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COVID-19 testing Feb. 4

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

Another COVID-19 testing date has been announced. Riverside County Public Health has scheduled COVID-19 testing in Idyllwild from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 at the Idyllwild Library. The library is located at 54401 Village Center Dr.



Register at <http://bit.ly/IdyllwildTesting> or by using the adjacent QR code.

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Paul Hamilton, the long-time local who remembers everyone's birthday, celebrated his 45th birthday last Wednesday. Amelia's Donuts and More celebrated his birthday with some cake over the weekend.

PHOTO BY AMY MCMAHON

New info on Lydia 'Dia' Abrams

By JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORT/PHOTOGRAPHER

Lydia "Dia" Abrams went missing June 6 from her Bonita Vista ranch in Apple Canyon (between Mountain Center and Garner Valley). The ranch, that is over 100 acres, was searched multiple times by Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) and the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU) soon after Abrams was reported missing, but they returned empty-handed. RMRU is a volunteer rescue group overseen by RCSD. The group is trained in search and rescue throughout Riverside County.

David Gotfredson, an investigative producer for Channel 8 news in San Diego, has been following Abrams' case since the beginning.

On Jan. 11, Gotfredson wrote in an updated story that Abrams' self-proclaimed fiancé Keith Harper filed a lawsuit, claiming to have power of attorney over Abrams' estate.

The civil complaint was filed "in San Juan County, New Mexico on Dec. 9," Gotfredson writes, "It seeks \$3,020 in damages - including court costs and interest - stemming from a \$2,000 purchase of boots, made by Lydia "Dia" Abrams before she went missing."

According to Gotfredson, Abrams was a frequent customer of Boot Junky out of Scottsdale, Arizona. But her most recent purchase before she went missing, with which Harper is suing for, was not picked up by Abrams and Harper had no involvement with the purchase.

"The Riverside Sheriff's Department is investigating Abrams' disappearance as a missing persons case, and investigators suspect foul play, according to search warrants obtained in September by News 8," Gotfredson wrote.

"Harper has not been named a suspect by law enforcement and he did not respond to a News 8 message seeking comment for this report. Previously, Harper has denied any involvement in Abrams' disappearance."

A hearing will be held Feb. 15 where Harper will represent himself in the case.

The Idyllwild Town Crier reached out to the RCSD on Saturday morning asking for new information or updates on the five missing people from the Idyllwild and surrounding areas.

Roy Prifogle, Melissa Lane, Abrams, Rosario Garcia, and Diana Perez have all gone missing in the last 10 months. As of print time, no response had been received from RCSD's media information bureau regarding requests for any updates.

In recent weeks, the Town Crier has spoken with the
See Missing persons, page A8

Caltrans update:

Slope work will continue at one more location on Highway 74 about 7 miles above the Cranston Station. The emergency project is expected to be fully completed by the end of January 2021.

San Bernardino National Forest update:

The U.S. Forest Service closed the San Bernardino National Forest's developed campgrounds through Jan. 29 to be consistent with Gov. Gavin Newsom's Stay-at Home order.

Mountain Center evacuated for Bonita Fire, USFS reports 50% containment

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

Firefighters responded to a wildland fire Friday at 1:16 a.m. at the 28000 block of Bonita Vista Drive in Apple Canyon (between Mountain Center and Garner Valley). The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) took over the incident, which had been under the command of Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department, Friday at 6 p.m. USFS reported the fire was 50% contained as of Monday night.

"In anticipation of incoming Santa Ana winds, crews focused on mopping up as much smoldering fire as possible today," the agency tweeted on Monday. "Resources will remain on standby throughout the night."

The fire forced the evacuation of Mountain Center and road closures at Morris Ranch Road and Borco Street on Highway 74 and Highway 243 at Saunders Meadow Road. The road closures were lifted by 12:30 p.m. Friday with the exception of Highway 74 from Mountain Center to Lake Hemet, which had a one-lane law enforcement escort.

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The Bonita Fire forced the evacuation of Mountain Center in the early morning of Jan. 15.

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COVID-19 LOCAL UPDATE: Healthcare workers still decline vaccine, however number uncertain

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

Forty to fifty percent of healthcare workers in Riverside County initially declined taking the COVID-19 vaccine.

"Over the weeks since, the demand for the vaccine has increased among all segments of the tiers; although I do not have specific numbers," wrote Jose Arballo Jr, senior public information specialist with Riverside University Health System - Public Health (RUHS), when asked about the current percentage of healthcare workers taking the vaccine. "I can tell you there is likely not going to be an update on the healthcare worker data anytime soon."

RUHS released the following Monday: "This week, a higher-than-usual number of adverse events were reported with a specific lot of Moderna vaccine (Moderna Lot 041L20A) administered at one community vaccination clinic. Fewer than 10 individuals required medical attention over the span of 24 hours. That clinic was not in Riverside County."

"In Riverside County, officials reviewed the Moder-

na doses planned for use at the vaccine clinics in Corona, Menifee, Beaumont and Indio and determined they were not part of the impacted lot. Any adverse reactions at the Riverside County vaccine clinics so far have been rare." The newspaper asked RUHS to quantify "rare" but did not receive a response by press time.

For more information on the vaccine, visit www.ruhealth.org/covid-19-vaccine or call 2-1-1. Seniors can call the Riverside County Office on Aging at 800-510-2020.

The county received 114,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine with an estimated more than 700,000 people currently eligible to receive it. Of the 2.4 million Riverside County residents, 343,000 are 65 years of age and older, according to the county.

According to the RUHS website, the area of Idyllwild-Pine Cove has a total of 88 reported COVID-19 cases since the outbreak and one death reported. Fifty-five of the 88 people have recovered. The numbers are from Friday, Jan. 15. The website was not updated by the time the newspaper went to press Tuesday.

Gov. Gavin Newsom put the Southern California region on a Stay-at-Home order. The order, which includes Riverside County, was triggered because of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity in the region.

Riverside County has 0% ICU bed availability and 0% in the region, according to the county's website.

For information on SBA's assistance to small businesses, visit sba.gov/ppp or treasury.gov/cares. To contact the County of Riverside's Business and Commu-

nity Services department, call 951-955-0493 or send an email to bizinfo@rivco.org for local assistance.

Visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>, for more information on the current Stay-at-Home order.

Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco said that his department would not be enforcing the order.

As of press time on Jan. 19, Riverside County has 233,899 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 2,517 deaths related to COVID-19 and 151,506 people have recovered. One thousand five hundred and sixty-three individuals are being hospitalized, and of those, 353 are in the ICU. The county's positivity rate is 25.8%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 is 127.5.

As of press time on Jan. 12, Riverside County had 216,275 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 2,250 deaths related to COVID-19 and 145,380 people had recovered. One thousand six hundred and seventy-five individuals were being hospitalized, and of those, 357 were in the ICU. The county's positivity rate was 23.1%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 107.2.

As of press time on Jan. 5, Riverside County had 198,236 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 2,096 deaths related to COVID-19 and 131,588 people had recovered. One thousand five hundred and forty-three individuals were being hospitalized, and of those, 330 were in the ICU. The county's positivity rate was 22.6%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 140.5.

To date, 1,939,047 total tests have been given for COVID-19 in Riverside County, according to RUHS.

COVID-19 updates & resources

COVID-19 testing

COVID-19 testing is available for those with or without symptoms. Testing is free and available for everyone.

To take a PCR swab test, visit [Get-Tested.ruhealth.org](https://get-tested.ruhealth.org) or call 800-945-6171 to make an appointment. For more testing options, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-tested/>.

Food assistance

For those needing to connect with food resources, visit <https://rivcoph.org/coronavirus> and select "Food Access" at the top right for a county map directing you to food pantries, senior and school meals. For WIC assistance, visit www.rivhero.com.

Food boxes are available through Mountain Communities Mutual Aid. Orders must be placed by noon Wednesdays for Thursday distribution. Visit www.mountainaid.net for more details and to place an order.

HUSD will serve students supper, lunch and breakfast at no charge for students enrolled in the district at Hamilton School, Idyllwild School and Hemet High (3:30 to 5 p.m. only) from 6 to 7 a.m. and from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

Behavioral health

For those in need of behavioral health assistance, you may utilize a computer and smartphone app called TakeMyHand.co. A 24/7 free, confidential crisis or suicide intervention service can be reached at 951-686-HELP (4357). You may also contact 2-1-1 or call the behavioral health CARES line at 800-706-7500.

Schools update

Gov. Gavin Newsom released the Safe Schools for All plan for schools to return to in-person instruction across the state. Visit <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Safe-Schools-for-All-Plan-Rationale.aspx>, for details.

The Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) and Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) began the 2020/21 school year with distance learning.

IAA students returned to campus Oct. 1. For more information, visit idyllwildarts.org. "At this time, school waivers are officially suspended as we are now clearly above the state recommended threshold and the trend indicates further increase to come," the county recently announced.

Schools that previously opened may remain open and schools with ap-

proved waivers but have not reopened can reopen as outlined in the waiver.

The adjusted case rate needs to be consistently below the maximum level of 14 before waivers will be submitted to the state.

The HUSD board decided that the district will continue with the online learning model through the end of the 2020/21 school year.

The district announced the following Jan. 12: "On Dec. 30, Newsom announced a proposed plan for school districts to provide in-person instruction. This plan pertains to kindergarten through sixth grade and has specific criteria that the district must meet to return to some form of in-person instruction. One criterion is the county where the district is located must have a COVID-19 adjusted case rate that is fewer than 28 cases per 100,000 people. Unfortunately, Riverside County does not meet this threshold and therefore we are unable to bring students back into a hybrid model at this time. It is also significant to note that the governor's Safe Schools for All Plan that was announced on Dec. 30 may change as it has not been approved by the Legislature."

