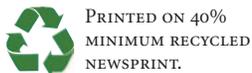


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Richmond Blake and Chamber Director David Jerome unveil the Marshall Hawkins Town Jazz banner at the Chamber's Installation Dinner on Tuesday, July 24. [Read more on page 10.](#)

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Idyllwild property crimes spike

Sheriff recommends forming Neighborhood Watch groups

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

May 2012 set a record of 15 felony property crimes in Idyllwild and Pine Cove neighborhoods. Both the May crimes (15) and April crimes (13) more than doubled the next highest number in any previous single month, six both in October 2011 and January 2012.

The breakdown for May was five residential burglaries, one commercial burglary, one burglary of

an outbuilding, one theft of a vehicle, one burglary of a vehicle, two felony metal thefts and one grand theft in Idyllwild. In Pine Cove, there were two residential and one commercial burglaries.

The local crime spree has not abated since summer arrived. Reported crimes have continued at rates higher than last fall or winter. In June there were nine property crimes (three each in Idyllwild and Pine Cove) and three assaults in Idyllwild; in July there were

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Kenny Burrell stands alone

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Renowned guitarist Kenny Burrell will perform at the 19th Annual Jazz in the Pines. Burrell will appear in the Holmes Amphitheatre at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 25, the first day of the festival.

Burrell has been a popular and great jazz guitarist since the 1950s. For 60 years, he has entertained jazz fans across the nation.

Born in Detroit, Burrell made his recording debut in 1951 with Dizzy Gillespie and began touring in 1955 with Oscar Peterson. Now Southern California is home. Since 1996, Burrell has been the director of jazz studies in the Department of Ethnomusicology at UCLA.

This is Burrell's first appearance at the jazz festival.

When asked why he is coming this year, he replied, "Bubba [Jackson, artistic consultant for the 2012 Festival] asked me. I said, 'Yes,' it's a nice place up there."

And Burrell also stressed that the Jazz Fest's reputation is growing among the nation's jazz stars.

Burrell will perform solo for the first part of his concert. This is something he has been developing for years. His first fully solo concert was a few years ago at the Pasadena Playhouse. "A friend encouraged me to do it solo so I agreed," he said.

The result is his latest album, "Tenderly." While Burrell has done solo recordings for years, this is his first entire album of solos.

Although he's alone on the stage, Burrell is still the consummate jazz guitarist.

"Nothing here has changed, improvisation is still there."

Besides his career as a professional musician, Burrell is a fulltime academic, which means he must still work and prepare to make the music happen when he performs. "It's not a chore, it's very much enjoyable," he said. "There's a tremendous amount of freedom in solo playing, which outweighs the amount of work involved."

But solo work carries a burden or responsibility he said, "You're totally responsible for the sounds being made. That is a challenge and blessing."

This is fundamental to Burrell's teaching and performing philosophy. He said, "What makes the artist very special or unique is to stand out." Developing

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Climber dies after Suicide Rock fall

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Karen Gose, 27, of Chino died of injuries sustained while descending a sheer face of Suicide Rock in Idyllwild's San Jacinto Wilderness.

Gose, a counselor with a group of Girl Scouts from Camp Scherman in Mountain Center, fell 30 feet onto a rock ledge during a rappelling demonstration for camp scouts, according to the coroner's report.

Heath Haussamen, Gose's brother-in-law, said in an email that "she [Gose] was setting up a climb for Girl Scout campers" when she fell. The Riverside County



CAL FIRE medic being lifted into copter. Copter began leaving site while medic still dangling because of urgent condition of **Karen Gose**.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Sheriff's Department did confirm that Gose had an experienced climbing partner

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Tuesday to Monday, July 24 to July 30, 2012:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

July 24 — Medical aid, Live Oak Street, Idyllwild.

July 24 — Medical aid standby, Forest Haven Road at Suicide Rock trailhead, Idyllwild.

July 24 — Cooking fire, Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

July 24 — Two walk-in medical aids.

July 25 — Medical aid, Pinecrest Avenue, Idyllwild.

July 25 — Medical aid, John Muir Road, Idyllwild.

July 26 — Walk-in medical aid.

July 28 — Three walk-in medical aids.

July 28 — Medical aid, Highway 243 north of Highway 74, Mountain Center.

July 29 — Medical aid, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.

July 30 — Medical aid, Scenic Drive, Idyllwild.

July 30 — Medical aid, Tollgate Road, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

July 24 — Remote area rescue, Suicide Rock.

July 26 — Wildland fire, Anza Road, Anza.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Friday, July 6 to Monday July 30. This may not be a complete list of response:

July 6 — Noninjury two-vehicle collision, Highway 74 east of Pinyon Pines.

July 10 — Noninjury solo collision, Highway 74 west of McCall Park Road, Mountain Center.

July 22 — Noninjury solo collision, Highway 243 south of Ridgeview Drive, Idyllwild.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Thursday, July 19 to Monday, July 30. This may not be a complete list of responses:

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Dog poisoned in Fern Valley

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Wednesday, July 25, an unidentified suspect tossed an apparently poisoned cookie-like edible over a fence into a front yard in the 25000 block of Lodge Road in Fern Valley. The golden retriever household pet, Sebastian, went out into the yard in the early morning, ate a portion of the object, which had been weighted with small gravel to toss, and soon after, was unable to get up.

The dog's owner, John Mardesich, rushed the dog to two vets in Hemet before being referred to an animal hospital in Murrieta that could do all the testing at the same location and properly tend to the dog under emergency conditions.

While testing concluded Sebastian had been poisoned, the tests were not sophisticated enough to determine the specific poison. The tests did rule out rat poison and antifreeze, according to Mardesich.

Sebastian showed elevated liver functions and swollen joints. Mardesich was told to leave the dog overnight so that vets could



The suspicious poisoned cookie.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

work to save his life. With antibiotics and cortisone shots, Sebastian survived.

Mardesich spent almost \$2,000 in vet bills but was very happy to have a somewhat subdued Sebastian back with him. What concerned Mardesich was the danger this attractive piece of poison could have posed to a child as well as a dog or cat.

"It looked like an old sugar cookie, with color stains where M&Ms had been," he observed. A kid could have picked this up and eaten it.

"My dog never barks. I don't think he has ever irritated anyone. My question is, why would anyone do this?" Mardesich asked himself.

See *Poison*, page 30



On Saturday afternoon, July 28, two motorcycles collided near the intersection of highways 74 and 243. Both riders were injured and one needed a trip to the hospital.

PHOTO BY GINA GENIS



Thursday night, July 26, a 10 acre fire occurred in the Bee Canyon area east of the Cranston Station. The San Jacinto Ranger District and CAL FIRE Riverside Unit sent full responses. U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement is handling the investigation and has not released a cause.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 8/2	Friday 8/3	Saturday 8/4	Sunday 8/5	Monday 8/6
90/58 <small>Partly cloudy.</small>	91/58 <small>Mostly sunny.</small>	91/58 <small>Mostly sunny.</small>	92/59 <small>Mostly sunny.</small>	93/59 <small>Mostly sunny.</small>

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
7-23	86	62			86	50		
7-24	84	59			86	58		
7-25	na	na			84	57		
7-26	na	na			83	60		
7-27	na	na			na	na		
7-28	88	50			82	59		
7-29	88	54			84	58		

Moisture in inches	Snow in inches
To date this season (Idy): 0	To date this season (Idy): 0
To date last season (Idy): .51	To date last season (Idy): 0
Total last season (Idy): 20.01	Total last season (Idy): 42.1
To date this season (PC): 0.18	To date this season (PC): 0
Total last season (PC): 22.06	Total last season (PC): 73.25

TEMPERATURES AND 24-HOUR moisture and snow totals for Idyllwild are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at the Idyllwild Fire Station. Pine Cove totals are measured by resident George Tate, also at 4 p.m. Moisture inches include all precipitation such as rain, melted hail and melted snow.

Weather season is July 1 to June 30. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit the Internet at <http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com> or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

Photographing birds; it's harder than I thought ...



We live in a place that is filled with bird life. You can't go outside your door without seeing all manner of avian species. They are in the air, in the trees and on the ground; yet unless you are lucky or have the right equipment it is not easy getting a good photograph of any of them.

I have spent the last week trying to get pictures of birds in the wild for this week's column and I have to say that I have failed miserably. I tried using different lenses, different camera settings and all manner of stealth techniques but nothing seemed to work.

At first, I thought that having a better camera would allow me to take better photographs. With this thought in mind, I went down to the lower part of the Perimeter Trail in the County Park with camera in hand.

A small creek runs through a tunnel of green foliage. Even though the creek is mostly dry, the spot is filled with the calls of birds.

I had an 18-55mm lens on the camera and I was having trouble getting anything even close to a good shot. I tried walking a little ways off the trail and standing still until birds landed directly in front of me. But in those shots, the larger birds were bee-sized and the smaller ones looked like ants.

It began to dawn on me that I would need to switch to the 55-200mm lens. The next morning I went out with camera in hand and took many blurry avian shots. Birds, you see, never really want to stay still for their portraits to be taken. Even the subject's slightest movement created a blurry picture.

Finally, I broke down and did a search on the internet for bird photography tips. Several were things I already thought of like stealth, patience and setting up a birdbath or feeder and letting the birds come to you. When it came to lenses it recommended a 500mm lens that costs several thousand dollars or extension tubes with a 300mm lens.

One idea was to shoot birds in zoos but since I want local birds obviously that was not for me.

Another suggestion was that the birds should actually be

IDYLLWILD BOTANY

By DAVE STITH

Deer Springs or bust ...

As I have matured (read gotten older), often the journey has become more important than the destination. The exception to that rule came on our last hike. Deer Springs originates just below the summit of Marion Mountain at an elevation of right around 10,000 feet.



As one of the headwaters of the North Fork of the San Jacinto River, it has long been a desirable botanical destination. It was made a bit less so once we discovered that many of the plant vouchers from Deer Springs were not actually at the spring itself. Instead, they originated from the Deer Springs Camp nearly 1,000 feet below.

I first began thinking about an attempt to reach Deer Springs during our many hikes up the Marion Mountain Trail to Deer Springs camp. There we crossed the stream directly below the spring, but the steep terrain and impenetrable thickets of gooseberries made it seem impossible to

ever access.

This hike would be a test to see if we could reach the actual spring. Any botanical finds would be a bonus.

At the conclusion of this year's Lemon Lily Festival activities, I asked Tom [Chester] if he was willing to give Deer Springs a shot.

We began to take notice of what looked like a promising route along a ridge near the junction of the Pacific Crest Trail and the Marion Mountain Trail.

In preparation for the hike, Tom discovered that while it would add some distance, there would be significantly less elevation gain if we began at the tram and approached from Wellman's Divide. Plus there is already a marked climber's route from Wellman's Cienega to the top of Marion Mountain that we could follow.

As a result of Tom's email announcement of our intentions, Ken Garrett came to the rescue with a still easier and

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doing something interesting for the photo to work. A bird sitting in a tree, which strangely enough is exactly what I was trying to shoot over and over, doesn't make for a very interesting photograph.



A robin resting.

PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS

Finally I decided that I would try and get shots of larger birds on the ground in full sun. The two best subjects turned out to be an American robin, 9 inches to 11 inches, and the mourning dove, which reaches 11 inches to 13 inches in length.

Robins are very commonly seen on and off the hill as they spend a good deal of their time on the ground hunting for worms and bugs. The mourning dove is also very widespread and is usually seen in pairs or sometimes small family groups.

In the coming weeks, I hope to improve my photography techniques and begin to catalog more species of birds.



A Peregrine falcon poses for a picture before continuing his hunt for fledgling quail and other tasty morsels in the wilds of Fern Valley. PHOTO BY BARRY ZANDER

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Climber

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with her at the time of the accident. Their investigation of the incident is ongoing.

CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department responded, as did Idyllwild Fire Protection District, although IFPD did not participate in the rescue.

The reported time of injury was 12:41 p.m. CAL FIRE helicopter 301 lowered a medic to the rock ledge. He attended to the woman and prepared her for a helicopter hoist. She complained of difficulty breathing. Besides a broken lower right leg, she was thought to have had a broken hip and possible rib damage. Emergency radio traffic advised that Gose was fading in and out of consciousness and that her condition was worsening. At approximately 2:50 p.m. she was hoisted into the CAL FIRE helicopter. The helicopter circled and returned for a hoist of the medic.

At approximately 3:04 p.m. attending personnel transferred Gose into a Mercy Air helicopter for transport to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs. She died en route, with time of death listed as 3:21 p.m.

