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### 50 Years and IMC is still going strong!

A beautifully full harvest moon was set high in the sky over Idyllwild. Shining as a giant spotlight as this years Idyllwild Master Choral members arrived. Finding their way into Stephen's Recital Hall, gathering their sheet music and finding their designated seats. This marks the launching of the 50th Year of the Master Choral's first practice.

The first Tuesday of October sets the scheduled nightly practice sessions of the Master Choral. They will be meeting each Tuesday night at 6:30 pm from now until the December 20 and 21nd, when the IMC Holiday Concert will be held.

This Tuesday was the night for new comers to try out and past member to turn out, tuning up their voices and showing full support and antisipation to sing in this years grand 50th year celebration of Idyllwild's traditional Holiday Concert.

As everyone settled in, it appeared that every chair was occupied with Idyllwild's local residents: some new and some seasoned. But all with a song in their heart.

The evening was full of nervous individuals warming up their voices with a full range of notes and scales.

The first time practice is always a "nail biter" states Buzz; "never knowing who or how many will show." This evening the choral found several new bases, a few new altos, supranos, and then there were the wonderful alsos.

Buzz,with a wave of the baton, magically blends the choralers all together to deliver an amazing sound of harmony.

### The Mistro "Buzz" Holmes leads the first practice for the 2025 Master Choral - "Hit it"



Each year, residents and visitors have not only enjoyed the music and the gifted voices of Idyllwild residents, but also the wonderful stories that Buzz shares during the concert.

This year's Holiday Concert will celebrate 50 years. Buzz's father, Robert Holmes launched IMC in 1975 and "Buzz" picked up the paton in 1985. He has brought Idyllwild joyful music ever since. This year will be no exception, and yet it will be exceptional with the celebration of Fifty years!



photo by J. Monroe  
Tracy Meier and Larry Kawano, the choral members warm up.

Just a peek at the Repertoire for the Winter 2025 Master Choral.

There will be a very special surprise guest participating in this years concert. No one will want to miss this appearance.

The IMC Holiday Concert is a fun evening and a delight for the young and old.

Familiar songs from Christmas *once upon a time* will offer a time to reminisce. It is expected that the audience will find themselves singing along with the choral.

Tickets go on sale soon. You can warm up your voice, get into the holiday spirit, as you get your tickets.

Listed below are a few of the favorite musical selected songs you'll find on the IMC Holiday Concert program.

Christmas is Coming

I Saw Three Ships

The First Noel

Medley

Hark to the Bells

My Favorite Things

It's the Most Wonderful Time

O Magnum Mysterium

Panis Anelicus

Beams of Gentle Light

I Remember Christmas

Messiah

Encore

Winter Wonderland

Merry Christmas

You can plan that there will be some surprises

So, get your Jingle Bells out, set the date, purchase your tickets, and make this an event to share with your friends and family.

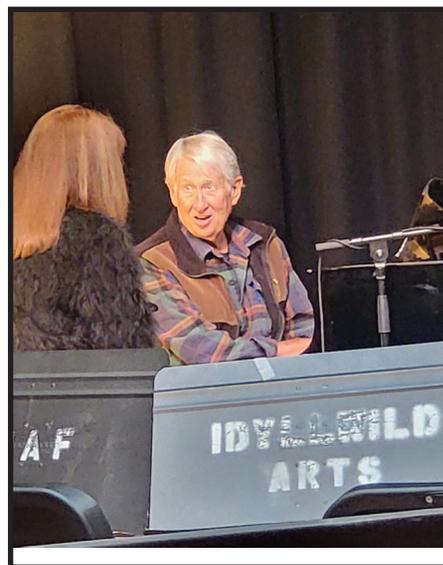


photo by J. Monroe  
Can she sing? Absolutely!  
Buzz welcomes a new addition to group.



photo by J. Monroe  
Jim Nutter, IMC Vice President and Sarah are ready to go.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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## NEWS RELEASE

October 2, 2025

### ***Updated CA Insurance Department Data Shows Time To Rate Approvals Same With or Without Intervenors, Public Citizen Chimes In Against Revenge Regulations***

Sacramento, CA – Updated data from the California Department of Insurance (CDI) continues to show rate approvals are as fast, or faster, when Consumer Watchdog is involved than when the Department acts alone.