For more information, visit www.hemetusd.org/apps/pages/parent-communications.

HUSD provides mobile hot

spots. However, it realized that was not always adequate in the areas of Anza and Idyllwild. In response, the district stationed two buses that distribute a Wi-Fi signal — one at Town Hall and the other at Lake Hemet — from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. HUSD partnered with the Anza Community Center to bring internet access to students.

Reopening

Newsom outlined a color-coded, tiered system that will use two metrics to measure the coronavirus: spread rate and test positivity percentage.

The tiers are designated by four colors: purple (widespread), red (substantial), orange (moderate) and yellow (minimal with the lowest restrictions).

Counties must remain at each tier for a minimum of 21 days. The metrics are tracked at www.COVID19.ca.gov. The county, included in the Southern California region, was put on a Stay-at-Home order.

For more information on state guidance, visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>.

Local entities update:

Fern Valley Water District: The office is closed to the public.

Idyllwild Community Center: ICC has closed all of its programs (including sports, senior fitness and child care) for the time being. The food distribution program is still occurring.

Idyllwild Fire Protection District: The front office is open by appointment only.

Idyllwild HELP Center and Thrift store: Check their Facebook page for updates.

Idyllwild Library: The library is open for Express Service only. The library offers free 24-hour Wi-Fi that can be accessed outside the library. If you have questions, call 951-659-2300.

Idyllwild Pharmacy: The pharmacy is open. A face mask is required. Check the Idyllwild Pharmacy Facebook page for updates on hours.

Idyllwild Shuttle: The current schedule is as follows: Door-to-door service from Pine Cove to Mountain Center is provided Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call the day you need a ride. There is transportation to Palm Desert and Palm Springs on Mondays via Mountain Center. Transportation to Hemet via Mountain Center is provided on Wednesdays.

To get transportation to the food share at Mountain Center on Thursdays, meet at the HELP Center at noon. Reservations are required. Call 951-426-9688 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you are utilizing the shuttle, a face mask and hand sanitation is required. Off-Hill transportation is for medical appointments only.

Idyllwild Town Crier: The office is open to the public by telephone only. For advertising information, contact Becky Clark (becky@towncrier.com) or Mandy Johnson (mandy@towncrier.com) and for editorial questions contact Melissa Diaz Hernandez (melissa@towncrier.com). Newspapers will be available to purchase in front of the new Town Crier office at 54391 Village Center Drive Suite #5, Idyllwild Pharmacy, Mountain Center and Pine Cove markets and at Village and Fairway markets, Mountain Top Liquor, the Idyllwild Chevron and Shell stations, and Lake Hemet Market.

Idyllwild Water District: The office is closed to the public.

Pine Cove Water District: The office is closed to the public.

Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival: This

was scheduled for Feb. 12 to 21, 2021, and has been canceled.

Riverside County offices: Visit county department websites or call for updates and assistance on how to com-

plete requests online, over the phone or through the mail.

State parks: Visit www.parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve for updated information.

COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Phases



PHASE 1A

Persons at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 through their work in any role in direct health care or long-term care settings.

Vaccinating Now Tier 1

- ✓ Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospital staff
- ✓ Staff at skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals
- ✓ Residents in long-term care settings
- ✓ Paramedics, EMTs, and others providing emergency medical services
- ✓ Staff at dialysis centers

Vaccinating Now Tier 2

- ✓ Intermediate care facilities for persons who need non-continuous nursing supervision, and supportive care
- ✓ Home healthcare and IHSS
- ✓ Community health workers (promotoras)
- ✓ Public health field staff
- ✓ Primary care clinics, including federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, correctional facility clinics, and urgent care clinics

Vaccinating Now Tier 3

- ✓ Specialty clinics (ex. optometry, cardiology, neurology, outpatient surgery, physical therapy, etc.)
- ✓ Laboratory workers
- ✓ Dental and other oral health clinics
- ✓ Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers
- ✓ Mortuary service industry workers

PHASE 1B

- **Tier 1 - Vaccinating Next**
 - Persons aged 75 years and older
 - Frontline essential workers, including education, law enforcement, food and agriculture, Emergency services
- **Tier 2 - Vaccinating Soon**
 - Persons 65 - 74 years of age
 - Frontline essential workers, including manufacturing, transportation, facilities and services
 - Congregate settings (incarcerated and homeless persons)

PHASE 1C

- Persons 50 - 64 years of age
- Individuals 16 - 64 years of age and have an underlying health condition or disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19
- Essential Workers, including water & waste, defense, energy, chemical and hazardous materials, communications and IT, financial services, government operations and community based essential functions.

www.RUHealth.org/covid-19-vaccine • 833-422-4255

Currently, there are limited supplies of the vaccine. This information will be updated when supplies improve. Revised 1/8/2021

IMAGE COURTESY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 1/20

49/43

Chance of showers & windy

Thursday 1/21

53/41

Chance of showers

Friday 1/22

47/36

Chance of snow & rain

Saturday 1/23

38/34

Snow showers likely

Sunday 1/24

39/35

Chance of snow

Monday 1/25

38/23

Chance of snow

Tuesday 1/26

40/23

Chance of snow

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

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
01/12	54	28	0.00	0.0	
01/13	55	31	0.00	0.0	
01/14	58	30	0.00	0.0	
01/15	59	31	0.00	0.0	
01/16	56	28	0.00	0.0	
01/17	49	33	0.05	0.0	
01/18	63	30	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
01/12	54	28	0.00	0.0	
01/13	55	31	0.00	0.0	
01/14	58	30	0.00	0.0	
01/15	59	31	0.00	0.0	
01/16	56	28	0.00	0.0	
01/17	56	28	0.00	0.0	
01/18	63	30	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.



Cloudy skies on the Hill Tuesday as temperatures remained in the upper-40s throughout the day.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

Bonita Fire

Continued from A1

At 6 p.m. Friday, Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department reported the fire at 715 acres with 20% containment. It also reported that all road closures and evacuations were lifted. At that point, the incident was transferred to USFS command.

Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department reported the fire at 200 acres and 0% containment at 3:20 a.m. Friday, forcing an evacuation order for Mountain Center. Within 15 minutes, the fire grew 50 acres.

At 6:35 a.m., the agency reported the fire at 600 acres with 5% containment.

According to the agency's website, "the first arriving engine company reported 15 acres of heavy vegetation and pine trees involved." More than 250 firefighters responded to the incident.

The Banning Community Center, 789 N. San Geronio Ave., served as an evacuation center. For large animal evacuations, residents were directed to utilize the San Jacinto Animal Campus at 581 S. Grand Ave. in San Jacinto.

Residents were directed to visit <https://trivcoready.org/ActiveEvents>, for updated evacuation information.

**Life Tribute
Mary DeMille
1938 - 2020**

Mary DeMille, who lived in Royal Pines Estates, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at Eisenhower Medical Center. She was known to many in town as Aunt Mary and had a dog sitting business in the past.

She is survived by her son Patrick DeMille of Idyllwild.



The Bonita Fire forced the evacuation of Mountain Center in the early morning of Jan. 15. PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Dear Idyllwild Community,

Los Angeles and Riverside Counties are getting national attention for having among the highest COVID-19 infection rates in the country. In recent days, we have been in conversation with local authorities, the Idyllwild Arts Medical Advisory Group, and the Idyllwild Arts Board of Trustees to determine the most appropriate time for our students to return to campus, given the level of outbreak we are experiencing in our county.

Due to the high infection rate and the limited number or lack of hospital beds, we have decided on a slight delay for our return to campus for spring semester. Classes will begin online on February 1, and students will return to campus on February 19. We hope that the number of COVID-19 cases in Riverside County begins declining before our students return. Also, educators have now been approved for the next round of vaccine distributions and we hope that the process will begin for our faculty and staff by the time students return.

The pandemic continues to challenge us in new and unimaginable ways. Keeping our community healthy and safe continues to be our highest priority and we appreciate the flexibility and understanding of our families and the residents of Idyllwild.

As we welcome in the New Year, we do so having lost a few dear members of our community due to COVID-19. Many residents have also relocated to be with family or near services. We will miss those who have shared this mountaintop with us, helped with festivals and fairs, or simply acted as good neighbors. Our hearts go out to anyone who has been directly affected by the virus or who has lost a loved one.

From our Idyllwild Arts family to yours, we wish you health, safety, and happiness in the New Year.

Warmly,

Pamela Jordan
President, Idyllwild Arts Foundation



How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions.

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

- “thank-you” letters, consumer complaints, form letters, clippings from other publications or poetry.
- Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word but are not accepted the week before an election.
- We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission.

- Only one letter per author within a 28-day period.
- Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff.
- Letters may be submitted by e-mail to melissa@towncrier.com and must include “Letter to the Editor” in the subject line.
- The deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

To all our readers:

By JACK & BECKY CLARK
CO-PUBLISHERS

The Town Crier has been significantly impacted by the COVID epidemic. Like almost all newspapers, we have experienced a serious decline in revenues from advertising during these hard times.

So, we must rely to an ever-greater extent on our readers — both for the moral force to continue providing local journalism during these times and for the monetary strength to enable that reporting. Our community deserves fact-based local news and analysis.

As the Town Crier's owners-publishers, we take no money out of the Town Crier or its parent company Idyllwild House Publishing Co. Ltd. — no salaries, wages, bonuses or dividends. No personal expenses are charged to Idyllwild House Publishing Co. Ltd. or the Town Crier.

Also, the Town Crier has not received any capital infusions from us during the past five years because it is imperative that the newspaper be shown to capably stand on its own, so it can appeal to new owners who will carry it on once we retire.

