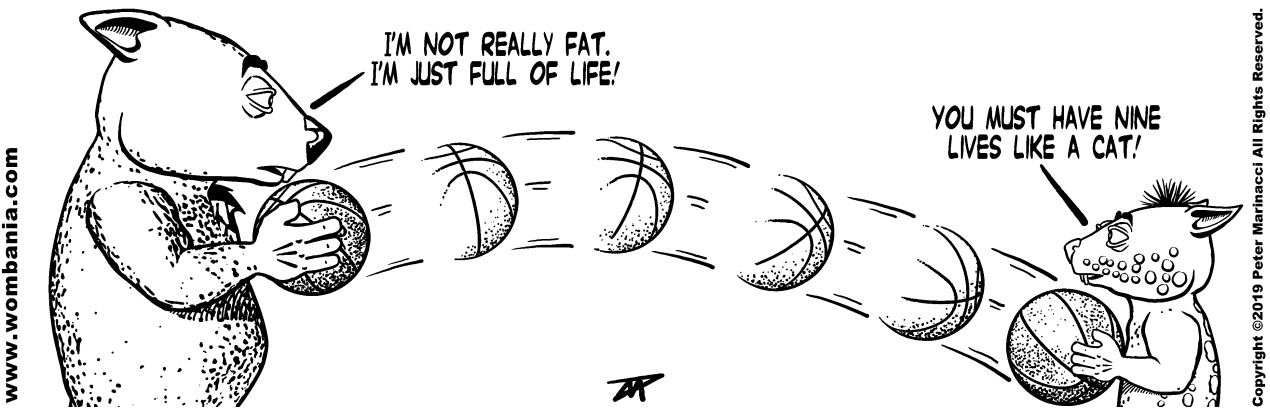
Confidential teen crisis line

A California Youth Crisis Line is available toll-free 24/7 to assist youth, teens and their families in crisis or in a time of need. Calls are confidential and trained staff can provide appropriate referrals to assist with issues such as family problems, relationship violence, runaway, homelessness, depression, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, suicide and more. The crisis line is 1-800-843-5200.

How to harden your home

Cal Fire has a free video and app called "What You Need to Know — Hardening Your Home," on the subject of saving your home from wildfire. Visit www.periscope.tv/w/1kvKplyZknwKE to watch or download the app on IOS or Android devices. Other tips are available at www.readyforwildfire.org/Hardening-Your-Home/.

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We the People solidarity march

Since January, 2017, Idyllwild Indivisible has participated in nationwide marches and vigils. On Saturday, Sept. 21, a We the People March will take place at 4 p.m. at "Harmony," the town monument. This peaceful assembly is one of numerous We the People marches being held in more than 60 cities across the country with 100,000 people expected to attend the Washington, D.C. march. The march is meant to bring attention to the current status quo that is a threat to democracy and values.

The national We the People March is a grassroots effort spearheaded by activist and author Amy Siskind, president of The New Agenda. The march is co-sponsored by concerned citizens and activists from across the country. "So many of us worked for two years ahead of the midterms, to take a majority and put a check in place and finally have accountability. That hasn't happened.

So many Americans are concerned with losing our democracy and values. We are marching to be seen and heard, and to remind our elected officials that they work for us!" said Siskind.

In addition to planning the D.C. event, local activists have organized solidarity marches across the nation and the globe with more marches being added.

Many Idyllwild residents and visitors recognize the importance of being engaged in the challenges our country is facing. Join together to take a stand to protect the environment, prevent gun violence, provide affordable healthcare, and participate in the democratic process.

To learn more about the solidarity marches, visit www.wethepeoplemarch2019.org. The We the People March will be a day of equity and inclusion that reflects our commitment to peaceful assembly to achieve our mission.

Free trials and tribulations

By LISA LAKE
CONSUMER EDUCATION SPECIALIST, FTC

As you browse online, you probably see offers to try out cool products or services for free. This can be tempting and, many times, it's okay to check them out. But some dishonest companies will bury the terms of their "free trial" offers in fine print or not disclose them at all. Their real goal is to rob you blind.

In its lawsuit against AH Media, the FTC says this is how the company took money from more than 100,000 people. AH Media advertised free trials of skin creams and dietary pills, telling people they only had to pay \$4.99 in shipping costs to try the products. But, the FTC says, AH Media billed people about \$90 for the products two weeks later. On top of that, the company allegedly enrolled these same people — without their knowledge or permission — in a subscription plan for the products ... at close to an additional \$90 per month. AH Media either didn't disclose the terms of the

"free" offers, hid them in tiny print, or buried them in hyperlinks, according to the FTC's lawsuit.

But wait ... there's more! When people clicked the large, green "Complete Checkout" button to pay the shipping fee, AH Media allegedly added even more trials and subscriptions to their orders — for yet another \$90 or so per month.

If you're thinking of signing up for a "free" trial offer, keep these tips in mind:

- **Do some research.** Search the product and company name online with words like "review," "complaint," or "scam" to see what others are saying.
 - **Find the terms and conditions for the offer.** If you can't find them or can't understand exactly what you're agreeing to — or what you'll be charged for — don't sign up.
 - **Monitor your credit and debit card statements.** If you're charged for something you didn't order, dispute those charges as soon as you spot them.
- If you've been taken by a so-called "free" offer, report it to the FTC.

In the wake of Hurricane Dorian

By COLLEEN TRESSLER
CONSUMER EDUCATION SPECIALIST, FTC

If you suffered damage from Hurricane Dorian, or if you're looking for ways to help those in need, start at ftc.gov/weatheremergencies. You'll find ways to spot the scams that often follow disasters.

After a storm like Hurricane Dorian, scammers often target people who need to get their homes cleaned up or repaired, or find a new place to rent. Scammers might pose as a government official, asking for financial information or money to apply for aid that you can request on your own for free. What-

ever the story, they often demand that you pay by gift card, prepaid card, or by wiring money. That's always a scam.

Charity scams also get active after a hurricane. If you're thinking about donating to help people affected by Dorian, start with research and planning so your donations get where they'll do real good.

And if you're in an area affected by the storm, you can add local contacts to this one-page handout, [Pick-up the Pieces after a Disaster](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/www.consumer.ftc.gov/files/one_pager_fillable_resource_sheet.pdf) at www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/www.consumer.ftc.gov/files/one_pager_fillable_resource_sheet.pdf, print copies, and hand them out in your community. Spotted a scam? Report it at ftc.gov/complaint.

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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see “On the Town,” on page B7. Submit listings and changes to melissa@towncrier.com. All events are subject to last-minute changes.

- Wednesday, Sept. 18**
- 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.
 - La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 951-659-8321.
 - Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 951-659-6049 for location.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Community Church Guild, noon. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 N. Circle Dr.
 - High Valleys Water District Board meeting, 3 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
 - Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Idyllwild Water District Board, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
 - Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - AA Emotional Sobriety, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Thursday, Sept. 19**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women, open, 9 a.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard building, 54240 Ridgewiew Dr.
 - Fit Over 50, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - AA meeting, noon. St.

- Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Feeding America, 1-2 p.m. Calvary Chapel, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
 - Lake Hemet Municipal Water District Board, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
 - Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
 - American Legion Post 800 Board, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Idyllwild Community Meditation, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.
 - “We Don’t Know” Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Courtyard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

- Friday, Sept. 20**
- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
 - Fern Valley Water District Board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
 - AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Women’s Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard Building, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
 - GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Calvary Chapel, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
 - Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Saturday, Sept. 21**
- Antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - We the People March, 4 p.m. “Harmony,” the town monument.
 - Narcotics Anonymous speaker meeting, 5 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Sunday, Sept. 22**
- 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.
 - Al-Anon “Mixed Nuts” open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Monday, Sept. 23**
- Fit Over 50, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Grief Support Group, 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Overeaters Anonymous, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous men, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
 - Women’s Alanon, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Tuesday, Sept. 24**
- Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
 - Idyllwild Fire Protection District board, 3 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
 - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
 - AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m.

Center for Spiritual Living, 54246 Ridgeview Dr.

- Idyllwild Indivisible meeting, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.

- Wednesday, Sept. 25**
- 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.
 - 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. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - AA Emotional Sobriety, 6-7 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
 - Co-dependents Anonymous, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Community service hours**
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 951-659-3335.
 - Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 951-659-2717.
 - Idyllwild Help Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 951-659-2110.
 - 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., 951-659-2300.
 - Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 951-659-3850.
 - Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. (Closed New Year’s Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day); Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.
 - Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

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

- Sept. 8 — Motor vehicle accident with injuries, 11:50 a.m. Highway 243.
- Sept. 8 — Motor vehicle accident with injuries, 3:17 p.m. Highway 243.
- Sept. 8 — Medical aid, 9:28 p.m. Highway 243.
- Sept. 8 — Walk-in medical aid, 10:11 p.m.
- Sept. 9 — Walk-in medical aid, 11:29 a.m.
- Sept. 9 — Gas leak, 7:14 p.m. Highway 243. Investigated.
- Sept. 10 — Medical aid, 5:07 a.m. Jeffrey Pine Rd.
- Sept. 10 — Walk-in medical aid, 1:47 p.m.
- Sept. 10 — Walk-in medical aid, 3:27 p.m.
- Sept. 11 — Medical aid, 2:28 p.m. Temecula Dr.
- Sept. 11 — Medical aid, 2:55 p.m. Fern Valley Rd.
- Sept. 11 — Public service assist, 4:11 p.m. Hopkins Rd.
- Sept. 12 — Good intent call, 11:05 a.m. Fairway Dr.
- Sept. 12 — Walk-in medical aid, 3:17 p.m.
- Sept. 13 — Good intent call, 8:20 a.m. N. Circle Dr.
- Sept. 13 — Walk-in public service, 10:08 a.m.
- Sept. 15 — Public service assist, 8:59 p.m. Crestview Dr.

Sheriff’s log

The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, Sept. 8 to Sept. 14.

Idyllwild

- Sept. 8 — 911 call, 4:33 a.m. Tahquitz Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 8 — Follow-up, 9:24 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 8 — Child neglect, 8:39 p.m. Address withheld. Arrest made.
- Sept. 10 — Check the welfare, 2:06 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 11 — Alarm call, 5:00 a.m. Circle View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 11 — Check the welfare, 7:22 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 12 — Follow-up, 12:35 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 12 — Noise complaint, 12:48 a.m. Country Club Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 12 — Suspicious circumstance, 7:00 a.m. Daryll Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 13 — Noise complaint, 6:15 a.m. Idyllbrook Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 13 — Suspicious person, 7:37 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 13 — Unlawful entry, 12:08 p.m. 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 13 — Vicious dog, 6:03 p.m. Tahquitz Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 13 — Noise complaint, 6:07 p.m. Country Club Dr. Unfounded.
- Sept. 14 — Noise complaint, 9:21 a.m. Idyllbrook Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 14 — Check the welfare, 11:36 a.m., 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 14 — Suspicious person, 3:47 p.m. Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Sept. 10 — Public assist, 9:07 p.m. McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 11 — Follow-up, 4:53 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Sept. 9 — Suspicious circumstance, 4:50 p.m. Cedar Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 12 — Public disturbance, 5:14 p.m. 23000 block of St. Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 12 — Public disturbance, 7:37 p.m. 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 13 — Public disturbance, 5:59 a.m. Nestwa Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 13 — Vandalism, 9:16 a.m. Rosaline Rd. Arrest made.
- Sept. 13 — Vandalism, 9:19 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 13 — Vandalism, 9:30 a.m. Rosaline Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 14 — Noise complaint, 4:53 p.m. 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Unfounded.

Pine Meadows/Garner Valley

- Sept. 9 — Harassing phone calls, 11:21 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 12 — Burglary, 7:48 a.m. Devils Ladder Rd. Report taken.

Poppet Flats

- Sept. 8 — Follow-up, 12:55 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 11 — 911 hang up from cellphone, 3:48 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Sept. 9 — Suicide threat, 2:21 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 10 — Civil dispute, 7:10 p.m. 47000 block of E. Highway 74. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 11 — Suspicious vehicle, 9:26 a.m. 19000 block Highway 243. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 11 — Unattended death, 10:21 a.m. Address withheld. Report taken.
- Sept. 12 — 911 call, 9:25 a.m. Bonita Vista Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 12 — Check the welfare, 3:50 p.m. Address undefined. Report taken.
- Sept. 14 — Suspicious vehicle, 11:37 a.m. 19000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 14 — Assist other department, 4:04 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Twin Pines

- Sept. 14 — Alarm call, 8:19 a.m. Woodcliff Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 14 — Suspicious person, 5:33 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Sheriff releases information on missing female hiker

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

Shortly before 8 p.m. Friday night, the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department released the following information on the missing female hiker the Town Crier reported online earlier in the day: “On Wednesday, Sept. 11, six hikers reported seeing a female hiker in distress in the area of the Pacific Crest Trail and South Ridge Trail. The distressed hiker yelled from across the ridge that she had fallen, was hurt, and needed assistance. For the following two days, search and rescue crews searched the extremely rugged and remote terrain and were unable to locate any signs of a female hiker.

“If this was you and you self-rescued, or were in the area and assisted a hiker matching this description, please contact the sheriff’s department and let us know you are okay.”

After the initial story on the incident “Search for female hiker,” the Town Crier followed up with the sheriff’s department consistently throughout the day, but received very little information. The department’s helicopter was utilized in the search and rescue effort. The newspaper tried to obtain a location of where the hiker had reportedly gone missing, but was told by the sheriff’s



The helicopter used in the search and rescue effort to try locating the female hiker who went missing on Wednesday, Sept. 11. PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ

department that they were not sure. The only definitive information the Town Crier was able to obtain was that the department received the information second-hand and that the initial report was made to the Tahquitz Peak Fire Outlook.

