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So... Will you contribute your COVID relief dollars to folk who really need them?

By BECKY & JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHERS

By now, most of us have received our Covid-relief dollars from the \$1.9-trillion American Rescue Plan Act and many Hill folk realize they really do not need their allotted money for their own relief during these COVID times.

If you fit that description, how about transferring those dollars to the Idyllwild HELP Center (IHC) for the relief of those who really do need them. You'll obtain a nice tax deduction since the IHC is a section 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable entity.

Colleen Meyer, the executive director of the HELP Center, told us their clients really do need that money — not just for food and clothing but for rent, utilities, fuel, repairs and more, including laptops and better internet connections required for the virtual education of their children during these rough COVID times.

In addition, Bruce Ross, the newly elected board president of the Idyllwild HELP Center, and his wife Eileen Gallo-Ross, the owners of the Red Kettle in Idyllwild, are teaming with their restaurant to match dollar-for-dollar the first \$15,000 raised by this campaign for the donations of those \$1,400-per-person COVID relief checks, or any partial amount.

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The Idyllwild Fire Protection District emergency siren alert system was installed Thursday, April 15 by Sturgeon Electric. The siren, according to Chief Mark LaMont, will be tested May 15. The Fern Valley Water District partnered with the fire department for the purchase and ongoing maintenance of the siren. Mountain Disaster Preparedness is also contributing to the mailers and further educational material regarding the siren.

PHOTO BY HAVA DIAZ

No results in Sunday's search for Roy Prifogle

By JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

On Sunday, April 18, a search and rescue team from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) conducted a search in the area of Pine Cove once again looking for Roy Prifogle.

Prifogle originally went missing in March 2020. After searches were conducted in the days following, Prifogle's backpack was found, but no sign of Prifogle himself.

Kendra Johnson, Prifogle's daughter, posted on her Facebook page April 17 that citizen volunteers were welcome to search east of Highway 243 in the Pine Cove area.

Johnson said, "This is far from where Daddy went missing, so I think it would be most beneficial if anyone that wants to search would go out on a different day. While the SAR [search and rescue] teams are searching tomorrow [April 18], they don't want any inference or anything with the area they are searching. They want to avoid anyone else getting lost or injured and they also want to make things as uncomplicated as possible for their search. I'm sorry that they had given me a different directive before, but I talked to them recently and this is how they want the search handled now."

When the department first conducted searches in March 2020, the RCSD asked volunteers not to participate. They said they did not want anyone to disrupt any evidence that could be in the area.

Johnson expressed her gratitude to everyone who has supported her and her family.

"Thank you so much to everyone that does want to search or has searched before," Johnson wrote. "Remember to stay safe and thank you again."

The Town Crier contacted the RCSD media information bureau (MIB) twice this past week asking for information regarding where exactly in Pine Cove the department was going to search and if there were any new updates available regarding Lydia "Dia" Abrams, Diana Perez Gonzalez or Melissa Lane. The MIB responded writing, "A search was completed on Sunday in the area where it was believed Roy was last seen. No evidence and or items were located during the search."

Four people remain missing

Eight people have gone missing in the area since March of last year and four remain missing.

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

The newspaper was told, "They were conducting follow-up searches for Melissa Lane."

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

Lane, 41 at the time she went missing, 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."

In December 2020, Lane's cousin Todd Gilliland told the Town Crier, "I miss her a

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COVID-19 LOCAL UPDATE:**Local COVID-19 numbers stabilize**By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

According to the Riverside University Health System – Public Health (RUHS) website, the area of Idyllwild-Pine Cove has a total of 115 reported COVID-19 cases since the outbreak and two deaths reported. One hundred and thirteen of the 115 people have recovered.

As of press time on April 20, Riverside County has 297,620 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 4,547 deaths related to COVID-19 and 291,022 people have recovered. Eighty-two individuals are being hospitalized, and of those, 14 are in the ICU. The county's positivity rate is 2.0%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 is 3.6. The county is reporting that 24.9% of its population has received the full dose of the COVID-19 shot.

As of press time on April 13, Riverside County had 296,801 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 4,504 deaths related to COVID-19 and 290,048 people have recovered. Ninety-five individuals are being hospitalized, and of those, 22 are in the ICU. The

county's positivity rate was 2.0%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 3.5. The county was reporting that 21.8% of its population had received the full dose of the COVID-19 shot.

As of press time on April 6, Riverside County had 295,631 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 4,417 deaths related to COVID-19 and 288,924 people had recovered. One hundred and two individuals were being hospitalized, and of those, 21 are in the ICU. The county's positivity rate was 2.0%. The current adjusted case rate per 100,000 was 3.5. The county was reporting that 18.1% of its population had received the full dose of the COVID-19 shot.

To date, 2,863,772 total tests have been given for COVID-19 in Riverside County, according to RUHS. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Riverside County has an estimated population of 2.47 million.

The county announced last Tuesday that it has placed a "pause on the administration of Johnson and Johnson vaccines at its clinics, following a recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)." Issues with blood clotting are reported.

The county's Idyllwild one-day clinic to administer the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 shot last weekend was changed to Pfizer. The second dose will be administered May 8.

The CDC defines vaccine as "A product that stimulates a person's immune system to produce

immunity to a specific disease, protecting the person from that disease. Vaccines are usually administered through needle injections, but can also be administered by mouth or sprayed into the nose."

For more information on the COVID-19 shot, visit www.rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine or call 2-1-1. Seniors can call the Riverside County Office on Aging at 800-510-2020.

For rental assistance, visit www.unitedlift.org/. Supervisor Chuck Washington's office let residents know "the program will provide one-time rental assistance support to cover up to 12 months of unpaid rent during the period between March 13, 2020, until the time of application, plus an additional three months of future rent. Eligibility is limited to renters in Riverside County with a current lease agreement who are earning 80% or below of the area's median income and can document a loss of income due to COVID-19 economic impacts that leave them unable to make their rent. Assistance is provided without regard to immigration status."

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

Hemet Unified School District students in grades preschool to second grade returned to on-site instruction March 29. Grades three through five returned April 12. Middle school students in sixth grade returned April 12 and grades seven and eight returned April 19. High school students in ninth grade returned April 12 and grades 10 to 12 returned April 19.

Visit the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) website at www.osha.gov/laws-regulations, to become familiar with the laws and regulations pertaining to personal protective equipment, including what is mandatory with regards to respirators, etc.

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 GetTested.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 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.

Hemet Unified School Dis-

trict (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. every other Wednesday beginning March 17. Two meal boxes will be distributed.

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

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

Gov. Gavin 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 (wide-spread), red (substantial), orange (moderate) and yellow (minimal with the lowest restrictions).