So, as its business model comes under ever-greater pressure, the Town Crier needs your help to continue its community-essential work. Please consider a Town Crier Membership, and renewing at a level you can afford, to support the Town Crier's local journalism and keep it serving our community.

Thank you all for your continued confidence and support.

Support of Trump sign

DEAR EDITOR:

Last week's letter to the editor titled "Hate has no home here," was exactly the opposite of the title.

With hateful emotions the writers want to censor what legal signs a person can put up. Trump represents different things to different people, but people are not open to other views and the letters are proof.

To me, the sign shows visitors that we are an open view community and that not everyone in California believes like our governor.

So, leave the Trump sign up as now it is a piece of history!

For me, I would have loved to see a Biden and the other Joe Biden signs right next to it, but I have never seen that in California.

Tolerance for other views is sadly rarely found in our state.

Merrie VonSeggern
Idyllwild



industries are tapping into wind energy, solar energy, etc., all to bring our emissions down.

We can solve our climate crisis by moving urgently to 100% clean energy.

This cannot happen overnight, but this is an emergency, so the quicker the better. Passing legislation that reduces emissions is necessary. Many bills have been proposed and it looks like the science is past cap-and-trade. Any bill that proposes to reduce our emissions and draw down carbon

is worth looking into.

H.R. 763 proposes to do this in a fair way to reduce emissions and address our economic concerns. It places a fee on fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas at the source (mine, well or pipeline). This fee is designed to encourage companies to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and transition to cleaner alternatives. It then distributes these funds to all households as monthly dividends to offset expected rising energy costs and any price increases for products. Families with a lower carbon footprint will benefit the most.

Any bill that proposes moving to zero emissions and 100% clean energy is worth looking into. We urgently need to all get on board to solve this. Do visit Dr. Raul Ruiz, our representative in Congress at his website: <https://ruiz.house.gov>. Call his office at 760-424-8888 or contact him via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/drraulruiz/> to voice your wishes.

Now is the time to do this for the benefit of future generations.

Frank Baele
Idyllwild

Climate collapse and H.R. 763

DEAR EDITOR:

We have come to a "moment of truth," and it's time to take a good look at what we are doing. Carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are now at their highest levels with CO2 hitting 417 parts per million. The last time CO2 levels exceeded 400 parts per million was around four million years ago.

It's really past time to harness our energy from sustainable sources or our children will be facing unfortunate environmental consequences. The past decade was the hottest on record and we have all seen the evidence, from unprecedented wildfires across the U.S. to the extraordinary heat of Siberia, as the impacts of climate change were felt in every corner of the world in 2020.

We are facing a climate collapse.

What can we do about it? The rising levels of greenhouse gases are something that we have caused and is therefore something we can fix. Scientists are working on ways to extract carbon from the atmosphere while in-

Constitutional rights

DEAR EDITOR:

Two letters in the Town Crier last week illustrated how some people want to twist the Constitution to give themselves rights but deny them to others.

The second derided the violence in one city while ignoring the previous and ongoing violence in Seattle, Portland, Kenosha, Georgia and others including the June 1 threat to Idyllwild checked only by the Sheriff's Department and the local American Legion.

A view from the alternate universe

By KERRY MANOS
CONTRIBUTED

I would like to respectfully respond to the two letters published in the Jan. 14 issue of the Town Crier, both of which called for the prominent "Trump 2020" sign to be removed from a private property. These writers assert the sign would be unwelcoming and intimidating to visitors, especially in light of the events of Jan. 6.

I would like to make two points. First, I note that, on page A3 of the same issue, a photo shows several people in front of The Fort displaying political posters and "exercising their First Amendment right." It appears that most of the messages on these posters reflect liberal views. Has anyone considered whether a visitor of conservative persuasion might feel unwelcome or intimidated by such a display of political messages with which they disagree? It may be hard for some to believe, but roughly half the people out there might privately feel that way.

If we are concerned about not offending visitors or creating the impression that, if you don't align with one side or another, you're not welcome in Idyllwild, perhaps we should enact an ordinance prohibiting the public display of any political messages. The problem, of course, is that would be unconstitutional. Maybe the best face Idyllwild can present to the world is as a place where people of diverse opinions can express their views freely and tolerate one another.

My second point is far more troublesome to me. Both letters reflect the passionate view that Trump deliberately incited

his supporters to storm the Capitol building and, apparently, take over the government, which would certainly be an act of treason.

In my experience, it is no longer possible to have a civil dialog about whether such things are true, especially when significant political outcomes are at stake. I will only say that a large part of the country would not agree with the assertions expressed in these letters. Our country has sadly reached the point where we are divided by world views populated with different subsets of the "facts." We are truly living in alternate universes and I honestly don't know how that can be reconciled.

I lay this condition largely at the feet of the media, which has profited for years from agitating the passions of both sides. Their cash registers ring each time any of us tunes in or clicks to find out more about the latest "bombshell" or outrage perpetrated by the opposite side. The more they divide us and the angrier they make us, the more money they make. Their tactics are simple and easy to spot: selectively present facts, and interpret them, so as to reinforce the existing views of their customers.

Shame on all of us for falling prey to this manipulation. And shame on anyone who suggests the solution is censorship. That is a trap we will all regret having fallen into.

The letter signed by multiple people concluded by calling for the removal of the Trump sign in the spirit of unity. I'm afraid unity is out of the question at this point. The best we can hope for in the foreseeable future is fragile coexistence. I pray we can slowly build from there.

Nancy Borchers
Pine Cove

Tales of a HOT MESS
Mama
By NATASHA WOODS

My mirror lies, or at least it used to — until I caught it in the act and forced a reflection that is entirely more accurate.

I spent several weeks dismayed at what I was seeing in the full-length mirror in my bedroom.

How is this even possible?

How does one become so disproportionate overnight?

What the heck am I eating these nasty vegetables for?

Am I getting shorter?

Does that even happen this early in life?

I stewed and stewed over this, checking and rechecking my reflection willing it to change into what I wanted to see. But there was no change and I was left feeling defeated.

And then one night, I sat on my bed and glanced over at the root of my disappointment and discovered the real problem.

The mirror had bowed. I was using the equivalent of a circus fun house mirror to gauge my progress.

After I got a good laugh at the absurdity

of being convinced that I was shrinking, I started to really think on what I had allowed to happen and a couple of important lessons came to mind.

One: I was trying to attain someone else's idea of beauty. I believe beauty is carried within us, and that the bodies that carry us around are just there to keep that important cargo safe. To judge a body to me is like judging the crate a priceless work of art is shipped in. From the outside it is just a box, but what is protected within is extraordinary.

Two: It wasn't just the mirror that was warped. As a society, we are trying to say we are getting away from the impossible standards. However, one scroll through Instagram will prove this to be untrue. Filtering away imperfection is just condemning it in a whisper instead of a shout. It's still just as hurtful to our self-image and still perpetuates that demand for flawlessness.

Our ideals are warped and that will take time and loads of love to fix.

So how did I remedy this little dilemma?

I took charge of the image.

Every day, I walk up to my wonky mirror and show her who is boss. I use a marker and distort that skewed depiction with a word that gives my inner beauty the power to burst right through to the outside.

I've almost filled the frame with words of encouragement and self-love, and when I have, I will erase it and start over. Because within me is a world of endless and remarkable characteristics that no simple mirror could ever really show.

And please, believe me when I say my friends, there are just as many wonderful things about you — no matter what your



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California school officials push for standardized testing waiver amid COVID-19 spike

By SYDNEY JOHNSON
EdSource

As Covid-19 cases continue to soar in California, a majority of the State Board of Education is now in favor of pursuing a waiver from the federal government that would remove the obligation to carry out standardized testing for the second year in a row.

The board is grappling with what to do about standardized tests like the Smarter Balanced assessments in math and English language arts that students in certain grades are required to take each spring. The U.S. Department of Education waived federal testing requirements following abrupt school closures for in-person instruction in March 2020 due to the pandemic, but this school year, the department intends to resume requiring testing (<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/secretletter/200903.html>). Now, as California faces the largest daily number of cases it's experienced yet, State Board of Education members say they want a testing waiver to be made available for states.

"It would be educational malpractice to require LEAs (local education agencies) to provide results of assessments that really are seriously in jeopardy of being valid going forward," said State Board of Education member Sue Burr, during a public meeting on Wednesday. "It's important to make a strong statement about how we feel about that."

The state board did not vote on the issue of waivers at the meeting on Wednesday, but it was discussed at length and nine out of 11 members said they would support a waiver if it became an option. Board President Linda Darling-Hammond did not publicly share a specific stance on Wednesday. However, a report (https://restart-reinvent.learningpolicyinstitute.org/sites/default/files/product-files/Restart_Reinvent_Schools_COVID_REPORT.pdf) she authored in October expressed the need for schools during the pandemic to avoid "overtesting" and emphasize shorter, more frequent assessments that teachers can quickly use to inform instruction, known as formative assessments, over high-level end-of-the-year exams that are primarily used for holding districts accountable for learning, known as summative assessments.

The board did not discuss next steps for seeking a waiver from the annual tests, which is also required by

California state law. Gov. Gavin Newsom would also need to waive state requirements for the standardized tests in math, English language arts and science, which he did through an executive order in 2020 (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/17.18-N-30-20-Schools.pdf>).

Darling-Hammond, who is a top education adviser on the transition team for President-elect Joe Biden, said that alternative measures of academic progress and accountability, such as engagement, attendance, and access to courses, have "come up quite a bit" in discussions with the team.

States are required to administer an annual test in reading and math for students in grades 3-8 and once in high school under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. In November, following an announcement from the U.S. Department of Education that testing would again be required, the board voted to shorten this year's Smarter Balanced exams in math and English language arts (<https://edsources.org/2020/shorter-exams-will-replace-californias-annual-smarter-balanced-tests/643088>) in an effort to mitigate challenges with administering the test at a time when a majority of schools in the state are still in distance learning.