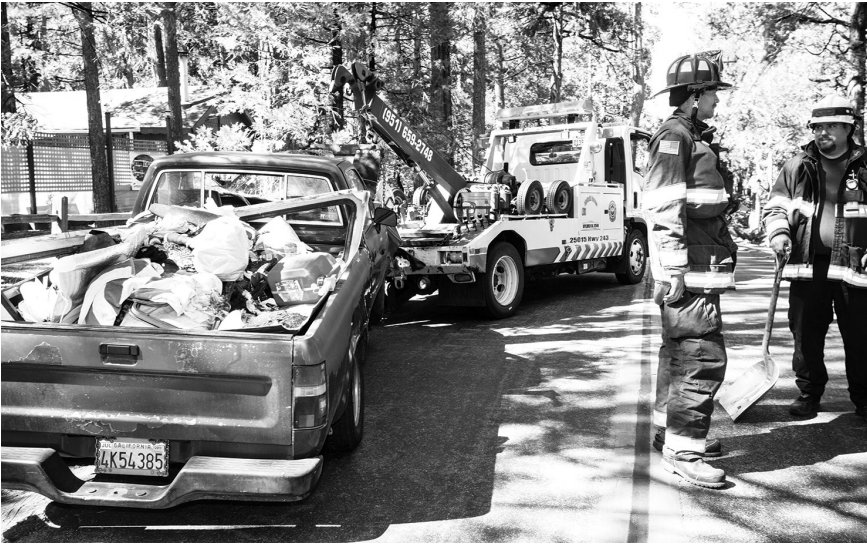
Solo vehicle injury crash

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

A solo vehicle injury crash occurred on Marian View Drive 20 feet west of McMahon Road Sept. 14, according to California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Darren Meyer.

Tamara Gomezllata, 32, of Bell, was driving down Marian View Drive in a red 1991 Toyota Tacoma when she made an unsafe turn and collided with a tree. The truck rolled over. It was determined that alcohol was not a factor.

Gomezllata complained of pain and was transported by Idyllwild Fire Protection District ambulance to Desert Regional Medical Center. The truck was towed by Idyllwild Garage.



A traffic collision occurred Saturday at the intersection of Marian View Drive and McMahon Road. Here, Idyllwild Fire Protection District Firefighter Russell Bray and Fire Engineer Brett Leseberg discuss the next step. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

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sorb all of them.”

Venard looks forward to learning more about the water business. She has books to read and anxiously awaits a tour of the district.

Meanwhile, she and Rocky continue to make improvements on the home in Pine Cove. They have recently completed a shop area, which she looks forward to using as much as he does.

“I call it my ‘She/He Shed,’” she added. “Retirement will not be ‘couch potato’ life.”

Becoming more involved in the community is one of the priorities and one of the reasons she applied for the vacant water director position.

“A couple of days before the meeting, they called and said nobody else had requested the position,” Venard said.

When she and Rocky be-

gan scouting possible retirement locations, they visited many to the north, including Oregon. Eventually, he asked her about her interest in Pine Cove to which she replied, “That has been my goal for years!”

“I look forward to the day I can say I’m an established resident of the community,” Venard said smiling. “I know so many who have been here a year or less, and I know people who know everyone. That’s what I want to do!”

Editor’s note: At its Sept. 11 meeting, the board of directors selected Rose Venard as the fifth director. She replaces former Director Steven King, who resigned on Aug. 1 because he moved out of the district. Since an election was not necessary to fill the position, the Town Crier interviewed her so the community would have some knowledge of the new water director. She will have to stand for election in 2020 for the final two years of the term.

School Tax

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initiative from moving ahead out of fear that two tax proposals on the same ballot would lower the chances that either would win.

“It is fair to say that the more confusion there is on a ballot and the more measures can be framed as competing, the more concern there would be about any of them passing,” said Micah Weinberg, CEO of the nonprofit civic leadership group California Forward (www.cafwd.org/). “Opponents of ten tie measures together to muddy the waters.”

One recent case in which similar measures didn’t result in both failing was in 2012, when, at Gov. Jerry Brown’s urging, voters approved Proposition 30, a temporary sales and income tax increase to raise money for education and the General Fund, over Proposition 38 ([mk0edsource0y-23p672y.kinstacdn.com/wp-content/uploads/old/ed-source-californiaschoolinitiatives-10-15cs41.pdf](https://www.kinstacdn.com/wp-content/uploads/old/ed-source-californiaschoolinitiatives-10-15cs41.pdf)), a broader income tax increase exclusively for education. Prop. 38 was funded by philanthropist Molly Munger and had the backing of the state PTA.

For now, the CTA said there’s nothing to comment on, since there’s no concrete proposal from the school boards association. If there is a proposal, it will go before the CTA’s State Council, which meets in October, said Claudia Briggs, communications assistant manager for the California Teachers Association.

The jockeying over potentially dueling tax initiatives, plus a possible state bond for school construction, underscores the confidence among advocates that an expected high turnout in next year’s elections presents an opportunity to raise revenue for schools. The Democratic presidential primary is in March and the presidential election is set for November. Several recent polls of likely voters (see Public Policy Institute of California Poll link at the end of the story and edsourcesource.org/2019/support-grows-nationwide-for-paying-teachers-more/616509) have reinforced the assumption of strong support for more funding.

Newsom is the big unknown. He hasn’t stated his position on either tax or whether he might step forward with his own tax reform plan for next year. A spokesperson for Lenny Mendonca, Newsom’s chief economic and business adviser, declined to comment.

The school boards and school administrators chose the \$15 billion target as roughly the amount in new revenue needed to raise K-12 per-student spending to the national average. It’s based on Education Week’s often-cited annual state rankings that factor in California’s overall high cost of living. The most recent ranking (www.documentcloud.org/documents/6359142-EdWeek-Spending-Ranking-2019.html), based on 2015-16 data, placed California 38th among the states and Washington, D.C. While better than its ranking of 46th in 2013-14, it still was \$2,475 per student below the national average. California also has ranked among the states that spend the lowest percentage of total taxable income on K-12 education (edsourcesource.org/wp-content/themes/nakatomi/projects/states-in-motion/effort.html).

However, based on rankings that don’t factor in regional costs, California spent only \$58 below the national per-student average of \$12,201 in 2016-17, according to the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2019/school-spending.html).

The school boards’ and school administrators’ plan would increase taxes for corporations — earning more than \$1 million by up to 5 percentage points and personal income taxes for those earning more than \$1 million annually by 1.5 percentage points. The last state tax increase, which voters

approved in 2016, also targeted the wealthiest 1 percent of earners, who alone provide more than half of state income tax revenue.

K-12 districts would get 89% of the \$15 billion and community colleges the rest, the same ratio they get now, with additional money for early education, Meyers said. The Local Control Funding Formula, which factors in the percentage of low-income students, homeless students, English learners and foster youths, would determine roughly each district’s share, Meyers said.

Organizers of the split-roll initiative characterize it as closing an \$11 billion corporate loophole. Under Proposition 13, property taxes can rise only 1% annually, unless a sale leads to a reassessment setting a new and higher fair market value. Initiative backers argue that some large commercial and industrial owners have been sold without a reassessment because the sales were done through “shell corporations.” As a result, they assert, the burden for paying property taxes has shifted inequitably toward homeowners, whose properties have been reassessed more frequently on average since Proposition 13 was passed in 1978. A study in 2016 by the Legislative Analyst’s Office (lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/3497#Did_Proposition.A013_Cause_Residential_Properties_to_Pay_a_Larger_Share_of_Property_Taxes.3F) failed to find this pattern statewide.

The initiative would require all commercial and industrial properties to be reassessed every three years, generating additional revenue from higher fair market values. All business properties assessed at under \$3 million would be exempt from higher taxes.