Counties must remain at each tier for a minimum of 21 days. Currently, the county is in the orange tier.

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

ICC to reopen Sunday Farmers MarketBy STEPHANIE YOST
IDYLLWILD COMMUNITY CENTER PRESIDENT

The Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) is reopening the Sunday Farmers Market at Town Hall this coming Sunday, April 25. Market hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please note that all COVID-19 restrictions remain in place for the market, so mask-wearing and social distancing will be enforced for vendors and customers. Please help keep our community and visitors safe by complying with these requirements.

ICC has confirmed the regular local and off-the-Hill vendors will be there. And, as always, the Idyllwild HELP Center will participate, offering an amazing array of gently used clothing, antiques and curios.

Only wet weather will prevent the Farmers Market from being open on any given Sunday. ICC will post closure notices on its Idyllwild Community Center Facebook page by Friday before a scheduled market.

The rental fee for a 10-by-10 booth space is \$15 for individuals and businesses, although local nonprofit organizations can obtain booth space free of charge.

All net proceeds collected by ICC go to support programs for residents and visitors to Idyllwild and the surrounding mountain communities. Interested new vendors can find out more information by calling 951-659-2638.

Two collisions on the same dayBy JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Two traffic collisions occurred on the mountain last week, according to California Highway Patrol Accident Review Officer Ben Bolon.

On April 15 at 4:03 p.m., Richard Greenwood, 75 of Idyllwild, was in his blue 2014 Toyota Prius facing eastbound on North Circle Drive stopped in the right-hand shoulder. Donald Lee Rumler, 69 of Idyllwild, was driving his white 1993 Ford Explorer eastbound on North Circle Drive. When Greenwood pulled out to merge into the eastbound lane, he sideswiped Rumler. The left side of Greenwood's Prius hit the right side of Rumler's vehicle. Greenwood suffered minor injuries but was not transported to a local hospital. Both vehicles were towed by Idyllwild Garage.

On April 15 at 9 p.m., Andrew Dobbs, 25 of Hemet, was driving his silver 2003 Ford Escape while off-roading southbound on Fobes Ranch Road, north of Highway 74. For unknown reasons, Dobbs made a turn and collided with a large dirt mound. Dobbs was uninjured. His vehicle was towed by Idyllwild Garage.



It was a beautiful day in Idyllwild as temperatures hovered in the mid-60s throughout the day Tuesday. View is from the Idyllwild Brewpub.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 4/21



50/40

Chance of showers

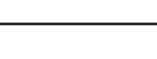
Thursday 4/22



54/40

Chance of showers

Friday 4/23



63/45

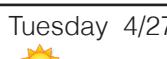
Sunny

Saturday 4/24

67/47

Sunny

Sunday 4/25



64/42

Mostly sunny

Monday 4/26



51/

Chance of showers

Tuesday 4/27



59/41

Mostly sunny

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

Idyllwild this year

Date High Low M S

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Student protest

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and help prevent future incidents of sexual misconduct.

"As an educational institution, we have a legal obligation to investigate any clear claim of misconduct, of any type, that does not align with our community's standards. As we conduct an investigation, we will do so fully and with a strict focus on impartial fact-finding to learn the objective truth. This is the surest way possible to extend our support to anyone who comes forward, as well as to anyone who has been accused to ensure the facts come to light. It is important to note that because a person is the subject of an inquiry it does not mean they are culpable.

"We appreciate the community's patience as we swiftly, rigorously, and thoroughly follow our inves-

tigatory procedures under the law. We also appreciate the ongoing commitment of the Idyllwild Arts Academy faculty and staff. They are a supremely talented group of individuals who are committed to our students' success and we value their contributions greatly. Going forward, we will provide as much information as appropriate and as we are allowed under the law to our students, parents, faculty, and community as it becomes available."

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Pamela Jordan <pjordan@idyllwildarts.org>
 Date: Monday, 12 April 2021
 Subject: Message From The President's Office
 To: President's Office <presoffice@idyllwildarts.org>

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of a student protest that took place on campus on Monday.

Approximately 120 students staged a protest in front of the academic administration building, Log Lodge. Myself along with several administrators and a few teachers and staff were present and listened as the students expressed their concerns and read a list of demands. The protest lasted about ninety minutes.

We in no way wish to stifle the voices of our students. Attached, please find the list of demands that the students presented to administration. I understand that this list has also been posted on various social media sites. You may note, however, that I have redacted the names of the students who are minors.

It was very brave for the students to confront administration. Their collective voices were heard and I promised to respond to their demands at an All School gathering. I also said that I would have my response in writing so it could be shared with you, the parents. In the meantime, Marianne and I are in the process of engaging counselors who can help provide assistance to our counseling staff and support for our students as needed.

It may be difficult for students and teachers to go into the classroom, following the events of Monday. Therefore, we have given permission for students to miss class or teachers may cancel class on Tuesday. We are working to provide the support that everyone needs to return to the classroom to finish the remaining weeks of the semester.

Several members of our community have expertise and a background in trauma and prevention work. They have been valuable resources as the school works to provide a safe and healthy environment for the students.

Marianne and I will contact you regularly to keep you apprised of campus activities and administrative updates and actions. We will also schedule a parent meeting within the next two weeks to share with you any plans that are available at that time.

We will work to keep you informed and connected with the activities occurring on campus. Most importantly, we will work to keep your child safe, emotionally and physically, while they attend Idyllwild Arts.

Sincerely,

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Here are the collective demands for the betterment of the Idyllwild Arts community and students as a whole

1. [REDACTED] two known rapists enrolled at the Academy: The administration has proof and also grounds for reasonable belief that [REDACTED] is a rapist and harassed/assaulted multiple women in and out of the IAA community. The administration has grounds for reasonable belief that [REDACTED] is a rapist and stalked and impersonated women in the IAA community online. Both have no place in this community and their presence in any capacity compromises the safety of all IAA students.

2. The immediate implementation of a Zero Tolerance Policy for sexual assault on campus. In the U.S., one in five women have experienced sexual assault, and one in three native women. Globally, one in three women have experienced harassment and/or assault. Recent studies show that 5% or less of rape allegations were untrue, which includes women who redacted their original claims due to social ostracism. Women. Do. Not. Lie. You need to believe us and keep us safe. Drugs do not implicate what kind of person you are like sexual assault does and it should not have a harsher punishment.