But Covid-19 cases and deaths have continued to climb in the winter months, causing nearly every board member to express deep concern over potentially bringing students back to campus to administer tests, along with the reliability of scores and data given the amount of variables students would face taking tests at home.

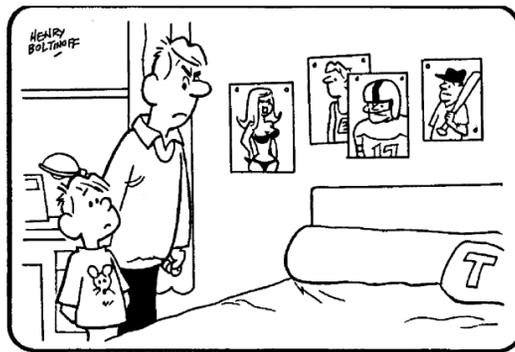
"In L.A. County right now, every minute 10 people are identified as positive," said Vice President Ilene W. Straus. "It's not likely we are going back anytime soon until these numbers go down and things are safe for students and teachers. Once we are back to in-person learning, first reconnect with them, and then think about assessment."

Another major concern is getting enough students to participate in the exam during the pandemic. States are expected to have at least 95% of students take the exam, a threshold Straus called "completely unrealistic" for this spring.

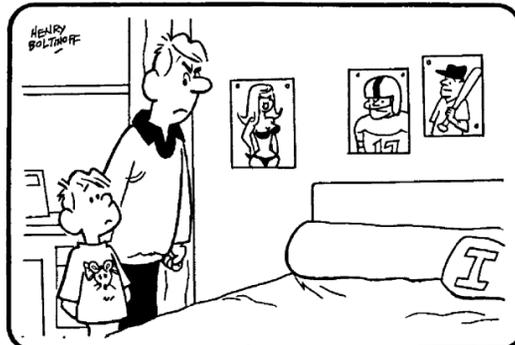
"There are a lot of parents that won't be willing to add (testing) to the stress level," board member Matt Navo added.

The likelihood of incoming Education Secretary Mi-

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guel Cordona offering waivers once he replaces former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos remains unclear.

"We cannot act on anything that has to do with waivers at this moment," Darling-Hammond said. "We need to wait for the new administration to arrive."

During Wednesday's meeting, several other ideas were discussed in lieu of a waiver. Darling-Hammond suggested extending the school year to offer districts more time to prepare for the tests, while others proposed moving tests to next fall or leaning on interim assessments that districts could lead themselves, similar to what took place in the years between the start of Smarter Balanced tests in 2015 and the phasing out of the previous standardized tests.

While many were in support of putting pressure on the federal government to change its decision about waivers this school year, several board members agreed that there would still be a need to assess students and

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The role different vitamins play

By METRO CREATIVE
CONTRIBUTED

A nutritious diet is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle. When it's part of a health regimen that includes routine exercise, a healthy diet that's rich in fruits and vegetables can help people reduce their risk for various illnesses, including chronic diseases like heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

Many adults have known about the value of fruits and vegetables since they were youngsters and their parents repeatedly told them how important it was to eat healthy foods. Despite those early lessons, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that less than 10% of adults and adolescents eat enough fruits and vegetables. That's unfortunate, as fruits and vegetables are loaded with vitamins that benefit the body in myriad ways.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine (USNLM) notes that vitamin deficiency occurs when people do not get enough of certain vitamins. Recognizing the many functions vitamins serve may compel adults and adolescents to include more fruits and vegetables in their diets.

- **Vitamin A:** The USNLM notes that vitamin A helps form and maintain healthy teeth, bones, soft tissue, mucous membranes and skin. According to the World Health Organization, vitamin A deficiency is the leading cause of preventable blindness in children and increases the risk of disease and death from severe infections.

- **Vitamin B-6:** Vitamin B-6 helps form red blood cells and maintain brain function. Though the National Institutes of Health notes that isolated vitamin B-6 deficiency is uncommon, a deficiency has been associated with

various conditions, including a weakened immune system and dermatitis cheilitis, a condition marked by scaling on the lips and cracks at the corners of the mouth.

- **Vitamin C:** Vitamin C is an antioxidant that promotes healthy teeth and gums, helps the body absorb iron and maintains healthy tissue. In addition, vitamin C plays an integral role in helping wounds heal. Vitamin C deficiency impairs bone function, and Merck notes that in children that impairment can cause bone lesions and contribute to poor bone growth.

- **Vitamin D:** The USNLM notes that 10 to 15 minutes of sunshine three times per week is enough to produce the body's vitamin D requirement for people at most latitudes. It's hard to rely on food to supply ample vitamin D, which helps the body absorb calcium that is necessary for the development and maintenance of healthy teeth and bones.

- **Vitamin E:** Vitamin E helps the body form red blood cells and utilize vitamin K. Green, leafy vegetables like spinach and broccoli are good sources of vitamin E. The Office of Dietary Supplements notes that a vitamin E deficiency can cause nerve and muscle damage, potentially leading to muscle weakness and vision problems.

- **Vitamin K:** Vitamin K helps to make certain proteins that are needed for blood clotting and the building of bones. The T.H. Chan School of Public Health at Harvard notes that the main type of vitamin K is found in green leafy vegetables like collard greens, kale and spinach. Vitamin K deficiency is rare, but it can lead to bleeding, hemorrhaging or osteoporosis.

Vitamins are crucial to human beings' overall health. Eating ample amounts of fruits and vegetables is a great and delicious way to avoid vitamin deficiency.



Recognizing the many functions vitamins serve may compel adults and adolescents to include more fruits and vegetables in their diets.

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Sheriff makes progress within the community

By JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

After years of being closed, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) reopened its Lake Hemet substation Dec. 3, 2020 and held the grand opening Dec. 7. RCSD personnel and community members were able to meet and see the inside of the substation.

As of Dec. 7, the substation has been fully staffed with eight deputies and two sergeants, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

According to an agency press release, the substation was set up with computers, data lines and updated equipment.

Being stationed within the community, it has improved the agency's relationship with other emergency response agencies including the California Highway Patrol, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Idyllwild Fire Protection District and Cal Fire.

Between Dec. 3, 2020 and Jan. 1, 2021 overall response times were cut in half in comparison to the month prior to the reopening. The agency responded to a total of 345 calls. Seventeen individuals were arrested and booked on various felony and misdemeanor charges which included burglary, theft, weapon, drug and other related violations. Felony crimes also reduced by 63%.

Making sure individuals are following the laws even while out in the wilderness, RCSD works closely with the USFS assisting with Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement provided by a grant in cooperation with the California State Parks. This allows for patrolling in some areas that are harder to access without all-terrain type vehicles.

RCSD has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to illegal marijuana cultivation and continues to enforce the laws to protect the neighboring residents from the many negative impacts it causes.

If you see any criminal activity, you can report it through the We-Tip Crime Reporting Hotline at 909-987-5005 or <https://wetip.com>.



The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Lake Hemet substation.
PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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measure learning loss and disparities that may have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

"Testing offers a much clearer view of the degree to which learning loss is not consistent and to know where it is most acute and have the capacity to pinpoint that and address it is a valuable tool we should not give up on," said board member Kim Pattillo Brownson.

Pattillo Brownson also referred to data that has shown many California parents desire more feedback on how their child is doing academically. Sixty-seven percent of parents (<https://west.edtrust.org/california-parent-poll-october-2020/>) said they would like information from state tests to know if their child is meeting grade-level expectations, according to a poll education nonprofit EdTrust-West released in October.

But, the same poll also found that a lack of reliable internet was a top concern among families, a major challenge for administering the tests at home. With Covid-19 cases at an all-time high in California, several groups present at Wednesday's meeting said inviting students with poor internet connections back to campus for tests could be a safety risk.

For months the California Teachers Association has been outspoken about the challenges of requiring standardized testing in the spring, even with a shortened

CHP staffing update

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) responded to the newspaper's inquiry regarding its current staffing levels and the status of the cadet academy.

CHP Public Information Officer Matt Napier wrote in an email, "Effective Dec. 17, 2020, the CHP Academy has temporarily suspended cadet training."

CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray stated, "Cadets are critical to the CHP's mission, however out of an abundance of caution, and in consultation with the California Department of Public Health and the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, we are temporarily closing the academy to limit possible workplace exposure during the statewide surge in cases. We will continue to keep the cadets engaged in the education process through remote learning."

Napier continued, "We look forward to welcoming back our 133 cadets in early 2021, however, a date has yet to be determined."

Napier wrote the following regarding the San Geronio Pass area office's staffing levels: "Our staffing levels have in fact been affected due to the delay in new officers graduating, frozen transfers between offices, and standard attrition from retirements and promotions. These factors have impacted several offices throughout the state and the San Geronio Pass area is not immune to this fact. Regardless, our office is committed to continue to serve the public to the highest level of safety, service and security that our Pass communities [have] come to expect from us."