On July 27, Julie Weeks, vice president for member-



Injured hiker being lifted into the helicopter.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

ship and communications for Girl Scouts of Orange County, wrote in an email, "Today is the Girl Scouts' 100th anniversary event at the Orange County Fair with over 30,000 Girl Scouts and alumnae. It is a day of celebration and something our entire organization has been preparing for all year. It was important to Karen's family to be here today with their Girl Scout family."

Later, Weeks released a statement on behalf of Girl Scouts of Orange County: "We are shocked and saddened by the sudden loss of a member of our Girl Scout family, Karen Gose, last Tuesday. We are cooperating fully with the

See Rescue, page 21

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Coming soon to mailboxes in rural Riverside County: A new fire tax!

If you live in the unincorporated communities in the hills above Temecula, Murrieta, and Lake Elsinore, or other Riverside County areas, such as the San Jacinto Mountains, you are located in an area designated by the state as a "State Responsibility Area" for fire protection purposes.

As a result, you are likely to receive a new tax bill of \$150 per home or inhabitable structure on your property within the next few months.

There is considerable controversy surrounding this fee (tax). I have authored legislation to repeal the fee (which failed), and have also supported the filing of a lawsuit challenging the legality of the fee itself.

I believe it is double-taxation on residents of Riverside County, who already pay property taxes to the county, which in turn contracts with CAL FIRE for fire protection, and that the fee as written and implemented will do

little to make anyone safer, as not a single new firefighter will be added to a fire engine, nor will a single new fire truck, bulldozer or helicopter be purchased as a result of this new fee.

In the next few months, the California Board of Equalization will start sending bills to residents in those communities. Even if you share my opinion that this tax was illegally passed, you must comply with the law until such time as it is overturned by the courts (likely led by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association). If it is indeed declared illegal, there will presumably be refunds issued.

In the meantime, there are likely to be inaccuracies and errors in many of the fire tax bills, as this is the first time the state has ever attempted to use this database. I recommend you look at your bill closely and be sure that you are being charged appropriately.

The tax is based on "habitable structures" in the SRA, and this is where the most errors are likely to occur. Are you being charged for a garage? A shed? A barn? If so, you will need to appeal your assessment. If you are currently paying

Obituary

Skyllir Leeland Perry Selkirk

Skyllir Leeland Perry Selkirk entered into this world at 7:43 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2012. He was 28 weeks along, weighing 1 pound, 14 ounces, and was 12-1/4 inches long. He became our guardian angel on July 24, 2012, at 1:30 a.m.



Skyllir was the son of Nicholas and Brandi Selkirk.

He is deeply loved by his four siblings, Dilyn, Destinee, Lance and Jayden, his grandparents, Gary and Kathy Congelli, Judi Selkirk; his aunts and uncles, Candice and Mark Samano, and Natalie and Les Huffman; cousins Alexis and Aireana Samano, Luke and Conner Huffman; and great-grandparents Carol Caillie and Jim Jean.

During his short time on Earth, he touched many lives and was deeply loved by family and friends. The parents have been so touched by the abundant amount of support from local community in Idyllwild, their family and their friends.

The funeral services will be held at Chapel in the Pines Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012, at 4 p.m.

His precious life was a brief gift to us, but he has touched our hearts forever.

a local fire tax (such as to Idyllwild Fire Protection District), you should be eligible for a discount on your new SRA tax, so be sure to check your bill for that as well.

While I dispute the legality and utility of this fee, I encourage you to comply with the fee until the courts overturn it, and to use the appeals process available to you to protest any incorrect assessments in your bill. If you want to see if you live in the new tax area, maps of SRA areas, information on appeals, and other details about the fee program can be found on the SRA Fee website at www.bof.fire.ca.gov/sra_viewer/.

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Open Recreation
Monday-Friday 12:30-5:30 p.m.; ages 5-13
Upcoming Activities
8/1 - The Cove Water Park
8/3 - Movie in the Park: "African Cats"
8/8 - Knott's Berry Farm
8/15 - Discovery Science Center
(sign-up deadline 7/27)
8/17 - End of Summer Event for All
Potluck, Performances & Art Show - 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the *Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar*, see "On the Town," on page 12.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

- Swearing into office of Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz, 8 a.m., Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Jo'An's, 25070 N. Village Center Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Garner Valley Women's Club, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, AUG. 2

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 852-2306 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Idyllwild Community Center grounds.
- Soroptimist International

of Idyllwild, 6 p.m., The Creek House, 54905 N. Circle Dr.

- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

FRIDAY, AUG. 3

- Cancer Support Group for women and men, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr., For information, call Deanna (951) 659-8104.
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243.
- CelebrateRecovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.

SATURDAY, AUG. 4

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

SUNDAY, AUG. 5

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Occupy Idyllwild: Stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at "Harmony" monument. Call Sue at (909) 228-6710
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study (closed) meeting, noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Ran-

cho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flat, across from CAL FIRE Station 6.

- Teen Group, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

MONDAY, AUG. 6

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.

- Friends of the Idyllwild Library Board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction available by appointment. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

- Mountain Nonfiction Writers Group, 7 p.m., for information and address, call Larry Kueneman (951) 659-2567.

TUESDAY, AUG. 7

- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income) & Senior Food sharing (anyone over age 60 qualifies), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.

- Idyllwild Garden Club, noon. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.

- Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call Brian, (951) 763-5324.

- Hilltop Horsemen, 6 p.m. Call Chuck Streeter, 659-2167.

- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet

- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.

- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Jo'An's, 25070 N. Village Center Dr.

- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.

- Pine Cove Water District, workshop on possible extension of line to Stonewood and possible annexation, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove

- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.

- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

- Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST), 1:30 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.

- AwarenessMeditationGroup, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.

- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn,

54950 Pine Crest Ave.

- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.

- Chamber of Commerce, 54325 North Circle Dr., 12-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 659-3259.

- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-

noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.

- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.

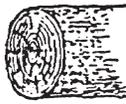
- Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.

- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.

- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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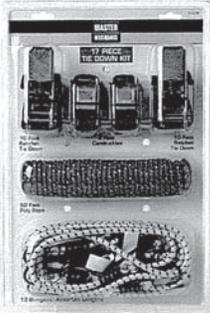
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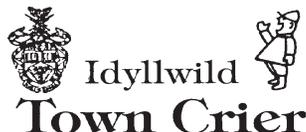


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INITIAL THOUGHTS

What makes Idyllwild unique ...



The Third Annual Lemon Lily Festival was last weekend. What a success! The Festival's popularity and reputation has grown each year.

This is true of the much bigger and well known Jazz in the Pines Festival, which is on the eve of its 19th annual production.

The success of these festivals and Idyllwild's winter fest — the Idyllwild Film Fest — are all dependent upon the energy and good will of dedicated volunteers, the preponderance of whom are also Hill residents.

I've been told that readers are tired of my reflections on this special characteristic of the Hill, but the feelings left from last weekend's "Hot Dogs" and next month's sounds overwhelm me.

"Unincorporated," "rural," "small," "no traffic lights," "mountain" are all used to described this community and explain its uniqueness. But what I observe is the community's willingness to volunteer.

Some may say that this effort to serve is no different in the flatland communities. They have volunteer groups. But I believe it is different.

Just this past weekend, The Desert Sun ran a feature story lamenting the lack of volunteers throughout the area. Its headline was "Coachella Valley cities struggle to fill volunteer panels."

Along with the story, was a list of the programs, committees and boards that were having trouble functioning without citizen involvement.

Palm Springs with 12 vacant positions had the most. Several had four vacancies and some cities — Indian Wells, Rancho Mirage — had none at this time.

The point of the story was that citizen involvement in the Coachella Valley seemed to be approaching an all-time low. Cities were exerting more effort to recruit volunteers and encountering more resistance.

On the Hill, some projects or boards also require more time to fill positions. County Service Area 36's Advisory Committee has two vacancies. But in past years, there have been multiple applicants for this committee.

The new Historic Preservation District board is still seeking a fifth applicant. But this board has yet to convene and establish its role in the community. (If interested see Marshall's story on page 11.) Even La Quinta is seeking a member to its Historic Preservation Commission.

While the Pine Cove Water District just announced the resignation of a member and the concomitant vacancy, they already have interest in the position.

Except for these noticeable vacancies, like a baseball team with a wellstocked minor league system, the denizens of the Hill are willing and able to fill those necessary and unglamorous positions.

As I've mentioned and the town proudly acknowledges, the building of the playground was accomplished with an army of volunteers. The majority hammered, raked and carried stuff.

The Hill seems like a well-run hive to me. We have leaders and workers. Identify the problem and seek a solution, then local volunteers will be buzzing to help achieve it.

(See Mike Esnard's column on page 7 about the Woodies and the same could be said for all the others such as MDP, Mountain Community Patrol and so many others.)

So again I say "Thanks to all of you" for making this community better.

If you're interested in the CSA 36 Advisory Committee, contact Opal Hellweg, of Supervisor Stone's staff. Her number is (951) 955-1030 or (951) 698-7326.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Commotion at concert series

EDITOR:

The performance that the Coachella Valley Symphony Orchestra treated us to last Thursday evening [July 26] was truly memorable. They made the long trip to Idyllwild and gave it everything they had.

But what was also memorable was the audience talking and visiting with friends as if the music was getting in the way of their conversations.

And the noise from the playground was at most times at a feverish pitch and louder than the orchestra. Most parents seemed to see nothing wrong with the screaming, running, carrying on as if no one else was there.

Yes, I am a senior citizen but common courtesy, manners, regard for others is universal and knows no age.

Please, parents and others who only come to visit with friends, put yourselves in the performers' place. Would you have wanted to give it your best when no one seemed to care?

Thank you for your beautiful, heart-felt performance, C.V. Symphony Orchestra! I have a feeling you won't want to come back.

I don't blame you.

INGE AUSTERMAN
IDYLLWILD

A conductor's comments

EDITOR:

Yes, it is true that the noise from the playground was loud and distracting for us, especially during the quieter pieces.

I am at a loss to understand why the playground was placed right next to the stage. I assume space was an issue.

However, I would like to suggest that the play area be closed during the concerts. Parents should encourage their children to listen to the music — that's why we were there.

There is a time for play and a time for the enrichment of the soul and children must be taught how to behave appropriately.

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



Adult audience members, too, should realize the difference between a social activity, such as dinner out-doors with friends, and a concert. There was sufficient time to enjoy both.

When the concert is in progress, it would be appreciated by the musicians if those attending the concert would actually attend, that is, listen.

However, through all of this, the orchestra and I had a wonderful time. We enjoyed being in the cool, beautiful setting of Idyllwild (many of us came from the desert and its heat) and, for the most part, the audience was lovely and welcoming.

We look forward to a repeat performance next summer.

Thank you for your kind words.

WAYNE ABRAVANEL
CONDUCTOR
COACHELLA VALLEY
SYMPHONY

Guns 1

EDITOR:

First, let me say that I don't own a gun, and I'm not suggesting that gun ownership be unregulated.

Little kids shouldn't be allowed to drive cars. People like me shouldn't be allowed to buy rat poison. And even good folks shouldn't be allowed to buy guns without there being restrictions.

I make no excuses for James Holmes and what he did, but then, I've never had the misfortune of experiencing the electrochemical reactions that went on between his synapses and controlled his actions during the Aurora massacre and the days leading up to it.

I struggle to understand the man and his actions, but having him characterized as a "jerk" does little to deepen my insight.

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TOWN TALK

BY DOLORES SIZER

Was there more business and foot traffic because of this year's Lemon Lily festival?



Chris Bayer
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"Business was slightly better than an average weekend."



Lindsay Pohl
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"We were busier than we have been. It actually felt like a normal day in the summer."



Martha Pearson
Waitress
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"Yes, it was slam dunk busy. More people than the Fourth of July."

BEFORE OUR TIME

BY ROBERT B. SMITH

Two early and longtime Idyllwild forefathers ...

Frank Strong and George Dickinson get relatively little attention as pioneer developers in Strawberry Valley.

Unlike George Hannahs, Walter Lindley or Claudius Lee Emerson, they were based in Los Angeles, and neither one resided here or took an active part in day-to-day management of their holdings on the Hill. Still, their influence was substantial.

It began in 1905, when stockholders of Lindley's California Health Resort Co. mutinied over the money-losing Idyllwild Sanatorium and its successor, the brand-new Idyllwild Inn. Strong and Dickinson bought the inn along with 5,250 acres, leaving Lindley to manage the inn as a minority owner.

