

THE CATALINA ISLANDER



BRIEFS

Water level: 123 acre feet

According to Southern California Edison, as of Thursday, Nov. 3, the water level at the Middle Ranch Reservoir measured 123 acre-feet. This was a 2 acre foot decrease from the previous measurement.

Daylight saving

At 2 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, you should turn your clocks back one hour.



Election Day is Nov. 8

Tuesday, Nov. 8, is Election Day. To find your polling place, visit the Los County Registrar of Voters at <https://www.lavote.net/home/voting-elections>.

Cubs win World Series

It took 108 years, but the Chicago Cubs won the World Series on Nov. 2. The Chimes Tower rang out in celebration.

Road closures for Catalina Triathlon

The Catalina Triathlon will be held Saturday, Nov. 5. The following roads will be closed from 9 to 10:20 a.m.: Pebbly Beach Road will be closed from the Mole to Wrigley Road. Wrigley Road from Pebbly Beach Road to Clemente. Clemente from Wrigley Road to Beacon. Ceacon from Clemente to Beacon. The following roads will be one lane only during the triathlon: Pebbly Beach Road from Crescent to the Mole. The race will start at 9 a.m. The race is expected to end at noon on Sumner Avenue.

Only on Catalina

Around 2008, Chuck Liddell had the particular honor of taking the cast of the TV show "Jeopardy" around for the Island for three days to help them with the category of "Catalina Island." See story, page 3

Harvest Hoedown at Island Museum

The Catalina Island Museum invites you to First Fridays at the Museum tonight from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4, for a Harvest Hoedown. Each month the museum offers evening hours for residents and visitors to enjoy its galleries. See story, page 6

Avalon Lancers end season undefeated

The Avalon Lancers defeated the Lutheran Trojans as they wrapped up the football season with an undefeated record once again. The team heads into the playoffs today, Friday, Nov. 4. See story, page 10



Volunteers from Avalon service clubs recently worked to clean up the area around the Chimes Tower. Back left to right: Adrian Thoricht, Lourdes Thoricht, Dave Montgomery, Lori Montgomery, Rob Hill, Jim Watson, Christy Lins, Cal Parsons, Denny Honsey, Jamie Hmielak, Karla Parsons, Linda Salo. Front left to right: John Mandaro and Gina Long. Not pictured: Kelly Whitaker, Margarita Jackson, Charlie Canby, Bryce Noll and Karen Biery. Courtesy photo

Bringing sparkle back to the Chimes Tower

Avalon Rotary and Lions join together to clean up local icon

BY GINA LONG
FOR THE ISLANDER

During the morning hours of Oct. 29th the Avalon Rotary and Lions clubs, along with several members of the Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation board, joined

forces to remove dead vegetation and trash around the Chimes Tower site. In all, 18 volunteers, outfitted with work gloves, eye protection, rakes, shovels and, most importantly, a "let's get 'er done" attitude, set out to clean up the site.

According to Rotary and CCTF board member Lourdes Thoricht, "This is the one of the first times the Rotary and Lion's clubs have joined forces and addressed a community need. It was a huge success and would not have been possible without

the support of all, including the local businesses that donated staff and resources." Among others, Jim Hoffman, of Jordahl Construction, donated the use of a backhoe and operator, the City of Avalon waived payment for the road obstruction permit, Pete Edwards, of Fineline Construction, donated gloves, hand powered equipment, earplugs and a truck to haul trash away, Avalon Environmental Services accepted the truckloads

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Mysterious Island

Catalina's facts, folklore and fibs
This Week: STRANGE DAYS, PART 2

BY JIM WATSON

Editor's Note: Jim Watson is the author of "Mysterious Island: Catalina," available on Amazon, Kindle and in stores in Avalon.

Last week, Jim Watson began the first in a series about local tales of the supernatural. The first installment was a personal account of seeing an elderly woman in a room on the third floor of the hotel where he was working. This was

odd, as no one was supposed to be in the hotel.

Bear in mind, the only way in or out of this particular room—and for that matter the entire third floor—was via a stairway that I had in sight the whole time—the very same stairs I was now using myself. As I topped the stairs, I fully expected to find the door to the room open and this strange woman waltzing around in there. But upon reaching the top deck, I saw that the door was closed.



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Did a local writer see a woman—or a woman's spirit—at an Island hotel? File photo

City seeks state help with water

Avalon wants more cooperation from SCE on storage, rationing

BY CHARLES M. KELLY

This week the City Council unanimously directed the city manager to informally ask the state Public Utilities Commission for help with getting more cooperation from Southern California Edison on water storage and rationing. The two entities part ways on the details of how to improve water storage and delivery. For example, Avalon officials want Edison to build a 2 million gallon storage tank. Edison officials want to wait for the results of a desalination expert's study, expected next month, before deciding on the size and location of the tank. City officials want water rationing rules changed to reflect the fact that Avalon has a desalination plant. Edison officials don't believe a rule change is necessary because the company has flexibility in setting water rationing.

In related news, City Manager David Jinkens recently asked Edison to grant waivers to essential businesses like hotels. Ryan Stevenson, of Edison's Regulatory Affairs Department, told the council it would be inappropriate to grant waivers to a broad group of customers when there is a process in place for individual waivers. The council also discussed bringing drinking water to Avalon, but the lowest price available for a bulk purchase from Vons is \$1.32 a gallon. Staff is waiting for an estimate from the City of Long Beach.