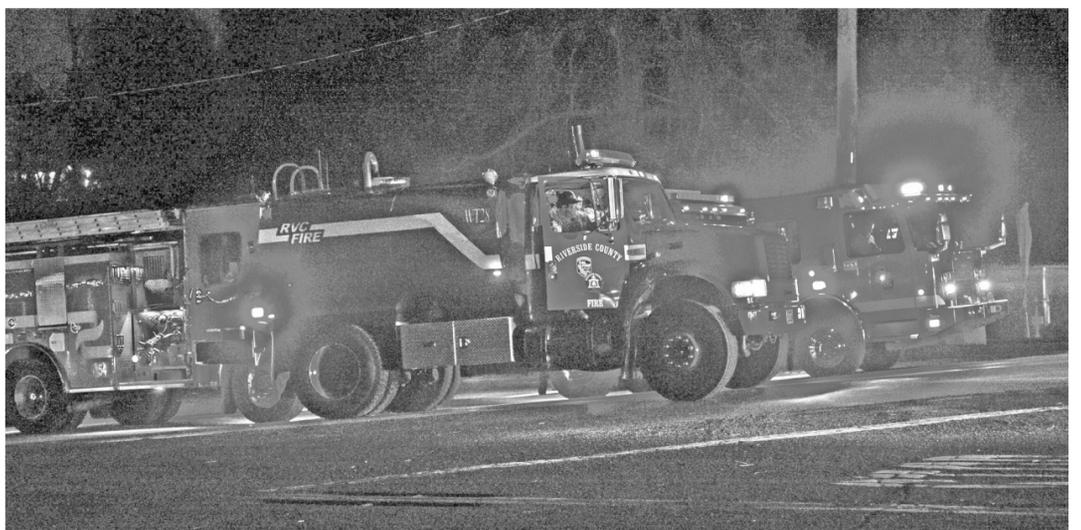
The newspaper asked if the following included in

Napier's response was due to the Stay-at Home order: "While we are always striving for improvement, our response times, enforcement, and public service remain at effective levels to continue to do our part in lowering the mileage death rate (MDR) in California. In fact, even with lower staffing levels, in 2020 the San Geronio Pass Area recorded the lowest number of fatal traffic collisions in our jurisdiction in the last four years. Additionally, our Idyllwild Resident Post remains fully staffed (three officers) to ensure the communities of Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Mountain Center, and Anza continue to receive the highest level of service in our rural areas and mountain highways."

Napier responded, "We take great pride in lowering the total number of fatal traffic collisions in our area through several measurable means."

"Firstly, our partnerships with allied agencies from the Riverside County Sheriff's Office Cabazon, Hemet and Lake Hemet stations, Hemet, Banning and Beaumont Police Departments have never been stronger. We often lean on each other to improve response times and increase community engagement and education."

"Second, although crashes and DUIs dropped, speed citations for over 100 mph doubled in [the] third and fourth quarters of 2019 (statewide). It is a known fact that collisions at these high speeds tend to produce far greater injuries or deaths than slower speeds. To combat this statewide trend, we employed aggressive enforcement, as well as an emphasis on increased community engagement through public safety announcements and social media posts to educate the public and remain transparent of our goals and the means in which we intend to achieve those goals."



The Bonita Fire reached 50% containment Monday night, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

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exam. CTA representatives on Wednesday echoed the requests for the state board to seek a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education.

"As of this morning, Imperial County, where I am seated, has a 39% Covid positivity rate" said board member Haydee Rodriguez. "It's having a devastating effect on our students, their social-emotional well-being, and teachers have reached out to me with concerns about the test and the effect it would have on our students. I am in support of a waiver. If we don't get the waiver, we must ensure the results of the assessment are used for information perhaps to direct fund-

ing, so we can support our students when we go back to class."

To see the original story, visit <https://edsources.org/2021/california-school-officials-push-for-standardized-testing-waiver-amid-covid-19-spike/646901>. The story ran Jan. 14, 2021.

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IFPD ambulance inspection and decals

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) received its new ambulance and has been running calls. Some members of the public contacted the newspaper regarding the ambulance running calls without being marked as an ambulance.

The ambulance does not have to pass a California Highway Patrol (CHP) inspection and be issued a permit before being in service because it is not operated by a private company.

The newspaper received confirmation from IFPD Chief Mark LaMont that the ambulance has been operational.

CHP Public Information Officer Matt Napier wrote, "To pass a CHP inspection, they [ambulances] are required to be easily identifiable as an ambulance. So technically, we wouldn't issue a permit without this." However, according to Napier, IFPD is not required to go through a CHP inspection because it is a public entity. Permits are issued and the process is based on the vehicle code.



The Idyllwild Fire Protection District's new ambulance responding to a call and pulling into the station.



LEFT PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER; RIGHT PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ

LaMont responded to the newspaper's request for clarification on its requirements.

"The agency does have to get a permit from county to operate outside the IFPD jurisdiction, such as mutual aid calls," LaMont said. "That inspection is done by REMSA, which is required annually. The inspection recently came up and REMSA did an inspection on the new ambulance then.

The ambulance is permitted with the sticker in the window."

According to LaMont, the decal and lettering for the new ambulance had a backlog. Due to COVID-19, the agency did not receive the ambulance until later in 2020.

The agency will send the ambulance down for identification decals Wednesday, Jan. 20 should the company doing the decals not have additional backlog.



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Note: Some events, meetings and office hours may be canceled or modified due to precautions being taken to limit the spread of COVID-19.

- Wednesday, Jan. 20**
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - 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.
- Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway 243.
- 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.

- Thursday, Jan. 21**
- Women's Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous women, open, 10 a.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard building, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
 - AA meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Lake Hemet Municipal Wa-

- ter District board meeting, 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 meeting, 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.
- AA "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Courtyard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

- Friday, Jan. 22**
- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
 - AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523
 - GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Calvary Chapel Church, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
 - Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Saturday, Jan. 23**
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - Healing Rooms, 10 a.m.-noon & 2-4 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Cen-

- ter Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Sunday, Jan. 24**
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - Course in Miracles discussion, 11 a.m. Call Karin at 951-973-8651 for location.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon-1 p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Highway 243.
 - Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

- Monday, Jan. 25**
- Women's Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Grief Support Group, 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - American Legion dinner, 5-6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - 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, Jan. 26**
- Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood.
 - Feeding America, noon-1 p.m. Calvary Chapel Mountain Center, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.
 - 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 meeting, 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.
 - Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.

- Wednesday, Jan. 27**
- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Al-Anon, 5-6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oak-

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District recently responded to the following calls.

- Jan. 9 — Medical aid, 9:22 a.m. S. Circle Dr.
- Jan. 9 — Motor vehicle collision with injuries, 2:07 p.m. Highway 74.
- Jan. 9 — Motor vehicle collision without injuries, 2:20 p.m. Highway 243.
- Jan. 9 — Motor vehicle collision with injuries, 2:27 p.m. Highway 74.
- Jan. 9 — Public service assist, 6:20 p.m. Marian View Dr.
- Jan. 10 — Medical aid, 5:35 a.m. Howland Rd.
- Jan. 10 — Medical aid, 1:31 p.m. Roble Dr.
- Jan. 10 — Assist police or other governmental agency, 4:32 p.m. Highway 243.
- Jan. 10 — Medical aid, 8:44 p.m. Country Club Dr.
- Jan. 11 — Medical aid, 7:07 a.m. Marian View Dr.
- Jan. 11 — Walk-in public service assist, 10:15 p.m.
- Jan. 12 — Gas leak, 8:55 a.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- Jan. 13 — Medical aid, 11:32 a.m. Strong Dr.
- Jan. 13 — Smoke or odor re-

- moval, 6 p.m. Tahquitz Dr.
- Jan. 13 — Medical aid, 9:29 p.m. Foster Lake Rd.
- Jan. 14 — Medical aid, 12:03 p.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- Jan. 14 — Motor vehicle collision with no injuries, 12:24 p.m. Highway 74.
- Jan. 15 — Prescribed fire, 8 a.m. Highway 243.
- Jan. 15 — Medical aid, 3:26 p.m. Meadow Dr.
- Jan. 16 — Prescribed fire, 9 a.m. Highway 243.
- Jan. 16 — Medical aid, 8:41 a.m. Pine Crest Ave.
- Jan. 16 — Medical aid, 2:17 p.m. Temecula Dr.
- Jan. 17 — Medical aid, 9:24 a.m. Delano Rd.
- Jan. 17 — Medical aid, 8:20 p.m. Pine Dell Dr.
- Jan. 17 — Medical aid, 8:56 p.m. Saunders Meadow Rd.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Saturday to Friday, Jan. 9 to 15.

- Idyllwild**
- Jan. 9 — Unattended death, 1:38 a.m. Address withheld.

Report taken.

- Jan. 9 — Petty theft, 2:02 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 9 — Public disturbance, 7:58 p.m. Lodge Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 10 — Unattended death, 6:17 p.m. Address withheld. Report taken.
- Jan. 11 — Unlawful entry, 11:24 a.m. 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 11 — 911 call from business, 2:06 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 11 — 911 call, 3:33 p.m. Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 11 — Alarm call, 3:44 p.m. Seneca Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 12 — Suspicious person, 11:50 a.m. Cougar Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 12 — Check the welfare, 1:23 p.m. 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 12 — Alarm call, 5:28 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 12 — Public distur-

bance, 8:58 p.m. Delano Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 14 — Alarm call, 11:11 a.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 14 — Public assist, 4:41 p.m. Cedar St. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 14 — Vandalism, 7:43 p.m. Fernleaf Dr. Report taken.
- Jan. 15 — Check the welfare, 3:09 a.m. Alderwood St.
- Jan. 15 — Civil dispute, 10:01 a.m. Pine Dell Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 15 — Miscellaneous criminal, 9:32 p.m. 54000 block S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 15 — Public disturbance, 11:44 p.m. Village View Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Jan. 13 — Area check, 4:58 p.m. 29000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 15 — Alarm call, 6:46 a.m. McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 15 — Burglary, 12:58 p.m. McCall Park Rd. Report taken.

Pine Cove

- Jan. 9 — Prowler, 9:28 a.m.

