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Hill and Donna Champion survive Hurricane Helena



By HOLLY PARSONS
CORRESPONDENT

Until a few years ago, legendary Idyllwild resident Hill Champion spent 42 joyous years creatively enjoying his world as wildly eclectic, and uniquely fascinating. Ripened by life, unexpectedly - and to his great surprise one vivid day unlocked the beginning of a whole new chapter.

In 2019 free spirited Donna Weaver blew into Idyllwild on her yoga mat, and unwittingly disarmed our lifelong bachelor. Predictably, quick as a whip Hill didn't let the moment pass. Donna wasn't immediately captivated. Undeterred, Hill literally chased her down and with his characteristic charm and more than a little good fortune he married his soulmate.

In truth, within a few years of knocking around the west they were both itching for a wider adventure. East coast family members were woefully out of reach to both and all who know Hill recall the difficult decision to relocate from his Idyllwild sanctuary. But being a man of great wisdom has many rewards. In 2022, the newlyweds ventured east to find their new home.

For decades fortunate residents of Idyllwild knew Hill as a steadfast friend. His love for the mountain resulted in 99 ascents of Tahquitz, plus regular hikes of every other trail in the area.

For 3 months, Donna and Hill searched the Carolinas to find their new home, ultimately settling in an exquisitely beautiful area 35 miles from Asheville in Haywood County. It's a rural area where everybody jokingly says, "Hay Now!" Waynesville has been their home for 2.5 years, it's not only stunning but also embodies the culture and heritage of western North Carolina.

Town visitors are warmly greeted by a giant sign that reads 'Welcome to the Great Smoky Mountains.' A National Park with the same name, within the Blue Ridge Mountain system, surrounds the area and preserves lifestyles for Elk and Black Bear both reintroduced into Cataloochee and Maggie Valley's as permanent residents. "Wild turkey is everywhere, and ground hogs have names on our property! We have loved it here," said Donna.

"It's not unusual to see Bear in our neighborhood," said Hill. "One day last year while walking the dog down our driveway - Donna spied a bear lumbering toward us. We stopped, then we began slowly walking backwards and the bear, mimicking us, began walking backwards too! We couldn't stop laughing for a week. Ironically our dog was silent."

"Our experience in the area is beyond beautiful. We truly love the entertainment, cuisine, and art events in Asheville, its River Arts District, Waynesville, and Frog Level our own emerging arts district. We love to sit out by the creek at Frog Level Brewery listening to blue grass or jazz. It is truly a gathering place for the community. Frog Level was originally declining, a place where nobody went. Hundreds of thousands of dollars spent to restore the area began about 4 years ago - it was to be the Art District of Waynesville." Hill stated.

Donna added, "There's a culture here! This is Cherokee land. The Scots Irish settled the area in the late 1740's and all influences are still prevalent. Generations of people live on the same land - still farming the very same land their ancestors settled. Their influence has morphed into an Appalachian culture that includes clogging, de-

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Mac, Blythe, and Ari Atkinson show off their favorite newspaper in San Luis Obispo. They were vacationing at The Madonna Inn to celebrate Ari's first birthday.

PHOTO BY SUZANNE AVALON

County Inspector notes daily scavenging at transfer station

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

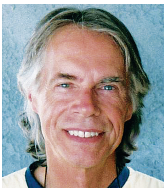
Records available at the state-run Solid Waste Information System (SWIS) website confirm that the county's Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) knows what many locals have noted: scavenging at the Idyllwild Transfer Station is a daily event, involving both well-equipped individuals with trucks who search the bins during operating hours and just after closing, and "transients" who remove the trash from the bins each night and leave it on the asphalt platform each morning.

Inspector Irene Goodman's reports note many other issues, including litter, slow removal of refuse and appliances, asphalt needing repair, and poor signage. Many of these are routine matters that have been addressed. The scavenging, however, seems to have caused the inspector to threaten legal action against CR&R, the vendor who contracts with the county to provide services at the station, but always with hedging language: "increase of this activity shall be reported," and "if conditions continue to worsen, further legal action may apply."

In May, the inspector wrote: "Upon this inspection, observed unauthorized personnel to drive into the transfer station exit the vehicle and begin scavenging for items in the dumpster bins. Operator stated this activity occurs daily during active operation hours...(I) Also observed a transient come from the hill, just outside the west end of the transfer station, to utilize the transfer station's private rest room. This also occurs on a daily basis. Scavengers at this location are no longer a special occur-

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PCWD receives clean audit

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

At their October 9 meeting the Directors of Pine Cove Water District reviewed the district’s latest audit over Zoom with Brianna Schultz, a partner from their accounting firm, Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott. The firm gave PCWD an “unmodified” or “clean” audit opinion, the highest rating.

The overall “net position”, which includes capital and liquid assets of the district, went up by 3.5% to \$3,712,946. Some adjustments were made to previous year positions to correct balances relating mostly to changing pension liabilities. This “prior period adjustment” of retirement plan liability was necessary because of changing staffing levels and CalPERS rates, and uses measurements taken a year ago. It shows an additional \$41 thousand liability, or about 5%. Schultz said this was “significant” but “in line with” what similar agencies are seeing.

Pay down on debts brought those liabilities down by about \$31 thousand. Operating income was down by \$56 thousand due to decreased water usage. This was partly compensated by non-operating income (mostly property tax payments and rent) which were up by \$39 thousand. Expenses were up by \$228 thousand, mostly due to equipment, and employee retirement and benefit expenses.

GM Jeremy Potter’s Operations Report showed production up slightly compared to the last two Septembers, due to hot dry weather, and the monitoring well, which has remained near 60 feet since spring, down 3.92 feet to 64.54.

The month’s water loss figure was 7.7%, down from the last few months. Potter said the figure was not exact and attributed this partly to a faulty production meter. The Board heard that the district’s tank in Dutch Flats was visited by firefighting helicopters during the response to a fire on Black Mountain in September. Potter said that at 1,000 gallons per visit the usage would not likely account for much of the water loss. He said he would look into putting a meter on the tank to help keep track of this usage. Board President Robert Hewitt, who has experience as a firefighter, was particularly pleased

to see the tank being used.

Potter reported that the resignation of two employees in August has slowed down the installation of the last of seven books of meters. The district is advertising to fill one of those positions, and applications will be accepted until December 1.

In vehicle news, the engine for the 2013 pickup has been received, and will be replaced by staff. The new 2024 Tacoma began showing trouble with lights and is back with the dealer under warranty.

The GM also said he wanted to remind the public to winterize their property, especially if leaving for a long period. Reminders were sent out with bills. Office Manager Jennifer Hayes and Board Member Becky Smith discussed the best way to communicate with paperless customers, and Hayes noted that the new billing system that the district will begin using at the end of December will have better capabilities for public notifications.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13.

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Prop 33 expects more rent controls to help with housing

By JP Crumrine
Correspondent

Proposition 33 is about rent controls. It would repeal the current state law (the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995) which limits the authority of cities and counties to control rents within their jurisdictions.

In three different situations, this law “generally prevents cities and counties from limiting the initial rental rate that landlords may charge to new tenants in all types of housing.”

“First, rent control cannot apply to any single-family homes. Second, rent control cannot apply to any housing built on or after February 1, 1995. Third, rent control laws generally cannot tell landlords what they can charge a new renter when first moving in. Instead, rent control can only limit how much landlords increase rent for existing renters,” according to the Legislative Analyst’s Office’s evaluation of Prop 33.

Besides repealing the Costa-Hawkins Rental Act, Prop 33 would also prohibit the state from limiting the ability of cities and counties to maintain, enact, or expand residential rent-control ordinances. Another state law prevents most landlords from increasing a tenant’s rent by more than 5% plus inflation (up to a total of 10%) in a year. This law lasts until 2030.

Prop 33 does not affect any existing local government’s rent control laws. “About one-quarter of Californians live in communities with local rent control. Examples of places with rent control are the Cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Jose,” the LAO estimates.

As of 2023, seven states and D.C. have enacted rent control policies at the state or local level. Thirty-one (31) states have enacted laws preempting local governments from adopting rent control policies. In 12 states, no cities have rent control but rent control was not preempted, according to Ballotpedia ([//ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_33_Prohibit_State_Limitations_on_Local_Rent_Control_Initiative_\(2024\)\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_33_Prohibit_State_Limitations_on_Local_Rent_Control_Initiative_(2024)))

Fiscal Effect

If Prop 33 passes, local rent control laws will become more common. This will affect renters, landlords and rental property owners.

Regarding rental houses, the LAO made two statements, “Fewer homes would be available to rent. One reason for this is that some landlords would sell their properties to new owners who would live there instead of renting it out.”

Secondly, the LAO estimated, “The value of rental housing would decline because potential landlords would not want to pay as much for these properties.”

Local governments would encounter two changes. The lower value of rental housing would reduce property taxes. Secondly, more local ordinances governing rental properties would engender more local government oversight which would increase operational costs.

The summary assessment stated, “Reduction in local property tax revenues of at least tens of millions of dollars annually due to likely expansion of rent control in some communities.”

Arguments in favor of approval

The principal supporter of Prop 33 is Justice for Renters, which is sponsored by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, a Los Angeles nonprofit that has been active in housing and planning issues in recent years. This group was behind two similar statewide rent control initiatives that failed in 2018 and 2020.

