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The Hill had a very busy weekend.

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Toddlers through 3 years of age search for eggs at Saturday morning's hunt at the Community Center site.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

At left, Sari Muir has fun with the Easter Bunny at the American Legion's Annual Easter Egg Hunt held on Sunday.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

Fire chief declines pay increase

After eight months, budget in hole

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The first six months of Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz's tenure have been very successful, according to Commission President Jeannine Charles-Stigall. The commission has had several sessions with the chief evaluating his performance since his August swearing-in.

"Obviously, the chief has done an excellent job," Stigall said. "We're very pleased with what he's accomplished. It's an amazing amount of work in a short time."

Pursuant to this contract with the district, the chief is eligible for a pay raise after a six-month review.

However, Reitz declined any increase at this time.

"It was discussed. The [commission] and I mutually agreed until pay is possibly restored to the paid staff, I will accept no pay increase and will remain at the level I was hired at until there is repair to the paid staff."

In February, the fire commission appointed a labor committee composed of Commissioners Jerry Buchanan and Pete Caparelli. They have not had a formal meeting yet.

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Ken Young as Seurat makes last Idyllwild appearance

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Retired arts educator Ken Young, popular with Idyllwild audiences for his portrayals of famous painters, makes his last Idyllwild appearance as French pointillist Georges Seurat at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Rainbow Inn. There is a wine and cheese reception prior to Young's presentation. Both are free to the public.

Young takes the stage, in costume and with visual aids, as the highly innovative 19th century painter Seurat. The artist employed the science of optics and color to create the perception of brilliant colors that appeared

solid when in fact they were composed of thousands of tiny dots of paint. Seurat did not mix his paint on a palette and apply with brush strokes as did his contemporaries. His paintings were created with thousands of dots of paint. Seurat was intrigued by and studied the science of optics, learning that the eye will blend individual dots of color to create another color. He called his technique, which he had researched extensively from available writers on the science of optics, "divisionism."

Cosponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library and the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council, Young's performance as Seurat concludes what for him

has been a second career as a touring performance artist.

"I'll continue my performances, but just no longer on tour," said Young, who plans to continue painter impersonations as part of courses he will teach in Northern California beginning in July.

Young's performance art began as an attempt to draw his high school students into the lives and psyches of famous painters, who often lived fascinating, compelling and idiosyncratic personal lives.

But lectures and slides did not do it. Students still remained impassive and disinterested until one day,

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Hill crime review reveals surprises

Burglaries continue and violent crimes are increasing

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Residential burglaries were reported to have decreased after Hemet Station Sheriff's deputies conducted a weeklong Idyllwild crime sweep in August 2012, according to the Hemet Station. Arrests were made, drug houses were cleared out and, according to the Hemet Station, the raid seemed effective in reducing crime.

Beginning in October 2011, felony property crimes began to escalate in the Idyllwild area. From January through August 2012, property crimes had spiked

to nearly 70. Previous years had seen yearly averages of 12 to 15 property crimes for the entire measuring year.

Based on recently received statistics from the Sheriff's Department Central Media Information Bureau, not only have residential and commercial burglaries not decreased substantially from 2012 levels, there has also been an increase in violent crime, something that had been relatively rare in prior years.

Nine felony assaults were reported from September 2012 through mid-February 2013,

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Early Easter fire consumes house

No injuries thanks to neighbor

Fire totally destroyed a home on Village View Drive before sunrise Easter morning. Idyllwild Fire Captain James Reyes was the incident commander. The loss was total and the neighbor saved the occupant's life. The residence and contents were a total loss with a combined estimate of \$250,000 to \$300,000.

At approximately 2:30 a.m. Paul Colucci was awakened when his neighbor, Robert Peek, an off-duty State Park ranger, who was awakened by the fire's noise came to his door. Colucci's house was halfway engulfed in flames when Peek and Judi Way noticed a glowing outside.

As the engines left the



Paul Colucci watches helplessly as his entire home, as well as his belongings, goes up in smoke Sunday morning.