In 1911, they gained sole ownership, reportedly by trading land in East Pasadena for Lindley's stock, replaced Lindley as manager, and reorganized their Idyllwild Mountain Park Co. (which I'll now call IMPCo for convenience). They then began subdividing land near Strawberry Creek into one-acre lots, but their focus was on the inn, which had 18 "cottages" (probably canvas-sided tent cabins) and 150 tents for rental. They also added more cabins, a golf course, tennis courts and lawn bowling.

For the 1913 season, they hired Hannahs himself to manage the inn. Then, copying Hannahs' development of his Wildwood neighborhood in the North Ridge area, IMPCo began more aggressively marketing its creekside subdivision along River Drive. At season's end they leased the now profitable inn to Salt Lake City hotelman Don Porter and a partner, C.J. Gilbert.

By the winter of 1917-18, IMPCo's attention seemed to be drifting elsewhere. The lease with Porter and Gilbert

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FIRE AND FOREST

BY MIKE ESNARD,

MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

"Citizen of the Year" and other lessons from the Woodies ...

The Woodies are the rock stars of California fire safe councils.

As the volunteer arm of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, they abate homes and cut and split firewood for those in need. People driving past the HELP Center on a Friday morning have probably noticed a very busy group of people in orange shirts wielding chain saws and operating splitters as they prepare wood to be distributed by the HELP Center.

Each year we recognize special contributions to the Woodies efforts with a "Citizen of the Year" award, and this year it was my pleasure to hand it to Pascal Simon at a gathering on July 27. Pascal met the Woodies five years ago when they cut up dead trees on his Pine Cove property. He jumped in to help the Woodies that day, and he has been helping them, and the community, ever since.

The Woodies have been a focus for community involvement in fire safety for ten years, and they are still going strong. Aside from their obvious contributions, they indirectly teach some important lessons about success in later life.

One of the fascinating things about the Woodies is that they are essentially self-organizing. They have never elected officers or official leaders, and show no inclination to do so. Don Patterson, one of the MCFSC project managers, serves as a coordinator, but key decisions are made by the group.

In addition, when a Woodie shows up for work, they choose to do the job that fits them. Each person finds

See [Fire and forest](#), page 30



ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Resolution — Authors Series: A team event

Editor's note: We received Ms. Burckin's letter last week. Ms. Anderson read comments posted online and is responding to those. Ms. Johnson was aware of both letters when she responded.

Argument

EDITOR:

I want to send a big thank-you to Julie Johnson for opening her wonderful store, INK Book Gathering, to Idyllwild Authors Series.

I was shocked by moderator Eduardo Santiago who

blatantly overlooked the fact that the series was a collaboration between himself, INK and the attending authors. It was not a one man show, and could not have happened without the energies of all three.

This collaboration brought us some wonderful authors, most of whom said they would love to participate in other INK events created by Ms. Johnson. I look forward to hearing more from them.

INK will continue to host its regularly scheduled events such as book signings, open mic and poetry nights, Inksomnia and THINKing Cap Society, the

homeschool book club.

I enjoyed almost all of the Authors Series events this year, but was disappointed that the mission to "support the bookstore" was barely promoted: few attendees actually bought any books, Town Crier articles hardly mentioned the store and got the name wrong in most of the articles.

It was a surprise that the moderator was granted sole recognition of the event, whereas the store itself was left to be a side note when it should have been sharing the spotlight.

As a previous board member of the Chamber of Commerce and active

library board, Ms. Johnson has been an vital part of Idyllwild since moving here in 2009. Her creative spirit is felt in every inch of INK Book Gathering.

The minute you walk in you know you're somewhere unique and special. The other keepers of books, Mary and David, remind us that literacy and love of the written word (not the electronically written word) are alive and well.

We can all keep our books fresh and exciting by frequenting our local bookstore. Bring your computer and plug in or pick up a couple of books to read on the overstuffed couch. As

the staff often says, "INK, it's the place to be."

Laurie Burckin
Cedar Glen

Rebuttal

EDITOR:

Are the negative, character-assassinating comments about Eduardo Santiago being posted or printed in our paper? I surely hope not.

It would set a terrible precedent for anyone to name-call ("Leave your L.A. ego in L.A.") or give misinformation ("Hardly anyone in attendance bought books").

I attended all series events and two times the bookstore

ran out of the author's books to sell! I know Eduardo actually bought copies himself before the event and donated them to Julie so she'd have more on hand.

My purchases and support of INK have increased as a direct result of The Authors Series. I even hosted my daughter's birthday party there!

INK and Julie were gratefully acknowledged from the mic [microphone] at every event.

Maybe every attendee (the audience grew each week) didn't buy a book on the spot, but this series drew a lot of attention to

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Crimes

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eight property crimes, seven in Idyllwild and one in Pine Cove.

Crimes were spread throughout the two communities, with more than a few located on Pine Crest Avenue in Idyllwild, the one area that showed a disproportionate number of hits.

By comparison, the 65 reported incidents in 2012 through last week were nearly six times the 2009 incidents and three times a year ago. However, 11 of those occurred in the 12 weeks from October through Dec. 31.

Year	Property Crimes
2009	11
2010	17
2011	23

(Monthly totals can vary based on when reported. Yearly trends and totals are accurate.)

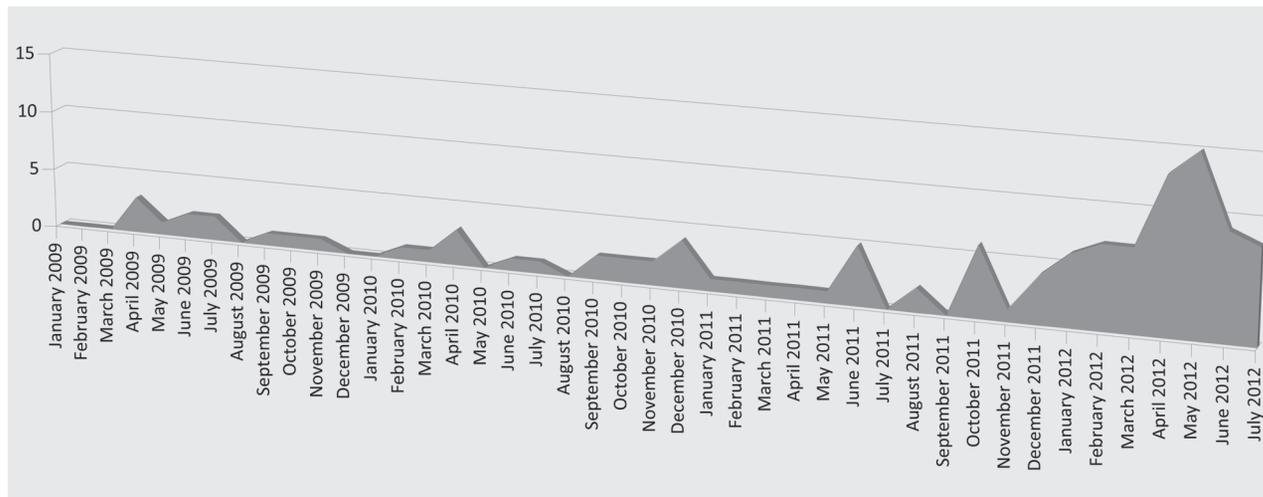
2012 to date 65

The growth in area crime

continues at a time when Hemet Station is operating at reduced staffing. Where four years ago, there were 1.2 deputies per 1,000 residents in our staffing area, there are now .9 to .75. Even though additional money has been approved to return staffing to 1 per 1,000, county Sheriff Stan Sniff said it would take 12 to 18 months or longer to have those new deputies on the street.

In the interim, Hemet Station's Special Investigations Supervisor Sgt. Wallace Clear urged residents to become the eyes and ears of the community, form Neighborhood Watch groups and install security systems and monitoring equipment.

Idyllwild resident and Riverside County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputy Barney Brause is the certified Neighborhood Watch trainer for Idyllwild and Pine Cove. To date, lower Fern Valley has had a successful meeting of over 20 residents and plans another meeting on Aug. 1; upper Fern Valley is



recruiting households for a virtual Neighborhood Watch site, www.nextdoor.com, endorsed by the sheriff's department, and is planning a meeting with Brause once the virtual watch is set (it takes 10 households to make any local neighborhood site go live for password protected postings). As part of website protocol, neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor site information. Posted information is only visible to members in a specific neighborhood and

is password-accessible only for registered neighbors; and Pine Cove is planning its first organizational Watch meeting with Brause in September.

Sheriff's Department packets are available at the Town Crier offices and through the Sheriff's Department. Contact Brause for information or to set up a community meeting at (951) 791-3406.

Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.

Jeannette Santiago (left) shows (from left) **Jannellys Santiago** (right of Jeannette), **Betsey Sullivan**, **Joseph Sullivan**, and **Marguerite Dyke** different kinds of wild animal scat (rubber) to help them identify animals that might also share the local trails.

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 659-5255 • On Hwy 243 at Morning Sky School in Mountain Center.

Christian Science Church
 25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m.
 Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday through Friday, 2 - 5 p.m.

Community Presbyterian Church
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 Father Charles E. Miller
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Idyllwild Recreation District provides fun for everyone

BY SALLY HEDBERG
CORRESPONDENT

The Town Hall Idyllwild Recreation District is celebrating the MARS (Mobile Activities Recreation Services) and Open Recreation Programs for youth with an end of summer event. At 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, the community is invited to a potluck where the children will perform and show off their artwork.

According to Marsha Gawecki, MARS summer camp aide and Idyllwild artist, "The children drew pictures and made murals depicting their field trips to the Birch Aquarium in La Jolla, the San Diego Zoo, the Pirates Dinner Adventure in Buena Park, and they have three more to come."

These are just two of the diversified programs, which the County of Riverside is offering to the community. For the year Amy Righetti, interim recreation director for the Idyllwild Recreation District, has been with the program, she has seen the

opportunities and events expand to include all ages. Her challenge is to reach a broad range with a limited budget.

Rebecca Odum, the teacher of the morning Pre-K Adventures in Learning Program, has open enrollment all year. The MARS summer camp program is five days a week for school age children. They gather from 9 a.m. to noon. A children's Open Recreation Program is open from noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. These programs have low or no fees and are subsidized by the county. Scholarships are available for low-income families.

There are several free events for seniors. Cribbage is Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon and Wii computer games are on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. The seniors have regular meetings at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Several field trips are in the works for both adults and seniors, but these are subject to change unless there is enough interest



Amy Righetti, interim recreation director, stands with her energetic Town Hall Idyllwild Recreation staff (from left) **Kelly Wills**, Pre-K assistant, **Rebecca Odum**, Pre-K teacher, and **Carolyn Pairis**, **Leanne Isaac**, **Wendy Watts** and **Marsha Gawecki**, summer camp aides.

generated.

Many adult and children's classes are offered. Adult yoga is Wednesday mornings and Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m. to accommodate workers. Adults can enjoy learning the latest dance at Adult Dance on Wednesday nights 7 to 8 p.m. After school children can learn tap, ballet, a combination of tap and ballet, yoga and kid's movement. The cost is \$10 per class. Jazzercise classes are available at a

different rate.

Jeremy Teegarden is in charge of sports. Youth coed baseball had 96 participants with teams sponsored by local merchants. Kids have the opportunity to play soccer and basketball while the adults have volleyball and softball.

On Aug. 3, the movie, "African Cats," will be shown at dusk on a big screen. Kids can enjoy pre-show activities while the adults relax on lawn chairs



MARS campers show off a mural they painted depicting their trip to the aquarium in La Jolla. They artists are (from left) **Emma Righetti**, **Lucas Odum**, **Alex Isaac**, **Emma Isaac**, and **Rylan Righetti**. PHOTOS BY SALLY HEDBERG

or blankets while picnicking under the stars.

All these activities held at Idyllwild Town Hall are

for everyone to enjoy. Town Hall is located at 25925

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Chamber President **Chris Titus** (left) asks **Steve Moulton** to draw the winning raffle ticket at the Chamber installation dinner on July 24. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

What's new for the Idyllwild Nature Center

BY SALLY HEDBERG
CORRESPONDENT

Now that the successful Lemon Lily Festival is over, the Nature Center will resume the Junior Naturalist Program from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 4. Bonnie Parlee, volunteer, will lead the program, "Hands on Nature."

"The children will meet a real deer and explore the forest floor during a nature hike. We will round out the morning with a puppet show and snacks," Parlee said.

"Butterfly Daze" returns from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11. This annual event brings the ever popular butterfly pavilion, where visitors can enter and observe the

butterflies.

Butterfly experts will be available to explain the life cycle of a butterfly and answer questions. The butterflies will take flight at 4 p.m. There will be free butterfly crafts for the children as there's no Junior Naturalist Program that day.