3. These administrators/faculty members must be removed, preferably by firing so that their future employers understand their characters. Allen Riedel (for continued racism and sexism, for knowingly keeping a child rape a secret from administration and law enforcement, for the intimidation of survivors and the protection of abusers), Marianne Kent-Stoll (for the intimidation, silencing, and threatening of survivors and the protection of abusers, for the refusal to remove racist and unsafe personnel from positions of power such as academic and arts faculty), Maggie Lam (for the continued homophobic comments and actions, for the intentional misrepresentation of survivors on official reports and the manipulation of the Title IX process), Monique Riedel (for the mishandling of sexual assault on campus, including not providing legal representation for parties involved in Title IX), Karin Obermeier (for the continued and EXTREME racism despite all intervention, including the continual use of any form of then-word, the silencing of Black students and students of color when advocating for their safety and inclusion in the classroom, showing videos and movies of Black people being lynched and terrorized [at all and] especially without trigger warnings), John Goulding (for the continued racism and insensitivity in the classroom, including citing "benefits" of slavery and anti-Asian bombings, the use of any form of the n-word), Angela Horn (for continued racism in the classroom, including asking students to pretend for a writing assignment and describing herself as "desensitized" to slavery when challenged by traumatized students), Bonnie Carpenter (for continued racism on campus, including telling a student they were "acting too Black," targeting and singling out Black students and students of color for degrading roles, and for choosing intentionally racist plays including "Ten Little N*ggers"), Andrew Moss (for continued racism against students, including saying that people could "say whatever they want in the car when rapping," when referencing then-word, and discrediting historically Black colleges and universities to seniors curious about these schools), Lori Stinson (for continued racism, including asking students to sing racist and anti-Asian songs and

asking students to appropriate Asian cultures and enforcing racist Asian stereotypes), Ellen Rosa-Taylor (for continued xenophobia and racism against the IAA community and the constant enforcement of Eurocentric beauty standards and setting extremely racist ballots on IAA stages, such as Bayadere), Jonathan Sharp, (for continued racism and anti-Blackness including the constant statement that the natural hair of Black women is "unprofessional" and ugly, telling Black students they looked better with straight hair, and the general enforcement of European beauty standards and the shaming of natural Black features, also the sexual misconduct of asking students to be backstage with him while they were changing, targeting specific students to sit next to him on bus trips, making comments about students' bodies and "beauty" and inappropriate and unwanted compliments, also the intentional encouraging and normalization of eating disorders), Megan Kenyan (for continued racism comments and behaviors, for the refusal to apologize or acknowledge hurt and wrong, for trivializing students of color's concerns for their inclusion and safety, and intentionally empowering the stereotype that brown women "over dramatic" and use the "race card" as an excuse, when in reality we deserve to feel safe and protected and out concerns are valid). Get better teachers and replace offensive, racist, sexist, and unsafe ones who trigger students and make us want to leave this school.

4. Continued sexual assault prevention education: We need mandatory training at the beginning of every semester for all IAA admin, faculty, and students

List of Predatory Faculty That Need to Be Addressed

-Nathan Stark (told students he could take them to spots on campus to get high, told students he "like[d] butts," tried to walk students home to their dorms, constantly lingers at students rooms during checks and ignores cues to leave, also walked into students' room and closed the door during Lower Wayne room checks)

-Kyle Thomas (flirts with students, has had sex with students after graduation and groomed them during their time at IAA, and has checked-in students in Small Dorms while they were in the shower by calling out to them and talking to them in the shower, multiple times, makes efforts to find out where students live and gives inappropriate compliments constantly including telling students that they are "beautiful," asked for students phone numbers after they graduate, giving students "gifts" and buying them things, asking them to bring him things from their home, encouraged eating disorders to students)

-John Alvord (took students on one on one trips to town to get food or milkshakes and taking them in his car, intentionally walked into filming when students were wearing undergarments despite being warned and asked not to come in during that part)

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New California law makes it easier to get care for mental health and substance abuse

By BERNARD J. WOLFSON
KAIER HEALTH NEWS

Karen Bailey's 20-year-old daughter has struggled with depression and anxiety for years. Since 2017, she's been in three intensive group therapy programs and, each time, the family's insurer cut her coverage short, says Bailey.

"At a certain point, they would send us a form letter saying: We have determined that she is all better, it's no longer necessary, so we are not covering it anymore," says Bailey, 59, who lives in Los Angeles. "And believe me, she was not all better. In one case, she was worse."

In making coverage decisions about mental health and addiction treatment, insurers frequently use "their own kind of black box criteria, not knowable to enrollees and not consistent with standards of care," says Julie Snyder, director of government affairs at the Steinberg Institute (<https://steinberginstitute.org/>), a Sacramento-based mental health policy and advocacy group.

A California law that took effect Jan. 1, SB-855 (https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB855), should make it much harder for state-regulated commercial health plans to do so. It requires them to use nationally recognized clinical standards established by nonprofit associations of clinical specialists (<https://dmhc.ca.gov/Portals/0/Docs/DO/APL21-002-SB-855MHSUDCoverage.pdf>) to determine which mental health and addiction treatments they'll cover — and for how long.

This means, for example, that insurers will find it more difficult to limit a client to only a week of residential addiction treatment when 30 days is the clinical standard, or to treat only the most immediate physical symptoms of anorexia and not the underlying psychological drivers, says Snyder.

"It's a very strong law, and it has the potential to really be a game changer," says Karen Fessel, executive director and founder of the Mental Health and Autism Insurance Project (<https://www.mhautism.org>), which supported the legislation.

There could hardly be a better time to beef up mental health coverage, as we approach the anniversary of a pandemic that's been tied to an increase (<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6932a1.htm>) in depression, anxiety, substance use and suicidal thoughts.

Crucially, the new law, which updates and replaces California's previous mental health parity statute, dramatically expands the number of conditions insurers must cover.

The state law in force until this year required coverage for only nine "severe" mental illnesses (http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/99-00/bill/asm/ab_0051-0100/ab_88_cfa_19990309_113734_asm_comm.html), including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and major depressive disorder, and for "serious emotional disturbances" in children. SB-855 mandates coverage for conditions (<https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/dsm>) ranging from mild to severe.

Federal law already required broader coverage, but in vague terms that health plans have frequently circumvented with their restrictive definitions of what's medically necessary, patient advocates say.

By expanding the range of conditions health plans are obliged to cover and holding them to stiffer standards on the type and amount of care they must pay for, the new law closes "loopholes you could drive a Mack truck through," says state Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), who authored the legislation.

For years, many health plans declined to cover mental health treatment until a patient was in crisis, Wiener says. The new law "makes sure people will be able to get care early while they still have a home, a family, a job."

Another key aspect of the law is that it requires health plans to cover out-of-network providers at in-network costs if an enrollee is unable to find timely treatment a reasonable distance — generally, 15 miles or 30 minutes (https://www.dmhca.ca.gov/Portals/0/Docs/DO/TAC_accessible.pdf) — from their home.