Idyllwild Fire Station, personnel could see a fully involved structure in the area of Village View Drive. When they arrived on scene, firefighters found a residential structure ablaze. The fire was threatening an adjacent residential structure as well as two near by propane tanks.

The blaze grew at an aston-

ishing rate. The fire was under control in about two hours and crews needed three more hours to mop up and extinguish the remaining hot spots. Approximately 8,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire.

A vehicle on the property also sustained minor heat damage. The residence on the adjacent property sustained heat damage to an outside wall, with no damage estimate available at the time of incident.

An investigation into the cause of the fire was centered in the area of the wood stove and chimney duct assembly.

The investigation also found that there were no working smoke detectors in the residence.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Thanks to Peek, Colucci escaped the incident unscathed, an IFPD release stressed.

IFPD initially responded with an engine, an ambulance, and a command unit — five personnel — additional personnel assisted with the mop-up. Riverside County/CAL FIRE also responded as mutual aid from stations 23, 53 and 26.

IFPD reminds everyone to have working smoke detectors and those that heat with wood and propane to have a working carbon monoxide detector.



Just before the roof and deck caved in from the heat and flames, the skeleton of the structure was still visible.



Idyllwild Fire Captain Alan Lott inspects the damage Sunday afternoon.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHER

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Monday, March 25 to April 1, 2013:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

March 28 — Medical aid, Sylvan Way, Pine Cove.

March 30 — Medical aid, Highway 243, Pine Cove.

March 31 — Structure fire, Village View Drive, Idyllwild.

March 31 — Medical aid, Idyllbrook Drive, Idyllwild.

March 31 — Rescue, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.

April 1 — Rescue Pine

Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

April 1 — Walk-in medical aid.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

Log unavailable.

Sheriff's log

Log unavailable.

Strange but true

In the African country of Zaire, more than 200 different languages are spoken.

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The warmest parts of your body are your eyes and nose, while the coldest parts (unsurprisingly) are your fingers and toes.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 4/4	Friday 4/5	Saturday 4/6	Sunday 4/7	Monday 4/8
76/42 Mostly sunny.	74/42 Sunny.	76/41 Sunny.	74/40 Mostly cloudy.	68/40 Chance of showers.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
3-25	67	37			52	33		
3-26	66	36			53	26	.74	2
3-27	63	36			52	28		
3-28	67	36			na	na		
3-29	69	36			na	na		
3-30	na	na			69	38		
3-31	66	38			63	36		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 13.41
To date last season (Idy): 18.22
Total last season (Idy): 20.01
To date this season (PC): 19.11
Total last season (PC): 22.06

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 42.2
To date last season (Idy): 41.1
Total last season (Idy): 42.1
To date this season (PC): 44.75
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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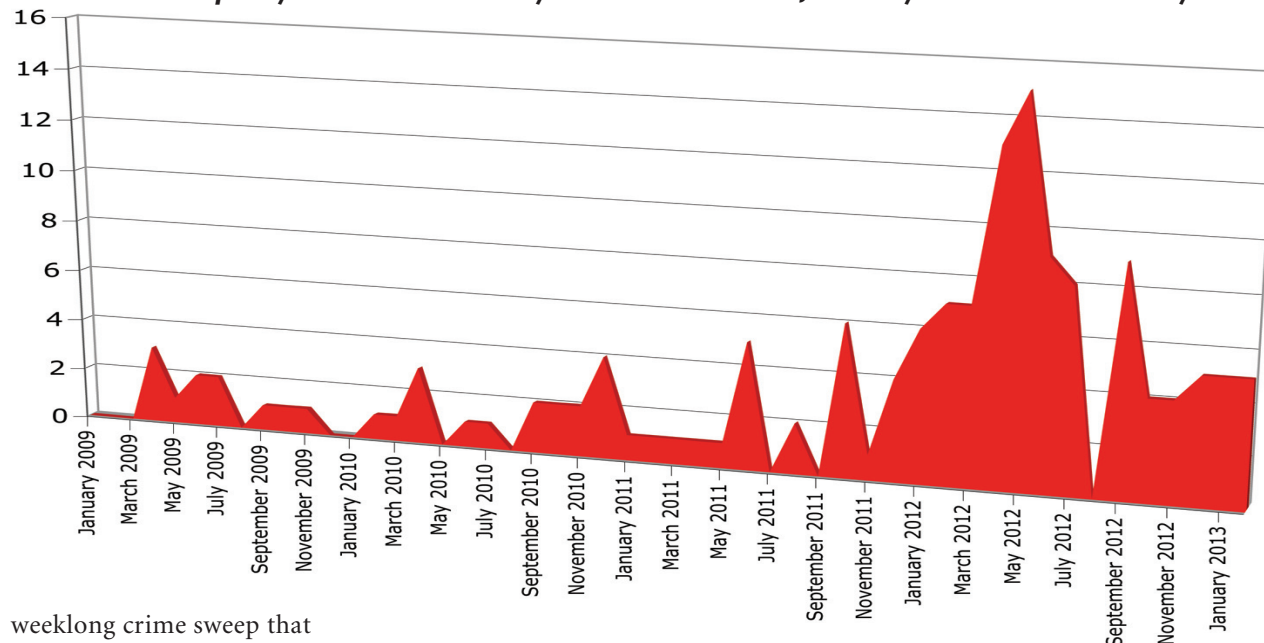
Crime