Clyde "Buzzy" Ross Jr., 1932-2016

He was a member of the Catalina Island Masonic Lodge

We were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Buzzy Ross during his 84 years, but to choose one, "there are so many adventures to be had in a lifetime, get out and learn something."

It was Buzzy's adventurous spirit that led him to become an avid SCUBA diver, a wild animal trainer/rehabilitator, recreational pilot, motorcycle enthusiast and most importantly, his love for boating.

Buzzy, the youngest of his two sisters, Donna Lee and Jill, was born in Junction City, Kansas in October of 1932 to Clyde and Anna Mae Ross.

His family moved to Los

Angeles in 1944. He graduated from Washington High School in 1950, where he was involved in gymnastics and spring board diving.

Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy for 4 years where he became a hard hat diver, 2nd class.

It was Buzzy's natural ability to tame wild animals that led him to Marineland of the Pacific where he trained "Bubbles," the first ever captured pilot whale.

During one of his many summers on Catalina working on the Pleasure Pier, he met his beautiful wife of 59 years, Jeanne.

They married in 1957 and made Catalina their permanent home where they raised their family.

Dedicating 29 years of hard work at Southern California

Edison, Buzzy began as a line-man. He then worked his way to becoming the Electrical Crew Foreman, then the Water Crew Foreman, eventually retiring as the District Superintendent. Buzzy was also a member of Catalina Island Masonic Lodge.

Buzzy passed away peacefully in his home on Oct. 11, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne Ross, and his four daughters, Kallie Ross, Perri Veganes, Karen Ross and Jill Ross. He also left behind six grandchildren Summer, Casey, Peter, Chris, Nicole and Sophia, six great-grandchildren Charlotte, Madeleine, Shane, Rosie, Jacob and Aydin. He is also survived by his sister, Jill Walker.

An observance of Buzzy's life will be announced at a later date.



A celebration Clyde "Buzzy" Ross Jr.'s life will be announced at a future date.

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of green waste at no charge, Emundo Vega disposed of the recyclables and debris, Catalina Transportation shuttled volunteers to the site free of charge, and John Mandaro, of SCICo., provided water, knowledge and resources.

Ms. Thoricht also said, "I just want to thank everyone that participated in making the Chimes Tower site start to shine again."

Ultimately the team was able to fill three large truckloads of dead vegetation and four trash

cans of recyclables, broken clay roof tiles and debris in a three-hour timeframe. Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation chairman, Alison Wrigley Rusack, expressed the sincere appreciation of the entire board to Ms. Thoricht for organizing this event, the Lions and Rotary clubs for their joint participation and to all the volunteers and businesses who gave their all to make this happen. According to Ms. Rusack, "This past Saturday is extra exciting in that it is the first physical step in refurbishing this iconic Avalon structure. There's more to come!"

For those who would also like to help, tax deductible contributions may be sent to the Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation at P.O. Box 677, Avalon, CA 90704 or visit www.CatalinaChimes.org.

For questions and comments please e-mail info@catalinachimes.org.

Catalina Chimes Tower Foundation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation. Our mission is to restore and maintain the Chimes Tower, an Avalon historic landmark on Catalina Island, for the community and future generations to enjoy.

How are you handling water rationing?

The Catalina Islander wants to hear from you!

Stage 3 water rationing is serious on our island.

Are there alternatives available?

Is the system fair and equitable?

Did you file for a variance and was it successful?

Is the Avalon City Council representing your needs?

Do you have questions that you are afraid to ask?

If requested, we will keep all information confidential. We also would like to hear any handy hints you might have, not the obvious, but the odd tidbit.

Do you recycle your teeth-brushing water? How? Have you found a way to keep any plants alive?

Send all information, questions and comments to editor@thecatalinaislander.com. Please mention if your comments are confidential.

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Correction

A story and headline in last week's Catalina Islander contained an error. Ristorante Villa Portofino remains open under the continued lease and ownership of Russ and Jenny Armstrong.

The underlying property was sold, but the restaurant and its business ownership remains the same.

We regret the error.

MEASURE X TO BE VOTED ON

Notice is hereby given that the following measure is to be voted on at the general election to be held in the City of Avalon on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2016

"Shall the Avalon Municipal Code be amended to permit up to two medical marijuana dispensaries and similar facilities, both fixed and mobile, to operate within the City, and to permit the cultivation, manufacture and processing of medical marijuana products, subject to specified standards, and further subject to a \$10,000 annual license tax and a 12% transaction fee/tax on each individual medical marijuana sale, until repealed by voters, and generating approximately \$200,000 annually?"	YES	
	NO	

Dated October 28, 2016
Denise Radde, City Clerk
City of Avalon

ID # CC-21

MEDIDA X OBJETO DE LA VOTACIÓN

Se hace saber que la siguiente medida es para ser votado en las elecciones generales que se celebrarán en la ciudad de Avalon el martes, el día 8 de noviembre de 2016.

¿Debe enmendarse el Código Municipal de Avalon para Permitir que hasta dos dispensarios de marihuana medicinal y establecimientos similares, tanto fijos como móviles, operen dentro de la Ciudad, y para permitir el cultivo, la fabricación y el procesamiento de los productos con marihuana medicinal, sujeto a normas especificadas, y además sujeto a un impuesto a las licencias anual de \$10,000 y un cargo/impuesto a las transacciones del 12% en cada venta individual de marihuana, hasta la abrogación de los electores, y generando aproximadamente \$200,000 anualmente?	YES	
	NO	

Del 28 de Octubre el año 2016
Denise Radde, Secretario de la Ciudad
Ciudad de Avalon