Two polls this year put support for a split-roll initiative in the mid-50s (54% of likely voters backed it in the Public Policy Institute of California poll and 55% of voters in a poll by the nonprofit PACE and USC). However, business groups are vowing to bankroll what could be an expensive effort to defeat it and are organizing already with FightforProp13.org (fightforprop13.org/), led by the California Business Roundtable, and Californians to Stop Higher Property Taxes (stophigherpropertytaxes.org/join-the-coalition/), led by commercial real estate interests.

The school boards association commissioned a poll ([www.fullandfairfunding.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/F3-ppt-8-13-2019-polling.pdf](https://fullandfairfunding.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/F3-ppt-8-13-2019-polling.pdf)) of its proposal, based on an earlier version that would have raised \$11 billion in revenue. It found that 68% of voters supported the tax plan when read a description of how the money might be used to improve education. Negative messaging about the tax drove support down to 61%.

Links:
Public Policy Institute of California Poll link: www.ppic.org/wp-content/uploads/ppic-statewide-survey-californians-and-education-april-2019.pdf
PACE and USC poll link: www.edpolicyinca.org/sites/default/files/PACE_Report%E2%80%93PACE-Poll_201902_v2.pdf

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IWD holds special meeting for anticipated litigation

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District (IWD) held what was its second special meeting in three weeks and third meeting in four weeks.

The subject of the Sept. 12 special meeting was “anticipated litigation.” Since the Riverside County Superi-

“It seems appropriate to hold a meeting tonight,” IWD Board President Dr. Charles “Chip” Schelly

or Court shows no filed lawsuits, the board was discussing a potential lawsuit with its legal counsel.

The agenda did indicate that IWD might have “... significant exposure to litigation.”

Since it is anticipated, there are unlikely any court dates at this time. When asked why the subject could not be added to the agenda of the Sept. 18 regular meeting, IWD Board President Dr. Charles “Chip” Schelly replied, “It seems appropriate to hold a meeting tonight.”

After the closed session meeting, Schelly stated that no reportable action was taken.

Next Wednesday, Sept. 18, will be its regular monthly meeting in the IWD boardroom located at 25945 Highway 243.

Hiring

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certifications and materials that need to be included. Then, carefully follow the instructions on how to apply. Note: not all positions are available at all locations.

For more information about the application process and the USFS, visit www.fs.usda.gov/main/r5/jobs/outreach. You can also contact Human Resources Management at 877-372-7248 and select option 2.

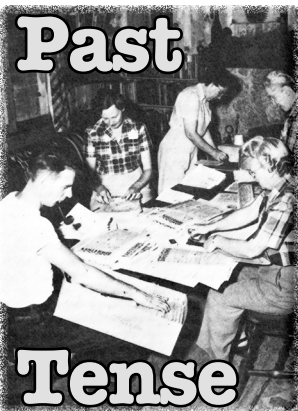
Equifax Data Breach Settlement: What You Should Know

In September of 2017, Equifax announced a data breach that exposed the personal information of 147 million people.

Under a settlement filed today, Equifax agreed to spend up to \$425 million to help people affected by the data breach. If you were affected by the Equifax breach, you can’t file a claim just yet. That’s coming. But you can sign up for FTC email alerts about the settlement at ftc.gov/Equifax.

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70 years ago - 1949
The Chamber of Commerce reported a profit from its Gold Rush celebration at Town Hall.

65 years ago - 1954
“Betrayed,” starring Clark Gable and Lana Turner, was playing at the Rustic Theatre.

60 years ago - 1959
The U.S. Forest Service



This fawn was spotted on the West Ridge. At less than 2 feet long, it is probably about two weeks old. Photo taken Aug. 30, 1974. TOWN CRIER ARCHIVES

announced the reactivation of the Thomas Mountain lookout station. The lookout had been abandoned after World War II when it was used as a plane-spotting post.

55 years ago - 1964
Idyllwild Fire Department was conducting a benefit drive to secure radios for firefighters’ cars.

50 years ago - 1969
Deer season opened and Bonnar Blong, state wildlife manager, reported that deer were “fat and sleek” from an ample food and water supply over the recent years.

35 years ago - 1984
An open party was held for Frank Dixon, who was celebrating his 100th birthday.

30 years ago - 1989
The County Service Area

36 Advisory Committee hoped to secure county land for a regional park and a portion of Dutch Flats for a baseball field.

20 years ago - 1999
A new California Highway Patrol Community Service Office opened in The Fort.

15 years ago - 2004

As a result of devastation caused by bark beetles, Southern California Edison reported that it had removed 12,000 trees in the Idyllwild-area mountains in less than a year.

10 years ago - 2009
After 22 years at the Town Crier, 13 of them at its helm, Publisher-Editor Becky Clark told her staff on

Sept. 10 that she planned to retire effective Nov. 13. She would remain in a consulting role until the end of the year. In 2013, Clark and her husband Jack returned and purchased the newspaper. They are still the owners.

5 years ago - 2014
The murder trial of Robert Pape and Cristin Smith for a triple homicide in Pin-

yon in 2006 became both suspenseful and slowly and cautiously procedural.

1 year ago - 2018
The California State Firefighters Association honored four Cal Fire Riverside Unit individuals for their bravery on a harrowing rescue of a stranded hiker on Lily Rock.

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Rep. **Raul Ruiz, M.D.** with some of the volunteers before he went live on Facebook. PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ

Positive vibes are electric in Anza

Anza Electric Cooperative hosts food distribution event

BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

It is important to remember the positive things that happen every day on the mountain. Jennifer Miller, Anza Electric Cooperative government relations liaison, reached out to Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D., D-Palm Desert, to see if he'd be interested in participating in the first food distribution event for the community of Anza.

Ruiz told the crowd of people at the event that his wife, Monica, has been telling him that he should spotlight the positive things happening in his district. This event was the perfect opportunity to spotlight how all aspects of a community can come together and make things happen.

"When you do good, more people want to do good," Ruiz said of the community spirit.

In an email to Hernán Quintas, press secretary for Ruiz, Miller wrote: "Following [the] Cranston [Fire], we met with President/CEO Debbie Espinosa of FIND See Anza, page B7

"We need more positivity,"
Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D.



Members of the Hamilton High School girls volleyball teams and other community volunteers helped out to make the event happen. PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ

Fundraiser features 20 Southern California wineries

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) welcomes 20 of Southern California's premier wineries and hundreds of wine lovers from near and far.

The 22nd-annual Art Walk and Wine Tasting features galleries and artist booths throughout the entire length of the village. Organizers hope this event brings a much-needed financial boost to Idyllwild.

Art lovers can start their treasure hunt by visiting the many art galleries, art hot-spots and artist booths throughout town.

The art walk starts at 11 a.m. and is free to the public. Come by the Courtyard Gallery, 54240 Ridgeview Dr., to collect a free map and take advantage of the free shuttle service that starts there.

The wine tasting takes place from 2-5 p.m. Enjoy a selection of award-winning wines for a ticket price of \$45 per person. The price increases to \$50 the day of the event. AAI members receive a discounted ticket price of \$40 per person. There is a special discounted price of \$40 per person for groups of 15 or more.

Tickets are available online, but can also be purchased at the Town Crier office (weekdays only) and the Courtyard Gallery (weekends only).

Included in the ticket price are the wine tastings, a keepsake wine glass, live music, nibbles of grapes, cheese and crackers, a free shuttle and a gift bag.