The supporters argue that rents are too high. More than half of Californian renters expend more than 30% of their income on rental payments.

“A starting teacher, cop, or fire fighter is paying half their salary to afford the average apartment in California’s cities. Many who live on a fixed income are one rent increase away from homelessness— and seniors represent the fastest growing homeless population. Something has to give,” the proponents stated in the Voter Information Guide.

Rent control laws are not a recent innovation, according to the supporters. As early as 1919, local governments were taking some action to control rents. However, in California, they note, “It was largely shut down in 1995 when the landlord lobby convinced Sacramento to drastically curtail it. Ever since, corporate landlords have made sure that the Legislature doesn’t modify the law no matter how bad things get.”

Although they expressed sympathy for “mom and pop landlords,” the major proponents asserted “... it is the billionaire corporate landlords who are calling the shots and causing skyrocketing rents.”

Its supporters include the following groups or associations: California Democratic Party, Veterans’ Voices, California Nurses Association, CA Alliance for Retired Americans, and the American Federation of Teachers 1521.

Arguments against Prop 33 approval

The opposition is primarily in the real estate industry. Other opponents include the California Small Business Association, the California Senior Alliance, the California Conference of Carpenters, and the California Chamber of Commerce. Also, some leaders of the State’s Democratic party, including Senate President Pro Tem Emeritus Toni Atkins.

Their first point is that nearly 60% of voters defeated similar rental control measures in 2018 and 2020.

“Prop. 33 is misleading. The measure could effectively overturn more than 100 state housing laws, including laws making it easier to build affordable housing, and fair housing and tenant eviction protections,” they argued in the Voter Guide.

Prop. 33 has no protections for the alleged weakened population groups, such as seniors, veterans, or the disabled, opined the opposition’s arguments.

Other comments

The League of Women’s Voters is neutral on Prop 33. They stated, “Rent control may be an effective short-term solution but studies suggest that its longer-term impact may discourage construction of new housing units, as developers could find it less profitable to build rental units if the rent is controlled by law. This could stifle the building of high-density and more affordable housing and exacerbate the existing housing shortage.”

The Los Angeles Times recently opined on Prop 33, “Supporters say Proposition 33 will give local governments tools to ease the affordability crisis for their residents. Opponents counter it will cause developers to build less, thus worsening California’s housing affordability.”

Financial support

The Political Action Committee supporting Prop 33 is “DeLeon believing in a Better California Ballot Measure Committee.” As of Sept. 26, they reported collecting \$550,000 since Jan. 1 and had expended \$380,000. Their cash available was \$217,000. It has not reported any further contributions since Sept. 26.

There are seven PACs official raising money to oppose Prop 33. “Home Ownership for Families” sponsored by the California Association of Realtors, had \$25.8 million in cash available as of Sept. 21.

Current Poll results

Of the 10 propositions, 13% of likely voters were most interested in Prop 33

As of the middle of September, a bare majority of 51% of likely voters were ready to cast a “Yes” ballot for Prop 33. The largest number of supporters were Democrats, Latinos, and people between 18 and 44. The greatest support (57%) came from the Los Angeles area, while 54% (the second highest) of the Inland Empire likely voters supported this proposition.

At the end of September, a University of California, Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies poll found the support at 38% and opposition at 37%

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Rollins feels close election favors him over Calvert

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Will Rollins, 39, a Democrat of Palm Springs, is making his second challenge against Republican incumbent Ken Calvert for the 41st District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rollins is a former federal prosecutor. After Sept. 11, he wanted to combat terrorism. Rather than join the military, he graduated from Dartmouth University and earned his law degree from Columbia University.

“I’ve worked in law enforcement my entire career, protecting communities from terror,” he said. “Whether it’s murder, cartels, terrorism or public corruption, I’ve wanted to stop those threats to our neighborhoods.”

Consequently, his biggest motivation for seeking this Congressional seat is the threats to democracy, including the numerous hints of overturning the election.

“There are too many efforts to suppress voter turnout,” he described. “One, for example, is the limitation in some places from offering water to people standing inline waiting to vote. We should be protecting the right for different voices to be heard in an election.”

While he strongly favors protection of free speech, Rollins also acknowledges the problems of social media distributing misleading and false information.

Although the 1st Amendment guarantees “free speech,” newspapers and publications have a responsibility to not libel individuals with the information that they distribute. But Rollins notes that social media platforms are not held to this standard, and he wants to find a solution to this difference.

If news entities cannot broadcast or print libelous

information, social media platforms should have the same restrictions, he argues.

As many candidates have stated, there is no “simple solution” to fixing the national debt, Rollins opined.

“This requires trade-offs that nobody will be happy with,” he expressed. “It requires compromise.”

It starts with comparing the ability of firefighters and nurses to pay more taxes compared to billionaires. He also dismissed the idea of raising the Social Security retirement age as a means to extend the fund. “The conversation starts with making the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share.”

Rollins does favor expanding Medicare to cover dental and vision expenses. He argues that coverage of teeth cleaning has long term benefits. Tooth and gum problems can evolve into long term health issues, whose repair have much greater costs imposed on Medicare.

Part of his health care package and issues is protection of a woman’s right to choose an abortion. He noted two recent cases of women dying from pregnancy problems and denied an abortion that might have averted the death.

“One of my first votes will be to restore Roe v. Wade as a Federal law,” he avowed.

While he favors California’s plans to reduce and eliminate gasoline powered vehicles with zero emission autos, he is also aware of their cost. Most ZEVs are purchased by upper income couples.

“We have to make these cars more affordable,” he affirmed. “As people understand the value of ZEVs, and more competition occurs, this will drive the costs down.”

He also recognizes that as this market grows, there will be a concomitant need for more charging stations similar in number to today’s gas stations. But he also noted that new technology has extended the range of EVs and the time between charges.

Rollins recognizes the importance of immigration limits and border protection. His career included cases involving counterterrorism and better border security is needed to combat these problems. He stressed that this means use of modern technology such as anti-tunnel equipment.

Rollins is a firm believer in a strong border. He lamented the House and Senate Republican’s agreement to table a bipartisan compromise border bill at the

urging of candidate Donald Trump.

He also favors Proposition 36 on November’s ballot. He stressed that his law career was as a prosecutor. He does not support actions to defund police.

After the assassination attempt on former President Trump, Rollins wrote an opinion piece for the Press Enterprise, in which he said, “That is why the attack on former President Trump was an attack on all of us. . . Congress needs to take immediate steps to increase security for our leaders, enact common sense gun safety reforms, and fix a broken online ecosystem that maximizes profits by amplifying divisive, violent, and conspiratorial content.”

Rollins lost the 2022 election to Calvert by 5% of the votes cast. He attributed the loss to the late start of his campaign. “When I left my job, there were only six months to introduce myself to the electorate. This time I started in May 2023 and many more people know who I am,” he declared. “I’m also spending more time in the western part of the district, seeing voters in Corona, Menifee and Lake Elsinore.”

He also argues that the greater turnout for the Presidential Election will favor him. Although there are about 3,400 more registered Republicans in the District than Democrats, he noted that the gap was greater in 2022 and he still came within 5% of Calvert’s total.

“The turnout for Democrats and Republicans will be about equal, but we’ll continue to win independents and moderates,” he asserted.

The few polls of voter’s likelihood have been close and mixed. Both candidates have had leads in different polls. The Cook Political Report labels the race as a toss-up slightly favoring Calvert. A Sept. 24 poll conducted by California Elections & Policy Poll, a group of three local universities, resulted in a Calvert advantage of .4% of likely voters. There were 4.8% of voters who remained undecided, and the margin of error was 4.2%.

Through June 30, Rollins had raised about \$5.5 million for his campaign, and he had slightly more than \$970,000 in cash available.

But the cost of this race may collectively exceed \$20 million, he noted with regret. This is excessive, he opined and stated his support to reverse “Citizens v. United” to achieve campaign finance reform.

As the interview concluded, Rollins restated his challenge to debate Calvert. “He still refuses to debate. He doesn’t have to answer to constituents.”



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Calvert seeks re-election to Congress

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Ken Calvert, 71, first won election to the U.S. Congress in 1992. Calvert has been on the House Appropriations Committee since 2009. He currently serves as chair of the Defense Appropriation Subcommittee

He is a long-time resident of Riverside County. He graduated from Corona High School and was a small business owner in the restaurant and real estate industries before entering politics.

For Calvert, the economy is the number one issue in the national election as well as here in District 41. He quickly pointed to the prices of food and goods in the grocery stores as the principal indicator of inflation.

"But state regulations make oil prices higher, too," he stressed. "I'm opposed to the carbon taxes. Riverside County is the number one commuting county in the State. People can't tolerate these costs."

After a reference comparing the state taxes in Texas to California, Calvert pointed the federal tax cuts from 2017, which are to expire in 2025. "People want those extended," he emphasized. "These get money to the people."

The decisions to cut or raise taxes and whether to increase or to decrease federal spending create the magnitude of the federal deficit, he acknowledged.

"Mandatory spending, e.g., Medicare and Medicaid, comprises 70% of the Federal budget," Calvert stated. "Only 30% is discretionary and half of that is national security. Much of the other half is NASA and Veteran's Affairs."