"That is something we run into all the time," Bailey says. The family has spent \$100,000 over the years on out-of-network mental health providers for their two

kids, she says.

Opponents of the new law, including the California Association of Health Plans and the California Chamber of Commerce, have argued it will significantly increase health care costs, subject insurers to continuous litigation and — through its stringent definition of medical necessity — impede the ability of providers to decide what's best for their patients.

Proponents say the medical necessity guidelines spelled out by the specialists' associations allow providers wide discretion to decide the best treatment for each patient. An analysis (<https://californiahealthline.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/02/SB-855-CH-BRP-analysis.pdf>) conducted for state legislators by the California Health Benefits Review Program estimated that in the first year of the law's implementation, premiums and enrollee cost sharing would rise a mere 0.002%.

The new law won't help everybody: It applies only to state-regulated commercial health plans covering some 13 million (<https://californiahealthline.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/02/SB-855-CH-BRP-analysis.pdf>) Californians — about one-third of the state's population. It excludes Medi-Cal, which insures another third of state residents, as well as federally regulated commercial plans, which cover nearly 6 million (<https://www.chcf.org/publication/2020-edition-california-health-insurance-enrollment/>).

Because only a minuscule share (<https://www.kff.org/private-insurance/issue-brief/claims-denials-and-appeals-in-aca-marketplace-plans/>) of patients fight their health plans over denials of care, mental health advocates hope that diligent enforcement by the Department of Managed Health Care, which regulates plans covering the vast majority (<https://www.chcf.org/publication/2020-edition-california-health-insurance-enrollment/>) of commercially insured Californians, will discourage insurers from denying necessary care in the first place.

Rachel Arreola, a spokesperson for the agency, which opposed provisions of the legislation last year, said it fully intends to ensure compliance and has begun to do so.

But if your health plan still denies you the care you believe you need, fight it, patient advocates and health care attorneys say.

"You need to be vigilant, and you need to advocate for yourself and you need to appeal denials, and you need to do it in writing," says Cari Schwartz, a Los Angeles lawyer who represents patients.

If you appeal a decision over the phone, take detailed notes, write down the time and day of the conversation and get the name of the person you spoke with, Schwartz says. Build a file of all communications and other information related to your case, she says.

And be persistent. "I think insurance companies bank on individuals giving up the fight," Schwartz says. If you need help, contact the Health Consumer Alliance (1-888-804-3536 or www.healthconsumer.org), which offers free advice and legal services.

If your mental health provider requested a certain type of treatment in 2020 that was denied by your health plan, ask the provider to resubmit it this year, because the changed legal landscape might work in your favor, says the Steinberg Institute's Snyder.

With most commercial health plans, you have 180 days from the date you receive a denial to file an appeal. You must first appeal to your insurer. If it fails to respond after 30 days, or upholds its decision, you can take it to the agency that regulates your policy.

In most cases, that will be the Department of Managed Health Care (www.dmhca.ca.gov or 1-888-466-2219), which has a help center and allows you to file a complaint online. If your regulator is the California Department of Insurance, you can call its helpline at 1-800-927-4357 for advice, and file a complaint on its website (www.insurance.ca.gov).

Most Californians enrolled in commercial health plans are entitled to a review by independent medical experts if they are denied care because the insurer deems it unnecessary, or it's experimental — or the insurer won't reimburse them for emergency care.

The reviews, which can be requested through state

Thanks, again, to our Hill's essential workers

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

We're well into our second year of COVID, and it seems the pandemic may be at least in the beginning stages of winding down.

Major thanks are again in order to the essential workers in our community who keep on serving the public, risking their own health in the process. These folk staff our health centers, law enforcement agencies, fire stations, ambulances, HELP Center, food distribution projects, post offices, markets, pharmacy, library, water districts, restaurants, filing stations, stores, shops and shuttle services, among others.

And we owe further thanks to those from off our Hill — truck drivers and delivery service personnel — who keep us all supplied during these tough times.

We sincerely appreciate and thank you all.

County siren alert system update

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

With the Idyllwild Fire Protection District standing up its emergency siren alert system last week, the newspaper contacted the county about the status of its siren alert system.

"I reached out to our team for an update," wrote Shane Reichardt, senior public information specialist for the county's Emergency Management Department, in an email Monday morning. "We are still in the awarding process for the Mountain Top Project Request For Proposal [RFP] bid. I'm told we are close to awarding the project and are currently ironing out the details of the agreement."

Reichardt added, "One note, though Station 23 [Pine Cove] is an option, the team is still making site visits to determine the best locations and those have not been confirmed yet. Idyllwild's siren is free standing and separate from what the county is working on."

The newspaper previously reported, "The county is also still looking to expand WNKI across the mountain."

"The estimated draft timeline for the project is below. "EMD Emergency Warning System for San Jacinto Mountains (FM08200010735)

Estimated Schedule:

- Prepare RFP advertisement process:
 - o Start: 9/29/2020
 - o Finish: 10/14/2020
- Outreach to potential firms/vendors:
 - o Start: 9/29/2020
 - o Finish: 10/14/2020
- Issue RFP advertisement:
 - o Start: 10/15/2020
 - o Finish: 10/22/2020
- Close RFP advertisement:
 - o Start: 10/29/2020
 - o Finish: 10/29/2020
- Pre-proposal conference for firms responding to RFP prior to close:
 - o Start: 11/3/2020
 - o Finish: 11/3/2020
- Proposal development period:
 - o Start: 11/4/2020
 - o Finish: 11/11/2020
- Proposal due date:
 - o Start: 1/12/2020
 - o Finish: 11/12/2020
- Proposal evaluation period:
 - o Start: 11/12/2020
 - o Finish: 11/26/2020
- Board approval process for selected firm:
 - o Start: 11/19/2020
 - o Finish: 1/12/2021
- Award date:
 - o Start: 1/13/2021
 - o Finish: 1/13/2021

regulators, are well worth the effort: About 60% of Independent Medical Reviews filed through the Department of Managed Health Care result in the patient getting the treatment that was initially denied, Arreola says.

Be sure to open an archive on the managed care department's website (<https://wpsd.dmhca.ca.gov/imr/>), in which you can search past decisions for cases similar to yours. They can help you frame your arguments.

Ultimately, the utility of the new law depends on the will of regulators to enforce it and of consumers to avail themselves of it.

"With any luck, it means people won't have to take out a \$50,000 mortgage on their house to pay for their children's opioid treatment," says Snyder. "Unfortunately, that is all too common."