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all but one in Idyllwild. In addition, a robbery was reported in January 2013 in Idyllwild. Forty-five other felonies, including burglaries, attempted burglaries, vehicle burglaries, stolen vehicles and felony thefts and felony vandalism was reported from September through February, a rate similar to crimes in 2012 prior to the August Sheriff's sweep.

The dramatic surge in residential property crimes began in October 2011 and continued to spike into the late summer of 2012. In August 2012, Riverside County Sheriff's Department deputies conducted a

Property crimes in the Idyllwild area from January 2009 to February 2013



weeklong crime sweep that resulted in 13 arrests and jail sentences for a number of those arrested. After

the sweep and the arrests, residential burglaries were said to have diminished

according to the Hemet Station, but as the recently

received statistics indicate, reported crime did not

decrease markedly.

The majority of these reported crimes were concentrated in a few neighborhoods — Tollgate, Saunders Meadow Road, Pine Crest and Marian View. Others occurred in Fern Valley and Pine Cove.

Neighborhood Watch groups should note burglary and theft locations in order to better prepare and organize. A list of crime locations is available online at idyllwild-towncrier.com at the end of this story. We can only post crime locations for which reports have been filed. There may have been additional crimes that went unreported.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

BY BRUCE WATTS

Joshua Tree photo safari ...

At 3 p.m. Saturday, Les and Cheri Walker, along with the pups Koda and Boulder, and yours truly all piled into the FJ Cruiser and headed to Joshua Tree.

Our mission was to catch the late afternoon light and, hopefully, some cloud cover during the golden hour shooting.

This would be the first time that all of us made the journey out to the desert just to shoot pictures. That is all of us with the exception of the dogs, who were just going out to sniff stuff.

Rule number one when walking or sniffing around the desert is that every plant has some kind of thorn or projectile and you can't walk around looking at the scenery without running into some of them.

We saw some impressive clouds hovering over San Geronio on the way down the Hill but unfortunately the park was virtually devoid of cloud cover. This didn't faze me because first on my list was to get some photos of Joshua Trees in bloom.

Not long after we stopped to walk around in Lost Horse Valley, I discovered plenty of blooming Joshua trees and a few cactus needles as well.

As I was shooting a close-up of a huge flower head, a flash of blue caught my eye. A scrub jay had landed on the tree trunk not more than 7 feet away.

I quickly turned my attention to the jay but he was always facing me so I couldn't get the blue on his back and wings. I inched closer and finally my friendly jay flew off. I was looking at



my live-view screen and saw for the briefest instant the jay with wings fully extended and his back to me. Before I could focus on him, he was gone. Only a bright blue wing showed up in the corner of my picture.