His solution is to maintain growth of the economy but find agreement to limit growth of government expenditures at a lower rate.

"We get everyone in the room and come to an agreement to bring down the cost of government," he urged. "Then the bond market would see the action taking place."

Calvert recognizes that the fix requires an agreement, a compromise from both sides of the aisle to solve this problem. There are many causes and not a single solution.

"Both sides must come together and make something happen," he said.

Social security was an example of this process. Many have urged raising the Social Security retirement age in order to extend the fund's life. Calvert did not oppose this, but he argued that the solution to both Social Security and Medicare need a consensus.

"There are a lot of ideas, but you need agreement," he highlighted. "A couple of years ago, a bi-partisan commission (Democrats, Republicans, and the White House) raised the payroll tax for Social Security.

"I've found anytime you do something hard with lasting value you've got to get everybody involved," he stressed.

At the state level, Calvert pointed to Proposition 36 on the November ballot. It would change some of the criminal penalties which were lessened when Prop 47 was passed in 2014. For example, Prop 36 would increase the penalties for repeat theft and drug crimes that voters rolled back a decade ago, making them felonies again. Many of these are controversial.

He believes that crime, especially against businesses, is underreported in California. Even a recent Federal Bureau of Investigation report found crime declining throughout the country, Calvert said, "If anybody lives here in California, it's not what I'm feeling! People know crime is out there."

One of the changes included in Prop 36 is stiffer penalties for petty crimes, and Calvert supports this step.

On Sept. 26, Calvert, along with four other Congressional colleagues, sent a letter to the Scott Tangenberg, the forest supervisor of the Cleveland National Forest. They asked several questions regarding the staffing levels and vacancies in the CNF firefighting staff.

While the background of the letter involved the Orange County Fire Department and the CNF, Calvert is clearly aware of the potential threats posed to residents in and near National Forests, such as the San Bernardino NF.

"They got to get on top of preventing overgrowth of the forest," he admonished. "More funding needs to go to prevention, maintenance and clear cutting."

Demonstrating his concern and awareness of forest fires, in August, Calvert and Sen. Alex Padilla helped facility the transfer of a C-130 aircraft to Cal Fire. This was the first of seven aircraft coming to Cal Fire.

"These aircraft will make a real impact in the protection of lives and property in Riverside County and throughout our state," said Calvert in the press release announcing the transfer. "I'm proud that my bipartisan efforts along with Senator Alex Padilla, and the late Senator Dianne Feinstein, will be making a difference in our ability to confront life-threatening disasters in California."

His parents lived in Idyllwild for several years before his birth and would return for visits and vacations

often as he grew up. Calvert has continued the family's connection to the Hill.

He can recall visiting 50 years ago, when the Idyllwild Water District's built the wastewater treatment plant, and the constant fire danger with which the Hill residents live.

"The last time I was in Idyllwild, the people need to be a little more pro-active about trees near buildings and get assistance to remove obvious limbs," he mentioned. Referring to historic photographs of the area, he noted that there were a lot fewer trees on the Hill a century ago.

In other action, the House of Representatives just passed H.R. 6656, "Stuck on Hold." Calvert was the author of this bill, which require the Veterans' Administration to implement a new and improved customer service telephone system that informs callers of their estimated wait times and, if the wait is estimated to be longer than 10 minutes, to give the caller the option of receiving an automated call back when it is their turn in line.

He explained that this bill was the first of several which he will submit requiring other federal agencies, such as the IRS, Social Security, Medicare and others, to implement the same level of customer service. "The taxpayers are customers, this is a trial starting with the VA," he commented.

He also stressed that he is not in favor of a national abortion ban and does not expect a bill of that purpose to ever become law.

Several times there have been issues raised about Calvert's ethics as a Congressman. The most recent occurred this summer, bringing back past allegations. He stressed that the House Ethics Committee has reviewed these complaints and cleared him each time. "They are not true and been proven false," he stated.

Two years ago, the change in the district boundaries did not affect the outcome for him. Calvert has been re-elected to the U.S. Congress 15 times and this is his sixteenth re-election. In 2022, he defeated his opponent this year, Will Rollins, by about 5% of the vote. That is a little closer than his previous five campaigns, but not a nail biter.

Calvert is optimistic about this election. Polls have been close, but he believes the Presidential Election will increase turnout, especially in the western portion of the district, e.g., Menifee, Wildomar and the unincorporated areas, which will favor him.

As of early Sept., the Secretary of State reports that there are about 3,400 more registered Republicans in the District than registered Democrats.

When asked if he planned to schedule a debate with Rollins, Calvert firmly replied "No, He chose to attack me personally. I attack him on the issues. Calling me corrupt is disrespectful. I'll not give him a platform to go after me more."

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By Steven Morrison, M.A.

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Dear Spiritual Workout:

It’s looking more and more like my long-term relationship is running out of gas. It’s a pretty mutual feeling we have but nobody’s pushing the button and it’s like we’re in suspended animation. If we don’t end it soon, I fear I will be forever sad but I’m also afraid to be the one to make it happen. I think I know what you’re going to say, but I’d like to hear it anyway.

Dear Reader:
Alrighty then! If you expected me to jump all over “fear” and “afraid,” you win the prize. The energy of fear is, I’m sure, not in the same range as the energy of what you want for your Self when this relationship is done and processed. So, getting in touch with what that is will be critical to transcending what sounds like a morass of meh in which you’ve been living. Getting energy moving out of fear by getting those intentions shiny and clear will begin to make things look very different very quickly. And I promise, you don’t need a lot to go on. A happy life? A comfortable home? Fun? Connection (romantic and otherwise)? Inner peace? That’s a lot to work with. I’m a broken record but fear is nobody’s friend when it comes to making decisions and cultivating intentions is always critical to getting out of fear.

Dear Spiritual Workout:

I’ve been wavering on a major life decision and am not sure how to decide. It involves studying abroad for two years in what I know will be an intense program that will boost my career. And living in another country would be awesome. But it will mean time away from my family including my aging grandmother. It seems like no matter what I choose, I will be disappointed. How can I decide?

Dear Reader:
It also sounds like whatever you choose could excite and satisfy you. The Spiritual Workout concept that typically is front and center when making choices and decisions like this is listen to inspiration. This is the part of us that is often devalued and minimized in our culture, so you’re forgiven for not thinking of it. The idea is to give your Self some quiet time or, more to the point, some quiet times. Run one scenario through your mind in all its glory. What would it be like to stay home, share quality time with your grandmother, and, what? Study in a different program in a different way? Then pay ultra close attention to the feelings that come with that choice. Like a meditation of sorts. Several times for as much time as you have to decide. Now, clear your palette, if you will, of that scenario and conjure up the other one and do the same thing: intense program; career; different culture. As many times as you can. Instead of pros and cons, list the feelings conjured by each and let your feelings tell you what to do. That’s how to decide Spiritual Workout-style.

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Dear Reader
Please send issues and questions you’d like to see addressed in this column to dearspiritualworkout@spiritualworkout.com. (Confidentiality assured.) And please send your comments about the column itself to editor@towncrier.com.

Woman in a Coffee Shop

DEAR EDITOR:
“In these historic times before the 2024 election, I had to write a passing comment I can’t forget. It was from a woman passerby as I sat in a local coffee place. I’m not sure I knew her (not well if I did) or had never seen her before. I can’t describe her, except that she was middle-aged; her clothes, hair, features, colorless. Perhaps they were colorless in contrast to what she suddenly said as she walked up to me:
“Don’t these people realize they are Stomping on the Graves of the Men who went to War all those years to Save Us and fight for our Freedom? For our Democracy? Don’t they get it?”
And then she just walked away.



Katya Williamson
Idyllwild

Scavengers

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rence and will continue being recorded by the LEA. Increase of this activity shall be reported as a violation. Implement all necessary means to ensure scavenging is discontinued at this location... A referral will be made to local forest services regarding homeless/transient activity on the hill to the west of the transfer station.”
The inspection report from June was much the same. In July the report added “Everyday this month, scavengers were observed on site going through the dumpster bins and throwing waste on the ground. Multiple transients sleep in the yard in all areas of the transfer facility. Due to the increased transient activity, this is no longer considered a special occurrence to this Department. If conditions of the transfer station continue to worsen, further legal action may apply.”