Original artworks by local artists will be for sale, as well as butterfly T-shirts, hats, books and jewelry.

The Junior Naturalist Program resumes on Aug. 18, with a special presentation called, "Science Play." On Aug. 25, bird expert, Sherry Domenigoni, will lead "Bird Watching." The anatomy of a bird, wing and flight patterns and how to identify and classify birds will be covered.



On Saturday morning, **Jeannette Santiago** teaches (from left) **Betsey Sullivan**, **Joseph Sullivan** and **Marguerite Dyke** to identify animal tracks at the Jr. Naturalists Tracks & Traces event at the Nature Center. The kids were given cards showing different animals' prints and a ruler to measure the prints. PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE

Parents are invited to participate too.

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ed at 25225 Highway 243, one half mile north of Idyllwild. Call (951) 659-3850.

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Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce installs new officers

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce announced new officers for fiscal year 2012-13 at its installation dinner last week at the Fern Valley Inn.

The Chamber's new officers are: President Chris Titus, Idyllwild Vacation Rentals; First Vice President Lanny Hardy, The Creek House; Second Vice President Gary Taylor, Fern Valley Inn; Secretary David Jerome, Idyllbeast Research Center; and Treasurer Mimi Lamp, Art by Mimi (Lamp is traveling and will begin serving in September; until then Titus and Jerome will cover treasurer duties).

Titus emceed the event and Jerome provided guitar stylings for entertainment. Titus announced after dinner that it was her intent, as new president, to "make it [Chamber events and membership] fun and to talk about what's offered in town. It's our voice and the community needs to hear it," she said.

Titus acknowledged the service of outgoing board members Richmond Blake, Nick Todd, Kim Mueller, Don Strunk and Joann Slater. Completing the eight-member board (11 are authorized) are Mike Lackey, Jo'Ann's Restaurant, Peter Buhl, Funky Bazaar and Bill Gorski, Suburban Propane.

About 25 people attended the well-provisioned dinner, which, at \$5 per person, the Chamber justifiably argued was the best bargain in town. The Tuesday, July 24, event was held outdoors on a lawn with festively decorated tables just below the Inn's sparkling pool. The buffet food service and bar were available poolside.

Idyllwild's new Mayor Max attended with his human handlers and greeted his constituents with the polished performance of a pro.

A highlight of the dinner was the unveiling of the Marshall Hawkins Town Jazz banner. The Chamber is managing the

in-town jazz event that local jazz icon Hawkins created last year to bring Jazz in the Pines patrons to after hours jazz concerts in Idyllwild's downtown business district. Last year's event spanned two days and took place at one venue, Jo'An's Restaurant. This year, Hawkins, with the Chamber's support, has tentatively slotted four additional venues, with entertainment to take place over three days. The event will be held starting Friday evening, Aug. 24 through Sunday, Aug. 26.

Hawkins, introduced as Idyllwild's jazz man emeritus, joked that he was very much still active and

referring to Town Jazz he said, "Not only I, but we, are just getting started." Hawkins said he was happy to be expanding the Town Jazz event because it benefits Idyllwild's businesses and provides an alternative jazz experience for locals who may not be able to afford Jazz in the Pines ticket prices. "This is my home," he said, stating that it has been his home for 36 years.

Titus concluded the evening by conducting a raffle for prizes supplied by local merchants and restaurants.

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Marshall Hawkins, dinner honoree, speaks about Town Jazz and his years in Idyllwild.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Strange but true

Ever wonder why a barber pole has red and white stripes? It's a rather grisly tale. At one time barbers did more than cut hair; they sometimes performed marriages and baptisms, served as dentists and even performed surgery. When engaged in the medical work, any excess blood was soaked up by white towels, which were often hung up on a pole outside to dry. As the wind wrapped the towel around the pole, it created a design of red and white stripes.

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Fire district considering patient survey

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

No major actions were taken at the July 24 meeting of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District commission.

The discussion of a patient satisfaction assessment process continued. Commissioner Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly shared a draft of a six-question survey with his colleagues.

He stressed that a simple questionnaire would be more likely to generate responses than one with more details. This is an important criterion for Schelly who explained that low numbers of medical responses per month creates an inherent limitation to significant responses about the department's patient service. He expects about three to five responses per month.

"I think our objective is to collect information on the quality of care of our delivery system," he told the commission. He hopes the satisfaction survey will elicit sufficient responses over time to assess the safety, effectiveness, efficiency, equitableness, timeliness and communication of the department's medical service.

"We want to get information to be sure we're providing the service we think we are delivering," Schelly said.

A portion of the discussion focused on whether responses should be anonymous, which is Schelly's recommendation. He believes this will encourage more responses.

However, Commissioner Jerry Buchanan said if a

patient feels there was a problem, supplying a name and connection enables the district to address the issue and then tell the patient about the action.

No action was taken at the meeting and the commissioners agreed to review the issues and provide comments to Schelly.

In other business, the commission reviewed financial results of the 2011-12 fiscal year, which ended June 30. The original approved budget was \$1,687,000. For the year, the district's receipts were about \$87,000 less than expected and expenses were about \$15,000 less than budget. The result was a deficit of \$72,000.

While there were five ambulance contract payments in 2011-12, only four are expected for this year. However, contract revenue will increase about \$67,500, more than offsetting the difference. In addition, the Riverside County Assessor is projecting that the drop in Idyllwild's property values will reverse next year, according to Interim Chief Mike Sherman.

Buchanan and Sherman told the commission that they would be discussing the schedule for the audit of this fiscal year this week with the auditors. They are hoping it will be completed in October or November. Financial consultant Nancy Layton said she was already preparing the records and data that the auditor traditionally needs to do the work.

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No historic district without board

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Downtown Historic District lacks a local board. Even though the board of supervisors approved the district's formation a year ago, it cannot be implemented until there are approved design guidelines and a seated local review board.

The guidelines are done, approved by both the planning department and Keith Herron, the county's historic preservation officer. The five-person local review board has not been seated because there are too few completed applications (3) from Idyllwild and Pine Cove residents on file with the county. The constituting Ordinance 578.5 requires a five-person board. "We're obviously at a standstill," said Herron. "The ordinance clearly calls for five."

And the intended benefits to property owners and businesses conferred by district status also cannot be implemented until a board is seated. Those benefits include flexibility with Americans with Disabilities Act compliance for the 57 buildings



The front page showing Claudius Emerson's vision for Idyllwild circa 1928.

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within the district identified as contributing resources with historical value. Rules governing both Title II and III of ADA contain exceptions to general accessibility requirements where historic preservation is involved.

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone noted that building codes drafted for the rest of the county, where for the most part construction is newer, if enforced as drafted

in Idyllwild could close down the business district.

In 2008, Stone began advocating for the creation of an Idyllwild district for the dual purposes of obtaining codified flexibility with ADA requirements and with county code compliance for district historic buildings.

The local review board members serve without pay, must live within three miles of the Idyllwild downtown

district, review and handle applications for changes to any contributing building within the district including landscaping, fencing, lighting, signs, roofs, windows, doors and siding and additions to any existing structures. The board can also comment on proposed new construction within the district.

Its first and most important function is to review the approved draft design guidelines, take in local input, and then make a recommendation to county planning for final approval.

Without a full board or a revision of the existing ordinance allowing a smaller board, further progress in getting the district up and running is stalled, said Herron. ADA and county building codes will apply here as in the rest of the unincorporated if the historic district is not implemented.

Anyone with questions or who is interested in applying should contact Keith Herron at (951) 955-4558, kherron@rivcoparks.org or Olivia Barnes, of Stone's staff, at (951) 698-7326 or online at obarnes@rcbos.org.

Mobile computers funded but not purchased

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

As part of new amendments to the ambulance service contract between the Idyllwild Fire Protection District and Riverside County, IFPD is required to install mobile data computers (MDC) in its vehicles within one year.

The equipment must also be purchased. Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone gave the fire department \$20,000 in November 2010 to help offset the cost of purchasing this equipment. Two months later, former Chief Norm

Walker asked the commission at that time to approve \$15,000 to complete the purchase of this equipment.

However, Interim Chief Mike Sherman reports that the equipment has never been acquired and does not know what happened to the funds.

"I suspect Norm [Walker, former IFPD Chief] had his reasons on why the MDC's were not purchased. The only history I received was from CAL FIRE who relayed to me that they gave Norm a quote and he said it was too high. I haven't confirmed that as

being a valid comment, but that was what I was told. The \$20,000 was not spent and will now be spent for MDC's as was the original intent," Sherman wrote in an email last week.

Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins confirms IFPD met with his staff and discussed the equipment and its price, but never returned with a specific request or order.

Sherman does not know the current cost for the equipment but it will have to come out of a budget that is already tight.

None of the current IFPD commissioners responded to an email about how this equipment will be funded or how the county money was used.

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Arts & Entertainment Calendar

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Submittal forms can be picked up at the Town Crier.

Wednesday, Aug. 1
The Cove Water Park, 7 a.m. Town Hall.
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; **Kid's Movement with Lucianna LoPresto**, 4-4:45 p.m.; **Adult Dance (Rumba) with Connie Wolfe**, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.
Paul Carman & Bob Boss, 6-8:30 p.m. Creek House.
Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
"The Dark Knight Rises," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Student Recital, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, Aug. 2
Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4:15-5 p.m.; **Wii games for all ages**, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Mixed Level Yoga, 4-5 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft.
Abacus, 6-8:30 p.m. Creek House.
Hot Flash, 6:15 Community Center Site.
City Beat Rock & Roll, 7-8:30 p.m. Community Center Site.
"The Dark Knight Rises," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Student Recital, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, Aug. 3
Children's Center Open House, 2:45 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m., Town Hall.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Skeleton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Creek House.
Sandii Castleberry, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
Young Harpists Recital, 7 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
"Ice Age: Continental Drift," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Movie in the Park, "African Cats," 7 p.m. Town Hall.
Student Chamber Music Recital, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, Aug. 4
ICRC Presents Rattlesnake Avoidance for Dogs, 9 a.m. Community Center Site.
Mixed Level Yoga, 9-10 a.m. Quiet Creek Inn.
Interpretive Walk, 10 a.m., Jr. Naturlists Program, Hands on Nature, 10 a.m. Idyllwild Na-

ture Center.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Spirit Mountain Retreat Silent Auction & Raffle, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
"Ice Age: Continental Drift," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Don Reed & Tom McNeary 6-9 p.m. Creek House.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Sunday, Aug. 5
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
"Ice Age: Continental Drift," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Harry Joe Reynolds, Noon-2:30 p.m. Creek House.

Monday, Aug. 6
Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
Children's Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
"Ice Age: Continental Drift," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Mixed Level Yoga, 4-5 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft.
Celtic Open Music Session, 6-8:30 p.m. Creek House.

Tuesday, Aug. 7
Seniors' Wii activities, 10 a.m.-noon; **Tap Dance with Annika Kay**, 3-4 p.m.; **Ballet/ Tap with Annika Kay**, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
"Ice Age: Continental Drift," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Aug. 8
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10

a.m.; **Kid's Movement with Lucianna LoPresto**, 4-4:45 p.m.; **Adult Dance (Rumba) with Connie Wolfe**, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.
"Ice Age: Continental Drift," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Aug. 9
Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4:15-5 p.m.; **Wii games for all ages**, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Lenny Hansell, 5:30-8 p.m. Creek House.
Unwound, 6:15 p.m. Community Center Site.
United Blues Band, 7-8:30 p.m. Community Center Site.
"Ice Age: Continental Drift," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Aug. 10
Adult Chamber Music Workshop Masterclass, 1:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, **Children's Center Open House**, 2:45 p.m. Children's Center, **Distinguished Artists Chamber Music Series**, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Hojo & Friends, 6-9 p.m. Creek House.
Free Adult Dance, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Saturday, Aug. 11
Center for Prayer & Mobilization Presents 2nd Annual Art Show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Center for Prayer.
Student Chamber Music, 10 a.m. Stephens Recital Hall; **HS Festival**, 1 p.m. IAF Theatre; **Chamberfest Chamber Orchestra**, 4:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
Interpretive Walk, 10 a.m., Jr. Naturlists Program, Butterfly

Daze, 10 a.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Dennis Agyanian, 5 p.m. 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
Rebecca Connelly, 6-9 p.m. Creek House.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Sunday, Aug. 12
Center for Prayer & Mobilization Presents 2nd Annual Art Show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Center for Prayer.
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.