Once again my attempt at bird photography had failed, but there was still plenty of daylight left and I turned my attention to the nonflying plants and animals. I soon discovered a beautiful barrel cactus with red thorns.

The light was beginning to slant in as the sun was lower in the sky and I got some nice pictures of cacti, pinyon pines, junipers, yuccas, and numerous other species of desert plants.

I discovered an interesting web or cocoon that was star-shaped and wrapped around the inner stem of a bush. Either it was an intricate web or maybe a moth cocoon. I don't know, but I will endeavor to find out.

At the end of the day, we arrived at our destination — Headstone Rock. The rock like the name implies stands vertically and one side faces toward the setting sun which makes for dramatic photographs if you get there at the right time of day.

On Easter weekend, the rock was covered with climbers and others scrambling around on the lower rocks that make up the base of the headstone. The sun was setting fast and all three of us were running around trying to catch the last of the golden hour sunlight. As the sun dipped below the ridge line, only the taller peaks were still bathed in the last glimmering golden light.

We all smiled while sharing our pictures and headed back home.



A blooming Joshua tree

PHOTOS BY BRUCE WATTS



A red barrel cactus

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At right, **Mike Terry**, Pipe Major and Pipe Band Instructor at University of California Riverside, performed and explained the history and mechanics of the bagpipe and the kilt at an Idyllwild School assembly on Friday afternoon. The Band will perform July 3 in Idyllwild, details in the future.



At left, Principal **Matt Kraemer** (left) was dressed in the traditional kilt and learned to play the bagpipe on Friday. Instructor **Mike Terry** (right) played the notes while Kraemer worked on the wind portion of the instrument.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Serving their community ...



Rotarian **Danny Richardson**, diligently picking up trash along with several other Rotarians on Highway 243 between the Transfer Station and Mountain Center. They are taking very good care of the adopted highway.

PHOTO BY ROBERT HAINE



During their program meeting Thursday, March 21, Soroptimist International of Idyllwild presented **Patty Carratello** with the **Mary Austin Award**. Patty is receiving her check from **Susan Schumacher**, treasurer.

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IFPD

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The path to restoring the partial pay reduction, which the career staff accepted

a year ago, may be more difficult in the short term.

The district's financial statement through February (the fiscal year ends June 30) shows a \$175,000 deficit.

IFPD still owes Riverside County \$35,000 for the advance of the December property tax revenue. In addition, the district deferred the payment of principal for its February vehicle loan

until May, according to Buchanan. A similar agreement was made in 2012.

In May, the district receives its second property tax receipts from the county and the lender was will-

ing to wait for the principal payment if the district paid the interest due. Last month, IFPD sent the lender a \$6,700 check for the interest. After May, IFPD will still have four payments due on the loan for the brush truck, which was bought in 2007.

Despite current costs exceeding its revenues through February, the commission is confident that the fiscal year will end well. In response to the question about its financial status, Buchanan wrote, "We expect to finish the year with a balanced

budget."

In other business, the commission authorized the chief to contact Riverside County Registrar of Voters to confirm participation in an election this August. Commission President Stigall's and Vice President Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly's terms expire in December.

The commission also approved proposed papers for incorporation of the department's fire auxiliary.

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Ward Johnson presents thank-you to IFPD

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Ward Johnson, 53, returned to Idyllwild and gratefully presented the Idyllwild Fire District with a plaque and photo at its March 26 meeting.

In late December 1972, Johnson was sledding on Strong Drive. He crossed South Circle Drive and a passing car hit him.

The driver stopped, looked at Johnson on the ground, then got back in the car and drove away.

The Idyllwild Fire Department transported Johnson to Hemet Hospi-

tal. He was later transferred with severe head injuries.

After months in the hospital, he finally recovered and has been forever grateful to the department. He told the commission, "You saved my life."

"He's a huge supporter [of IFPD]," affirmed Fire Chief Patrick Reitz. "I've heard from him often."

Johnson has been an enthusiastic supporter of the department's annual spaghetti dinner. He holds the ticket selling record — 52 — for one dinner.