August and September inspections noted that the situation has not improved. The Town Crier, along with many early-rising locals, has seen the piles of trash outside the dumpsters most mornings. At the end of the day this reporter has repeatedly observed several men who drive through the station just before closing, checking the dumpsters, then park their vehicles outside on Saunders Meadow Road and enter the station by walking around the fence, which has been repeatedly cut and patched. They bring long poles with hooks and remove items from the dumpsters.
On a recent visit we counted 35 bins, all with plastic lids and no way to secure them. In the early mornings we have seen the chaos that results from 35 dumpsters full of trash being emptied onto the platform during the night. We have seen photos documenting this dating back at least three years.
We also learned that the large plastic water tank that formerly sat near the green waste area was removed and rolled down the mountain side. It is property of the county. Its location is presently unknown.
The Town Crier has asked CR&R and the LEA for comment on this story. We asked them if CR&R has been cited for scavenging, if there is a time frame for compliance and what are the penalties for failure to comply. We also asked if it is possible to fence the location or use bins with lockable metal lids, and if county and contractor are aware of the missing water tank. When we hear back, we will share any responses with readers.
To read more about inspections of the transfer station visit <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/SolidWaste/SiteInspection/Index/2406>

Idyllwild Transfer Station

*FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS ONLY**NOT FOR COMMERCIAL WASTE*

RECYCLE	GREEN WASTE	LANDFILL
<p>The Following Items Can Be Placed In The Designated Recycling Roll-Off Bins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Paper (Color, White)PhonebooksJunk MailNewspaperCardboard (Flattened)Clear Plastic Bottles (Water bottles, etc.)Aluminum/Tin (Food Cans, Drink Cans, Empty Paint Cans, etc.)Glass Bottles <p>Cleanliness is key when it comes to recycling! Please make sure your containers are empty or thoroughly scraped of contents prior to placing them in the recycling bins. Heavily soiled products or non-empty containers can contaminate an entire bale and cause recyclable items to go to the landfill instead of being recycled.</p>	<p>The Following Items Are Main Examples Of What Can Be Placed In The Designated Green Waste Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pine NeedlesFlowersGrassLeavesPruningsWeedsWood Scraps/ChipsPine ConesChristmas Trees (must remove all decorations and tree stands)Branches (must be under 3 inches in diameter)	<p>The Following Items Can Be Placed In The Blue Trash Bin Or Designated Trash Roll-Off Bins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Styrofoam (Packaging & Containers)Paper Plates, Cups, Towels & NapkinsAll Non-Clear PlasticsAll Food WasteShrink & Bubble WrapCellophaneCeramics & MirrorsChip BagsCandy Wrappers3-Ring BindersTYVEC Envelopes (Like FedEx) <p>Helpful Tip: If an item does not fall into the category of recycling or green waste, it is considered trash.</p>

HAZARDOUS WASTE/BATTERIES	BULKY ITEMS/E-WASTE/GREEN WASTE	WASTE PREVENTION
<p>Only certain Hazardous Waste materials are accepted at the transfer station's ABOP events. For more information on the ABOP events, please visit www.rcwaste.org/hhw/idyllwildabop</p>	<p>Bulky Items such as wood pallets, appliances and furniture must be placed in the designated bulky item roll-off box and will have an additional charge.</p> <p>E-Waste items must be placed on the designated pallet that is next to the Transfer Station Office.</p> <p>Green Waste materials must be placed in their designated area behind the office building.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Use reusable dishes instead of disposable cups, plates and cutlery.Reduce paper, print duplex copies.Donate unwanted items.Purchase recyclable items.Invest in rechargeable batteries.

Please be advised that the attendants on site will help you if you need assistance.

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Editor's note: Organizations, please read your listings carefully and email Suzanne@towncrier.com with any changes.

- Wednesday, Oct 16**
- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Thursday, Oct 17**
- Emotions Anonymous, 5:00 pm Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Al-Anon, 6:30 pm Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - AA discussion & birthdays,

noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Mountain Communities Mutual Aid food distribution, 1-2 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Zen, 6 p.m. Text/call Valerie Velez at 951-392-6507 for information.

Friday, Oct 18

- Idy A's (AA, NA, Alanon, CODA, etc.), noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat. Call 951-659-2523 for Zoom info
- AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. Ark of Light, 54445 N. Circle Dr. (behind Idyllwild Acupuncture)

Saturday, Oct 19

- American Legion Post 800 meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Idyllwild Chess Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library. Free lessons
- Healing Rooms, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.

Sunday, Oct 20

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- AA, discussion, noon, Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Mixed Nuts, 5:30-7 p.m., Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Monday, Oct 21

- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Codependents Anon, 6 p.m. Zoom. Call Mary, 951-634-4048.
- Oct. 09 — Public assist, 10:40 p.m. 2600 Block Hopkins Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Suspicious person, 6:01 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Unattended death, 3:03 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Suspicious person, 3:17 p.m. 2600 Block Crestview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Suspicious person, 3:29 p.m. 2600 Block Crestview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Suspicious person, 5:21 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 11 — Area check, 10:27 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 11 — Noise complaint, 11:11 p.m. 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 11 — 911 call from business, 11:46 p.m. 54000 Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Alarm call, 7:16 a.m. 2600 Block Meadow Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Alarm call, 9:46 a.m. 2600 Block Meadow Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Check the welfare, 11:22 a.m. 2500 block of Hemstreet Pl. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Public intoxication, 5:55 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Public intoxication, 5:55 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

Tuesday, Oct 22

- Riverside County Board of Supervisors, 9:30 a.m. Board Chambers, 4080 Lemon St., First Floor, Riverside.
- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Feeding America, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St. Bring box for food.
- Tai Chi for Seniors, 10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- Palms to Pines Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby, 6-6:50 p.m. https://zoom.us/j/4391478344
- Return to Yourself Virtual Support Group for Women Vets with PTSD, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat
- Al-Anon, 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

Wednesday, Oct 23

- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Thursday, Oct 24

- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Friday, Oct 25

- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

by PETER MARINACCI

Saturday, Oct 26

- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Sunday, Oct 27

- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Monday, Oct 28

- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Tuesday, Oct 29

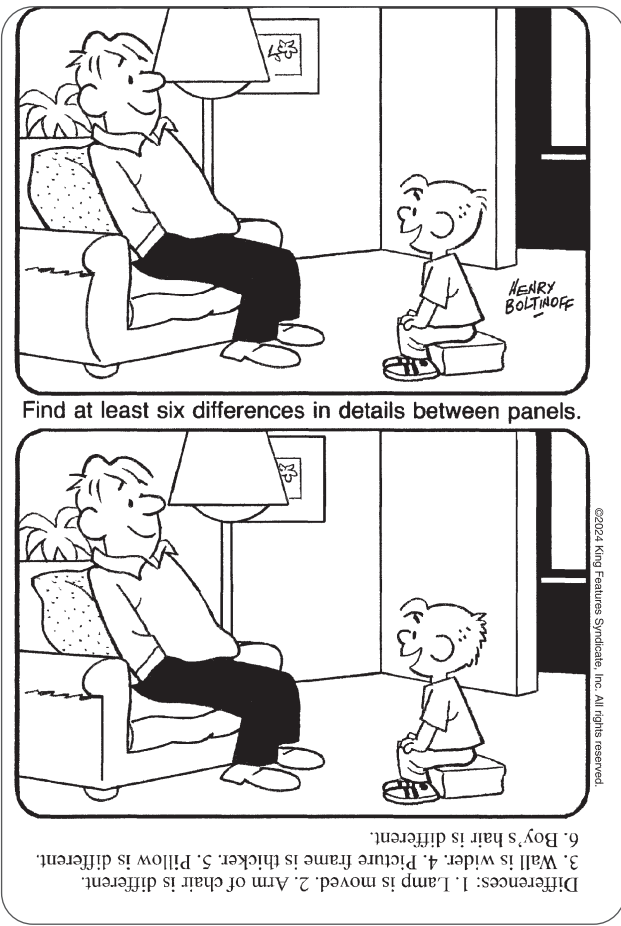
- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Wednesday, Oct 30

- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Thursday, Oct 31

- Codependents Anon, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.



Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.

Idyllwild Help Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.

Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tues.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thurs-Sat., 659-2300.

Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.

Idyllwild Ranger Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 8 a.m.-noon Tues.

Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. (Closed New Year's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day); Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls

IDYLLWILD

- Oct. 04 — Petty theft, 6:10 p.m. Address undefined. Unfounded.
- Oct. 05 — Noise complaint, 1:09 a.m. 2500 block of Cassler Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 05 — Area check, 6:08 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 05 — Follow-up, 9:54 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 05 — Alarm call, 11:11 a.m. 54000 block of N. Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 05 — Alarm call, 11:16 a.m. 2600 Block Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 05 — Unknown trouble, 2:21 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 05 — Trespassing, 3:57 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 05 — Vandalism, 4:45 p.m. 54000 block of Riverside County Playground Rd. Report taken.
- Oct. 05 — Alarm call, 7:39 p.m. 2500 block of Cedar St. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 06 — Emergency notification, 1:42 a.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Oct. 06 — Public disturbance, 3:05 p.m. 54000 block of Riverside County Playground Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 06 — Hazard, 3:30 p.m. 2600 Block St Hwy 243. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 06 — Alarm call, 5:35 p.m. 2400 Block Upper Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 07 — Area check, 1:34 a.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 07 — Area check, 1:34 a.m. 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 07 — Reckless driving, 3:10 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 07 — Check the welfare, 4:27 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 07 — Check the welfare, 4:27 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 08 — Trespassing, 8:54 a.m. 54000 block of Riverside County Playground Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 08 — Check the welfare, 11:12 a.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 08 — Emergency notification, 7:03 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 09 — Alarm call, 9:20 a.m. 5500 Block Forest HAVeen Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 09 — Open door, 9:24 a.m. 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Oct. 09 — Public assist, 10:40 p.m. 2600 Block Hopkins Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Suspicious person, 6:01 a.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Unattended death, 3:03 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Suspicious person, 3:17 p.m. 2600 Block Crestview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Suspicious person, 3:29 p.m. 2600 Block Crestview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Suspicious person, 5:21 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 11 — Area check, 10:27 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 11 — Noise complaint, 11:11 p.m. 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 11 — 911 call from business, 11:46 p.m. 54000 Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Alarm call, 7:16 a.m. 2600 Block Meadow Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Alarm call, 9:46 a.m. 2600 Block Meadow Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Check the welfare, 11:22 a.m. 2500 block of Hemstreet Pl. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Public intoxication, 5:55 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
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- Oct. 12 — Public intoxication, 5:55 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 13 — Search & rescue operation, 1:43 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 13 — Alarm call, 5:19 p.m. N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 13 — Unknown trouble, 5:39 p.m. 54000 block of Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 14 — Noise complaint, 7:09 p.m. 2600 Block Hopkins Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 14 — Area check, 8:00 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 14 — Noise complaint, 7:09 p.m. 2600 Block Hopkins Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 14 — Area check, 8:00 p.m. 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.