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Kid Talk

By Jenny Kirchner



Ian Castro

Grade 2
"I think being back at school is better. I can see my friends. It is easier for me. Math is hard on a computer!"



Troy Beers

Grade 5
"I like it. I don't like Wednesdays because I have to be in online school. Being in-person is fun and my teacher is nice."



Beau Dillon

Grade 2
"It's fun. We get out earlier, so I like that. Being online hurts my head. I love seeing my friends and teacher in person. And we can get library books!"



Dominic Rivera-Sandlin

Grade 4
"It's amazing! I get to see my teacher and all my friends. It feels so much better that he [Mr. Dillon] can really see what we can do."

Missing persons

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lot. I wish we would get some kind of word about her. It's nerve racking."

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

Prifogle was reported missing after going on a hike in the Pine Cove area Wednesday, March 4, 2020. He left home at about 1 p.m. and was last seen at the Pine Cove Market at 6:30 p.m. 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 Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU),



Melissa Lane

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Roy Prifogle

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Lydia 'Dia' Abrams

PHOTO COURTESY OF LYDIA 'DIA' ABRAMS



Diana Perez Gonzalez

PHOTO BY DIANA PEREZ GONZALEZ

as well as search and rescue volunteers from San Bernardino County, Orange County and San Diego County, were assisting. 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 was 65 years old at the time she went missing. She is 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.

On June 6, Abrams was last seen by her self-proclaimed live-in boyfriend/fiancé Keith Harper at her ranch in Apple Canyon (between Mountain Center and Garner Valley). Since the initial search efforts eight months ago, the RCSD has not provided new information or updates regarding her disappearance despite weekly inquiries from the Town Crier.

Gotfredson has also been following the case since the beginning. In a previous broadcast, Gotfredson reported that News 8 and drone pilot Steve Jensen made their way out to Grand Wash Cliffs in Arizona to do some searching of their own.

Gotfredson and Jensen spent multiple hours over a two-day period searching the cliffs and surrounding area for remains or clothing that match what Abrams was last reported wearing. Unfortunately, they didn't find anything.

According to Gotfredson's story, Harper was in the Grand Wash Cliffs area a few weeks before Abrams went missing. He owns about 85 acres of land. While Harper lived with Abrams at her ranch, two days after she went missing, Harper left the state, driving through Arizona to get to New Mexico.

Gotfredson reported that the San Juan County Sheriff in New Mexico obtained a search warrant and deputies impounded the RV Harper drove to New Mexico taking evidence from inside. However, the RCSD has not provided any persons of interest or suspects regarding Abrams or any of the other missing people.

Help Center

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Also, folk who donate \$500 or more will earn four free Red Kettle breakfasts for Idyllwild HELP Center clients, and donors of full \$1,400 checks will earn eight Red Kettle breakfasts for HELP Center clients. These breakfasts will be processed by the HELP Center through its usual procedure of helping qualified recipient clients. These breakfasts will be in the names of the check donors, if they wish.

For example, if a couple donates their full \$2,800 in relief money, the Rosses will match it with \$2,800 from their \$15,000 (previously \$14,000) matching fund, so the HELP Center will receive \$5,600 to assist its clients. And the Rosses will further provide 16 free Red Kettle breakfasts for the HELP Center's clients — in the couple's name, if they wish.

Of course, you may contribute to the HELP Center whatever amount you feel you can.

The Rosses' \$15,000 contribution has provided a wonderful jumpstart toward amassing the first now \$30,000 of COVID relief money for those who really do need it. As the thermometer on the front page of today's paper shows, currently \$33,125 has been received for the Idyllwild HELP Center through this campaign. We hope and expect to see that grow for the betterment of our community as a whole.

Our sincere appreciation to Bruce Ross and Eileen Gallo-Ross for their generosity — and to you for your community-spirited participation in this campaign.

Thank you, thank you, all!



Kendra Johnson, Roy Prifogle's daughter, posted this map on her Facebook page April 17 inviting citizen volunteers to search east of Highway 243 in the Pine Cove area.

IMAGE COURTESY OF KENDRA JOHNSON

According to RMRU, their team of volunteers was dispatched to Abrams' 160-acre ranch in the Apple Canyon area 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 missing from the Hemet/San Jacinto area is Diana Perez Gonzalez who was reported missing Dec. 11 and 27 years old at the time she went missing. 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." Gonzalez is also pregnant.

The Town Crier recently reached out to the Perez family for any updates they may have received.

Rojas responded writing, "There are not relevant updates but thank you for asking. I'll let you know if something new happens, God bless you."

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Submit listings and changes to melissa@towncrier.com. All events are subject to last-minute changes.

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, Apr. 21

- 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.

Thursday, Apr. 22

- Women's Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.

NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

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

- April 11 — Medical aid, 10:32 a.m. N. Circle Dr.
- April 12 — Walk-in medical assist, 8:56 a.m.
- April 12 — Medical aid, 11:47 a.m. Wildwood Dr.
- April 12 — Walk-in medical aid, 12:25 p.m.
- April 12 — Motor vehicle collision with injuries, 3 p.m. Highways 74 and 243.
- April 12 — Medical aid, 7:12 p.m. Morris Ranch Rd.
- April 13 — Smoke scare - odor of smoke, 7:30 a.m. Double View Dr.
- April 13 — Medical aid, 8:06 a.m. Strawberry Valley Dr.
- April 13 — Medical aid, 12:30 p.m. Village Center Dr.
- April 14 — Medical aid, 8:50 a.m. Marion Ridge Dr.
- April 14 — Walk-in medical aid, 12:45 p.m.
- April 15 — Unintentional smoke detector activation, 6:18 a.m. Wildwood Dr.
- April 15 — Motor vehicle

collision with injuries, 4:07 p.m. N. Circle Dr.

- April 16 — Medical aid, 6:30 a.m. Delano Rd.
- April 16 — Medical aid, 12:37 p.m. Keen Camp Rd.
- April 16 — Medical aid, 4:29 p.m. Highway 74.
- April 16 — Gas leak, 7:33 p.m. Country Club Dr.
- April 16 — Medical aid, 11:17 p.m. Tahquitz View Dr.
- April 17 — Medical aid, 1:20 a.m. N. Circle Dr.
- April 17 — Walk-in public service, 9:30 a.m.
- April 18 — Medical aid, 1:55 a.m. Pine Dell Rd.
- April 18 — Medical aid, 1:37 p.m. Palomar Rd.
- April 18 — Electrical wiring/equipment problem, 3:02 p.m. Big Rock Dr.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Saturday to Friday, April 10 to 16.

Idyllwild

- April 10 — Check the wel-

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, open, 10 a.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Court-yard building, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
- AA meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Medita-tion, 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. Court-yard building, 54250 Ridgeview Dr.