Appleton Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 9 — Suspicious circumstance, 12:38 p.m. Walter Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 12 — Assist other department, 12:55 a.m. 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 13 — Unattended death, 4:17 a.m. Address withheld. Report taken.
- Jan. 13 — Check the welfare, 12:50 p.m. Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 13 — Unknown trouble, 1:46 p.m. Oak Leaf Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 14 — Fraud, 1:36 p.m. Hotei Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 14 — Noise complaint, 9:23 p.m. 23000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 15 — Alarm call, 1:54 a.m. 23000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 15 — Check the welfare, 10:39 a.m. Rosaline Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows/Garner Valley

- Jan. 9 — 911 call from business, 2:06 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by

- wood 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 Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 951-659-3850.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri., Sat. and Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by apt. 951-659-2717.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 10 a.m.-noon and 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. and Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. 951-659-2300.
- 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, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.) until June.
- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

deputy.

- Jan. 10 — Alarm call, 9:16 a.m. Gold Shot Creek Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 10 — Suspicious circumstance, 4:02 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 12 — Follow-up, 4:45 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats/Twin Pines

- Jan. 13 — Suspicious circumstance, 11 p.m. Soboba Rd. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Jan. 11 — Area check, 2:25 a.m. Bonita Vista Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 11 — 911 call, 8:04 a.m. Bonita Vista Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 12 — Public assist, 6:11 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 15 — Assist other department, 1:30 a.m. Bonita Vista Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 15 — Alarm call, 6:12 p.m. 19000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as TURNING POINT - THE SCHOOL ON THE HILL at 2000 Norco Drive Norco, CA 92860, Riverside County. Mailing address: 2000 Norco Drive Norco, CA 92860. THE CHURCH ON THE HILL, REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA, 2000 Norco Drive, Norco, CA 92860. The List State of Corporation is CA.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 4/21/2010.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: KEVIN BOOTH

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on December 8, 2020.

FILE NO.: R-202012581

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DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 31, 2020, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as THE LIGHT ON THE HILL at 33139 Haddock St, Winchester, CA 92596, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 842, Winchester, CA 92596. NORA LYNN MCDONALD, 33139 Haddock St, Winchester, CA 92596.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

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Registrant Signature: NORA LYNN MCDONALD

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on December 21, 2020.

FILE NO.: R-202013076

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This business is conducted by an Individual.

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Registrant Signature: AMANDA KELLY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on January 6, 2021.

FILE NO.: R-202100204

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This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on May 13 - 2013.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: EMILY PEARSON

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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as UNCEALED GEMS at 54405 Village View Drive, Idyllwild, California 9254

Missing persons

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friends and family of all the missing people about their feelings, concerns and experiences. The only person the newspaper has not been able to get more information about is Abrams.

Eight people have gone missing in the area since March of this year and five remain missing.

The newspaper has been asking for updates weekly since early summer.

On Sept. 10, a RCSD SUV was spotted hauling an off-road vehicle near Highway 243 and Saunders Meadow Road.

According to Hemet Sheriff Station Capt. Leonard Purvis, "They were conducting follow-up searches for Melissa Lane."

While it was unclear exactly where on the mountain deputies were searching for Lane, Purvis also confirmed that the search didn't provide any further information or evidence of where Lane may have gone missing.

Lane, 41, was last seen June 15, according to a poster that was displayed in the Mountain Center area. The Town Crier spoke to Kathy Lamont, Lane's mother, right after she was reported missing.

"She was an avid hiker but didn't have a destination," Lamont said. "She was last seen in Pine Cove. I don't know if she's dead or alive."

Outside of the search for Lane, the community has not received any updates on the other missing people. Friends, family and the community have been left in the dark.

Garcia was last seen July 7 wearing a brown shirt and blue jeans in Hemet. Garcia is a 73-year-old Hispanic female and suffers from Alzheimer's disease. She is 5' 3" tall and 120 pounds.

Palm Desert deputies from the RCSD were dispatched to the area of 70000 East Highway 74 in Pinyon Pines at 11:46 a.m. July 9 after Garcia's vehicle was found unoccupied. Garcia was not located after a search of the area was conducted.

Earlier in the year, Prifogle was reported missing after going on a hike in the Pine Cove area Wednesday, March 4. He left home at about 1 p.m. and was last seen at the Pine Cove Market at 6:30 p.m. on the same day. He was last seen wearing a red backpack and jeans.

RCSD Deputy Jeremy Parsons said, "After six full days of searching in between inclement weather, searching 8 to 10 hours per day, Prifogle has not been located. The RMRU, as well as search and rescue volunteers from San Bernardino County, Orange County and San Diego County, were assist-

ing. In total, about 150 people have been searching during those six days." Also adding, "On the second or third day of the search, we found his backpack, but have found no other clues as to his whereabouts."

On Sunday, June 7 at approximately 8:24 a.m., Hemet Station deputies were dispatched to the 58000 block of Bonita Vista in reference to a missing person. Abrams was placed into the system as a missing person.

Abrams is 65 years old, 5' 5" tall, 130 pounds with blonde hair and blue eyes. She was last seen wearing a black and turquoise jacket, yellow shirt and blue jeans.

According to RMRU, their team of volunteers was dispatched to Abrams' 160-acre ranch in the Apple Canyon area (between Mountain Center and Garner Valley) June 9. They conducted a search from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with no success of finding Abrams.

RMRU went out again June 10 to search more difficult areas on the property including a creek bed and the hills overlooking her ranch. All assignments were completed by 6 p.m. At that point, detectives took over the investigation and called off the physical ground search.

The most recent woman to go miss-

ing from the Hemet/San Jacinto area is 27-year-old Diana Perez Gonzalez who was reported missing on Dec. 11. According to family, Gonzalez visited the Idyllwild area regularly. She was last seen by her boyfriend.

Christy Rojas, Gonzalez's sister, and her family are struggling with her sister missing.

Rojas said, "We've been terribly sad. We think about her every day and have dreams of her, waiting for any sign or a miracle because we miss her and love her a lot. But the most important, her baby needs her. We can see the sadness in her eyes. Although she can't speak, we know she misses her mom."

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of Roy Prifogle, Dia Abrams, Rosario Garcia, Diana Perez Gonzalez or Melissa Lane, contact the RCSD at 800-950-2444.



Melissa Lane PHOTO COURTESY OF TODD GILLILAND



Rosario Garcia PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



Lydia 'Dia' Abrams PHOTO COURTESY OF LYDIA 'DIA' ABRAMS



Roy Prifogle PHOTO COURTESY OF KENDRA JOHNSON



Diana Perez Gonzalez PHOTO BY DIANA PEREZ GONZALEZ

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Maintain the Love
COMPLIMENTARY MAINTENANCE*

Steele T4 at the Sony; plays in La Quinta this week

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele fired a 19-under-par 65-66-61-69 — 261 at the Sony Open in Hawaii last week to finish tied for fourth place, his best finish of the still-new 2020/21 season.

The Idyllwild native's stats told the story: Drives averaging 310 yards found 73% of the fairways, and he hit 83% of the greens in regulation while gaining an average of about 1.2 strokes per day on the field with his putter.

Brendan put together 23 birdies and an eagle against 6 bogeys in four sub-par rounds to leap from 177th place to 95th on the FedExCup points list in this early season.

Lasik surgery Brendan had last month may have contributed to his improved play. Reportedly, he is seeing his distant shots landing better and is sharper at reading greens.

He told the Town Crier that, working with his swing coach Chris Mayson last week, he "found

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a really good feel" in his swing and he's also become less technical with his putting.

This week, B will be out to do his best in our backyard at The American Express tournament on the PGA West courses in La Quinta. Usually played on three courses, the tournament will be trimmed back this year to feature the Stadium Course because of COVID-19.

Follow him play-by-play on computer or cellphone at the PGATour.com website.



Brendan Steele

FILE PHOTO

Locals volunteer to clean up the community

By JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Idyllwild has always had an influx of snow-play visitors every winter. Families from far and wide flock to the mountains for snowball fights, sledding and snowman building. It brings tourism and a lot of smiles to the town. However, in recent times it seems the snow players have increased, and while there are positives to that, it's also bringing a negative — lots of trash.

Some community members have taken it upon themselves to volunteer to pick up trash that is left behind, including the Rotary Club of Idyllwild, Jay Mulder, and 28-year-resident Sarah Grace.

Grace has never volunteered her time to pick up trash in the past, but with the increase in visitors, she decided she wanted to help out where she could.

"Just after the snow play, there was trash everywhere and I got tired of looking at it," Grace said. "I figured if I wore proper gloves and didn't touch my face, it will probably be OK — also wash really well afterward, concerning COVID-19."

For a couple of weeks, Grace has been cleaning up as much as she can in between her work schedule. Once she made the decision to start picking up trash, she decided to reach out to others in the community on Facebook.

"I was thinking, maybe others will be able to help, so I posted on three community sites and it kind of exploded," Grace said. "I had people stopping their car to talk to me while I was picking up trash, asking if I was the Sarah Grace from Facebook. It was really awesome to see that I inspired people possi-

"Just after the snow play, there was trash everywhere and I got tired of looking at it." — Sarah Grace

bly to make the hill clean!"

According to Grace, in just three days she gathered eight large trash bags full of trash and broken sleds. She cleaned from Mountain Center to Pine Cove, hitting the highways and popular snow-play streets like Saunders Meadow Road and Cedar Glen Drive. She also picked up trash in the center of Idyllwild and at multiple businesses around town.

This is the first time Grace has been so proactive picking up trash. Being a long-term resident, she feels there is more trash this year than in years past.

"It really seems like this year in particular with the restrictions, everything to-go and major areas closed due to COVID-19, it's like an avalanche of compounding problems. Idyllwild area was out of their element for how to handle this much garbage."

With Idyllwild's small infrastructure, it doesn't take much for it to be overrun.

While Idyllwild appreciates the tourism, Grace reminds visitors to please pick up after themselves.

"Please be considerate and properly throw away your garbage into proper trash receptacles or pack out what you pack in," Grace said. "Leaving it behind on the street endangers wildlife, children and the environment. You have to be the change you want to see in the world."