- Oct. 12 — Petty theft, 8:15 p.m. 53000 block of E St Hwy 74. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Alarm call, 9:16 a.m. 53000 block of Overlook Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 07 — Public assist, 5:07 p.m. 2500 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 11 — Follow-up, 2:35 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Alarm call, 9:53 a.m. 2300 Block Pine Needles Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Burglary, 6:07 p.m. 5200 Block Woodland Dr. Report taken.

PINE COVE

- Oct. 07 — Alarm call, 9:16 a.m. 53000 block of Overlook Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 07 — Public assist, 5:07 p.m. 2500 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 11 — Follow-up, 2:35 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Alarm call, 9:53 a.m. 2300 Block Pine Needles Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Burglary, 6:07 p.m. 5200 Block Woodland Dr. Report taken.

PINE MEADOWS

- Oct. 06 — Check the welfare, 1:36 p.m. 3500 Block Butterfly Peak Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 10 — Burglary, 4:27 p.m. 5900 Block E St Hwy 74. Arrest made.
- Oct. 11 — Assist other department, 11:20 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 12 — Assist other department, 2:09 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 13 — Burglary, 11:06 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

POPPET FLATS

- Oct. 04 — Check the welfare, 9:14 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 04 — Check the welfare, 9:14 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 06 — Trespassing, 8:30 a.m. 1800 Block Cryer Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 06 — Trespassing, 8:30 a.m. 1800 Block Cryer Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 07 — Danger to self/other, 1:31 a.m. 2200 Block Lake Park Dr. Handled by deputy.

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- Oct. 04 — Miscellaneous criminal, 5:51 p.m. 5100 Block Quail Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 05 — Assist other department, 6:23 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 05 — Miscellaneous criminal, 6:34 p.m. 5100 Block Quail Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 08 — Found property, 2:05 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 08 — Suspect info, 8:12 p.m. Address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 11 — Illegal lodging, 7:32 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Oct. 11 — Public assist, 8:09 p.m. Address undefined. Handled by deputy.

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THURS., OCT 17, 2024

Middle Ridge Winery presents The Carlile Family Band and Kristen Noel Ross to Idyllwild



By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Middle Ridge Winery continues their series of performances by engaging singer/songwriters when local Kristen Noel Ross opens for the Carlile Family Band on Monday October 21. Ross and the Carliles like to call what they do “Americana.”

The Carlile Band are the niece, nephew and brother of Grammy Award winner Brandi Carlile. “Band dad” Jay Carlile is leading his teenage offspring, Caroline and Jay], as they tour the west coast. They are doing several shows in LA and accepted the invitation to appear at Middle Ridge with their musical friend, Kristen Noel Ross. They harmonize the way musical families are known for. They are polished performers presenting a fresh and honest take on country and folk tropes, with a deep repertoire of original songs that find drama, awe and wonder in the mundane.

Ross is a singer/songwriter originally from Lagu-

na Beach who now calls Idyllwild home and teaches at Idyllwild School. She numbers among her influences Stevie Nicks, Bonnie Raitt and the Carliles themselves. Kristen’s musical projects include her 2012 debut album “Many Rooms,” the EP “Soar” in 2019, and the single “Saving Grace” in 2022. Her latest EP, “The Afterburn,” was released in 2024. Her songs “serve as a medium for personal expression and connection, portraying her genuine and heartfelt storytelling.”

Melody Johnston told us that “Kristin opened for the Carlile Band last year in Dana Point, and had them play on her recent album, that just came out in April. When she heard they were touring again in California, she reached out to them and suggested that they come perform in our mountain town of Idyllwild! I believe it’s their last stop in California”.

Carlile Family Band with Kristen Noel Ross, Monday October 21 at 5 P.M. Middle Ridge Winery, 54301 North Circle Drive.

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The Winning Game

START

Spoke kindly to family member. **FREE TURN!**

Feed your pet. **TAKE THE SHORTCUT!**

Describe something your family did together.

Respected your sister's or brother's privacy. **MOVE AHEAD TWO SPACES!**

Cleaned your room without complaining. **Do a cheer!**

Shared your toys. **Give a high five to the person next to you.**

Find a newspaper article about people cooperating.

Act out making your bed.

Asked permission to play outside. **MOVE AHEAD ONE SPACE.**

Name two ways you and the person on your right are alike.

PUT-DOWNS! YELLING! INSULTS! **LOSE A TURN!**

Compliment the person on your left.

SMILE!

Find an example in the newspaper of someone helping their community. Tell why you respect this person.

Tell about a time you helped at school.

Name a volunteer job you could do.

Planted flowers. **TAKE THE SHORTCUT!**

Gossiping? **LOSE A TURN.**

Close your eyes and draw your home.

Name something you own that is reusable.

Forgot to take out trash. **LOSE A TURN.**

Reduce: Find something you could do without.

FREE TURN!

Local News

Find a newspaper article that shows teamwork. Explain why you chose it.

Tell what it feels like to be treated with respect.

Find something at home you could recycle.

Interrupting. **LOSE A TURN.**

Compliment each player.

You helped a younger student. Nice!

Polite to yard duty teacher. **TAKE THE SHORTCUT!**

Polite to school custodian. **MOVE AHEAD ONE SPACE!**

Tell how you help keep your classroom clean.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:
Does fair always mean equal? Should bedtime be the same for all family members?

Help without being asked. **MOVE AHEAD ONE SPACE.**

Act out helping someone carry a big bag of groceries.

Thank another player for playing this game with you.

You treat others with respect despite differences in age, gender, race or religion. **YOU ARE A WINNER!**

FINISH

Directions: Play this game with a friend or a family member. When you see a person doing each of the respectful behaviors on the bingo card, mark it off. Who can complete one row first? Can you cross off all the behaviors?

HOLDING A DOOR OPEN FOR SOMEONE	SOMEONE SAYING "PLEASE"	SOMEONE SAYING "THANK YOU"
TWO PEOPLE SHAKING HANDS	SOMEONE SHARING WITH ANOTHER	SOMEONE PICKING UP LITTER
SOMEONE BEING KIND TO ANIMALS	SOMEONE LISTENING WITH RESPECT	SOMEONE SAYING A KIND WORD
FRIENDS HELPING EACH OTHER	SOMEONE SAYING "I'M SORRY"	SHOWING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
RESPECT

The noun **respect** means treating people, animals and things in a kind and thoughtful way.

Anya showed **respect** for her neighborhood by picking up litter.

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

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FAIRNESS

Draw lines to divide the pizza into equal slices to share with your friends.

Name friends you are sharing pizza with:



Standards Link: Recognize, name and compare fractional parts.

Double Double Word Search

CHEER
CLEAN
DRAW
FIND
FINISH
LISTENED
KINDLY
NICE
POLITE
RESPECTED
START
TWO
TURN
WIN
WORDS

Find the words by looking up,
down, backwards, forwards,
sideways and diagonally.

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

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Give and Take

To receive respect, you must also be willing to give respect. Look through the newspaper and clip pictures and stories of people giving and receiving respect. Find examples of people not treating others or things with respect.

Standards Link: Social Studies: Civic responsibility and understanding social interactions as it focuses on the concept of respect, how to demonstrate it, and the consequences of not showing respect.



What did the ocean say to the crab?

ANSWER: Nothing. It just waved.

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The Sorooptimists of Idyllwild celebrated their annual spaghetti fundraiser at FERRO restaurant. Left-to-right: Janet Keller, Stephanie Yost, Lynne Eodice (VP), Byron Mejia, Diana Kurr (board member), Julia Trento, Madison McKay, Suzi Schumacher (Treasurer), Mary Morse (secretary), Alex Cameron (President) — not pictured but also worked is Shelly McKay (board member) and Ashley Stewart (Sorooptimist volunteer of the year)

PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



US Forestry folk Tonya and Kieth put up new signage at Saddle Junction at the top of Devil's Slide Trail and the PCT. Always appreciate the work they do to make our wilderness such an enjoyable adventure.

PHOTO BY MARK DEAN



Rotarians, friends, and family gather to celebrate the memorial bench in honor of our beloved Doug Austin. Shown are Pat Austin with Doug's son Jim and daughter-in-law, Mary with their dog, Sweetpea.