Home insurance rate approvals are the same on average when Consumer Watchdog (CW) intervenes compared to when CDI acts on its own (10 months with CW vs 9.8 months just CDI). Approvals are approximately 45 days faster on average for Consumer Watchdog auto insurance challenges as opposed to when CDI reviews auto insurance rate hikes alone (6.5 months with CW vs 8 with just CDI).

In addition, updated data shows that public intervention continues to significantly reduce rates. When the Commissioner was the only party to a proceeding he approved 95% of the rate requested

in home insurance cases and 89% in auto insurance cases from the period between Jan 1, 2022 and April 2025. When Consumer Watchdog intervened, the rate approved was 70% of the rate requested in homeowner insurance cases and 65% of the rate requested in auto insurance cases.

“The data shows the intervenor process saves money and does not add time to rate increase requests,” said Jamie Court, president of Consumer Watchdog. “Consumer Watchdog’s interventions have saved \$6.5 billion for consumers at a cost of \$14 million to insurance companies, or twenty five cents for every one hundred dollars saved. Commissioner Lara’s proposed regulations will prevent consumer groups from being paid and discourage participation. That could cost insurance consumers billions in savings over time.”

Public Citizen responded to Commissioner Lara’s attempt to put new hurdles on consumer groups getting paid for their rate interventions.

For more information from Consumer Watchdog visit their website: <http://consumer-watchdog.us>

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Returning Soon

POD CAST:

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Kim Fryer was the morning guest speaker at the recent Idyllwild Rotary Club.



Photo by Eric Tracy

Kim is a member of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council and a leader with the local volunteer team, The Woodies!

Many full-time residents and new comers are not aware of the many opportunities they can take part in by volunteering as well as, how important they are to giving a helping hand to their neighbors in need. "Anyone who can push a wheelbarrow can be a Woodie." states Kim.

Through out the years, Idyllwild resident have welcomed the much needed helping hands that volunteer, such as the Woodies, have given to a family. Timber is often donated by the Fire Safe team when removing trees from the local areas.

Kim shared that the Woodies often help when there are trees that need to be cut down to size, trees that are good for home use. This firewood is given out to those who are in need. However, it is not firewood for sale. This is one why of community serves helping when and where needed. One more example of how Idyllwild takes care of those here in the community that are in need. It is also how the Fire Safe team collaborates with others to keep the mountain communities safe and home warm through the winter's chilly months.

Remember you can volunteer with the Woodies. This is a great way of giving back.

### Nature Center Dedicates Scenic Panels for Nature Trail and Story Time on the trail. Rotary's Support made a difference



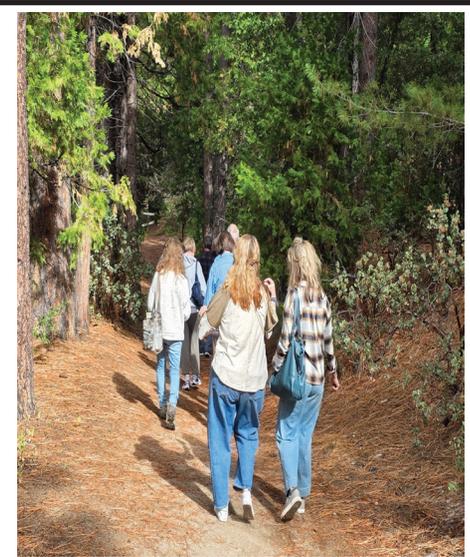
photo by Eric Tracy

This morning, our community came together at the Idyllwild Nature Center to celebrate the dedication of beautiful new information panels, a project made possible by the generous funding of the Idyllwild Rotary Club.

Rotary President "Nacho" Garcia spoke to the heart of our town's spirit, noting that "when our community comes together, we create lasting value for everyone," and highlighting the panels as an investment in environmental education for future generations.