Friday, Apr. 23

- 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 Oak-

fare, 8:06 a.m. 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 10 — Public disturbance, 10:50 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Apr. 10 — Public disturbance, 12:41 p.m. Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Apr. 10 — Search & rescue operation, 7:28 p.m. Howland Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Apr. 11 — Miscellaneous criminal, 11:55 a.m. Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Apr. 13 — Alarm call, 9:45 a.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Apr. 13 — Public disturbance, 11:39 a.m. Country Club Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Apr. 13 — Assist other department, 12:25 p.m. Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Apr. 13 — Suspicious circumstance, 12:27 p.m. 27000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Apr. 14 — Suicide threat, 10:52 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Apr. 14 — Harassing phone calls, 2:45 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Apr. 14 — Public distur-

bance, 4:31 p.m. Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.

Saturday, Apr. 24

- 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 Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Course in Miracles discussion, 9:30 a.m. Call Karin at 951-973-8651 for location.
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.

Friday, Apr. 25

- Coed Pickleball, 9-11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243.
- 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.

- 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, Apr. 26

- 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.
- AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, 54240 Ridgeview Dr.
- Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.

Tuesday, Apr. 27

- Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m. Spirit

by deputy.

- Apr. 16 — Suspicious circumstance, 10:41 p.m. Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Apr. 10 — Suspicious circumstance, 9:32 p.m. 53000 block of E. Highway 74. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 13 — Suspicious vehicle, 8:49 a.m. 29000 block of Highway 243. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Apr. 11 — Assist other department, 1:30 a.m. Rockmere Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 14 — Assist other department, 11:24 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 14 — Follow-up, 3:16 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 15 — Fraud, 4:48 a.m. Nestwa Trl. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 15 — Public assist, 10:49 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 16 — Suspicious circumstance, 6:37 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 16 — Suspicious circumstance, 9:43 p.m. Address undefined. Handled

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- Apr. 16 — Public disturbance, 3:48 p.m. Sylvan Wy. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows / Garner Valley

- Apr. 10 — Noise complaint, 3:17 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 11 — Shots fired, 4:23 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 11 — Found property, 9:05 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 13 — 911 call from business, 1:55 p.m. San Vito Ci. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 16 — Alarm call, 10:32 a.m. Courtesy Dr. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Apr. 10 — Alarm call, 8:35 a.m. Temecula Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 11 — Traffic collision - non-injury, 12:12 p.m. Red Hill Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 14 — Alarm call, 9:02 a.m. Temecula Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Apr. 16 — 911 call from business, 1:07 p.m. 28000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.

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IDYLLWILD, CA

APRIL 2021

First-born daughter named after Idyllwild

BY JENNY KIRCHNER
REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER

There are many ways parents come up with names for their children. Sometimes, it's a family name that is passed down. Other times, it's a name they found in a book, or perhaps, it's a name they always had in mind. For this couple, however, they chose to name their first little girl after Idyllwild.

Bronwyn Lewis Friscia and James Friscia moved to San Diego in October of 2020, but discovered Idyllwild while living in Venice Beach years before when they made a trip up for Valentine's Day. They fell in love with the community, so much so, they chose to name their first child after it.

Bronwyn said, "Ages before we were even thinking about having children, we looked at each other and said, 'Wouldn't Idyllwild be a cool name for a woman?' When we found out we were pregnant with a daughter, we looked at each other and said, 'Idyllwilde!'"

The decision stuck, and they welcomed Idyllwilde Bryony Lewis Friscia into the world in early May of 2020. She will be celebrating her first birthday in less than a month.

"We have been coming to Idyllwild for many years," Bronwyn said. "We loved the town and when we think about the name Idyllwild, it kind of captured Idyll meaning peace, and Wild capturing adventure." James added, "Those are two things we aspire for her to be — a free adventurer — and we went with it."

While the town is spelled Idyllwild, the Friscias wanted to give their daughter a little something of her own and decided to spell her name Idyllwilde.

While there's been some debate on when exactly the Friscias first made their way up to Idyllwild, they know they fell in love immediately.

While Bronwyn thinks it was in 2016, James said, "I think it was much sooner than 2016, but I know it was on Valentine's Day for sure. We've had some debate on when exactly we first came up."

Regardless of when, the Friscias wanted to escape the city and had been promising each other a trip up to Idyllwild for a long time. A quick get-away to somewhere new was their goal.

"The name [Idyllwild] just captured our imagination," Bronwyn said. "It looked like a lovely, artsy, spiritual change of pace from Los Angeles. It was all of that and a lot more."

It seems the imagination has been a strong tradition for welcoming new lives into the world within the family. According to Bronwyn, Idyllwilde's maternal great-grandmother was from rural Virginia. There were three sisters: Geneva, Venice and Moselle, seemingly all named from special places around the globe and very different from the life they knew in rural Virginia.

"They were all named from these far-flung places that must have captured the imagination of this very humble family in rural Virginia around the early 1900s," Bronwyn explained.

The difference is that the place that caught the Friscias' attention is only a couple hours away. This makes it much easier for Idyllwilde and her parents to explore and immerse themselves in the reality of what their imagination provided them.

See Idyllwilde, page B5



Bronwyn, Idyllwilde and James Friscia
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From left, James Friscia, Idyllwilde Friscia, Mayor Max, and Bronwyn Friscia visit the mayor's house on April 8.
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Idyllwilde Bryony Lewis Friscia

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Idyllwilde Friscia and her dad James enjoy some smiles and laughs at the beach.

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AN INTERVIEW with Adam Rubin

Q: How did you make the book?

A: I get this question a lot and I think some students are under the impression that I actually physically produce the books in my apartment ... I only write the words.

I use Google docs (just like a lot of students I know). After I'm finished writing, Dan draws the pictures and then all the digital files are sent to a factory in China where they print out the copies of the books for people to buy. The front and back cover are hard because there are thick pieces of cardboard hidden under the paper.

Q: How did you think of the idea?

A: When I was a kid, my dad had a little statue on his desk that looked like a dragon eating a taco. It made me think of the phrase "Dragons Love Tacos" which stuck in my head until I was an adult and it sounded like a good title for a picture book. I have the statue on my writing desk now.

Q: Where were you when you wrote the story?