On Friday night, locals gathered at Town Hall for the yearly Adult Dance Night. A potluck preceded the dancing and then the stereo was flipped on and music from the '40s and '50s began along with the dancing. PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE

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Jazz brush master Clayton Cameron at jazz fest

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Two weeks of backing Sammy Davis Jr. and four legendary tap dancers forever changed drummer Clayton Cameron's brush technique. Cameron, who appears with his group the Jazz eXplosion at the 19th Annual Jazz in the Pines Festival in August, took many months to assimilate what he had heard and learned from the tap dancers and developed a style that earned him the sobriquet the Brush Master.

"I worked to orchestrate the sounds I had heard, the sounds and the rhythms, to make them a part of my groove. I felt this real compulsiveness about it, since it was so engaging. Whatever uniqueness I bring to the table, came, in large part from that experience," he said.

Cameron, who played for Davis for eight years, as well as for Davis's Rat Pack friends Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra, said Davis was the consummate entertainer — singer, dancer, instrumentalist and actor. "He could do it all," said Cameron. He also said Davis was a great guy.

In his first month on the



Clayton Cameron, Jazz in the Pines artist with his ensemble the Jazz eXplosion.

PHOTO BY SCOTT MITCHELL

job as Davis's drummer in Las Vegas, with big band and strings, Cameron missed a cue in the beginning of a song. "I caused a train wreck," Cameron recalled. "I was sure I was going to be fired. Then Sammy walked up to the conductor, and said he had a frog in his throat and asked if they could start the song again. After the performance, Davis walked up to me and said, 'See you tonight babe,' letting me know I still had a job."

In 1990, Cameron released a video, "The Living Art of Brushes," which enhanced his reputation as a master of brush technique. By experimenting with brush technique, styles and tonalities, Cameron said he was

trying to make drumming more interesting.

"It's been wonderful watching the growing interest in this art form," said Cameron. "I never thought that my rhythmic tapping on empty oatmeal boxes would lead to such a distinction as Brush Master. My parents always thought I just loved oatmeal for breakfast. The fact is I knew the sooner I emptied the box the sooner I'd have another cardboard drum."

Cameron's playing for the greats continued when he began a six-year stint backing Tony Bennett. "Performing with Tony has been a thrilling experience," said Cameron. "His love of music and entertaining people has won him countless awards.

I've had the pleasure of recording with Tony on six albums [each of which received Grammy nominations, five won and in 1994 "Tony Bennett Unplugged" won album of the year.]

Cameron, typical of many jazz musicians, believes he has an obligation to pass on what he knows to upcoming players. Cameron teaches at UCLA's Herb Alpert School of Music. "I enjoy it," said Cameron of his teaching gig. "It's very satisfying seeing someone grow over a four year transformation period. I end up learning a lot. Teaching makes me check myself." He said teaching is part of the jazz culture. "Dizzy Gillespie, he was a teacher," said Cameron. "He taught everybody. Freddie Hubbard, he was another. There's a lot of mentorship in jazz. Basically you want people to make the music sound great."

Cameron has a new tribute CD, "Here's to the Messengers: Tribute to Art Blakey," and talked about undertaking a tribute to one of his heroes. "From the early forties with the Billy Eckstine's Big Band, to the beginnings of the Jazz Messengers with Horace Silver, until his last famous press roll, Art Blakey always had drive. With such a

unique sound documented on thousands of tracks, I found it overwhelming to even scratch the surface of his contribution to music. So I took a deep breath and picked a few compositions that were written by some Jazz Messenger luminaries, chose one that he recorded with Miles and Cannonball, and then wrote tunes with inspiration from all the above."

Cameron brings to Idyllwild's Jazz Fest some very distinguished sidemen; on piano, 10-time Grammy award nominee and three-time winner Billy Childs. In 2009, Childs was the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and in 2006 was awarded a Chamber Music America composer's grant; on trumpet, Gilbert Castellanos, member of the renowned Clayton Hamilton Jazz Orchestra and called by

Downbeat magazine a new American master; on bass, Darek "Oles" Oleszkiewicz, voted in 2005 "Best Acoustic Bassist" in Jazz Forum European magazine, and bass teacher at Cal Arts and University of California, Irvine; on sax and other woodwinds, Bob Sheppard, part of Billy Childs Ensembles and the Peter Erskine trio who has also toured with Steely Dan and Boz Skaggs; on trombone, musician, orchestrator and arranger Duane Benjamin, whose arrangements figure prominently on Fox Television's "American Idol," and NBC's "The Voice."

Clayton Cameron and the Jazz eXplosion appear on Sunday, Aug. 26, at the 19th Annual Jazz in the Pines.

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United Blues Band returns

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

The United Blues Band returns to the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series with its winning formula of hard-hitting horns and pulsating power blues. Making its fourth appearance at the summer series, the United Blues Band will energize Idyllwild's dance corps with its smoking bass lines and popping percussion.

Spokesman Rick Grady, on lead vocals and harmonica, riffed on the band's practice of bringing audience members up for some open mike sing along. "We want



United Blues Band sends it out.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

the audience to be part of the show," said Grady. "We really enjoy reaching out and being in touch with

the folks who come to see us."

The United Blues Band is made up of eight veteran professional musicians shaped by playing with some of pop and R&B's best. Now in their eighth year together, United Blues Band members are Grady, Johnny Martinez on drums, Phil Kelley on bass and vocals, Evan Brinton on trombone, Jack Poster, formerly lead trumpet with the Harry James Orchestra, on trumpet, Loren Weisbrod on sax, John Cruz on guitar and vocals and Tom Kowalzyk on keyboard.

If when you hear tunes like "The House is Rockin'," "I Just Wanna Make Love to You," and "You Can Leave Your Hat On,"

your feet and motion master start to move, then boogie on down to United Blues Band on Thursday, Aug. 9. It'll be your night.

Playing from the lists of B.B. King, Delbert McClinton, Joe Cocker, Buddy Guy, Brian Setzer, Gary Moore, Edgar Winter, Johnny Lang, Bernard Allison, Coco Montoya and Jack Mack and the Heart Attack and spinning new takes on old blues standards, United Blues Band will heat up your summer night.

Listen to some of United Blues Band's tunes at www.myspace.com/unitedbluesband. With only one concert remaining on Aug. 16, producer Ken Dahleen needs audience support to make budget. As of Monday, July 30, ISCS has raised \$21,053 of its total budget of \$23,859.

Opening at 6:15 is local group Unwound. United Blues Band takes the stage at 7 p.m. As are all ISCS events, the concert is free to the public and is held at the site of the proposed Idyllwild Community Center.

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Burrell

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the student's unique nature is what he tries to do at UCLA and demonstrate on stage when playing.

"We all have something that is special. It may or may not be in keeping with what's current," he said. But recognizing and hold-

ing onto that uniqueness is what will make a difference in one's career, he added.

"Sometime it is not easy and takes courage to go against current trends, but you have to listen to your inner voice," he emphasized. "That's what helps develop style."

While Burrell will prepare his audience for what is coming and will explain some of the pieces, he stressed that his education career has little influence on his musical career.

As many jazz greats proclaim about their genre, "overall jazz has not changed, it evolves," Burrell says. There are different sounds and new developments and in five years something else beside fusion or Latin will be going on, he forecasts.

For tickets and additional information visit: www.idyllwildjazz.com or call the Hotline at (951) 500-4090.

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Guitarist Kenny Burrell

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Spirit Mountain Retreat offers personal treasures

Spirit Mountain Retreat is holding a fundraising event from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4. For the second consecutive year, Spirit Mountain will host a silent auction overflowing with exciting opportunities, said Esther Kennedy.

Between the auction and the raffle, more than 100 gift certificates will be available. "The Idyllwild community businesses have been terrific," Kennedy said. "They've made another special effort to help us."

Funds will go toward scholarships for those attending some of the retreats, program funding and general operational costs, according to Kennedy.

The silent auction bidding begins at 12:30 p.m. The first table closes at 1:30 p.m. The live auction begins at 4 p.m.

While guests ponder which items to bid on or take raffle chances, they will be entertained with live music and refreshments. The program will consist of eclectic selections by a

professional cellist and a violinist, and an enjoyable afternoon in the garden.

The auction prizes for those brave bidders include four Jazz in the Pines tickets, four tickets to San Diego Chargers and Oakland Raiders games, original Navajo jewelry and two nights at a local inn and many other treasures.

The raffle includes other surprises and valuable gifts such as one week for two in Cozumel and a \$1,000 travel voucher, dinner for 8 at Café Aroma, and a \$300 gift certificate to Spirit Mountain Retreat. The raffle tickets are \$20.

Last year's event was a very big success, according to Kennedy and she looks forward to this week's event with excitement and pride.

Other possible gifts include pottery from nationally known artists such as David Salk and Leslie Thompson, a painting by nationally known artist Victor Martinez and many wonderful gift certificates for overnights, dinners, mas-



Above, Coachella Valley Symphony Conductor, **Wayne Abravanel**, introduces the next piece at Thursday night's Idyllwild Summer Concert Series. The symphony played classical, Broadway and some jazz throughout the evening.

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Coachella Valley Symphony Conductor **Wayne Abravanel** on keyboard, and flutist **Molly McCabe**, play some popular jazz pieces for the crowd gathered at the Thursday night concert.

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Charles Dickens (Doug Austin) (center) visited Idyllwild last week to speak on women's suffrage. Accompanying him were **Carol McClintic** and **Renate Caine**. Several dozen 21st century Hill residents came to hear the renowned writer.

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On Sunday afternoon, the Symphonic Band performed at the IAF Theater. **Steve Acciani** was the director. Most of the young musicians were between the ages of 11 and 14.

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sages. We have baskets for the kitchen, bath, dining, barbecue, and many mid-week overnight lodgings at local inns," Kennedy wrote.

"The spirit of generosity and support from the Idyllwild community has been stunning, amazing and wondrous. The auction supports Spirit Mountain's programs, its outreach to the local community and scholarship fund," she said.

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MAYOR MAX

July 31st marks the end of my first month in office. It's been a great month, and I have been working diligently to keep all the promises of my job description. Here are my duties as Mayor of Idyllwild as stated to me on the date of my inauguration on July 1st:

The Idyllwild Mayor shall do his best to be a positive representative for the communities of Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Fern Valley, and Mountain Center. The Mayor shall:

- Endeavor to promote this mountain community on and off the hill
- Support commissioners in their projects
- Strive to be present at community events such as outdoor concerts, festivals, fairs, and the July 4 parade
- Do his best to accept invitations for official visits, such as ribbon cuttings, "mixers," etc.
- Speak out on behalf of the animals of this mountain, domesticated and non-domesticated

Some highlights of the month:

July 4. The 4th of July parade was fantastic and a highlight of my life. It was so fun, and I appreciate very much your warm reception. I managed to eat quite a few dog biscuits during the parade as there was a big box of them in the back of the truck. I love food.

July 10-13. Medical Emergency—I spent some unexpected time in the animal hospitals in Temecula and Orange County with a severe intestinal blockage caused by a problem with my liver. I was on IVs for 3 days and lost 6 pounds in one week. (Those pounds transferred over to Phyllis, FYI.) I'm now 72 pounds and am on a restricted diet for the time being. I feel great now and have fully recovered. It's so good to be home.



(L to R) Mayor Max and Kirsten Garrett—visiting Idyllwild from Menifee, California. Doesn't Kirsten have one of the sweetest faces you've ever seen?!! Becky Garrett is Kirsten's mom.

July 13. Sky Island Organics grand opening—I was able to visit the Sky Island Organics grand opening only for a few minutes at the end of the



(L to R) Walter Brackelmanns, Lois Brackelmanns, Rebecca Wilder, Mayor Max, Robbie Wilder, Lisa Wilder—visiting Idyllwild from Sherman Oaks, California, enthusiastic diners at the Gnome and Café Aroma.

day as we returned to Idyllwild from Orange County. The food was great, and we purchased quite a bit to take home.

July 14. I attended the Word of Mouth grand opening and met the attendees (including two dogs), enjoyed the music of Swift Pony, and listened to Peter Buhl's introduction of Word of Mouth. Great idea!

July 16. ARF—I attended the ARF planning meeting where we made plans for a new direct mail campaign you will receive from me about ARF's need for more fosters and more volunteers to help man the ARF facility and take care of the pets. You'll receive this direct mail campaign in August, and the printing of the materials is underway. If you know anyone that would like to adopt a pet or foster a pet or simply volunteer at ARF for a few hours a week, please contact ARF at www.idyllwildarf.com or call 951.659.9122. Thank you.