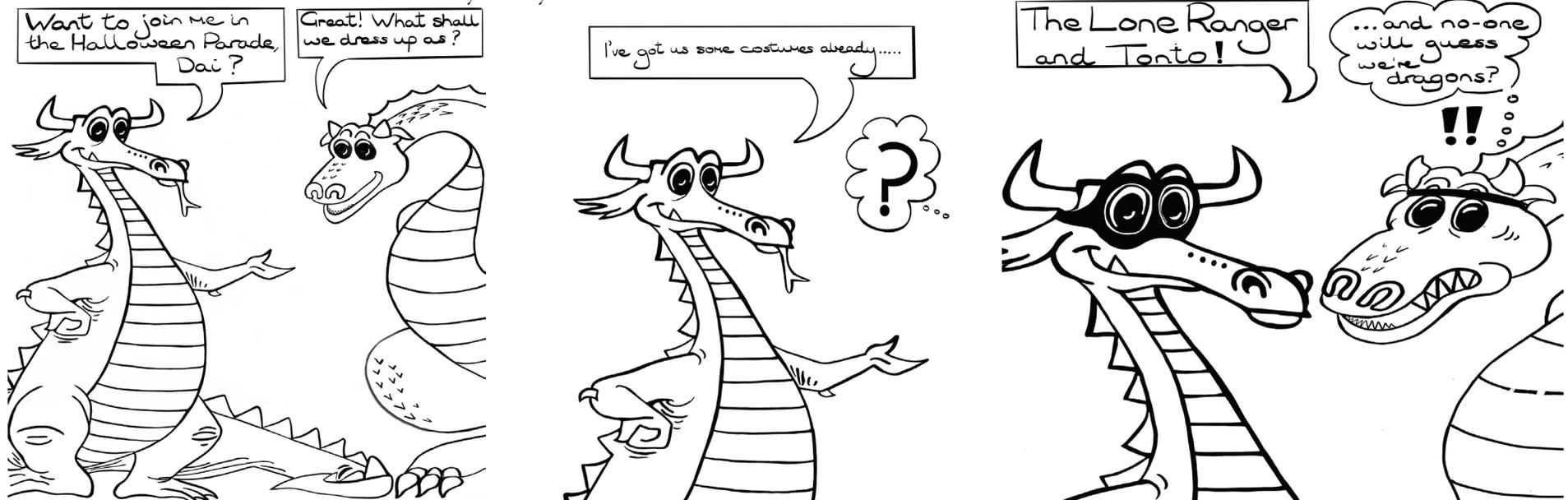
Following the ceremony, attendees enjoyed a scenic walk along the Nature Center's paths, admiring the new information signage place against the stunning backdrop of the San Jacinto Mountains. It was a wonderful display of the collaboration and deep appreciation for nature that makes Idyllwild so special.

Rotarian Eric Tracy steps behind the camera to capture the Nature Center's supportive group taking a tour with the Friends of the Nature Center along with Idyllwild Rotary Club members, and Park Interpreter Allison Fedrick. Along with the group was Idyllwild's Librarian, the Publisher of The Star and Editor of theTown Crier. It was a beautiful fall day for a strole down the Idyllwild's Nature Trail and enjoy the newly posted guides.



### Dragon Tales by Cheryl G. Moore

Follow the tales of Dai and Fred on their day to day adventures!



American Red Cross - SMOKE ALARM INSTALLATION CONTINUES

Smoke Alarm installation and home fire prevention information - By appointment

The American Red Cross provides the smoke alarms and installation at no cost to residents. The visit includes discussing home fire prevention information, asking the resident to locate two possible exits, determining a safe meeting place nearby and other tips. Two trained Red Cross volunteers will arrive at the designated time and will work with the resident to locate existing alarms, testing them, then replacing them if needed. The smoke alarms we use do not require the battery to be changed - the battery is sealed within the alarm and has an expected 10-year lifespan.

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# Weeks to prepare

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NEWS RELEASE - CONSUMER WATCHDOG

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New York Times Investigation Finds Lara’s Plan Incentivized Insurers’ Dumping Of Policyholders Prior To LA Fires, Doubling FAIR Plan Enrollment

Los Angeles, CA - A New York Times investigation has found Insurance Commissioner Lara’s 2023 plan to deal with California’s insurance crisis incentivized insurance companies to dump policyholders before the LA wildfires in order to get rate hikes and allowed companies to avoid insuring people in high-risk wildfire areas.

Bottom line, the Times reports: “Insurance companies will be able to raise rates and offload billions of dollars in costs and liabilities to ratepayers while taking on few, if any, new customers in high fire-risk areas.”