Sarah Grace

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

CHP response to snow play

By MARSHA KENNEDY
CONTRIBUTED

Over the New Years' weekend, Idyllwild was struck by an unprecedented avalanche of snow-play visitors — more than the Hill has ever seen, in the estimate of many residents.

In addition to the illegal parking, trespassing and littering, which unfortunately have become standard features of such events, traffic congestion was staggering.

One bright note comes in the form of encouraging news from the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

Capt. Aaron Knarr is the newly assigned commander of the San Geronio Pass area CHP office located in Beaumont.

In a recent phone call, he reached out to me regarding the Idyllwild Snow Group.

Like so many agencies, COVID-19 has impacted Knarr's CHP office.

The CHP Academy, which would normally graduate new officers every three months, recently closed for

"We're working on it. We'll do everything we can to not have it happen again." — Capt. Aaron Knarr

the second time. As a consequence, in addition to injury and retirement, his ranks have been reduced by 25%.

We discussed several aspects of the recent snow play situation in Idyllwild.

His office did not anticipate the number of snow-players we experienced.

However, Knarr met with his staff regarding the sit-

uation and made plans for future incidents.

He is committed to increasing coverage up here after snow events and hopes to make a safer environment for both residents and visitors.

Although the CHP closely monitors weather reports, the snow group will also give him a heads up whenever a prime snow-play weekend approaches.

He plans to institute chain control checkpoints on the two highways leading into Idyllwild. If chain control is unavailable, he will utilize overtime to have two additional officers patrol the Hill.

They are reaching out to other CHP offices that have experience with periodic snowfall in addition to Caltrans to gain insight on the situation.

"We're working on it," Knarr said. "We'll do everything we can to not have it happen again."



Two of the ten cars towed after announcements were made to remove the vehicles from Forest Drive in Fern Valley Sunday, Jan. 3.

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Kid Scoop

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Kid Scoop Together:

Missing Words

Fill in the missing words in the below article.

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

The **inauguration** is the ceremony in which the new or reelected president is inducted into office. This year it will be held at noon on January 20. It takes place outside the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

The President's Oath of Office

At the inauguration ceremony, the president takes an **oath of office**. With right hand raised and left hand on an open Bible, the new president says the following statement:

the United States.”

“I do solemnly swear that I will

ability, preserve, protect and

and will to the best of my

defend the Constitution of

President of the United States,

faithfully execute the office of

Whoops! Cut out the Presidential Oath and paste it on a sheet of paper in the correct order.

Hottest and Coldest Inaugurations

Some presidents have had two inaugurations. That's because they served two terms. One of these two-term presidents had the hottest (55°F/12°C) and coldest (7°F/-13°C) inaugurations. Use the code to discover the name of that president.

1 = A	5 = L	8	7	6	1	5	2
2 = D	6 = N	8	3	1	4	1	6
3 = E	7 = O						
4 = G	8 = R						

Inauguration Day 2021



Joseph R. Biden will be sworn into office as the 46th president of the United States during his inauguration celebration on January 20th. He will take the oath to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

This inauguration will make history because Kamala Harris will be the first female vice president of the United States.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand the primary responsibilities of each branch of government in a system of shared powers.

How many members of the armed services will take part in Inauguration Day activities? Circle every other letter:

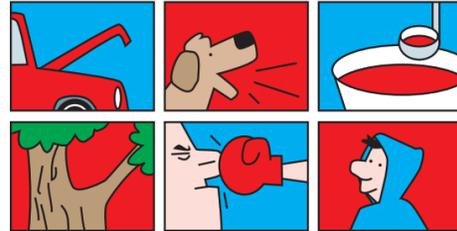
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The Inaugural Ball

America's fourth president, James Madison, and his wife, Dolley, were the guests of honor at the first official Inaugural Ball. An Inaugural Ball does not bounce. It is actually a big party.

Like the word **ball**, many words mean more than one thing. Each object shown here has the same name as another object shown. Can you match the picture pairs?



bark punch hood

Standards Link: Reading: Identify words with multiple meanings.



Presidential Seal

The Seal of the President of the United States contains a circle of white stars representing America's 50 states. The banner that reads **E PLURIBUS UNUM** is Latin for “out of many, one” meaning out of many states, one country and also, out of many peoples, one nation. There are 13 stars, clouds, leaves and arrows that represent the original 13 states.

Starting with the first letter in each line below, circle every other letter to discover what the olive branch represents and what the arrows the eagle is holding represent.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra! Word Order

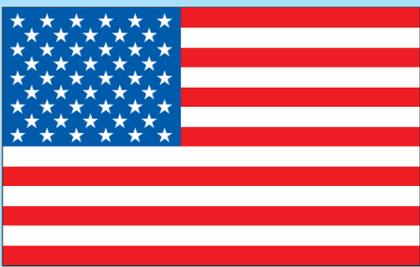
Look through the newspaper to find five or more words that begin with the letter **I**. Cut out the words and glue them onto a piece of paper in alphabetical order. Challenge: Can you do this with more than five words?

Standards Link: Spelling: Alphabetize words to a second or third letter.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The words in the scrambled sentence below make up a very American sentence. Can you put the words in the right order to reveal the sentence?

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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PRESIDENT
SWEAR
PROTECT
PRESERVE
DEFEND
OATH
FIRST
PARTY
SWORN
HAND
HONOR
WHITE
NOON

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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N R S H A O O E A E
O S I T M R S N E S
R T H E O I T C W E
E M R O D R D Y S R
D E F E N D I N M V
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N T C E T O R P T H

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

COUPLES ANTICS DOOR PLANTED TREATED **PUBLIC BELLS COMMON HIDING MOVED**

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read a variety of grade-level appropriate expository text.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **OATH**

The noun **oath** means a serious promise.

Stephanie made an **oath** to tell the truth.

Try to use the word **oath** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

For the Children Imagine that you have been selected to advise the president on the concerns of children. Look through the newspaper for articles addressing topics that affect children. Make a list of ways you think the president could help children.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Why did George Washington have trouble sleeping?

ANSWER: Because George Washington could not lie.

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With the spring-like weather Saturday, town was bustling with people and their dogs. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Above, visitors stroll through the many vendor booths set up across from the Idyllwild Community Playground on Highway 243 over the weekend. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Above right, Denise's Designs was selling unique jewelry on Highway 243 across from the Idyllwild Community Playground over the weekend. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Visitors sample some cherry habanero jelly Sunday across from Idyllwild Community Playground. Many flavors of homemade jelly were available for purchase. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



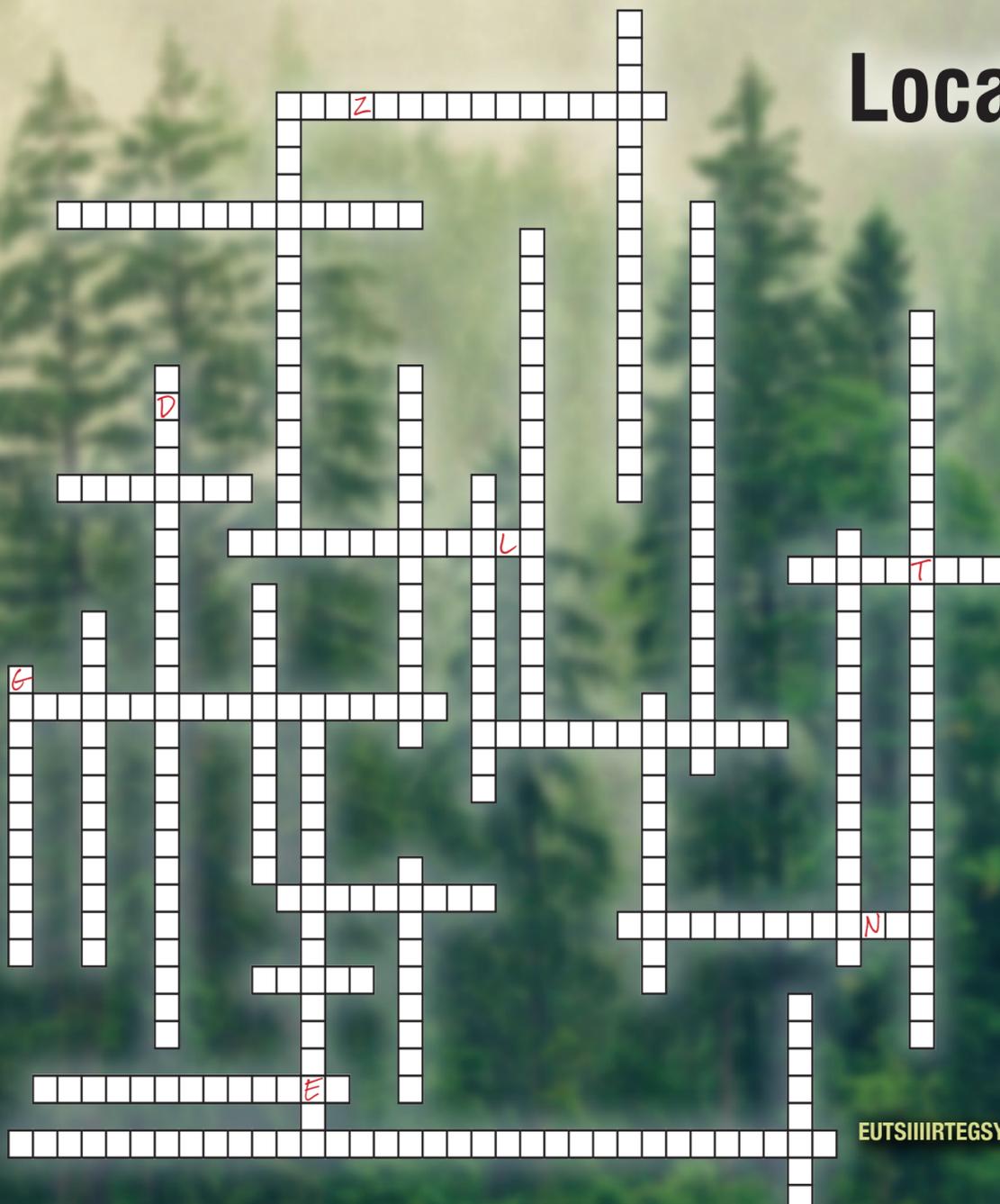
Kids and adults were impressed by the custom leather work being created and sold by Lisa Archer in The Fort Sunday. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Lily of the Valley had fresh flowers and plants for sale Sunday. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Idyll Time: SCRAMBLE CROSS

Unscramble the words and fit them into the puzzle with only 1 clue.