July 21. ARF, the Monument, and the Bluegrass Festival—I manned the ARF booth at the Lemon Lily Festival by the Fort on Saturday from 12-4 pm. We were able to raise more money for ARF and obtained many new subscribers to the ARF newsletter. We also generated 3 more people that want to adopt a pet and one individual interested in fostering! I also simultaneously attended the ribbon cutting at the Monument, and I also attended the Bluegrass Festival.

July 24. I attended the Chamber of Commerce mixer. I met many of the chamber members I had not met before—all of whom are fantastic! The food was great. I also won two prizes from the raffle. I ate a plate full of veg-

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(L to R) Juan Velasco, Rosa Velasco, Mayor Max, Jennifer Guzman, and Jonathan Alvarado—visiting Idyllwild from Chino, California.

etarian wraps with cheese and bacon, so I'm not really sure that makes them vegetarian. I also scarffed up some cake. I'm just sure this all fit into my restricted diet regimen...

Throughout the month, I also met with many prominent people, luminaries, and business executives in Idyllwild to find out what's needed and wanted for the community so that future programs implemented by my office take into consideration the needs and wants of the town. I would love to hear from you about what you would like to see for Idyllwild. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

For business and my medical emergency reasons, we also were off the hill every week for 1-3 days per week. We have updated our Mayor Mobile to say Mayor Max On Board and On Duty, including our lighted car-top sign. We take that car whenever we travel. Everywhere we go, people ask us about Mayor Max, and we promote Idyllwild off the hill as well. Everyone seems to love the idea about a dog being mayor, and they comment that it's likely an improvement over other

political situations. We tell them how great Idyllwild is. Most people don't know where it is, so we tell them where and to come and visit.

I also kept my promise in my Keep Idyllwild Beautiful Campaign. I sniffed out a lot of litter, and my campaign managers picked it up for me. We also pull over and pick up the items that fly out of trucks on the way to the Transfer Station. Just a note of caution to secure the truck loads, thank you! I also noticed there are many recyclable items in the trash bins rather than in the recycling bins. So many things now are fully recyclable, including plastics, plastic bags, cardboard boxes, all kinds of paper, and every kind of bottle and glass. Please take the time to sort all the recyclables. We have

such a beautiful planet. Let's make it even more beautiful. I sincerely thank you for your support on this.



(L to R) Jaimee, Mayor Max, and John—newlyweds on their honeymoon in Idyllwild. We met them at the Idyllwild Pizza Company.

My campaign managers and I want to help everyone that would like help of any kind. There are certain things we're good at doing. For example, as you may know, I am a retired service dog, but I still love to be of service. I am available to visit with someone who may be ill

or lonely. I am a good companion, and I believe I can bring happiness to individuals by spending time with them whenever I can. My campaign managers are good at knowing how to help people achieve their goals, and they are also great at helping to launch new businesses. We all would be delighted to meet with you at any time on any topic. I am very sincere about this, so please contact me at my office to arrange a time. Any and all services we provide are at no cost at any time. We offer services solely out of our love to provide service.



One other point, I am thinking of planning a fun event for the children in Idyllwild, a day on some weekend. I would love to know your ideas for this event. Let me know what you think would be fun for the kids and parents. Thank you very much.

I love you.

Love always,



MAYOR MAX

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Tips for avoiding mortgage loan modification scams

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Like all scams, this one promised results that seemed too good to be true.

Promising that he had helped desperate homeowners save their homes from foreclosure, an Inland Empire man and his accomplice allegedly bilked dozens of Inland Empire homeowners out of thousands of dollars in service fees and misdirected mortgage payments by convincing homeowners they had negotiated a new mortgage loan with lower payments, which they then collected. In reality, the pair had never modified or paid off the original loan, which eventually went into default.

Ironically, scams like this operate right alongside legitimate foreclosure avoidance and mitigation programs that offer assistance at no

charge. With far more crooks than prosecutors and billions of dollars in assistance at stake, the problem worsens each time a new foreclosure program is introduced.

Mortgage scams are up 60 percent nationally so far in 2012, according to the nonprofit Homeownership Preservation Foundation. As scammers gear up to help themselves to a share of California's \$18 billion settlement with five of the nation's largest mortgage lenders. Recently, the California Attorney General warned homeowners to be wary of solicitations from third parties promising to help them qualify.

So what can homeowners do to avoid becoming a victim?

Never pay up-front fees. Foreclosure consultants are prohibited by law from collecting money before services are performed. Instead,

call (888) 995-HOPE or visit www.995hope.org for a referral to a free HUD-approved housing counselor who can educate you about loan modifications, short sales and other alternatives to foreclosure.

Pay attention to letters from your lender or loan servicer. Bank of America, for example, recently sent letters to 200,000 holders of Bank of America and Countrywide mortgages who may be eligible for loan modifications or principal reductions under the terms of the national mortgage settlement. Only your lender or loan servicer is authorized to help you file a claim for assistance. You can visit www.nationalmortgagesettlement.com for more information.

Don't transfer title or sell your home to anyone claiming to be able to rescue it from foreclosure by allowing you to stay on as a renter and purchasing it back in the future. Sometimes this scheme is part of a fraudulent bankruptcy filing. Ultimately, the perpetrator may claim ownership and evict the homeowner.

Don't make your mortgage payments to anyone other than your lender or loan servicer without the lender's or servicer's approval. Scammers generally keep the money for themselves, while your mortgage is likely to end up in default.

Never sign any documents without first reading them. Many homeowners are falsely led to believe

by scammers that they are signing documents for a loan modification or a new loan to pay off their old mortgage. Only later do they realize they have actually transferred ownership to someone who is now trying to evict them.

Finally, if you believe you have been the victim of a foreclosure scam, report it to the California Attorney General's Office, the Federal Trade Commission, or to the California Department

of Real Estate or California Bar Association if your complaint involves a real estate broker or attorney. If the amount you've lost is less than \$10,000, you can file an action in small claims court.

Mortgage foreclosure fraud can be prevented with awareness, education and enforcement — and an occasional reminder that if the solution to your problem sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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Town Hall Adult Softball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on Town Hall Adult softball for the week of July 23.

On Monday, July 23, Creekstone Inn took on Café Aroma. **Edgar Santiago** had a great game scoring three runs for Café Aroma. Creekstone Inn took control of the game in the third inning. **Rachel Teeguarden** and **Kelly Cochran** got key hits as Creekstone scored seven runs in the inning and went on to a decisive 14-8 victory.

Tuesday's first game was between team Patty Perez and Forest Lumber. Forest Lumber got off to a great start as **Buddy Beagle** hit a homerun in the first inning. **Lupita Montoya** played great for Perez scoring three runs and playing good defense. Forest Lumber scored six runs in their last at-bat to take control of the game and win 18-12.

Forest Lumber played a doubleheader Tuesday, meet-

ing Café Aroma in the second game. **Marty Prevosto** hit great for Forest Lumber scoring three runs. **Julie Fogle** played great for Café Aroma scoring two runs and getting on base four times. Although Café Aroma scored four times in their last at-bat, it wasn't enough to overcome Forest Lumber's lead. The final score was 10-7 and a Forest Lumber win.

On Wednesday, July 25, Pacific Slope Tree Company took on team Patty Perez. **Rudolfo Rincan** had three hits for team Perez. **Jody Posey** stayed hot as he scored two runs and got on base three times to lead Pacific Slope to an 11-4 win.

League Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Creekstone Inn	6	0
Pacific Slope	4	1
Forest Lumber	3	3
Ajax	2	2
Café Aroma	1	4
Team Perez	0	6



Creekstone Inn shortstop **Brennan Priefer** throws out an Ajax runner. Creekstone eventually prevailed 10-6.

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Trivia test

Religion: What group of people celebrated the ancient holiday of Samhain, which later became Halloween?

Answer: Gaelic cultures

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Golf

Jim Crandall, Palms to Pines Golf Association handicap chair, provided this report on the Friday, July 20, golf tournament played at the Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club.



Gary Brown, winner of the July Palms to Pines monthly tournament.

PHOTO BY JIM CRANDALL

The day was hot and so was **Gary Brown** (course handicap 16), who won the tourney with a net 63. He also won the low gross score prize with a 79.

Greg Piersol (15), also was on fire, coming in second with a net 66. **John McAndrews** (38) took third with a net 70, and **Chuck Alkire** (13) and **Robert Prierer** (24) tied for 4th with net 71s.

The four closest-to-the-pin contests were won by **Gary Leong**, **Les Widerynski**, **Bill Sanborn** and Piersol.

This was the final competition of the 2011-12 season, so the top eight point finishers will compete in match-play playoffs during August, September and October to determine the Club Champion. The champion goes on to play in the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) Tournament of Club Champions in December.

Pairings for the first round of playoffs

Bob Stearns vs. Robert Prierer
 Gary Leong vs. John Brower
 John McAndrews vs. Jim Crandall
 Chuck Alkire vs. Bill Ragland

Here are the final point standings for the 2011-2012 season:

Place	Golfer	Points
1	Stearns	25.75
2	Leong	22
3	McAndrews	21
4 tied	Alkire	19.50
	Ragland	19.50
6	Crandall	17.88
7	Brower	16.25
8	Prierer	15.83
9	Slattery	15.5
10	Pete Capparelli	15.33
11	Sanborn	13.25
12	Les Widerynski	13
13	John LoGiudice	10.75
14 tied	Wayne Sleme	10
	Brown	10
16	Piersol	6.5
17	Mona Gutierrez-Portales	1.50
18	Chris Kramer	1
19 tied	Dale Calderon	.5
	Mike Feyder	.5

Deborah Gmeiner	.5
Mike McGerr	.5
Ryan Righetti	.5

Points are awarded at each tournament as follows: first place, 6 points; second place, 4 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 2 points; fifth place, 1 point. In addition, one-half point is awarded to everyone who participates.

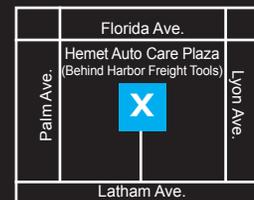
The club is a member of the Southern California Golf Association and is sanctioned to establish SCGA handicaps for members.

If you are interested in joining the club or playing as a guest, please contact Jim Crandall at jim.crandall@verizon.net (951) 265-5732, or Pete Capparelli at pete@capparelli.com (951) 452-5552.

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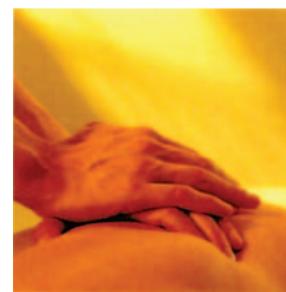
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At its July 11 meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President **Steve Espinosa** (right) and **Reba Couter** (left) present a donation to Brian for the kids at Ronald McDonalds.

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At its July 18 meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President **Steve Espinosa** (right) presents a new member package to **Terry Dymant**.

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At its July 11 meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President **Steve Espinosa** (right) presents a new member package to **Martha Sanchez**, owner of Idyllwild Vacation Cabins.

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This Marine took a few minutes to warm up prior to the July 21 Marine Band performance at the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series.

PHOTO BY CATHERINE ALLEN

Melody Blaschko of Idyllwild attended the Soroptimist International of the Americas 42nd Biennial Convention Honolulu, Hawaii, from July 18 to 21.

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Record

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July 19 — Burglary, 26000 block of Lookout Road, Idyllwild. The case is open but suspended.

July 21 — Vandalism (estimated damage \$2,500)

of a vehicle at a commercial establishment, 54000 block of Village Center Drive, Idyllwild. The case is open but suspended.

July 23 — Vehicle theft, 38000 block of Howard Road, Anza. The case is open but suspended.

COUNTY CORNER

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Realignment

The Board of Supervisors received a report on the status of jails, prisoners and realignment of functions between the state and county since implementation of A.B. 109 in October 2011.

The immediate result was jail overcrowding and the release of more than 3,000 inmates. The county's sheriff and the probation departments analyzed these results and suggested several options, which should have significant positive results.

Realignment authorized the shift of inmates from state prisons to county responsibility. Given the limited availability of county jail beds, realignment created the need to use alternatives to incarceration.

These options, which include pre-trial services, electronic monitoring, graduated sanctions, flash incarceration, work release, day reporting centers and placement at fire camps, are generating positive results and may create budget savings as their use continues. The preliminary analysis finds some of these alternatives less costly than jail stays.

There was no wavering from the sheriff's recommenda-

tion that Riverside County needs to construct additional jail space. The Indio expansion has begun and so has planning for a hub jail in the center of the county.

The county executive officer is requesting the CCP continue analysis of these options and improve the cost estimates. In January 2013, the issue should be returned to the board for discussion and possible action.