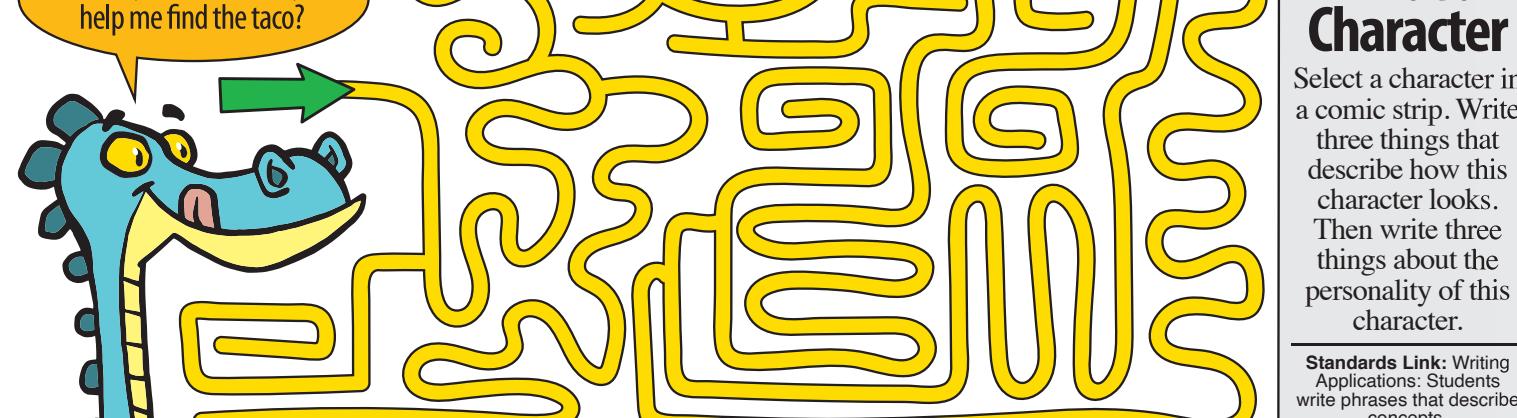
A: I wrote *Dragons Love Tacos* at my kitchen table at night after work while I was working at an advertising agency in Chicago. I had a day job and wrote stories at night for the first seven years that I was an author.

Q: Why do dragons love tacos?

A: Dragons love tacos for the same reasons I love tacos. Tacos are delicious, nutritious, fun to make and easy to eat. There are endless varieties. They are the perfect food!

Q: Why don't dragons like spicy salsa?

Dragons have a special sensitivity to spicy foods, just like my Uncle Morris. Luckily, I have a stronger stomach and love to eat spicy salsa. The spicier the better, in fact.



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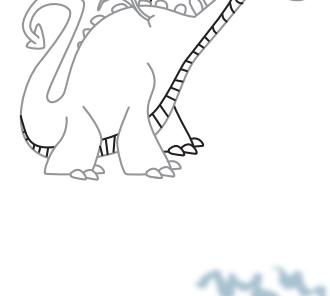
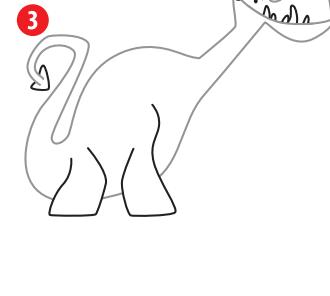
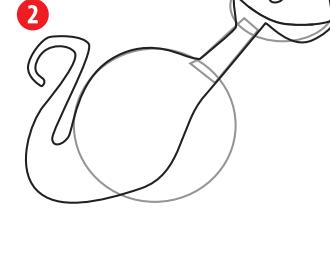
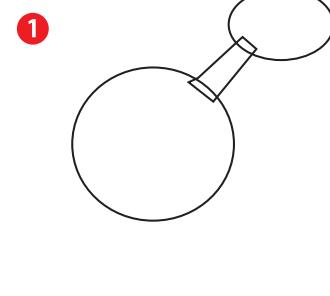
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- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Terry Jo & Lenny (country blues), 2-5 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.

Saturday, May 1

- Pop up art fairs, 11 a.m. Art Alliance of Idyllwild Art Gallery and Visitors Center, 26364 Saunders Meadow Rd.

Sunday, May 2

- Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Steele will play in the Zurich

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele will team with Keegan Bradley to play this week in the \$7.4-million Zurich Classic, a two-man competition they won together in 2011, their rookie year.

The tournament will be telecast on the Golf Channel Thursday through Sunday, with primary CBS coverage throughout the weekend.

You can follow Brendan shot-for-shot on the pgatour.com website or with the PGA Tour cellphone app.

Idyllwild

Continued from B1

On April 8, the Friscia family made a visit to Idyllwild to show Idyllwild the place she was named after. They met Mayor Max and spent some time in town. While Idyllwild is young, she will have the photos and stories of the first time she visited the town that she was named after, and hopefully, many more visits in her future.

"We were so flattered when Phyllis [Mueller] mentioned the newspaper might want to have a little piece on Idyllwild," Bronwyn said. "I think that will be such a neat thing for her when she grows up and a really special keepsake for us as well."

James added, "It forges that life-long connection with our girl and your town. We love it so much."

The Friscia family hopes to one day call Idyllwild home, but in the meantime, they will be able to make the trip from sunny San Diego to the tall pines of Idyllwild with their first baby girl, Idyllwild.

CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO



Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," the cats discussed keeping them comfortable in hot summer weather.

Pepper: Last week, we talked about keeping us felines comfortable in summer weather. What about dogs?

Whiskers: I'm pretty certain there are ways to keep dogs safe and comfortable when it's hot.

Pepper: And to be honest, dogs face more dangers in the summer as they often go on outings with their humans.

Miss Kitty: That means car rides, and they have the potential to put the dogs in peril.

Pepper: Right! For instance, when a dog's guardian leaves him in the car, even for a few minutes, the dog can overheat.

Stevie: Even if the outdoor temperature is only 70 degrees, inside the car the temperature can skyrocket to as much as 90 degrees in minutes.

Shorty: Yikes! And what if the guardian takes the dog for a walk in the heat?

Miss Kitty: A dog's paws can burn just as a human's bare feet. Dogs shouldn't be walked in hot weather.

Stevie: I suppose if it is too hot for a human to walk barefoot, then it is probably too hot to walk a dog.

Miss Kitty: That's a good way to think about it.

Stevie: And I know some people have the best of intention when they shave the hair on their long-haired dog, but they should never shave him. The layers of dog's coats protect them from overheating and sunburn.

Lulu: How about if they use sunblock on the dog?

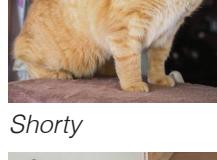
Stevie: Pet guardians should be certain that any sunscreen or insect repellent used on pets is labeled specifically for use on animals. Dogs and cats lick themselves and licking some repellants and sunscreens can be dangerous.

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, by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.