Monies raised during this event go toward local art scholarships, art education programs, art exhibitions, events that support the visual arts, drama, dance and music, as well as public art projects in the mountain communities.

Volunteers are needed for a few hours in the afternoon.

AAI still has sponsorship opportunities for local businesses, such as placing business marketing material into 1,000 gift bags.

Sponsorship packages available at artinidyllwild@gmail.com.

For further information about the Art Walk and Wine Tasting, the patron wineries, inns, and to purchase tickets, visit www.artinidyllwild.org or call 951-692-6135.

22nd-annual Art Walk and Wine Tasting



Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery taking part in the event. PHOTO BY JASON CLEGHORN



The Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum is a favorite spot. PHOTO BY JASON CLEGHORN



Falkner Winery serving its award-winning wine. PHOTO BY JASON CLEGHORN

Join the Ghost Town cast

The Idyllwild Haunted Ghost Town Halloween event has been going on for over 16 years and is a great family activity. For participants, it is a wonderful opportunity for adults to mentor and teach younger ones basic theatrical techniques, special effects makeup, audio and lighting, costuming, set design, animatronics, and special effects.

The themes of the Ghost Town mazes are as entertaining as the guides — the storytellers. The scares are primarily based on phobias and basic fears but infused with some humor.

Face your fears, come out laughing, and do it again. Laugh so hard

at each other that your cheeks will ache. Youth learn to become stronger than that which scares them when they can overcome basic fears.

The maze was created with lightweight theater flats. In the early years of the Ghost Town, heavy eight-by-eight flats made of two-by-fours and thick plywood were used. The newer flats are lightweight, four-by-eights, and both cleaner and easier to store. Not to mention, they go up and down much quicker.

The event began at Town Hall when CSA 36 recreation was managed by the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce. Later, the Ghost Town partnered with the Idyllwild PTA

for many years and financially supported programs like Discovery Streaming. The organizers then partnered with the Riverside County Parks and Open Space District and the Idyllwild Soroptimists before obtaining their own nonprofit 501c3 status as Young Idyllwild Inc.

The focus of Young Idyllwild Inc. is to help and improve the quality of life of all our mountain community members, "from the young to the young at heart." Programs and events include Radio Idyllwild, Idyllwild Community Garden, Idyllwood Crafted Sawmill, Idyllwild Strong Music Festival, and

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Idyllwild Arts president shares her vision

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Pamela Jordan has just completed her fifth year as president of the Idyllwild Arts (IA) Foundation. She is also the head of Idyllwild Arts Academy and summer program.

She is responsible for hundreds of students, from Idyllwild to Los Angeles and the rest of the continent and the world. Staff and faculty are in the hundreds. Tuition does not come close to matching the school's expenses, so fundraising is a critical part of the job, especially to support IA's international reputation.

Despite these responsibilities, Jordan said, "It is still absolutely a thrill to be in paradise." After days of travel, she adds, "There is nothing like coming home." Jordan lives close enough to the school to walk to work and back home.

Jordan is not a manager that simply oversees the program. She is active and participates, which is why she values being head of school.

"Being Head of School is the best job on the planet. You get to be around students," she exclaimed. This means opportunities to meet, to exchange ideas and to learn from the students each year. She also observes how the changing institution affects students differently.

She is comfortable with change and is gradually bringing it to the academy's campus and attitudes. Her success draws upon her ability to focus on a vision, adopt incremental steps toward it, and most importantly, be comfortable and accept ambiguity.

She quickly identified a model — the three-legged stool — for her environment. The academy, the summer program, and Idyllwild all represent the three legs. Jordan is always trying to ensure these three legs can support her vision for the future of each.

Role of the summer program

Jordan recognizes the value of the IA summer program. Yes, it offers kids, teens and adults instruction in music, art and theater, but it is a portal to the academy. The academy, full-time students, from September through May, and the summer program are connected, not independent.

"The academy and the summer program are both educational. We needed to better align it with the school. It is not a distinct program," Jordan stated. This was her initial challenge.

The summer program can be a very effective introduction to Idyllwild Arts for prospective students.

"It's the first glimpse of the school for the youth," Jordan noted. "We're striving for actual integration."

The summer program also provides many classes and learning opportunities for adults, who also can develop a long-term connection with the school, she believes.

Planning

"We need a living space to support 21st century learning," Jordan continued. To fulfill that vision, she began work on a strategic plan almost from day one. The Foundation Board adopted it in 2016 and she is already working on a revision. In 2020/21, Jordan anticipates the completion of the next strategic plan.

This will allot more thought to "... how the board can support the vision of the future," she said.

Staff

Jordan recognizes that being president of the foundation demands a lot of time for many projects. She realizes that she cannot implement and manage every-



Pamela Jordan
PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

thing herself.

"One of my greatest accomplishments is the people attracted to these roles," she said smiling. "I can't do it all. I want to inspire and to attract talented and skillful people to key positions."

She quickly acknowledged the contributions from Marianne Kent-Stoll, vice president for educational programs. She knows what Jordan wants and anticipates her needs. Kent-Stoll and others give Jordan time to travel, fundraise and work with the board.

"My leadership model is situation leadership," she explained. "It is not just good to have people working with you. They have to understand what you want."

"I serve at the pleasure of the board," Jordan said. "But only if the leadership team knows what I need and how I need to meet the expectations of the board."

Independent school

The faculty is a key component of IA's evolution. Jordan wants them to become more than dispensers of ideas, techniques, or direction. In today's world, the faculty must continue to learn and adapt to technology and change.

Consistent with this concept is the hiring of a Director for Innovation and Curriculum. "Her role will be to support teachers as they explore and implement new practices and methods," Jordan explained.

Related is Jordan's idea to establish an Institute for Teaching and Learning, which she has described in the past. It will stress creativity, and it will connect to the teachers and adults who take summer program classes.

Jordan loves the arts and her husband, Chris Scott, is a musician.

"In the past, we identified right brain and left brain skills and thinking," she admonished. "We don't think that way anymore. Today, we want to educate the student to enter the world and to be able to adapt and change. Students need a well-rounded education and an

independent school will incorporate that."

Jordan also envisions aligning an independent school and an independent boarding school. Today, there are big differences, but she plans to reduce and eliminate those differences.

What she asks herself and her staff is "Who are we today?" and "How do we define excellence in arts?"

"Things change so rapidly today. It is hard to keep up without providing support," she said. That is the purpose of a Director of Innovation and an Institute for Teaching and Learning.

Good staff allows Jordan to address other issues such as fundraising. This involves extensive travel because "Idyllwild Arts is decidedly an international school. It is important for others to hear and share our story."

Jazz in the Pines

"Jazz in the Pines is held on campus when there are no students there, but Idyllwild Arts has a commitment to students," Jordan said regretfully.

The summer jazz festival was suspended this year. This decision was made a year ago. After the 25th-annual Jazz in the Pines, Jordan wrote a letter to the community announcing that Jazz in the Pines would take a hiatus in 2019.

Before she wrote and released the letter, she was already organizing a group, which includes Harry Pickens, Evan Christopher, Marshall Hawkins and others, to examine the relationship of the festival and the school.

Over the year, much of their thoughts and ideas paralleled Jordan's view of better aligning the summer program and the academy. Going forward, the group wants to align the academy's jazz program, the summer program and relate it to the community.