Property Assessments

The Riverside County Assessor's Office provided the following data. Property assessments have reversed their three-year decline and are one percent higher in 2012 than last year. Since the high of 2008, local property valuations have fallen more than 11 percent.

Year	Assessed Value	Value Change	% Change
2012	\$684,617,563	7,102,577	1.05%
2011	677,514,986	(19,842,486)	-2.85%
2010	697,357,472	(26,728,612)	-3.69%
2009	724,086,084	(37,837,343)	-4.97%
2008	761,923,427	20,111,347	2.71%
2007	741,812,080		

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Rescue

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Riverside County Sherriff's Department during their review of the accident. On behalf of our entire Girl Scout family, we extend our heartfelt thoughts to Karen's family and friends."

Gose had been part of a Camp Scherman summer camping course called "Go Climb a Rock," designed for Girl Scouts in 6th through 9th grades. According to

the course syllabus, campers learn basic rock climbing on the camp's natural rock walls then in the mountains on a group climb. It was during a field outing on Suicide Rock in Idyllwild on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 24, that Gose fell.

According to the American Alpine Club compendium on U.S. climbing accidents, there is a yearly average of 25 fatalities.

Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.



CAL FIRE Helicopter 301 landed at Keenwild Forest Service Station where Mercy Air was waiting to transport Gose on Tuesday afternoon. Mercy Air transported Gose, who had slipped into full cardiac arrest, to Desert Regional Medical Center.

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Bookstore

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and awareness of INK to the community — people who may not have otherwise known how unique INK is.

For myself, attending the series reminded me, a Kindle user, of the joy in holding a paper book and the importance of keeping our independent (or any) bookstore alive.

And do these poison-pen writers realize Eduardo is a local who owns a home here and not some out-of-town-bigshot imposing his will on our sweet town?

Seeing this negativity surrounding INK puts a bad taste in my mouth.

I hope Julie, Mary and David will write a rebuttal to these comments, thanking Eduardo and his valiant effort to support his local bookstore.

BETTY ANDERSON
IDYLLWILD

The final word

EDITOR:

If there is one thing I can say, it is that we are grateful for all the support and positive energy everyone has given us here at INK Book Gathering. We appreciate it more than we can say.

We cannot condone the negative things being said, all we can do is support the freedom of opinion. It's what we do here every day!

As a local business owner and resident, I want to see our community flourish. If people, locals and visitors, want to support our community then I suggest we do it in positive manners: shop and dine local, attend local events, be a part of our community.

Slingsing insults is a freedom we all have, but why not focus on creation instead of destruction?

Instead of sitting around complaining about the loss of

business, go buy some jerky or a hat. Instead of talking about tourists not spending money, go get your groceries at any of our markets or find something unique for your cabin at any of our antique shops. Instead of insulting someone for not doing enough for us here at the bookstore, come grab a book from us or Bubba's or Lady of the Lake.

Complaining about our community is a right that we can all indulge in — but to what extent does it do any good? None. Let's bring our focus on supporting our community.

Eduardo had an idea for a way to support a local busi-

ness and took action. His intention is commendable! We appreciate everything Eduardo does for the Idyllwild Authors Series, and everyone else who contributed to these amazing events.

His hope was that these events would not end with the closing of the series, but that the interest and support would carry throughout the year, for our shop and events, and for the other businesses (Strawberry Creek Inn and Café Aroma) which supported the series as well.

The fact that a number of businesses were involved, several individuals contributed, many authors participated,

and so many of the community turned out speaks to the desire and support that thrives here.

We are grateful that people care enough about INK to rally behind us — but we would rather have our rallying cry be one of an upbeat nature. Let us build, as a community and as individuals, not tear things apart.

JULIE JOHNSON,
OWNER

DAVID DAPEER,
LITERATURE EXPERT

MARY STEVENSON,
TEEN BOOK CONNOISSEUR
INK BOOK GATHERING
STAFF

Before

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was ended and the Idyllwild Inn and 1,000 nearby acres, including its developed subdivision, sold to Claudius Lee Emerson's group.

Emerson's early success in turning Idyllwild into a booming vacation community reawakened Strong and Dickinson's interest in the area. In 1923, they hired Walter Wood, who had just initiated development of the Pine Cove area, and gave him a free hand running IMPCo.

With Wood's aggressive marketing, Fern Valley began to sprout cabins on a 1,000-acre subdivision surrounding Strawberry and Marion creeks. Even his ill-fated venture into a golf club competing with Emerson's Idyllwild Inc. for social and economic preeminence, about which I wrote

earlier this year, did not daunt Strong and Dickinson.

Having sold more land to Emerson in lower Strawberry Valley, IMPCo still owned nearly 2,000 acres in Fern Valley, Pine Cove and Dutch Flat. A rumor of negotiations to sell out totally to Emerson, which appeared as a "report" in the Riverside Daily Press in 1931, proved premature.

Actually, IMPCo had been biding time, awaiting completion of a new highway from Hemet to replace the outdated, overcrowded Control Road.

With its opening imminent in 1929, Wood hired Margaret Rentchler, who had fallen under the spell of Idyllwild, although she came to town merely to represent the Los Angeles County Christian Endeavor Union in its negotiations for land for the Tahquitz Pines Conference Grounds.

The Depression and World War II, however, stalled

further development. In 1939, Strong and Dickinson sent one of their Los Angeles managers, Rollin Humber, to take over IMPCo. Here he met Rentchler, and they soon married and turned the company into a formidable rival to Jerry Johnson's downtown Idyllwild All-Year Resort Co. The Humber thought they could turn Fern Valley into a commercial center to dominate Idyllwild, but Johnson's interests were too well established.

After Rollin Humber's death in 1955, IMPCo kept a lower profile on the Hill. Dickinson, according to his grandson, bought Poppet Flat and later sold it to the developer of Silent Valley RV resort. He finally sold the parent company in the late 1960s.

Although the Dickinson family still owns a few lots at the end of Indian Rock Road, these pioneers are mostly remembered today only in two Fern Valley street names: Strong Drive and the sadly misspelled Dickenson Road.

Botany

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well-defined route from Wellman's Divide that he and his wife have taken many times.

On Thursday, July 26, we set out on the much anticipated expedition to reach the springs. I met Tom and "Mountain" Bob Hepburn at the Upper Tram station. We hiked from the tram directly to Wellman's Divide only stopping to record plants in bloom and to take a brief lunch break at the top of Round Valley Meadow.

Just below Wellman's Divide, we encountered six deer. All were bucks with impressive antlers.

From Wellman's Divide, we headed cross country toward Marion Mountain. Our route took us above Wellman's Cienega reducing the elevation loss and additional distance we would have incurred by taking the climber's trail from the cienega.

Following Ken's directions, we were able to negotiate through the thickets of chinquapin and up a drainage to a saddle on the north side of Marion Mountain. It was smooth sailing once we topped out at the saddle. Upon reflection, we were doubly appreciative of the route given to us by Ken. We are uncertain that we would have reached our destination on this first attempt if we would have had to bushwhack a trail on our own.

We only found about a dozen species at the springs, but they were not all the usual suspects. That was not unexpected at that high elevation. We know from experience that the drainage is much more diverse at the elevation of Deer Springs Camp with many riparian species including lemon lily. I would have liked to have found the highest elevation lemon lily in the drainage, but there is a very steep dropoff below the springs that would require ascending to return.

After the off trail trek, my energy gauge was already on low, and we were running short on time. I contented



Dave Stith hikes to Deer Springs on Marion Mountain.

PHOTO BY TOM CHESTER

myself with the day's achievements and the satisfaction of finally visiting the real Deer Springs.

Tom is already anxious to go back and explore more of the habitats above 10,000 feet that are accessible from the saddle. I would love to go back to see the springs in late spring or early summer of a wet year, and as a bonus the saddle looks like prime habitat to look for onions.

If you have any additional comments, observations, or explanations related to the state of the lilies, contact Dave Stith at dradrph@aol.com.

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Letters

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Stricter gun control might have altered the nature of the attack, but there's no reason to think it would have prevented it.

Several years ago, George Weller drove his Buick through the Santa Monica Farmers' Market, killing 10 and injuring 35. He had no gun, just a Buick.

And what could be more wholesomely American than a Buick? (Other than mom and apple pie, of course — oh, and let's not forget the Constitution, along with its Second Amendment.)

Closer to home, I'm sure we all remember when a kid driving a truck out front of Hemet High ran a light and sent 9 people to the hospital [May 30].

My point?

Anyone wanting to kill a dozen or so people does not have to rely on a gun.

How about 3,000 people? How about the events of Sept. 11, 2001?

Again, no guns.

Yes, increased gun control seems like an easy answer to the problem of violence in our society. But it's akin to the proverbial man who searches for his lost key under a lamppost simply because that's where the light is best.

Violence is a problem we must confront, but suggesting stricter gun control as the solution serves only as a distraction.

A dangerous distraction.

DAN PIETSCH
IDYLLWILD

Guns 2

EDITOR:

Gun control?

No. How about criminal control?

The looney in Colorado will get a trial. When convicted he'll get an automatic appeal. Then there'll be another and another. He'll

quite probably die of old age in prison.

Instead we need to come down hard and fast on this class of criminal. One trial with a very thorough psychiatric evaluation. If found guilty, the criminal is put to death. Immediately.

Prevention? Fast track the licensing and training of concealed carry applicants.

One armed person in that Colorado theater would have made a big difference. Eliminate penalties for those who use a weapon to defend themselves or others (after a thorough investigation).

Allow the people to protect themselves.

BILL BUSCH
IDYLLWILD

Paying our way

EDITOR:

While camping at Idyllwild Park last August, and after moving to Idyllwild last October, I discovered the wonderful trails within the park's over 200 acres.

I live near the park's western end and hike the trails or walk the paved road nearly every morning or evening with my leashed dog.

Riverside County Parks requests a day use fee. Although small, I frequently meet Idyllwild residents who believe they're exempt and walk early or late to avoid the park ranger.

Maybe they don't realize that, in lieu of the day use fees, they can purchase an annual membership with Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks.

The membership provides access to the county park facilities and to the Hillside, Summit, Perimeter and Nature Center trails for a year. It also grants free admission to the Nature Center, to all programs and events, invitations to the semi-annual potluck dinner, and a 10-percent discount on all items in the Nature Center shop.

Members also receive the Tahquitz Telegram newsletter, publicizing upcoming events. And memberships are tax deductible.

Finally, the membership supports the Friends, which offer a variety of natural history interpretive programs, exhibits, equipment and resources for Idyllwild residents, school groups and visiting families, to engender an appreciation for the San Jacinto Mountains and for nature in general. What better way to ensure that the natural beauty of Idyllwild is preserved?

The annual family membership works out to less than 10 cents a day, something even those on a fixed income can afford. Higher donation categories and volunteer opportunities are available.

Pay up, Idyllwild!

KATHY KEANE
IDYLLWILD

Rules were clear: ARF 3

EDITOR:

It's come to my attention regarding the ARF mayoral election that there are some unfair accusations being carelessly tossed around.

Max's owner, Ms. Phyllis Mueller, broke no rules according to the ARF rules and guidelines for the election.

ARF allowed for a dollar vote whether the vote was donated by any number of individuals or a dollar a vote if you decided that you wanted to donate personally out of your own financial reserves. So there's no limit on how many people you personally could get to donate to your dog's campaign or how many votes you wanted to donate by yourself personally.

These rules were clear and explicit. So to accuse Phyllis for donating and being generous, which ultimately benefited ARF and the rescued animals, is indeed an unfair accusation.

Phyllis did not make these rules. ARF made the rules. And why would ARF want to make it hard to get more donation votes?

Of course, they would want as many donation votes as they could get per dog regardless of how the votes came to be. So don't target the person who played by the rules. If you're upset, maybe you (Madelaine) had a shaky hand on writing a bigger check.

It is wrong to accuse someone who simply wanted to be generous and to imply that something underhanded or illegal was done is completely false.

It would be a good idea to be a gracious loser. After all, we teach our children that.

But then again, "Hell hath no fury like an animal owner who loses an election scorned."

CHUCK MODRICH
IDYLLWILD

Support for IWD

EDITOR:

I support the Idyllwild Water District in its mission and goal of maintaining sustainability for its water and sewer service to all of its customers, including the Idyllwild Arts Foundation.

The district makes clear that a prerequisite for a

stable water supply for all its customers is a new 300,000-gallon reservoir to be fully operational before any will-serve letters can be issued to the foundation.