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Idyllwild Fire Commission President **Jeannine Charles-Stigall** holds the model fire engines, **Ward Johnson** of Long Beach, holds the plaque he gave the commission and Fire Chief **Patrick Reitz** with a photo of Johnson and his plaque.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Fire Capt. Mike Mulhall retires

Idyllwild Fire Captain Mike Mulhall retired from the Fire Protection District, Monday, April 1.

A reception honoring Captain Mulhall's retirement will

be hosted at the Idyllwild Fire Station Wednesday, April 10. A presentation recognizing Captain Mulhall's 28 years of service to the community will take place at 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 9.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- 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., Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview 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, APRIL 4

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty, (619) 895-0934.
- Idyllwild Water District Special Meeting of the Water Committee, 9 a.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Idyllwild Rotary Ann's, 11:30 a.m. Call 852-2306 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Av., Persons interested may show up or phone (951) 659-4910.
- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 6 p.m., Gastrognome, 54381 Ridgeview Dr.
- English as second language, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Idyllwild School Library, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

- 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.
- Celebrate Recovery, 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, APRIL 6

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, Zen-style from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Contact Valerie Kyoshin Velez for more information at (951) 392-6507 or kyoshinvelez@gmail.com.
- 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, APRIL 7

- 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., Rancho 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, APRIL 8

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. Call 659-6208 for information.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. 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).
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- 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, APRIL 10

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
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- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Pine Cove Water District, 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.
- 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.
- "This is This conversation," 6 p.m., Oma's European Bakery & Restaurant, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

- COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**
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Idyllwild Fire Protection District 2011 employee expenses reported to the State Controller

Position	Total Wages	Defined Benefit Plan Covered	Employee's Ret. Cost compensation	Health, Dental and Vision
Fire Chief	\$134,679	\$ 24,824	\$ 8,708	\$ 9,000
Admin. Capt./paramedic	\$121,344	\$ 18,064	\$ 6,859	\$ 9,000
Captain/paramedic	\$110,563	\$ 20,287	\$ 7,903	\$ 9,000
Captain/paramedic	\$104,208	\$ 20,287	\$ 7,742	\$ 9,000
Captain/paramedic	\$ 98,354	\$ 20,287	\$ 7,751	\$ 9,000
Engineer/paramedic	\$ 83,907	\$ 18,064	\$ 6,846	\$ 9,000
Engineer/paramedic	\$ 82,808	\$ 18,064	\$ 6,844	\$ 9,000
Firefighter/EMT	\$ 54,380	\$ 10,716	\$ 3,855	\$ 5,400
Firefighter/EMT	\$ 47,474	\$ 11,277	\$ 4,059	\$ 5,400
Firefighter/EMT	\$ 43,643	\$ 9,632	\$ 3,858	\$ 5,400
Admin. Asst.	\$ 32,617			\$ 4,200
Mechanic	\$ 14,332			
Paid call firefighters	\$ 10,082	8 paid call firefighters recieved wages, the largest was \$5,801.		
Reservists/paramedic	\$ 6,381	4 reservist/paramedics received wages, the largest was \$3,031.		
Reservists	\$ 50,131	13 reservists received wages, the largest was \$15,033, 3 others were more than \$5,000.		
<u>Board members</u>				
Board President	\$ 0			
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Commissioner	\$ 0			

Idyllwild Fire Protection District employee expenses reported to the State Controller. The total salaries, wages and benefit costs for 2011 were \$1,380,845.

County fire mails notice of violation and abatement to county property owners

On March 30, the Riverside County Fire Department Hazard Reduction Office mailed a Notice of Violation and Order to Abate to property owners that have not cleared parcels with overgrown weeds, dry grasses and other flammable vegetation.

The annual hazardous vegetation abatement inspections have been completed by fire personnel on vacant parcels within the Riverside County Fire Department unincorporated service area. With the combination of below average rainfall and above average temperatures during the past winter season, vegetation is quickly drying and has become a fire hazard.

With summer approaching and temperatures rising, fire danger will increase within the flammable vegetation and in turn become a major fuel source for wildland fires.