For example, Jordan pointed to the many world-renowned jazz professionals, who perform at the festival. "How do we bring these wonderful guys to the school so the academy students could benefit?" she posed.

The music is paramount, but being a professional musician is a unique life. Jordan also wants students to understand how professionals live between musical engagements and what that means. Her example is Hawkins' time with Miles Davis. "What was that like? How did it happen?"

"In 2020, I want Jazz in the Pines to promote Idyllwild Arts and to support Idyllwild," she said. "There won't be a festival weekend. The last week of the summer program will be the equivalent, but it won't be on campus."

Jordan and Stephanie Yost, president of the Idyllwild Community Center, have already discussed the use of the Butterfield Amphitheater for the jazz performances next year. She has also approached several other venues in town including Ferro.

Another difference, as a consequence of changing the location, is the absence of special vendors. "I want people to go to the stores in town. We'll work with the Rotary," Jordan added. "I want Jazz in the Pines to promote Idyllwild Arts and to support Idyllwild."

Security

One of Jordan's higher priority projects is improving campus security. Later this fall, new directional signs will be installed, a public parking lot near the admissions office will be constructed, and the enforcement of staff and faculty badges will play a role in increasing the security of the campus.

While she realizes the road through the middle of the campus is a public road, the increased emphasis on security will improve student vigilance.

Enrollment

At the beginning of this school year, 323 students were enrolled — the largest student enrollment to date.

Jordan also noted that more families are moving to Idyllwild while their children attend the school. This year, there are 44 students living off-site, also the largest ever. This brings a larger and more involved parent community to the school, she added.

Master gardeners available

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

You can ask about how to save water in your landscape, what's damaging your plants, how to make and use compost in your own backyard, what's ailing your trees, or any gardening-related question. Calls are taken between 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday at 951-683-6491, ext. 231, and from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at 760-342-2511.

New app for county landmarks

"Historic Riverside County" is now available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. In this free app, you can explore the historic landmarks in your own backyard.

It explores more than 100 landmarks throughout Riverside County.



The Gastrognome is now open! PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ



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*Lease: \$3,999 total due at Signing. 36 months. 10k miles per year. \$0 security deposit. 2.0i SMT model, code KRA-01 for well qualified applicants only. Tier 1. **Financing: Well qualified applicants only. Tier 1 and 2. Cannot be combined with any other incentive. See dealer for full details. Offer expires 9/30/19.

2019 SUBARU OUTBACK 2.5i



\$199 Per Month Lease + Tax*
or as low as **0.0%**
Financing for up to 36 months**
On select models.

*Lease: \$3,999 total due at Signing. 36 months. 10k miles per year. \$0 security deposit. 2.5i model, code KDB-01 for well qualified applicants only. Tier 1. **Financing: Well qualified applicants only. Tier 1 and 2. Cannot be combined with any other incentive. See dealer for full details. Offer expires 9/30/19.

2019 SUBARU WRX



\$249 Per Month Lease + Tax*
or as low as **1.9%**
Financing for up to 72 months**
On select models.

*Lease: \$3,999 total due at Signing. 36 months. 10k miles per year. \$0 security deposit. Standard WRX 4D 6MT model, code KUN-01 for well qualified applicants only. Tier 1. **Financing: Well qualified applicants only. Tier 1 and 2. Cannot be combined with any other incentive. See dealer for full details. Offer expires 9/30/19.

2019 SUBARU FORESTER



\$255 Per Month Lease + Tax*
or as low as **3.49%**
Financing for up to 63 months**
On select models.

*Lease: \$1,755 total due at Signing. 36 months. 10k miles per year. \$0 security deposit. Code KFB-01 for well qualified applicants only. Tier 1 and 2. **Financing: Well qualified applicants only. Tier 1 and 2. Cannot be combined with any other incentive. See dealer for full details. Offer expires 9/30/19.

THE ALL-NEW 2019 SUBARU ASCENT



\$299 Per Month Lease + Tax*
or as low as **3.49%**
Financing for up to 63 months**
On select models.

*Lease: \$3,999 total due at Signing. 36 months. 10k miles per year. \$0 security deposit. Code KCA-01 for well qualified applicants only. Tier 1 and 2. **Financing: Well qualified applicants only. Tier 1 and 2. Cannot be combined with any other incentive. See dealer for full details. Offer expires 9/30/19.

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42050 DLR DR AT YNEZ ROAD, TEMECULA AUTO MALL
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*Purchase or lease any new (previously untitled) Subaru and receive a complimentary factory scheduled maintenance plan for 2 years or 24,000 miles (whichever comes first.) See Subaru Added Security Maintenance Plan for intervals, coverages and limitations. Customer must take delivery before 12/31/19 and reside within the promotional area. At participating dealers only. See dealer for program details and eligibility.



Summer's End Savings

Finance - Lease - Purchase Specials

2019 MAZDA CX-3 Sport

FINANCING AS LOW AS
0.9%
up to 72 months
— or —
36 month Lease
\$159
per month plus tax
\$2,495 Down

1st Lease Payment Waived
or \$750 in Customer Cash*
*in lieu of Financing & Lease Offers
up to \$500 waiver



0.9% Financing for up to 72 months. On approved credit. Not all buyers will qualify for lowest rate. Or lease for \$159 per month for 36 months with \$2495 down. 10k miles per year. .15 per mile excess mile fee, plus tax, title, fees. First month payment due at signing. Plus first payment waiver up to \$500 from Mazda Capital Services. All 2019 Mazda CX-3 Sport with MSRP \$21,635. Vehicle must be taken from dealer's in-stock inventory. Based on dealer's local zip code of 92591. Stock #15904. See John Hine Temecula Mazda for complete details. Must take delivery by 9/30/19.

2019 MAZDA3 Hatchback

FINANCING AS LOW AS
0.9%
up to 60 months
— or —
36 month Lease
\$169
per month plus tax
\$2,995 Down

Purchase for \$21,990
MSRP \$24,520
Includes Hine Discount of \$2,530 in lieu of
Special Financing and Discounted APR



0.9% Financing for up to 60 months. On approved credit. Not all buyers will qualify for lowest rate. Or lease for \$169 per month for 36 months with \$2995 down. 10k miles per year. .15 per mile excess mile fee, plus tax, title, fees. First month payment due at signing. All 2019 Mazda3 Hatchback with MSRP \$24,520. Vehicle must be taken from dealer's in-stock inventory. Based on dealer's local zip code of 92591. Stock #15769. See John Hine Temecula Mazda for complete details. Must take delivery by 9/30/19.

2019 MAZDA CX-5 Sport

FINANCING AS LOW AS
0.9%
up to 36 months
— or —
36 month Lease
\$169
per month plus tax
\$2,995 Down

1st Lease Payment Waived
or \$1,000 in Customer Cash*
*in lieu of Financing & Lease Offers
\$500 CC on GTR/Signature Trims
up to \$500 waiver



0.9% Financing for up to 36 months. On approved credit. Not all buyers will qualify for lowest rate. Or lease for \$169 per month for 36 months with \$2995 down. 10k miles per year. .15 per mile excess mile fee, plus tax, title, fees. First month payment due at signing. Plus first payment waiver up to \$500 from Mazda Capital Services. All 2019 Mazda CX-5 Sport with MSRP \$25,395. Vehicle must be taken from dealer's in-stock inventory. Based on dealer's local zip code of 92591. Stock #15904. See John Hine Temecula Mazda for complete details. Must take delivery by 9/30/19.