The district and foundation are in the process of exchanging information on the water supply needs for the foundation's master plan at full build-out.

I support the district's position that no will-serve letters will be issued to the foundation until at least the 300,000-gallon reservoir is fully operational, the water needs of the master plan are known, and the district has determined it can maintain sustainability for all its water and sewer customers during the next decades of global warming and expected drought.

SUE NASH
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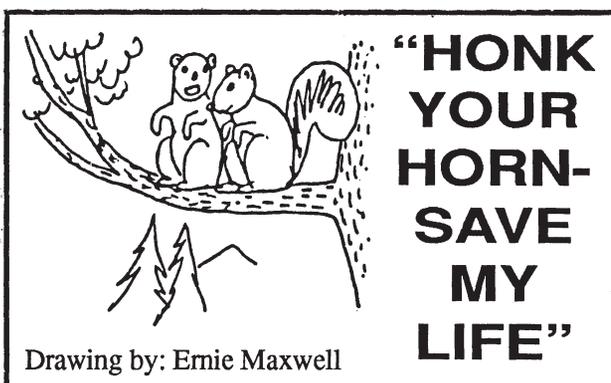
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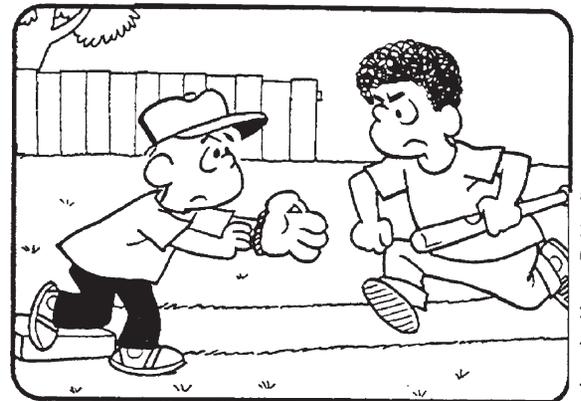
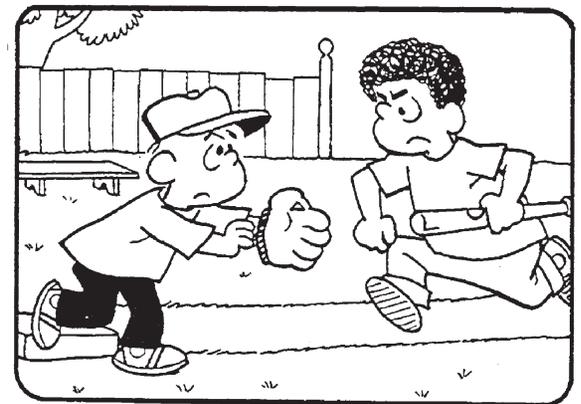
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Answers to Sudoku (Puzzle on next page)

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Four qts.
 - 4 One of Hollywood's Wilson brothers
 - 8 Back
 - 12 "I" strain?
 - 13 Exceptional
 - 14 Therefore
 - 15 Affectionate parrot
 - 17 Panorama
 - 18 Tend a text
 - 19 Flexes
 - 20 Smaller map
 - 22 Twosome
 - 24 Benefit
 - 25 Biblical tales
 - 29 Hostel
 - 30 Foe of Rocky and Bullwinkle
 - 31 Eggs
 - 32 Reduced from AAA to AA+
 - 34 Declare
 - 35 Differently
 - 36 Sports venue
 - 37 Place
 - 40 Admitting customers
 - 41 Covers
 - 42 Settee for two
 - 46 Jason's ship
 - 47 Basin accessory
 - 48 Yon maiden
 - 49 Hammerhead part
 - 50 Say it isn't so
 - 51 April 15 payment
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Solidify
 - 2 Past
 - 3 Serenade, often
 - 4 Trip around the world?
 - 5 Tarry
 - 6 Bungle
 - 7 Homer's neighbor
 - 8 Echo, for short
 - 9 Green land?
 - 10 On in years
 - 11 Joins the crew?
 - 16 Paradise
 - 19 Prejudice
 - 20 Footnote abbr.
 - 21 Zilch
 - 22 "Gay" city
 - 23 Saharan
 - 25 Spacecraft
 - compartments
 - 26 Trysting venue
 - 27 Tied
 - 28 Detect-ive writer
 - 30 Hairless
 - 33 Cause
 - 34 War god
 - 36 Mimic's forte
 - 37 Rebuff a masher
 - 38 Grow weary
 - 39 Advantage
 - 40 Microwave, e.g.
 - 42 Started
 - 43 Have bills
 - 44 "Eureka!"
 - 45 Cowboy nickname

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Relationships continue to thrive, but watch for any telltale signs of potential problems. Take needed action now to set things straight before they become troublesome later.

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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might still be a bit reluctant to face up to some less-than-pleasant realities. But the sooner you accept the facts, the sooner you can set about making some needed changes.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Expect to make adjustments, even when things seem locked up and ready to go. But cheer up: At least one change could lead to something you've been hoping for.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The success of a recent project should do a lot to boost your self-confidence. You might want to start now to check out ways to make that long-deferred bigger and bolder move.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Ease up on the pressure you might be putting on the new person in your life. It takes time for a budding relationship to blossom. Show more patience and understanding.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have lots

of inner strength in reserve. Use some of it to resist intimidation from those who might try to impose on your good nature for their own reasons.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The good news is that your on-the-job status is improving. The one cautionary note, however, involves a personal situation you might have been ignoring for too long.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Congratulations. Once again, your sharp Sagittarian "horse sense" helps you work through a complicated situation that would leave most people confused.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Plan on indulging yourself in some well-earned good times through much of the week. Then be prepared to face some thought-provoking issues by the 18th.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Positive factors continue to dominate following a recent change in both your professional and personal lives. Expect to make contact with someone from your past.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Workplace stability allows you to continue making progress on your projects. But don't ignore your personal life. Spend more quality time with those special folks.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SURVIVAL HOUND, 49010 Vista Drive, Morongo Valley, CA 92256, Riverside County. CHAD GARRET HOLLAND, 49010 Vista Drive, Morongo Valley, CA 92256.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
CHAD G. HOLLAND

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 2, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-07513

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CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: L. Sibley, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as ALPENGLOW LILAC GARDENS, 25025 Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. P. O. Box 1647, Idyllwild, CA 92549. GARY ALAN PARTON, 25025 Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Aug. 13, 2007.

Signed:
GARY ALAN PARTON

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 2, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-07515

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By: L. Sibley, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CAFE AROMA, 54750 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1295, Idyllwild, CA 92549. HUBERT --- HALKIN, 1516 Kearsarge Road, La Jolla, CA 92037, and FRANK JOSEPH FERRO III, 54737 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by Co-partners. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on ____.

Signed:
FRANK JOSEPH FERRO III

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 2, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-07554

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: N. Medina, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as TARA INSURNACE AGENCY, 54385 N. Circle Drive, Suite B, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 4217, Idyllwild, CA 92549. NICK TODD, 54245 N. Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above June 1, 2012.

Signed:
NICK TODD

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 26, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-07353

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JUNE 26, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JUNE 26, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: D. Perez, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as OREAD DESIGNS, 53405 Country Club Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1464, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MARY FRANCES COLLIER, 53405 Country Club Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
MARY F. COLLIER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 12, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-07920

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: N. Medina, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BLACK MAMBA, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, Riverside County. LEVECKE CORPORATION, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, a California corporation (A 27762).

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
J. NEIL LEVECKE
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 29, 2012.

FILE NO.:
I-2012-01763

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: D. Perez, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MOUNTAIN PAWLYTECHNIC CANINE EDUCATION, 23400 Hwy. 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 4418, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JANICE ELLEN MURASKO, 24600 Schaffer Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
JANICE ELLEN MURASKO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 9, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-07756

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JULY 9, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JULY 9, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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County Clerk
By: T. Vargas, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as HUDSON'S BOOKKEEPING SERVICES, 73243 Catalina Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. STEPHEN CALVIN HUDSON, 73243 Catalina Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
STEPHEN C. HUDSON

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 6, 2012.

FILE NO.:
I-2012-01806

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JULY 6, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JULY 6, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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Pub. TC: July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SCRUB OUTLET, 4751 E. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92244, Riverside County. Mailing address: 117 Via Valverde, Cathedral City, CA 92234. SUSAN DAWN KROSNER, 318 22nd St., Huntington Beach, CA 92248; CONNIE SUE PEHRSON, 117 Via Valverde, Cathedral City, CA 92234.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

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

Signed:
CONNIE SUE PEHRSON

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 9, 2012.

FILE NO.:
I-2012-01824

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: J. Buenrostro, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as WISE WOMEN, 54450 Village View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 524, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JUDITH CORRINE WAY and ROBERT MICHAEL PEEK, 54450 Village View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by Husband & Wife.

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

Signed:
ROBERT M. PEEK

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 20, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-08223

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JULY 20, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JULY 20, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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By: T. Vargas, Deputy

Pub. TC: Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2012.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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Pub. TC: Aug. 2, 9, 16, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Signed:
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Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 24, 2012.

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

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Edwina Scott, executive director of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, thanks the Woodies for all their work before Friday's luncheon began. PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Fire and forest

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the tools and the activities that advance the mission but also feels right for them. Skills, knowledge, and physical abilities vary, but everyone finds a way to contribute, and everyone's contribution is valuable.

I have no doubt that is one of the aspects of the group that elicits loyalty over time. I think Woodies who have worked in large organizations and felt constrained take particular pleasure in this arrangement. It seems to me that any organization that doesn't respect the overall competence and judgment of seniors and their ability to self-manage will lose a great deal of energy and people.

Another interesting aspect of the group has to do with health and healing. Most of the Woodies are in their 60s and 70s. Like most in that age group, they have medical and physical challenges resulting in surgical and medical interventions.

Sometimes it is a knee or hip replacement, sometimes the repair of a torn shoulder. Some have had heart attacks.

This is not noteworthy and is typical for the age. What is noteworthy is how quickly people come back to the Woodies after these medical moments. They can't wait to get back!

I have not done a study of this, but I am convinced that Woodies return from their procedures faster than any randomly chosen group of people of similar age and medical condition.

I will admit that one reason for this is that they are in better overall condition than others their age. But I can't get over the motivation factor. It seems apparent that we all heal faster when we want to get back to a situation in which we believe we are making a difference.

This point has been made by others before, but the Woodies are a current demonstration of why a sense of meaning matters to one's health and happiness.

Poison

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He reported the incident to law enforcement and gave a piece of the poisoned "cookie" to the Sheriff's Department for further analysis.

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Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.



Sebastian, subdued but recovering. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

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60 years ago - 1952

Paul and Mary Gormley were manning the lookout post at Ranger Peak. During the rest of the year, the Gormleys worked as cook and butler for a family in the San Francisco area.

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The Chamber of Commerce had 368 members. Dues were \$3, with business memberships at \$12.

55 years ago - 1957

The sixth-annual Shakespearean Festival was held at ISOMATA [now Idyllwild Arts Academy]. The drama department presented "The Taming of the Shrew."

45 years ago - 1967

Camp Emerson inaugurated its new 2-acre lake.

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A class of ISOMATA students adjourned to the Black Forest Bakery to practice bakery arts. The project involved 61 pounds



Members of the Queen of Angels Church and other community members marched down North Circle Drive to pray for rain on July 28, 2002, due to drought conditions following two dry winters.

FILE PHOTO

of pink, green, blue and yellow cookie dough; 35 pounds of white bread dough; and unlimited imagination.

30 years ago - 1982

An Anza man, Robert McQuaery, was standing under a tree near the picnic area at Lake Hemet when a lightning bolt hit him full force in the chest. McQuaery was pronounced dead when he arrived at the hospital.

25 years ago - 1987

The Idyllwild Arts Foun-

ation announced a four-year, \$2.6 million improvement plan.

20 years ago - 1992

Becky Chase was driving her 1976 Chevrolet on Highway 74 when it slid out of control on the rain-slicked road and tumbled down the side of an embankment. Chase thanked her seat belt for saving her life. She escaped the collision without a scrape.

15 years ago - 1997

Dave Ziegler, former manager of Jo'An's Restau-

rant, led an unusual crew of people in the grand opening parade of the restaurant.

10 years ago - 2002

Members of the Queen of Angels Catholic Church marched down North Circle Drive to pray for rain.

5 years ago - 2007

A 25-year veteran tree climber lost his footing, hit his rib cage against a tree, slid 2 feet, but managed to climb the remaining 8 feet to the ground. Once his safety equipment was removed, he claimed breathing problems and couldn't sit down. He was airlifted to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs.

1 year ago - 2011

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