Property owners who receive a Notice of Violation and Order to Abate must clear their cited parcel(s) within 30 days, according to the requirements set forth in the notice.

Each year, CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department responds to wildland fires caused by improper equipment use. Those preventable fires are caused by land owners' or hired contractors' improper use of motorized equipment and conducting brush clearance

too late in the day.

Fires caused by improper equipment use are costly and operators who are found to be negligent will be held liable for the costs associated with fire suppression.

Following the guidelines on proper brush clearance and the safe use of equipment used to clear brush will reduce the chance of ignition and spread of wildland fires. The guidelines can be found at www.rvcfire.org or at www.fire.ca.gov/communications/communications_factsheets.php.

For additional information and/or assistance on hazardous vegetation abatement on a vacant parcel within the unincorporated areas, call (951) 943-0640.

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



Community assessment survey meetings in Riverside County

Every two years Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (CAP Riverside) does a county-wide community assessment survey of Riverside County's low-income residents.

Throughout the month of March, CAP Riverside has been collecting surveys and gathering feedback at community focus group meetings. The data that have been collected and concerns that have been voiced will be discussed at community focus meetings in each of the five supervisorial districts.

The meetings are open to the public and the information discussed will be vital to CAP Riverside in formulating its action plan for the next two years. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

The 3rd District meeting will be 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at The Salvation Army, 340 S. Palm Ave., Hemet.

Strange but true

President Harry Truman was once told there were ghosts in the White House. His response? "I'm sure they're here, and I'm not half so alarmed at meeting up with any of them as I am at having to meet the live nuts I have to see every day."

How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps). Letters must be signed (unless e-mailed) and must be identified with the writer's name, address and weekday phone number.

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TOWN TALK

By DOLORES SIZER

What have you done to prepare for fire season?



Annie Swift
Self-employed
Idyllwild

"Preparation to do yard cleanup. Clean gutters and around house."



Jim Palmer
Real estate agent
Pine Cove

"Make sure my property is clear of debris and have a full tank of gas."



Genessee Sandlin
"Whatever my boss tells me to"
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"Made my fiancé clean my yard."



Robert Bush
Peaceful Mountain Inn
Idyllwild

"Sprayed to keep the weeds at bay. Forest Service came in and cleared the forest property next to me."

Trivia test

Firsts: Who was the first (and only) woman to win the Medal of Honor?

Answer: Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, for her medical work during the Civil War

Thought for the day

"When two men in business always agree, one of them is unnecessary." — William Wrigley, Jr.

FIRE AND FOREST

By MIKE ESNARD,
MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

Australian warnings ...

Australia is one of the areas on the globe that deals with wildfires every summer, much like the American West, so we should pay attention to what they experience in their fire season.

And this past season in Australia is one to worry about. Australia had many fires throughout the season (September through March), which is not unusual, but January had fires that authorities classed as "catastrophic."

Fires burned all over the country, but particularly in the most populous areas of the East and Southeast, in the states of New South Wales and Victoria. Fire plumes and scorched earth were plainly visible from the International Space Station. At one point in the worst of January, 141

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BEFORE OUR TIME

By ROBERT B. SMITH

The Chef in the Forest ...

A Minnesota reader, fondly recalling childhood vacations here, recently sparked my curiosity about one of Idyllwild's more outlandish characters. In January 1966, Warren Jacober announced himself to the community with this Town Crier ad:

"ATTENTION: Epicures, Gourmets, Art-lovers, Woodsmen, Housewives, Philosophers ... Recipe-collectors ... Brain-surgeons ... Folksy Humorists ... Rock Hudson, Doris Day, and any other interested person or lending institution ... 'THE CHEF IN THE FOREST' hopes to be out of the woods and open for business soon."

Two months would pass before remodeling of what has become today's Creek House would permit a grand opening. But after merely a week, several more ads appeared, one confiding, "The Chef in the Forest wishes to thank his many friends and admirers for their advice

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RAMBLINGS FROM ROSCOE

By THE FIRE DOG, AS INTERPRETED BY PATRICK REITZ, IDYLLWILD FIRE CHIEF

Emergency preparedness – Part 3 ...