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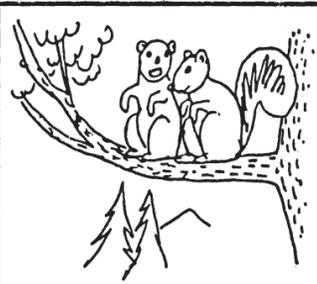
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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CROSSWORD
 (Answers on previous classifieds page)

King Crossword

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1 Wordsworth work	40 Pan handler?	7 Monarch's spouse
5 Spasm	41 Rookie	8 Army vehicles
8 Billie — King	45 Boyfriend	9 Test-paper smudges
12 Against	47 Business mag	10 Reply (Abbr.)
13 Granada gold	49 Press	11 Court divider
14 Sea eagle	50 Formerly, once	19 Chum
15 500 sheets	51 French vineyard	21 Swiss canton
16 Chess piece	52 Bandleader	23 Beer type
17 Right on the map?	53 Puente	24 Nantes notion
18 On an angle	54 Makes lace	25 Tiny amounts
20 Dines	55 "Dig in!"	26 Soft ball?
22 Donald Duck's outfit		27 Say it's so
26 Birth-related	DOWN	28 Put on the air
29 "Exodus" hero	1 Law firm aide, for short	32 Be enough
30 Vitamin stat	2 Till bills	33 Blockheads
31 Prior nights	3 List-ending abbr.	35 That lady
32 Pvt.'s superior	4 Brunch cocktails	36 Golfer Michelle
33 Grant basis, at times	5 "Only Love" actress Marisa	38 Closes
34 Seminary subj.	6 Lyricist Gershwin	39 Full-length
35 Take to court		42 Party cheese tails
36 Smartens (up)		43 Greek vowel
37 Produce aisle		44 Seth's son
		45 Wager
		46 Historic period
		48 Big D.C. lobby

HOROSCOPES
 January 2020 — Week 3

March 21 — April 19
 Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

April 20 — May 20
 The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time so that you know just where you are at any given point.

May 21 — June 21
 It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

June 22 — July 22
 The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

July 23 — August 22
 What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

August 23 — September 22
 Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

September 23 — October 22
 Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you could find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

October 23 — November 21
 You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

November 22 — December 21
 Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

December 22 — January 19
 Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

January 20 — February 18
 Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

February 19 — March 20
 Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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

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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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Past Tense

70 years ago - 1951
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65 years ago - 1956
 "The Cattle King," starring George Montgomery and Marcia Hendrickson, was being filmed at the Garner Ranch. Part of the action included a big cattle stampede.

60 years ago - 1961
 Lloyd Wood was named to replace Ted Fogle as engineer for the local fire protection district.

55 years ago - 1966
 The Rustic Theatre was showing a double feature starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis in "Living It Up" and "Pardners."

50 years ago - 1971
 The Idyllwild Property Owners Association sought to have the county open a sledding area in the County Park and outlaw sledding on county roads.

45 years ago - 1976
 The Fern Valley State Water District was notified by the State Board of Health that it must add a filtration system for creek water it used.

40 years ago - 1981
 All property owners whose homes or businesses were within the bounds of the Idyllwild County Water District's sewer district were told they would have to link their properties to the existing sewer system if they had not already done so.

35 years ago - 1986
 A military service with honors was held at Riverside

National Cemetery for Army Staff Sgt. John Millett, son of Idyllwild residents retired Army Col. Lewis and Winona Millett.

30 years ago - 1991
 More than 200 residents showed their support for American military efforts in the Persian Gulf by gathering for a "Support Our Troops" rally in the center of town. In contrast, after the rally, a group of peace advocates assembled to hold its nightly peace vigil calling for an end to military intervention in the Middle East.

25 years ago - 1996
 More than 200 people attended a meeting of Concerned Citizens for a Safer Idyllwild, an anti-crime group. The group discussed graffiti, loitering at the liquor store and truancy by local kids.

20 years ago - 2001
 The possibility of a new shopping center (now the Village Centre shopping plaza) in Idyllwild was the main topic of discussion at the Hill Municipal Advisory Council meeting.

15 years ago - 2006
 It was standing-room only at the January meeting of the Mountain Emergency Medical Systems Committee meeting that was designated as the first in a series to create a coordinated Hill disaster response plan.

10 years ago - 2011
 The Riverside County Board of Supervisors officially rejected proposals to close three fire stations and replace career staff with volunteers at three other stations, including Station 63 in Poppet Flats.

5 years ago - 2016
 Local business mogul Shane Stewart bought up property from the southwest corner of Cedar Street and North Circle Drive to install a 79-space parking lot without removing any buildings.

1 year ago - 2020
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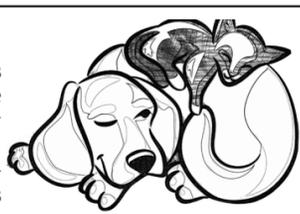
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CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the cats met Ivan, the new feline.
Harper: (carefully entering ARF) Hello? Is anyone here?
Whiskers: I am! Who the heck are you?
Harper: I'm the new ARF dog, Harper.
Whiskers: Welcome to ARF! You seem to be OK with cats, clearly.
Pepper: (entering the office) A dog? Who is this?
Whiskers: This is Harper, ARF's newest dog.
Pepper: Hey Harper, nice to meet you. So, what's your story?
Harper: Let's see ... I'm about a year old, a Basenji mix and I'm very adorable!
Ivan: Hello, Harper. I'm Ivan. I'm pretty new here, myself. Guess we are both looking for a forever home.
Harper: I suppose we are. It shouldn't be difficult for me as I really like other dogs, and you cats are good, too.
Ivan: And you're a good size.
Harper: I'm around 15 pounds. And I'm house trained as well.
Ivan: I think you are a perfect dog for a family.
Sadie: Do you like going on walks? Playing? Being petted?
Harper: Yes, to all! I am very affectionate and I truly like being in a warm lap.
Lulu: You're nearly as perfect as one of us cats!
Pepper: That's a good one, Lulu.
Harper: I would like to have a canine playmate and a family that will spend time with me.
Lulu: I don't know that I'd want a canine playmate, but I agree that a family to spend time with me would be so very nice.
Sadie: Who knows what an interested family should do now about meeting Harper or one of us?
Lulu: I've heard that Harper will be meeting families this coming Sunday.
Whiskers: As long as they have an appointment!
Pepper: Humans may meet any of us by appointment.
Ivan: Now, we will wait for the phone to ring.



Ivan

Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of "Days of our Nine Lives" each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Highway 243 on Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., or by appointment M-F by calling 951-659-1122.
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With the weather in the mid-60s Sunday, many enjoyed lunch in IdyPark.

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Christine Rheume took this photo of Lily Rock last week on one of her dog walks on Tahquitz View Drive here in Idyllwild. She noticed the shadow looked like a dove.

PHOTO BY CHRISTINE RHEAUME



Ron Wright enjoyed the sun and playing some music over the weekend in the center of town.

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Joe Baldino performed at the gazebo in the center of town Friday afternoon.

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Carlos Reynosa was jamming on the flute during a Facebook Live concert Sunday afternoon.

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Stock # 16926. All 2021 Mazda CX5 Sport FWD with MSRP of \$26,370. Payment based on capitalized cost of \$26,548 after \$0 Mazda Lease Support. Less any additional rebates you may qualify for. Total payments of \$5370. Finance offers In lieu of some, but not all, customer rebates & discounts. Lessee responsible for excess mileage over 10k miles per year at \$0.15 per mile. Leases: Includes a \$650 acquisition fee. No security deposit Plus 1st-month payment, tax, title, and fees. In lieu of finance offers. Specials must be financed and Leased thru Mazda Financial Services Dealer participation required. Based on residency and other factors. Not all buyers will qualify for the lowest rates or payments. Must be taken from the dealer's inventory by 02.01.21 See dealer for complete details.

2021 MAZDA3 HATCHBACK



FINANCING AS LOW AS
0.9% APR up to 60 months
No Payments for 90 days

OR 30 MONTH LEASE
\$159 per month
\$3,295 due at signing

Stock # 16924. All 2021 Mazda 3 Hatchback FWD with MSRP of \$23,840. Payment based on capitalized cost of \$22,770 after \$685 Mazda Lease Support. Less any additional rebates you may qualify for. Total payments of \$4770. Finance offers In lieu of some, but not all, customer rebates & discounts. Lessee responsible for excess mileage over 10k miles per year at \$0.15 per mile. Leases: Includes a \$650 acquisition fee. No security deposit Plus 1st-month payment, tax, title, and fees. In lieu of finance offers. Specials must be financed and Leased thru Mazda Financial Services Dealer participation required. Based on residency and other factors. Not all buyers will qualify for the lowest rates or payments. Must be taken from the dealer's inventory by 02.01.21 See dealer for complete details.

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