Among the key findings of the story, “California Promised Insurance Relief, But Delivered Loopholes,” are:

“The central promise was that insurers would have to write policies in fire-prone areas at a rate equal to at least 85 percent of their market share across the state [to get higher rates]. But a New York Times investigation has found that a series of loopholes quietly negotiated by the insurance industry all but eliminated that guarantee... A pair of what industry lobbyists called ‘offramps’ were negotiated as alternatives to the 85 percent rule. Insurers can claim hardship and petition the commissioner for a waiver; or they can take advantage of an option, originally intended just for small companies, that requires only that they increase the number of policies they have in the designated distressed zones by 5 percent over the previous year... But the way the provision was written meant that insurers that had spent much of 2024 dumping customers by the tens of thousands would, at least initially, be able to meet an even lower bar.”

“In the six months after the deal was announced, California’s three largest insurance groups informed the state of their plans to dump nearly 50,000 existing policies, five times the number filed by those companies in the 20 months preceding the deal. And the new regulations will effectively reward them for doing it. More than a fifth of the non-renewals — about 11,000 policies in total — were in ZIP codes within or adjacent to areas that would burn in the January fires, the Times analysis found. The vast majority of those were in and around Pacific Palisades, where fire later destroyed more than 6,800 structures.”

program, FAIR, the number of residential FAIR policies has nearly doubled since the new insurance deal was announced, rising to 625,033 from 320,581, the Times review found.”



“Vast swaths of the designated areas where insurers must write new policies do not in fact overlap with areas that California’s state fire marshal deems to be the most fire-prone, the investigation found, meaning that insurers can load up on coverage in areas the state considers to be safer and still qualify to charge higher rates.”

The Times also found that insurance companies applying for rate hikes worth a quarter of a billion dollars under the plan recently have not increased coverage in high-risk areas:

“The incentive to shed customers in risky areas remains in place for insurers that have yet to file for rate increases under the new system. So far, five companies — serving 20 percent

“And while the regulations were billed as an attempt to get homeowners off the state’s overburdened last-resort insurance of the California market — have filed for increases. Mr. Lara said that is a promising sign that the new incentives are luring insurers back. But the total number of policies they say they will add in distressed areas — 2,500 — is not really a net gain, because it does not take into account the number of policies that some of those same companies dropped since the deal was announced. Those companies now stand to collect nearly \$250 million in additional premiums. Each filed for rate increases just under the 7 percent threshold that would trigger the requirement for public hearings, and could seek additional increases later.”

\*For more information contact Consumer Watchdog

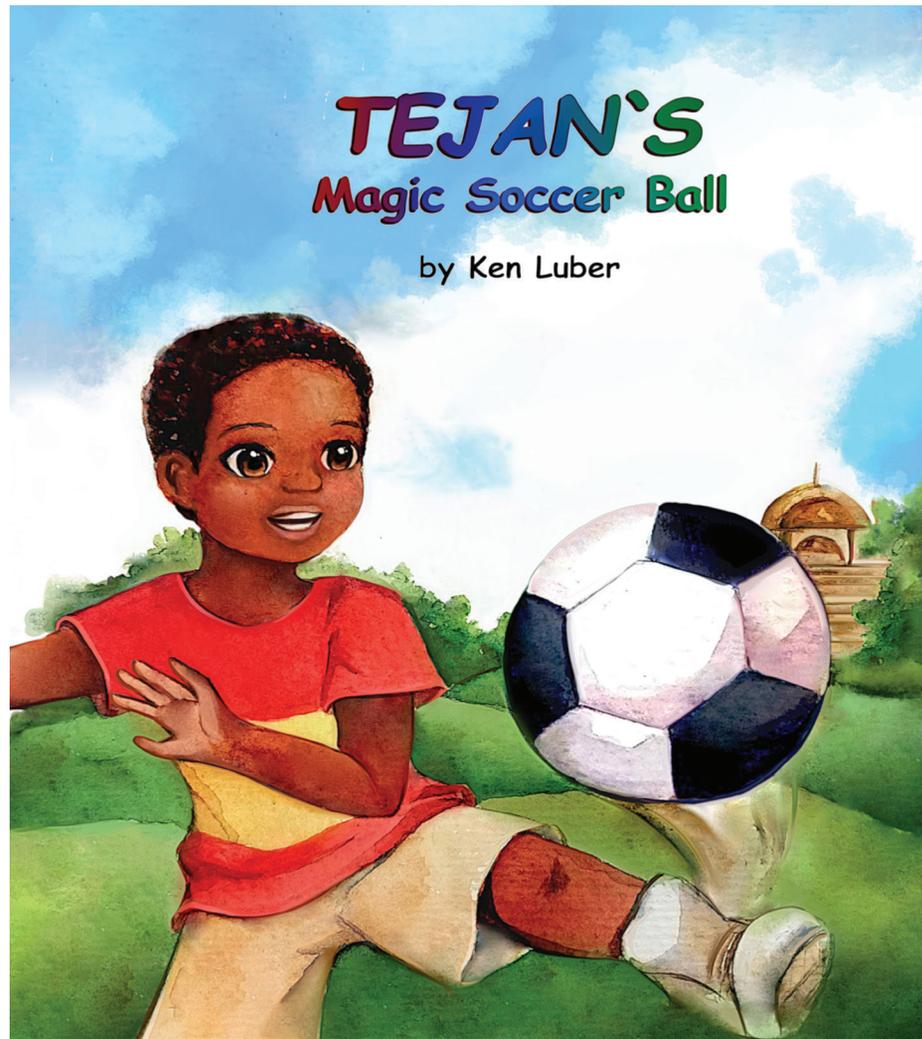
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Chuck Pierce - Founder, Senior Apostle, leads apostolic and prophetic ministry in Corinth, Texas, as President of Glory of Zion and Kingdom Harvest Alliance.