2019 MAZDA6 Sport

FINANCING AS LOW AS
1.9%
up to 60 months
— or —
36 month Lease
\$189
per month plus tax
\$2,995 Down

Purchase for \$22,514
MSRP \$24,720
Includes Hine Discount of \$1,206 in lieu of
Special Financing and Discounted APR



1.9% Financing for up to 60 months. On approved credit. Not all buyers will qualify for lowest rate. Or lease for \$189 per month for 36 months with \$2995 down. 10k miles per year. .15 per mile excess mile fee, plus tax, title, fees. First month payment due at signing. All 2019 Mazda6 Sedan Sport with MSRP \$24,720. Vehicle must be taken from dealer's in-stock inventory. Based on dealer's local zip code of 92591. Stock #15769. See John Hine Temecula Mazda for complete details. Must take delivery by 9/30/19.

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Quote of the Week

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— Mahatma Gandhi

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Announcements

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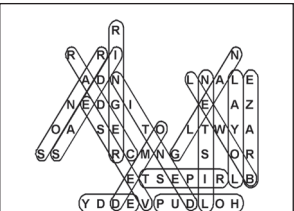
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Answers to Word Search (Puzzle on next page)

5	4	6	3	1	9	2	7	8
1	7	9	2	8	6	3	4	5
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4	8	3	9	2	5	1	6	7

Answers to Sudoku (Puzzle on next page)

Websites

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Number of Lines	Each time
Up to 10 lines	\$13.95
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Bold Face: \$1 entire ad or 25¢ each word	
Center entire ad: \$1	

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Each additional inch	\$9.45

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WORD SEARCH

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MOVE LAST TWO LETTERS TO THE FRONT TO MAKE A NEW WORD

A V R O L I F C Z W T Q N K I
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S Q N L J G E C Z X V T R P N
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N L K J H G E T S E P I R L B
F D C Y D D E V P U D L O H B

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

Bowel	Dentin	Ideas	Ripest
Braze	Eddy	Listen	Sonar
Cedar	Glean	Loyal	Verse
Demo	Holdup	Ringer	

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CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous page)

King Crossword

ACROSS	48 Sinner's fate	25 Conclude
1 Salary	52 Vat	26 Teensy
4 Homer's outcry	53 Hunter in the sky	28 Multipurpose truck
7 Duck	54 Prime meridian hrs.	30 Khan title
12 Position	55 Recede	31 Egos' counterparts
13 Exist	56 Madrid mother	32 Margery of rhyme
14 Eye surgery device	57 Ultramodernist	33 "— Little Teapot"
15 Grecian vessel	58 Aye undoer	36 LummoX
16 Syrian capitalist?	DOWN	37 Human — Project
18 Encountered	1 Downright	40 Condescend
19 Step	2 Drying rack	42 Frequently
20 Boast	3 Busybody	43 Caribbean resort island
22 Compass pt.	4 Root beer brand	44 Theater vestibule
23 Distort	5 Gave a talk	45 Poison
27 Paul Newman movie	6 Macho type	46 Aware of
29 Crooner Vic	7 Otherwise	48 Comical DeLuise
31 Dope	8 Fond du —	49 Coach Parseghian
34 Steer	9 Work with	50 Central
35 Maiden	10 Lair	51 Neither mate
37 Needlefish	11 Preceding	
38 Bat a gnat	17 On in years	
39 Praise in verse	21 Specter	
41 Young horse	23 Blue cartoon character	
45 Good, in Guadalajara	24 Japanese pond carp	
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HOROSCOPES
September 2019 — Week 3

March 21 — April 19
Travel plans could be interrupted by the re-emergence of a workplace problem that was never quite fully resolved. Deal with it at once, and then take off on that well-deserved trip.

April 20 — May 20
Aspects favor cultural activities for sensuous Bovines. Attend a concert or an art show. Better yet, create something yourself (a poem, perhaps?), and dedicate it to someone special.

May 21 — June 21
Respect any doubts you might now be feeling about a new situation. They could be reflecting your inner awareness that some essential information might be missing. Check it out.

June 22 — July 22
It's important to start the new month with as clean a slate as possible. Either complete all those unfinished tasks or pass them on to others who would be more than happy to take them on.

July 23 — August 22
This is a good time to cut down on expenses and tame that urge to splurge. Applying some financial discipline now could help the Big Cat ride out a possible monetary crunch later on.

August 23 — September 22
Money matters are dominant this week. Recheck your accounts and make sure they're up-to-date. Also, pay more attention to personal issues before they become major problems.

September 23 — October 22
You might be tempted to employ the same tactics as your adversary, but that could backfire. Better to use the same balanced approach that has worked for you before and could again.

October 23 — November 21
A changing workplace environment could stir up confusion as well as apprehension. Best to ignore the rumors and get the facts. You could find that the changes bring positive elements.

November 22 — December 21
Communication is easier this week with people ready and eager to hear what you have to say. Also, check for possible technical problems before you start your new project.

December 22 — January 19
Aspects favor change for the usually traditional Goat. Opening your mind to possibilities you had ignored could lead you to make decisions you once considered improbable.

January 20 — February 18
Making personal as well as professional adjustments to changing conditions might be easier with more information explaining the "hows" and "whys" of the situations in question.

February 19 — March 20
With a growing tide of positive reactions to buoy your confidence, this could be the right time to put the finishing touches to your new project and get it well and truly launched.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

(Answers on previous page)

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor.

Email melissa@towncrier.com. Event charges may apply.

- Wednesday, Sept. 18**
- Deepprogramming, 10-11:45 a.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Girl Power Theater, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Fireside Book Club: "Everybody's Fool," 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

- Friday, Sept. 20**
- Tricia Pilkington Trio (soul, funk & originals), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
 - Visual Arts Faculty Exhibit: Artist Panel Discussion, 5 p.m. Idyllwild Arts, Parks Exhibition Center, 52500 Temecula Rd.

- Saturday, Sept. 21**
- Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery, 54716 N. Circle Dr.
 - Aretha Franklin Tribute with Patrice Morris, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
 - Trick Dog! 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., Ste. C-8.

- Monday, Sept. 23**
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Community Garden and Education Center, North Circle Drive and Alderwood Street

- Tuesday, Sept. 24**
- Tuesday Night Jam Session, 5:30 p.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - The Artists Way Writing Workshop, 6:30-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

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- Wednesday, Sept. 25**
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Beat Nite, 6:30-9 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
- Thursday, Sept. 26**
- Dustin Louis Blank, 6-9 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., Ste. C-8.

- Friday, Sept. 27**
- Jamie & The Len-Tones, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
 - Opening Reception: Sculpture Show, 6 pm. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts, 52500 Temecula Rd.

- Saturday, Sept. 28**
- Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery, 54716 N. Circle Dr.
 - Change Required, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
 - Pentagrams & Daises, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., Ste. C-8.

- Monday, Sept. 30**
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

- Tuesday, Oct. 1**
- Tuesday Night Jam Session, 5:30 p.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - The Artists Way Writing Workshop, 6:30-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

- Wednesday, Oct. 2**
- STEAM event: Pumpkin Experiments, 1:30-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Anza

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Food Bank. After they came up during the disaster, they recognized that there is a need here in the Anza Valley."