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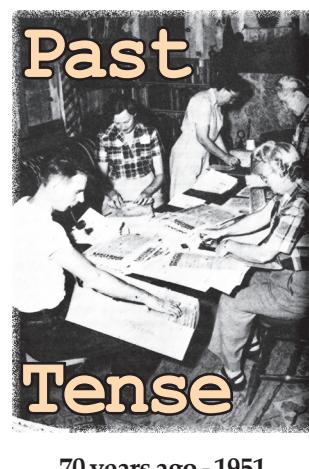
Miss Kitty



Shorty



Stevie



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for swimming or if swimming should be allowed there at all. Although it was not permitted and was not considered safe for swimming, no restrictions to swimming were posted. According to a Forest Service official, this is still the case.

40 years ago - 1981

Hillcrest Market in the Strawberry Creek Square was advertising bacon at 89 cents per pound, bananas at 29 cents per pound, avocados at 29 cents each and three loaves of bread for \$1.

35 years ago - 1986

No objections to a proposal for a collection station to replace the Idyllwild dump were raised at a Town Hall meeting that county officials called.

30 years ago - 1991

Softball leagues for adults and kids were brought back to the Hill after a four-year absence. Town Hall organized the kids' teams and the Amer-



The Idyllwild Recycling Center was at Town Hall. The Recycling Center was a permanent wooden facility measuring 14 feet across, 6 feet high and 6 feet deep. From left, Barry Frahm, bin site surveyor; California Conservation Corps (CCC) members Al Dunn, Robert Dorn and Mike Wright, rally laborers; CCC members Karen Don-nahoo and Mary McEnulty, overall coordinators; State Park Ranger Laura Larton, in charge of the state's part in the program; Suzanne Holt, co-builder of the bin; Ikes president Ernie Maxwell, in charge of the Ikes' part in the program and John Holt, co-builder. Photo ran April 16, 1981.

TOWN CRIER ARCHIVES



Songbird Sandii & The Finches performed at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Saturday afternoon.

PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ



Joe Baldino performed for locals and visitors at the gazebo Saturday afternoon.

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Erik Marcussen and Keith McCabe performed soft and pop rock at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Sunday.

PHOTOS BY BECKY CLARK

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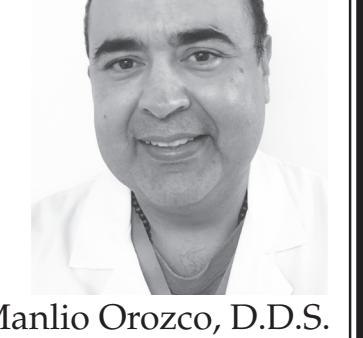
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10 years ago - 2011
Idyllwild's Casey Abrams risked it all on Wednesday's "American Idol" telecast. Rather than follow the advice of Idol coaches Jimmy Iovine and will.i.am and cover Phil Collins "In The Air Tonight," Abrams sang "Nature Boy," a Nat King Cole song, again accompanying himself on bass. Casey was right and earned the night's only standing ovation.

25 years ago - 1996
After a short-lived increase to 65 mph, the speed limit on Highway 74 from Hemet to Palm Desert and on Highway 243 from Pine Cove to Banning reverted to 55 mph.

20 years ago - 2001
Idyllwild's Lioness Club met for the last time, ending almost 13 years of community service. Some of the Lionesses were invited to join the men's Lions Club, which held its last meeting in June 2008.

15 years ago - 2006
Nearly two months after a heated community meeting about Idyllwild recreation, representatives of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce and the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council met to begin discussions about how to peacefully transfer the county's recreation contract from the Chamber to ICRC.

5 years ago - 2016
For the third year, U.S. military veterans returned to Idyllwild as thru-hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail. They were part of "Warrior Hike: Walk Off the War."

1 year ago - 2020
To ensure the safety of all voters and elections officials during the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order requiring county elections officials to mail every registered voter a ballot for the Special General Election.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: INTEREST —

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Coconuts Pine cones Sea level Stars
Dominos Popularity Skydiver Stocks
Fruit Rain Sleet

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CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

King Crossword

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1 Civil-rights org. 44 Shortly
6 Crunchy sand- 45 Party snack
9 Eastern "way" 47 "The War of
12 D-Day beach 49 Did yard work
13 Kanga's kid 52 Enzyme suffix
14 Pirates' quaff 53 Granola grain
15 Stopwatch 54 Speak one's
16 "Charlotte's 55 USPS delivery
Web" author 56 "— Clear Day"
18 Van Gogh 57 Egg holders
painting 20 Black, in verse
21 Lass 22 Word of denial
23 Pouch 24 French pal
24 Raiment 25 "Rule,
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27 Bush 27 "Winnie-the-
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brand 32 High tennis
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ON THE TOWN

HOROSCOPES

April 2021 — Week 4



March 21 – April 19

Impatience is still somewhat of a problem. But a sign of progress should soothe the anxious Aries heart. Meanwhile, invest some of that waiting time in preparing for the change ahead.



April 20 – May 20

Bovines tend to excel at solving problems, not creating them. But you risk doing just that if you're slow to respond to a timely situation. If necessary, seek advice from someone you trust.



May 21 – June 21

The Gemini Twin might need to do more than a routine check of both a job-linked and home-based situation. Dig deeper for more data on both fronts to avoid unwanted surprises later.



June 22 – July 22

Moon Children facing an important workplace decision are encouraged to use their perceptiveness to see through any attempt to win them over with a supercharge of fawning and flattery.



July 23 – August 22

Good news catapults Leos and Leonas into reconsidering a deferred decision. But time has moved on, and it's a good idea to recheck your plans and make adjustments where necessary.



August 23 – September 22

The week favors relationships, both personal and professional. Take the time to look for and immediately repair any vulnerable areas caused by unresolved misunderstandings.



September 23 – October 22

A friend's problems bring out your protective instincts. Be careful to keep a balance between meeting the obligations of friendship without being overwhelmed by them.



October 23 – November 21

The temptation to take an extreme position on an issue is strong, but moderation is favored both in personal and professional dealings. Move toward finding areas of agreement.



November 22 – December 21

Getting another boss or teacher? Try to see the person behind the image. It will help you adjust more easily to the changes new authority figures inevitably bring.



December 22 – January 19

Much as you might dislike the idea, keep an open mind about using the assistance of a third party to help resolve problems that threaten to unravel an important agreement.



January 20 – February 18

Career choices that seem too confusing to deal with at this point probably are. More information would help uncomplicate them. On the personal side, a friend might need your advice.



February 19 – March 20

A challenge that seems easy enough at first could take an unexpected turn that might test your resolve. Decide if you feel you should stay with it, or if it's better to move in another direction.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

(Answers on previous classifieds page)

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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