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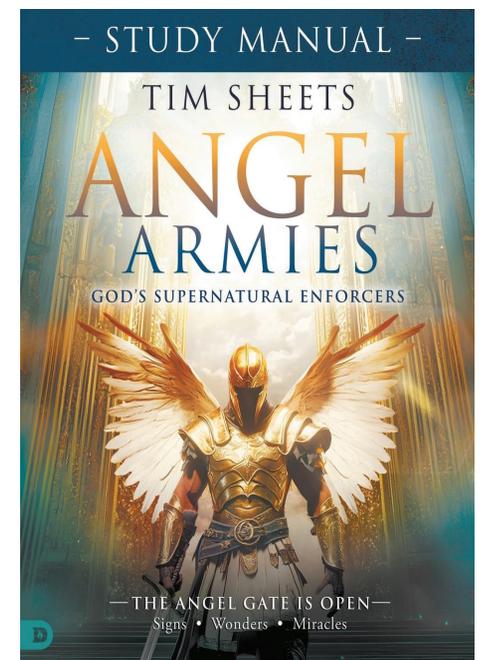
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*Idyllwild Style*

**Coming Soon** with Holidays and Special Events The Star will be presenting a Wine and Dine Restaurant Guide (online) Have you always wondered what wine to pair with your holiday meal well Idyllwild has several locations to taste wine and learn which one compliments your menu selection. If you are a restaurant owner with a special wine list this is a place where you can make your suggestions and ad your dining specialties for each week. Let the Holiday's begin.

**YOUR BEST SOUP RECIPES**

**Potato Soup by Jennifer**

- 1 ½ cups cubed peeled potatoes
- 2 lbs lean minced pork - cubed ham or
- 3 tablespoons Applewood Bacon grease
- 2 cups sliced Mushrooms
- ¾ cup fine chopped Celery
- ¾ cup Chicken stock
- 2 med size Onions - finely chopped
- 3 cloves Garlic - minced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ½ tsp dried savory Sage
- ¼ tsp ground Cloves
- ¼ tsp. Cinnamon
- add 1 cup milk
- ½ cup sour cream
- simmer until hot
- laddle into bowls
- add shredded cheddar cheese

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### IDYLLWILD STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Submitted by Mr. Darren McKay, our Physical Education teacher has chosen the following as students of the week:

Jackson Carey and Hazel Mocerino have dedicated themselves to improving their physical fitness levels and skills everyday. They have taken the initiative in Physical Education class to motivate others and lead by example. They have also demonstrated excellent teamwork and support for others during games/activities.

Keep up the good work!



photo by J. Monroe



Jessica Hensen brought an inspirational "Kindness" Assembly to Idyllwild School - Honoring Vilkey and surprising her with an animated book about her acts of kindness at school and home.

Student's were interacting and engaged with excitement to participate in the "Kindness" Assembly. Students recognized each other as classmates that had shown kindness to them.