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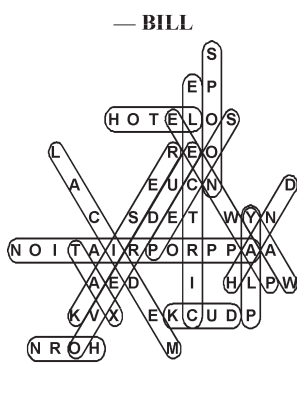
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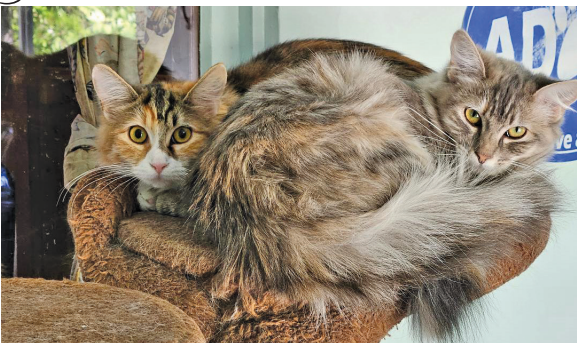
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Mr. Mike VanZee, our 6-8 grade Social Studies teacher, has chosen the following students:
Jax Sleme (above) is a kind and hardworking young man. He shows up everyday with a smile on his face, a positive attitude, and a desire to do well. He is well liked by his peers and he is a pleasure to have in class.
Victoria Solorio (below) is a young lady who likes to take charge and get things done. She is a friend to all and a natural leader. She is a motivated student and an example for others to emulate. I appreciate her work ethic and willingness to go above and beyond when helping others.

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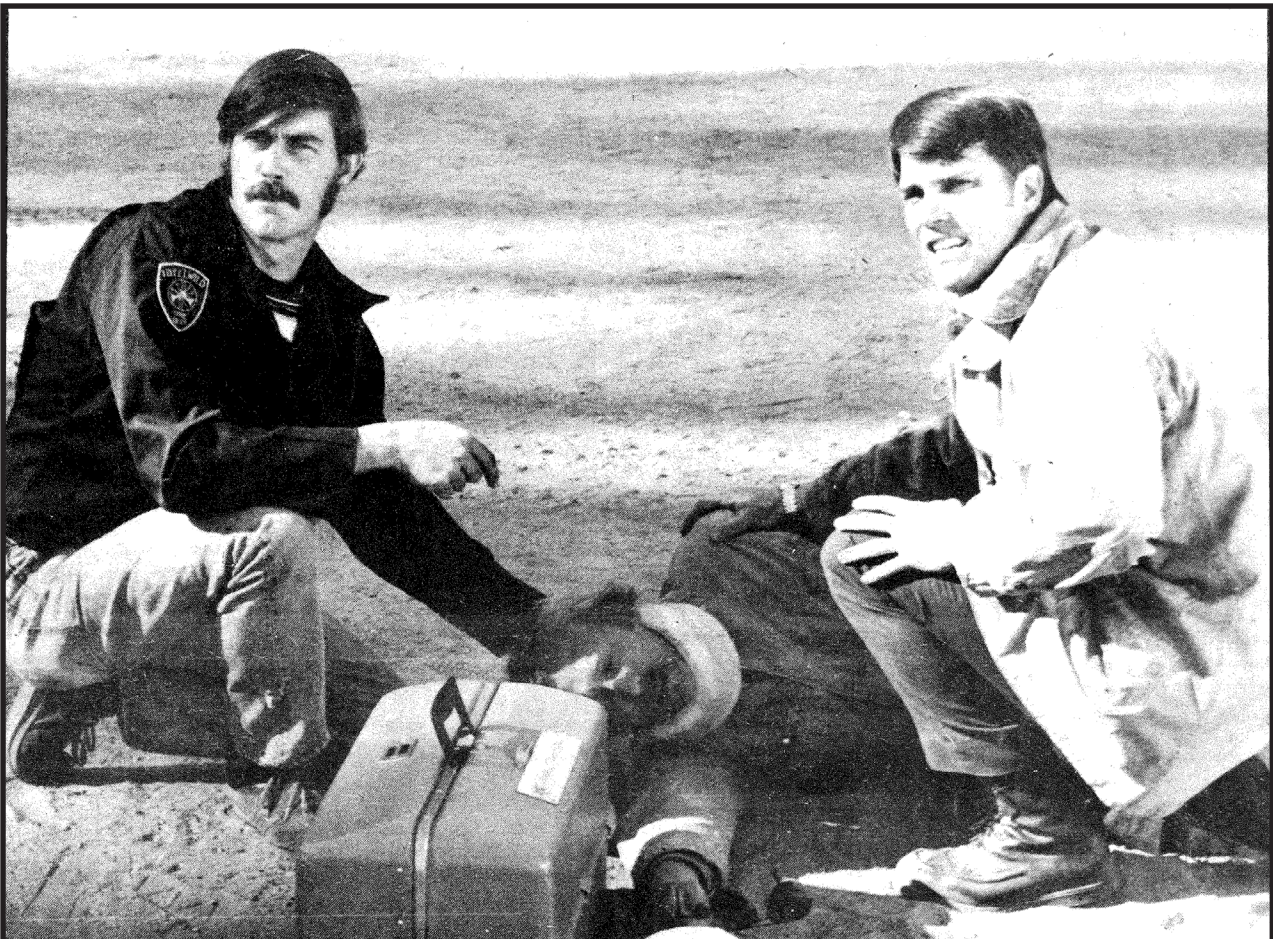
CREATURE CORNER



Rowan & Marlowe

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats discussed possible mountain evacuations for people and their pets.
Pepper: What a beautiful weekend. The weather is so gorgeous.
Eeyore: The pleasant temps brought out many visitors to ARF, but sadly they were all just “looking.”
Jackie: The good news is ARF has a litter of nine puppies, just about ready for adoption.
Harley: Their mom is a shepard-mix.
Katie: And the father?
Harley: That's a good question. Regardless, they are so cute. ARF will have their photos later this week, and they will be ready for adoption (8 weeks old) on October 26.
Rowan: How will potential guardians see and meet these babies?
Jackie: The puppies will be at Living Free's Pints for Paws event on Saturday, October 26, noon til 4:00.
Rowan: It will be across from the Idyllwild Playground.
Harley: What if someone wants to meet them before the 26th?
Marlowe: They should call ARF. A time will be arranged.
Katie: What should an adopter expect?
Eeyore: As will ALL ARF adoptees, the adoption fee includes spay/neuter, all vaccinations including rabies, and microchipping. Of course, because these pups are so young, their new guardians will need to bring them in for two more sets of vaccinations.
Pepper: They will also need to be spayed or neutered. This will be arranged by ARF.
Harley: For the puppy adoption fee of \$295, all of this is a great bargain...especially considering that is much less than what the vaccinations and neutering would cost the average pet parent.
Rowan: Interested families should check out ARF's Facebook page and website later this week for photos.
Marlowe: Let's hope that these puppies, along with us felines, find homes quickly!

This week's Creature Corner is sponsored by Deborah Nevelle. Would you like to be a sponsor? Please let us know! Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of Days of our Nine Lives each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy 243. ARF is open Saturdays 10-3, Sundays 10-2, and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.



Bill Caldon, left, and Tim Gustafson, both Idyllwild Firemen, give teeth-gritting realism to Friday's Fire Prevention Week demonstration at Idyllwild Elementary School. On the ground is mock victim John Harmon, chief of volunteers at Pine Cove County Fire Station. Town Crier Oct. 20th, 1977

FILE PHOTO



75 years ago - 1949

Idyllwild had 7 inches of snow and a low of 18 degrees.

70 years ago - 1954

With every \$10 in purchases made at Dutton's Corner Store, a five-piece place setting of oven-proof dishes could be purchased for \$1.19.

65 years ago - 1959

Young artists of the seventh and eighth grades painted the town when they adorned merchant windows with Halloween themes in the annual Window Decoration contest.

60 years ago - 1964

Idyllwild and the surrounding mountain area was featured

on Slim Barnard's "The Happy Wanderer" show on KNBC, Channel 4.

55 years ago - 1969

An aerial survey of forests dying from the effects of smog in the San Bernardino Mountains caused foresters to raise their estimate of the damage. It showed that about 50 percent, or 1.3 million trees, had damage.

50 years ago - 1974

The girls of Scout Leader Emily Pearson's troop, working on earning their cooking badges, prepared and served a complete dinner for their parents at Town Hall.

45 years ago - 1979

Idyllwild challenged a Northern California town to a stop-smoking showdown for the Nov. 15 Great American Smoke-out.

40 years ago - 1984

It was reported that the total cost of building the new

Idyllwild Fire Station could be about \$200,000, half the original bid estimates.

35 years ago - 1989

More than 200 signatures had been collected on a petition protesting a proposed redevelopment plan to fund a parking lot in Idyllwild.

30 years ago - 1994

Idyllwild School officials decided to change the theme of a school dance from a Halloween masquerade to "Hurray for the New Pep Squad" after parents, claiming censorship, protested the earlier decision to not allow witch costumes.

25 years ago - 1999

Some people in Idyllwild reported seeing an iridescent glow in the sky after being shaken from their beds at 2:46 a.m., Oct. 16, by a 7.1-magnitude earthquake centered at the 29 Palms Marine Corps base. No injuries were reported.

20 years ago - 2004

The Idyllwild community turned out en masse to a farewell dinner in honor of Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Jim Venable who would be leaving office in January.

15 years ago - 2009

Lee Arnsen, Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit head, said RMRU was called out at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 16 to rescue one severely dehydrated Marine on the Skyline Trail above Palm Springs.