Ruiz's office put Anza Electric Cooperative in touch with FIND Food Bank during the Cranston Fire, according to Miller.

Anza Electric Cooperative was able to secure funding for one year to cover the cost of transporting the food to the location. This last Saturday was the first food distribution event.

Miller continued in her email, "Anza Electric has been and still is working with our community to develop volunteer opportunities that provide needed services to our area residents."

The American Heart Association, the Hamilton High School girls volleyball teams, the local Thimble Club, and From the Heart all had volunteers at the event helping or providing information to the public. In addition to the local groups, 12 Anza Electric Cooperative employees and their families also volunteered.

While at the food bank event, Ruiz went on Facebook Live to let his constituents know about the event. "I'm highlighting what you don't see in the normal news, which is all about traumas and dramas and hateful things and accidents and what not," Ruiz said.

"We need more positivity," he continued. "We need more love in this world and that's what's witnessed here."

The food distribution events will be held the second Saturday of every month for the next 12 months from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Anza Electric Cooperative, 58470 Highway 371 in Anza.

Tai Chi at Spirit Mountain

Cathy Mauge, a certified Tai Chi instructor, will give lessons from 10 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday in the Spirit Mountain Retreat Contemplative Garden.

She has been practicing Tai Chi daily for almost 30 years.

These weekly movement sessions will be rooted in the breathing and energy-flow principles of the Chinese system of Tai Chi Chuan.

Donations are gratefully accepted.



Saturday was the Idyllwild Area Historic Society's Annual Home Tour. It was a success with many attendees and docents to explain the home, history and décor.

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



A refreshing snack at the Idyllwild Area Historic Society's museum makes Saturday's Annual Home Tour even more delectable.

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Ghost Town

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Indy Film Fridays outdoor movie nights.

This year, the Ghost Town event will be back in the center of town. Ghost Town will be in the open space along Highway 243 and in front of the Idyllwild HELP Center. The HELP Center will receive a portion of the gross ticket sales. This event averages about \$25,000 in ticket sales and helps support some of Young Idyllwild's programs.

Volunteers are invited to join the 2019 cast and crew! If you are interested, email info@youngidyllwild.org.



Last year's Idyllwild Haunted Ghost Town

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Friday, Sept. 13, the Soul Brothers, Miles Thomas (left) and Jac Jacaruso (center), met saxophonist Paul Carman (right) for a fun evening of very cool and jazzed-up pop rock at the Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

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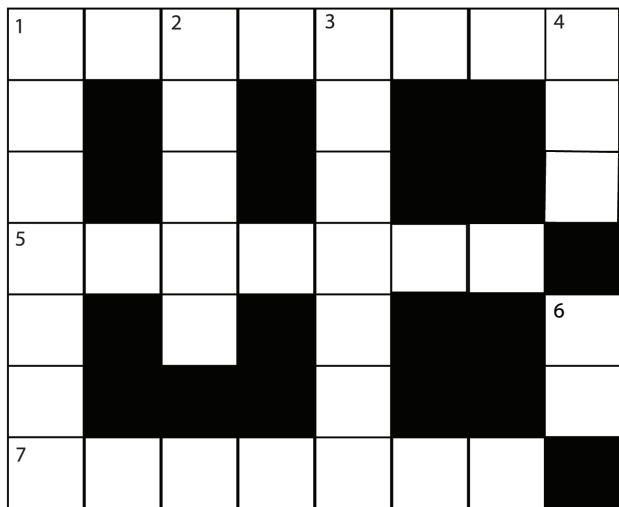
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Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**

 - 1. Tackle sport
 - 5. Champions
 - 7. Protection
- DOWN**

 - 1. Plays nearest the opposing team's goal
 - 2. Events portending outcomes
 - 3. Position in baseball
 - 4. Area of land
 - 6. Extra time (abbr.)

Answers: Across 1. Football 5. Winners 7. Defense Down 1. Forward 2. Ovens 3. Baseman 4. Lot 6. OT

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ANSWER: CARDIOVASCULAR

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- **2011:** MARIANO RIVERA BECOMES BASEBALL'S ALL-TIME SAVES LEADER.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: BASKETBALL

★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★



Mrs. **Dillon**, the Idyllwild School transitional kindergarten (TK) and kindergarten teacher, chose the following students as Students of the Week: **Velky Raymundo Garcia** and **Garrett Palmer**. Mrs. Dillon said Velky and Garrett are “two bright and enthusiastic TK students who always work hard, do their best and demonstrate a love of learning.”
PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON



Volleyball coach **Michelle Wiesen** and teammates cheer the play in Monday's game against St. John's Lutheran.
PHOTO BY JOHN FRAZIER-DRAKE



Bailey Easley, of the Idyllwild School girls volleyball team, goes for the spike against St. John's Lutheran in Monday's game at Idyllwild School. From left to right: **Lily Easley**, **Mei Li Stroud**, and **Isabela Asiedu**.
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CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in “Days of Our Nine Lives,” ARF cats were saddened by the passing of George.

Daisy: Why weren't all of you at last Saturday's mini adoption-fair?

Sadie: Aw Daisy, it's just too stressful for us adult cats, but the kittens really have fun at them.

Mr. Gray: Those funny kittens love the attention.

Daisy: I had such a great time. I really, really liked meeting all the people and other dogs.

Sadie: You are pretty darned social!

Daisy: Guilty as charged! I would have liked to have played with those kittens.

Zeus: Did the kittens get adopted?

Daisy: No, believe it or not, but they did get lots and lots of attention.

Zeus: They really need to find their forever homes. I know ARF has more kittens lined up to join our family.

Daisy: I am pretty certain they'll be adopted very soon.

Zeus: I also heard that you gave several face washes!

Daisy: I just cannot help myself. I love humans and want to give them kisses.

Thomas: Did anyone complain?

Daisy: Not one bit! The humans really liked me. Unfortunately, they lived far away and didn't think they could get me home, or they already had so many dogs and cats. More than one woman claimed that her husband would leave her if she brought home one more animal!

Sadie: Ha! That's pretty common. Animal lovers would have a houseful if they could.

Daisy: I am very convinced that the perfect home will come along soon.

Mr. Gray: As am I. The right family is out there somewhere.

Bear: And those who cannot adopt a cat may virtually adopt one of us.

Thomas: Virtually?

Bear: Yep. Just \$35 will help care for one of us, and the “adopter” will get a nice gift from ARF!

Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of “Days of Our Nine Lives” each week. Please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Highway 243 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sundays, or by appointment Monday-Friday by calling 951-659-1122.

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Mr. Gray

So You Think You Know the Hill?

By JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

Rochelle Ainsworth, Laurie Cole, Marc Reis and John Thomford all spotted the subject of last week's photo. It was a detail of flowing hair from a brewery ad on the outside wall of the restaurant formerly known as Idyology.

Marc won the drawing, so he gets the prize this week. Our prize gift certificates are provided by **Higher Grounds Coffee House** and the **Red Kettle** restaurant. Please thank both of them for their sponsorship when you visit their fine establishments.

OK everyone, take a shot at identifying the subject of this week's photo. Good luck!

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.

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