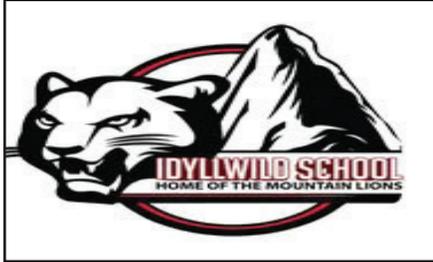
Some teachers just beam with pride for their students kindness and personal accomplishments



Proud mom embraces her daughter Vilkey Idyllwild's first student to receive the Honor of being recognized for her numerous expressions of "Kindness".



Students were excited to participate in sharing their acknowledging the "kindness" of others.



The Star is proud to recognize the amazing student of Idyllwild School. All photos are provided by the Idyllwild School with parent permission for publication.

Mr. Tom Dillon, our 4th grade teacher has chosen the following students for students of the week.

Angelo Palos: Angelo has been doing great in fourth grade. He has memorized his multiplication facts and excelled in math. In addition he does excellent writing which he enjoys sharing in class. He is a great friend and kind to others.

Olivia Zavas: Olivia is talented in many areas. Her written work is excellent and she learns math concepts quickly. She has excellent class behavior and is fun to work with. Olivia is a good friend to other students. Great job you two, keep it up!



Angelo Palos - 4th Grade



Olivia Zavas - 4th Grade

IDYLLWILD STUDENTS OF THE WEEK 11-3-2025



Jameson Gillott



Polina Rasskazova

Mr. Mike Van Zee, our 7th & 8th grade Social Studies teacher has chosen the following students as students of the week:

Jameson Gillott greets me every day with a smile and a friendly, "Good morning". He is kind and thoughtful to everyone he interacts with and is one of the most positive people you will ever encounter. In addition to this, Jameson is an intelligent young man and a straight A student. He is a wonderful role model to his peers and a pleasure to have in class.

Polina Rasskazova is a hardworking and thoughtful young lady who always goes above and beyond in everything she does. She is kind, hardworking, focussed, and thoughtful. Beyond being a straight A student, Polina gives her time and effort to ASB where her efforts are directed in making Idyllwild Middle School the best place it can be.

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# NEWS RELEASE CONSUMERWATCHDOG

Contact: Carmen Balber (310) 403-0284  
California to Create First Public Wildfire Catastrophe Model to Empower Homeowners with Insurance Wildfire Risk Information

Sacramento, CA – Legislation creating a fully transparent public wildfire catastrophe model was signed by Governor Newsom late Friday. The law will give consumers the ability to push back on secret wildfire risk algorithms insurance companies use to raise rates in California. The legislation, SB 429, was authored by Senator Dave Cortese. It charges California universities and the Department of Insurance with creating the model and funding was approved in the 2025 budget.

“Homeowners are fed up with insurance companies’ black-box models that penalize consumers for fire risk but refuse to explain how they calculate it. Even when they do everything to protect their homes from wildfires homeowners face extreme price hikes or lose their insurance completely. A fully transparent wildfire model will level the playing field and empower consumers to keep their insurance and make their homes and communities safer,” said Carmen Balber, Executive Director of Consumer Watchdog.

SB 429 requires full public access to all aspects of the wildfire catastrophe model, including all “documentation and programs” and “underlying data and algorithms” of the model. Under current regulations, California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara specifically exempted insurance companies from disclosing the same information about the private black-box models they use to set insurance rates.

California regulations require home insurance companies to offer discounts to consumers who meet any of ten wildfire safety measures or who live in a certified wildfire safe community. The discounts however are often negligible and insurance companies can avoid them by simply choosing not to sell a customer insurance.

“Consumers must be rewarded for making their homes – and by extension our communities – safer. Insurance companies should not be allowed to continue pushing all the cost of climate change on the public,” said Balber.

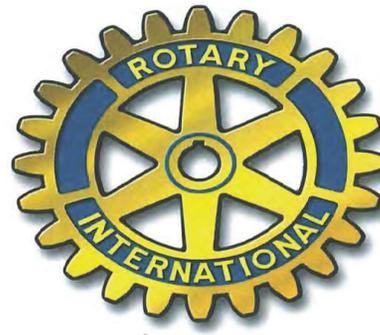
Read Consumer Watchdog’s letter supporting SB 429.