11 year ago - 2013

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 had finally had an effect on Idyllwild School beyond spring's standardized testing. Eleven students from Hemet Unified School District schools began attending Idyllwild Monday and three more were expected, according to Idyllwild Principal Matt Kraemer.

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ICC-AYSO Youth Soccer: Last Week of Regular Season Games

By **JOHNNY WILSON**
ICC DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS & RECREATION

ICC-AYSO Youth Soccer: Last Week of Regular Season Games
10.14.2024

It's hard to believe that we've already been through three weeks of practice, one week of scrimmage games, and now three weeks of regular season games. Just one more week of playoffs (October 14-16th) and the 8-week season is already over.

Let's dive in to last week's games (October 7th – 11th) and see where each team landed in the playoff picture in the 7-9 and 10-14 divisions.

4-6 Division

But first let's start with the "clash of the tiny giants" in the 4-6 division as Goal Patrol (sponsored by Idyllwild Bunkhouse) took on the Smokey Bears (sponsored by the Town Crier) last Wednesday, then battled Little Liverpool (sponsored by Pharos Athletic Club) last Friday.

Each games were close as Goal Patrol, lead by Coach Derek McDevitt, used their speed to score some impressive goals last week.

The Smokey Bears are probably the best improved team as their determination and "never-give-up" attitude came into play as fought hard against Goal Patrol Wednesday then took on the Mighty Bears (sponsored by Jazzercise) last Friday.

Smokey Bears coaches Jennifer Carruth and Carolyn Gillot named Olivia Carruth for their Player of the Week: "After returning from Hawaii and missing the first few games, she stepped in with a great attitude and motivation!"

The Mighty Bears, coached by Mauricio Palacios, has probably one of the most talented teams in their division – as their players are already learning the fundamentals of a good passing game and play with great ball control. (Good job, Coach!)

Little Liverpool's coach Pieter Vodden was out last week due to illness, but his wife Emylee Vodden stepped in as coach and did an amazing job. Little Liverpool has one of best offenses in their division as they tend to find the back of the net many times during the course of a match – no matter what team they are playing.

All in all, each team has improved tremendously since the start of the season. But most importantly, the kids in the 4-6-year-old division are having lots of fun each time they suit up in their soccer uniforms. Great job, kids! Great job, coaches!

7-9 Division

This past week was detrimental to the teams in the 7-9 division, as each team were trying hard to secure an advantageous seeding for next week's playoffs. The semifinals are scheduled for Monday October 14th at 4:30pm where we will see the #4 seed take on the #1 seed on Field A, and the #3 seed take on the #2 seed on Field B.

The undefeated Wildcats (sponsored by Black Mountain Coffee) are locked in to #1 seed as they finished off their season with victories over the Dragons (sponsored by McAndrews Construction) and Blue Lightning (sponsored by SoCal Renovations) last week.

Here is Coach Felipe Davila of the Wildcats: "Wow, Daniel Mejia can do it all! He's a gifted striker and an unstoppable goal keeper! With Maddy Foye, Kamila Wilson, and Logan Bayer backing him up, they are a defensive force that cannot be ignored."

Blue Lightning secured the #2 seed as they finish off the regular season even with 3 wins and 3 losses (no ties.) Coach Jacob Teel was impressed: "Exceptional midfield by Annabelle Ridge and amazing pressure from Oliver Teel."

The surprise of the week was who finished in the #3 seed – the Dragons were in last place all season, despite their talented players on offense and defense. But with determination in their eyes, they emerged victorious over the Yellowjackets (sponsored by Wild Imaginations) with a score of 2-1 last Friday and snuck into the #3 seed.

Coach Carl Dewese of the Dragons had this to say

after the victory: "Players of the Week this week are Charlie Dewese for his awesome goaltending and Jax McAndrews for his effort and aggressiveness lately."

Coach Eric Kaufman of the Yellowjackets also had some positive words for his Players of the Week: "Ki-yoko Patterson played multiple positions and battled every play. Aimee and Ruby O'Brien played great defense and have shown remarkable improvement every game."

The Yellowjackets will have a tough first match as they take on the Wildcats. But the good news is that they are the only team who were able to stop the Wildcats from having a perfect season, as the first match between the two teams on 9/30 ended in a 2-2 tie.

All we know is that anything is possible – it's the playoffs!

FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS 7-9 Division

PLAYOFFS SEEDING	Win – Loss – Tie
1. Wildcats	5-0-1
2. Blue Lightning	3-3-0
3. Dragons	2-4-0
4. Yellowjackets	1-4-1

PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE

SEMIFINALS
Monday 10/14/2024 @ 4:30 PM
FIELD A: Yellowjackets (#4) vs Wildcats (#1)
FIELD B: Dragons (#3) vs Blue Lightning (#2)

FINALS
Wednesday 10/16/2024 @ 4:30 PM
FIELD A: Championship Game
FIELD B: Third-Place Game

10-14 Division

In the 10-14 division, it was anyone's guess who was going to be in the top three seeds as the Red Hawks (sponsored by Idyllwild Backhoe), the Pink Panthers (sponsored by Schnalzer Electric), and Creekers FC (sponsored by Adams Electric) were heading for a "photo finish", as they would say in horse racing.

On Wednesday the Red Hawks fell to Creekers FC then won on Friday against the Mountain Eagles (sponsored by Assurance Data) to secure the #3 seed. They end the regular season with an even 3-3-0 record (no ties.)

Coach Dan Aronson of the Red Hawks had some great words for his Players of the Week: "Carter Mari-ah (center forward/team captain) leads in both scoring and goal assists for the Red Hawks do to his amazing passing and dribbling skills. Levi Farag (right forward) and Ryder Winkle (left forward) worked soccer magic as they passed, dribbled, and scored the Red Hawks' warriors of the week."

Erin Staff of the Mountain Eagles also had some positive words about her Player of the Week: "A big shout out to Oliver Allen! His ability has improved the most and he has become fearless in defense, often gaining possession of the ball against players twice his size. Coach Felipe and I are really proud of his growth and great attitude this season! He's definitely one to watch!"

Then in a fast-paced tight match between Creekers FC and the Pink Panthers last Friday, it was the Pink Panthers who won 3-2. All 5 goals in this game were scored in the first half. The second half showcased an impressive defensive stand-off as no goals were scored on either end. Great showmanship by all goalkeepers in this game.

As a result, both teams end the regular season with a 4-2-0 record.

The first determining tiebreaker is the goal differential (goals scored, minus goals allowed) between the two teams, but that also ended in a tie.

Creekers FC won the first game (on 9/27) with a score of 2-1, and the Pink Panthers won the second game (on 10/11) with a score of 3-2, making the goal differential even (+- 0).

The second tiebreaker would have to be put into

play, which is the overall goal differential (goals scored, minus goals allowed) throughout all matches played in the regular season. The Pink Panthers had a (+8) and Creekers FC had a (+4), so the Pink Panthers would win the second tiebreaker to land the #1 seed.

Creekers FC did a tremendous job throughout the season and land as the #2 seed.

These two teams are quite evenly matched to say the least.

Now what will happen in this week's playoffs? That is anyone's guess.

FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS 10-14 Division

PLAYOFFS SEEDING	Win – Loss – Tie
1. Pink Panthers	4-2-0
2. Creekers FC	4-2-0
3. Red Hawks	3-3-0
4. Mountain Eagles	1-5-0

PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE

SEMIFINALS
Monday 10/14/2024 @ 5:30 PM
FIELD A: Mountain Eagles (#4) vs Pink Panthers (#1)
FIELD B: Red Hawks (#3) vs Creekers FC (#2)

FINALS
Wednesday 10/16/2024 @ 5:30 PM
FIELD A: Championship Game
FIELD B: Third-Place Game

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Tourists and locals enjoy the Art and Wine Walk sponsored by the Art Alliance of Idyllwild.

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Will Rollins, Flavia Mangan and Jim Colgan enjoy a reception at their home for Will Rollins.

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Astro Camp Instructor Mike Saaranen works the Van de Graaff generator

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Kids paint with light on fluorescent wall at Astro Camp Open House.

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Baxter, Caroline and Jared Trimble experiment with electrical circuits.

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Idyllwild School shows continuing improvement

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, the State Department of Education released the results of the 2023-24 Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English and mathematics. Students at Idyllwild School performed better overall than the statewide results and the County and the Hemet Unified School District results.

In English, overall, 55.6% of the Idyllwild School students (grades 3 through 8) met or exceeded the standards. This was more than a 6% improvement over the 2022-23 test results. Statewide, 47% of students met or exceeded the English standard.

Countywide 42% of students, about the same percentage as last year, obtained these levels. Although in the Hemet Unified School District, the percentage of all students (which included grade 11) who met or exceeded the English standard was only 32%. This was slightly higher than the 2022-23 percentage of 29.7%.

But HUSD Superintendent Dr. Christi Barrett noted that overall, and especially including students who are socio-economically disadvantaged, students in foster care, homeless youth, as well as other student groups who face potential barriers to learning, HUSD's growth was significant. Compared to the State, the percentage of HUSD's students who exceeded or met the English language standards grew by 2.5% whereas the increase statewide was only 0.3%.