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Consumer Watchdog reports on Lara's plan for California insurance and real estate markets.

“Commissioner Lara’s plan incentivized insurance companies to dump Eaton and Palisades homeowners prior to the fires and pushed them into the low benefit, high cost FAIR plan,” said Court, president of Consumer Watchdog. “Lara’s plan is a complete betrayal of policyholders, who will have to pay a lot more for their insurance without companies having the obligation to insure more people in high-risk areas, despite Lara’s promises. He gave away the store to the insurance companies and, as a result, Californians have twice as many people in the FAIR plan than when his deal was announced. Lara’s epic failure and betrayal of policyholders is not only a stain on California but threatens the viability of our insurance and real estate markets. Governor Newsom must take action as this reflects as much on him as on Lara.”

Press Release from Consumer Watchdog - The Star doesn't agree nor does it disagree with the view points of Consumer Watchdog.



# WORLD POLIO DAY

THANK YOU IDYLLWILD  
YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
FROM: IDYLLWILD ROTARY CLUB

Dear Idyllwild:

What an incredible display of community spirit coming together for a global cause! We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Idyllwild neighbors for showing such generosity and support this past World Polio Day. Your kindness truly embodies the power of community action.

Our dedicated members, John Graham, Bill Kenworthy, and Susan Kenworthy, and Chuck Weisbart spent the day outside the Idyllwild post office, connecting with passersby and sharing Rotary’s mission to eradicate polio worldwide. Their efforts were met with warmth, enthusiasm, and open hearts from our community.

Thanks to your incredible contributions, we raised nearly \$574 which together with The Gates Foundation \$2 for every \$1 raised will enable 11,484 immunizations worldwide to help support the global fight to end polio forever.

Every dollar brings us closer to a world where no child has to suffer from this preventable disease.

For decades, Rotary International has committed itself to eradicating polio, a mission powered by the belief that every child deserves a healthy, polio-free future.

Your contributions directly support this effort, helping fund vital immunizations, education, and resources in the remaining areas where polio still poses a threat. We are proud to stand with global health organizations and communities worldwide in this monumental effort to end polio for good.

A special thank you goes to everyone who donated—your generosity makes a real difference. And, of course, we must recognize John Graham for his tireless, year-round commitment to global health initiatives and his incredible leadership in supporting causes that truly matter. Together, your actions pave the way for a brighter, healthier future.

editorial by Rotarian Eric Tracy

To learn more about Rotary’s mission to eradicate polio and how you can get involved, please visit:  
<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/ending-polio>

Veterans Day Ceremony  
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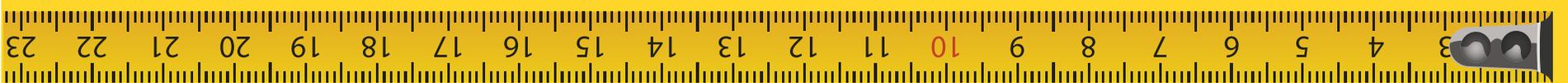
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Sunday Service: 9:30am  
Wednesday:  
Women's Bible Study - 9am  
Men's Small Group - 6:30pm

**The Bargain Barn** is now open  
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**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints**

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3rd Sunday Potluck 12:30pm  
Free in-home Bible lessons  
please call 951-216-8716  
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**Queen of Angels Catholic Church**

54525 N. Circle Dr.  
Idyllwild, CA 92549  
951-659-2708  
Weekend Masses:  
Sunday 10am  
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**Shiloh Christian Ministries**

54295 Village Center Dr.  
Idyllwild, CA 92549  
951-659-2416  
Sunday Service 10:00am  
Children's Church 10:00am

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**St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church**

25525 Tahquitz Drive  
Idyllwild, CA 92549  
951-659-4471

Sunday Service 10 am  
Pot-lunch follows Sunday Service

Also meeting at St. Hugh

AA Meetings  
Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday-Saturday at noon

AA Speaker Series  
Last Sunday of every month at  
1PM

CODA meeting: Tuesday at noon  
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**Calvary Chapel Mountain Center**

29375 CA-243  
Mountain Center, Ca 92561  
951-659-0097

Sunday Service: 10 am

Jr & High School Wed 6:30-8pm

**Idyllwild Bible Church**

54400 Pine Crest Ave  
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