"As a school district, we remain committed to serving all students, including and especially those who have traditionally been kept furthest from opportunity. With that, we are proud to say that with the release of the 2024 Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment scores, our district is now performing with the greatest growth since the pandemic," said Christie Barrett, HUSD Superintendent in an email to the Town Crier. "Notably, several of our student groups that have traditionally performed below standard have made exceptionally substantial growth. So much so that these student groups are no longer identified for differential assistance."

In Idyllwild, these percentages also better the 2021-

22 levels of 50% meeting or exceeding the English standard. Last year, at Idyllwild School, only 25% of the third grades students met or exceeded the English standards. This was the fewest of the six grades tested. But from 3rd to 8th, there was constant improvement. Of the eighth grade students, 72% met or exceeded standards. Nearly a fifth of students in grades 4 through 8 exceeded the standards.

Overall achievement on the mathematics assessment was generally below the English results, yet there was improvement from last year to the current results. For example, Statewide 35.6% of students met or exceeded the mathematics standard, which was 1% more than in 2022-23.

For Idyllwild School, in 2023-24, 39.7% of students met or exceeded the standard compared to 37.5% in 2022-23. For HUSD, only 16.8% of students met or exceeded the standard, which was about the same as last year. Countywide 28% of students attained these levels, a 1% improvement.

Slightly more than half of last year's third grade class met or exceeded the mathematics standard, the highest percentage of the six grades tested. The percentages range from 30% to 44%.

"These improvements are a testament to the hard work of our students, teachers, and staff, and to our shared dedication to providing a learning environment where every student can become successful in college, careers, and life. We are truly excited about the strides we've made and look forward to continuing this upward trajectory," Barrett wrote.

"I commend California's students and educators for their hard work and continued growth in academic achievement across the state," said State Superintendent Tony Thurmond in the press release announcing the results availability. "We know the high potential of all California's students, and we still have a ways to go to ensure that every child is supported to build strong academic skills and access a bright future. We are providing key resources for all schools to get there, including providing funding for reading coaches, high-dose tutoring programs, extended school days, and professional learning for educators."



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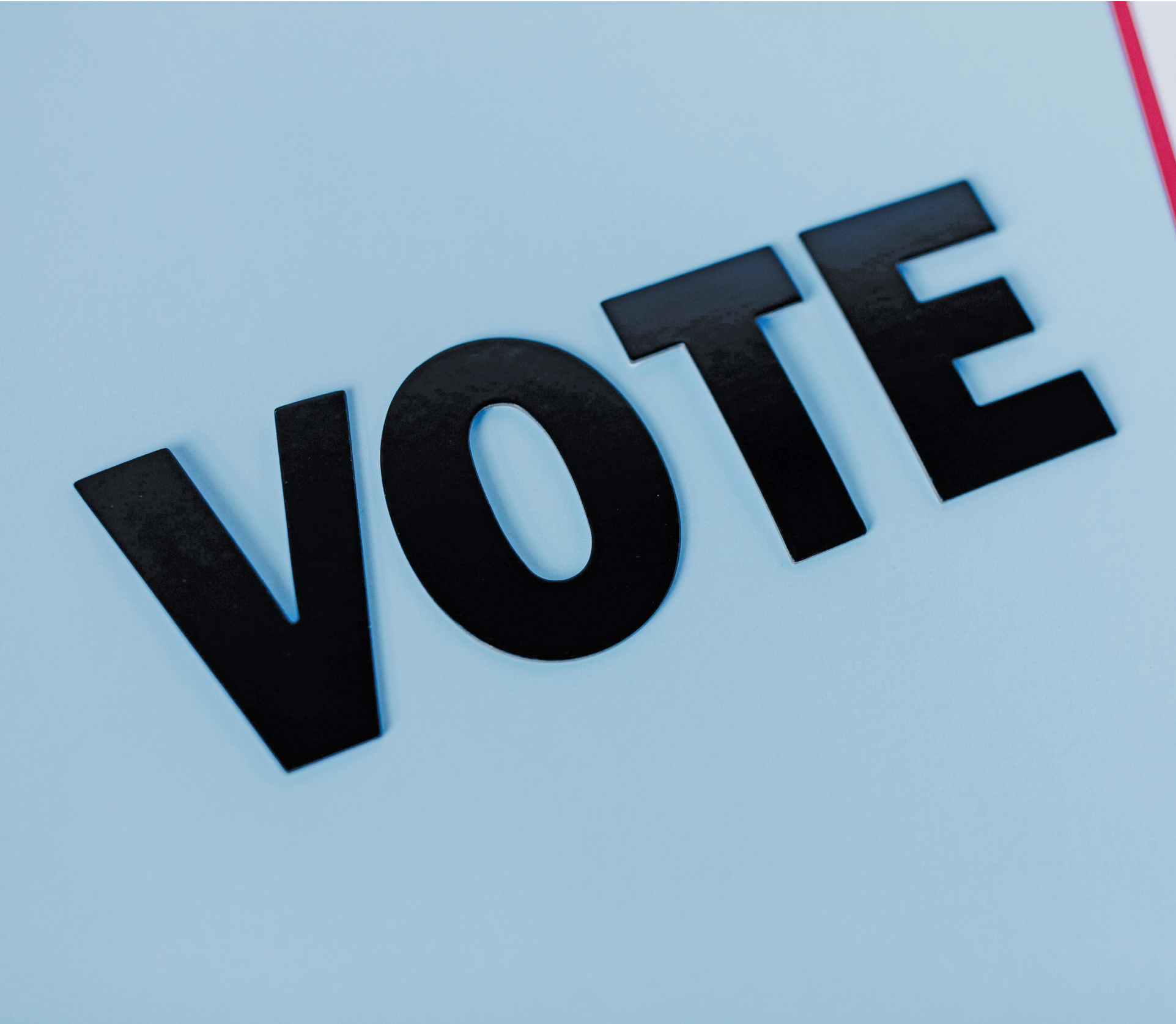
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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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MAGIC MAZE ● — BILL

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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: — BILL CODY

Appropriation
Duck
Electric
Hand

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Pawnee
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ACROSS

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4 Boxer Ali
9 "60 Minutes" ainer
12 Leading lady?
13 Edmonton player
14 2016 Olympics city
15 Moisturizer
17 Finale
18 Name
19 Buzzing insect
21 Neglect
24 Steerer's place
25 "So that's it!"
26 QB's goals
28 Nasal parti-tions
31 Lopsided win
33 Feeling down
35 Tank filler
36 Chef's garb
38 Up to
40 "Alice" wait-ress
41 Suffix with "techno"

DOWN

1 Game caller
2 Glam Gardner
3 Chest muscle
4 Short-horned grasshopper
5 Inflatable sleepers
6 Land in la mer
7 Extract via per-colation
8 Fighting forces
9 Ineffectual type
10 Predicament

11 Pop
16 Sch. URL ender
20 Staff symbol
21 TV explorer
22 Denny's rival
23 Baked potato topping
27 Used a chair
29 Conference leader?
30 Body lotion ingredient
32 — Bora (Afghan region)
34 Give orders
37 Daytona 500 acronym
39 Was forebod-ing
42 — firma
44 Dandy guy
45 Use a rosary
46 Luau dance
50 "A mouse!"
51 WWW access enabler
52 Right angle
53 Tofu source

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Answers to puzzles found on B4

HOROSCOPES

October 2024 — Week 3

ARIES

March 21 – April 19
The high standards you set for yourself don't always translate into the behavior you expect from others. A relationship problem can be resolved if you're more flexible and less judgmental.

TAURUS

April 20 – May 20
Not enough party bids to satisfy the Bovine's fun-loving side this week? Go ahead and throw one of your own. Then prepare for some serious work coming up early next week.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 21
A new and intensely productive cycle kicks in on the 30th. Be careful not to get too stressed out, though. Make time to restore your energy by relaxing with family and friends.

CANCER

June 22 – July 22
This could be a good time to share some of your plans with those closest to you. Their comments could give you some added insight into how you might accomplish your goals.

LEO

July 23 – August 22
An attack of self-doubt might be unsettling for the usually super-assured Feline. But it could be your inner voice telling you to hold off on implementing your plans until you've reassessed them.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 22
This is a great time for you to reward yourself for all your hard work, specifically by taking a trip you haven't spent months carefully planning to somewhere you never thought you'd be going. Embrace spontaneity!

LIBRA

September 23 – October 22
Some misunderstandings resist being resolved, but your sincerity in wanting to soothe those hurt feelings wins the day. By month's end, a relationship should begin to show signs of healing.

SCORPIO

October 23 – November 21
A hectic job schedule begins to ease by the end of the month -- just in time to blow off all that work-generated steam on Halloween. Meanwhile, a family situation runs into an unexpected complication.

SAGITTARIUS

November 22 – December 21
A cutting remark in the workplace needs to be handled with finesse. Remember, how you respond could determine the depth of support you gain from colleagues.

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 19
Once again, that Capricornian stubborn streak sets in and could keep you from getting much-needed advice. Fortunately, it lifts by next week, just in time for you to make an informed decision.

AQUARIUS

January 20 – February 18
A surprise trip early in the week could lead to other unexpected offers when you return. Word to the wise: Avoid talking too much about this until you've made some decisions.

PISCES

February 19 – March 20
Learning dominates the week for perspicacious Pisceans who are always looking to widen their range of knowledge. Looking ahead, a series of important job-linked commitments begins next week.

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