Water – that precious resource we need to live. While we can live weeks without food, we can only live days, and in some cases less without water. In the case of a disaster, it can be the dividing line between survival or not.

Water is already a scarce commodity here on the Hill. There is very little surface water most of the year, with the exception of the three lakes and a handful of ponds.

If you are on one of the three water systems, it is important to remember that water lines can be easily disrupted in the case of a large earthquake. While all three water districts have their own disaster plans, including emergency power, it will take time to repair and restore broken water lines.

So what are your plans for water in the case of a Hill disaster? Are those plans just for the Hill or do they apply for any of your residences, if you have more than one? Do you stay at relatives for extended periods of time? Do you visit relatives or friends that live in disaster-prone areas? Are they prepared for a disaster? Are you prepared for extra people that may visit or stay with you from time to time?

We are told to plan for a minimum of one gallon of water per person per day. This is for drinking water only and does not take into account the environment in which you may be living or the time of year. It also does not take into account water for cooking and a lot of the food



provisions that we may have in case of a disaster require water for preparation.

When considering this, you should plan for three to five gallons per person per day. Now plan for no less than 72 hours (three days) and possibly as long as 21 to 28 days. Remember that this is only for cooking and drinking and does not extend to sanitation, except for maybe light hand-washing.

When calculating how much water you will need it is important to include extra for those with special medical conditions and your pets.

Wow, a minimum of nine to 15 gallons per person for a three-day duration! How do you keep and store that much water?

I would suggest a combination of water storage — water in bottles for immediate drinking needs and larger containers for more storage capacity. Cases of commercially bottled water are a good way to stock up on drinking water. The 5-gallon water bottles used for dispensers are also good, however they can be awkward to store.

Water has been packaged in metal cans and Mylar pouches that have extended shelf life when stored properly. Pay attention to expiration dates and cycle your water to maintain freshness.

For your larger storage needs, consider food-grade buckets and barrels. Always clean them with soap and water and rinse thoroughly before use. You should not use jugs and bottles that have been used for milk, juice or anything but water, because the residues can lead to bacteria growth.

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Hestrin to challenge Zellerbach for DA office

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Assistant District Attorney Michael Hestrin has announced his intentions to challenge Riverside County District Attorney Paul Zellerbach in the next election. Just three years ago, June 2010, Zellerbach, a Superior Court Judge, unseated Rod Pacheco, the incumbent district attorney.

Hestrin is the attorney who prosecuted Raymond Oyler for arson and murder in the Esperanza Fire in 2009.

"The current administration absolutely lacks leadership," Hestrin said in a phone interview explaining why he is entering the political fray. "Day-to-day morale has never been worse — not only the attorneys, but investigators and office core, too."

"This is unacceptable behavior in a public servant. The representation and safety of the people of Riverside County should never be jeopardized by treating the Riverside County District Attorney's Office as a political machine to benefit my opponent and his friends. It is up to us, together, to transform the values of District Attorney's Office to justice, integrity, and ethics, not politics. The time for change in the Riverside DA's office has



Michael Hestrin, deputy district attorney, announced his candidacy for district attorney.

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come," he has posted on his website.

Hestrin, a Stanford Law School graduate, has been with the DA's office for 15 years. During that time, he tried nearly 100 cases, including several death penalty trials. He received numerous awards and headed the Riverside County Deputy District Attorney Association. He is still a working district attorney with cases to prosecute, but sometime within the next year he will take a leave of absence to campaign full time.

He plans to visit cities throughout the county, including Idyllwild, he said. "Public safety concerns me," Hestrin said. "Paul Zellerbach is not protecting the public."

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

Supervisors affirm public safety first priority

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

At its March 26 meeting, the county Board of Supervisor's approved a "Roadmap for Public Safety." This action preceded the board's first budget hearings for fiscal 2013-14, which begins July 1, which were held Monday, April 1.

Fifth District Supervisor Marion Ashley submitted the road map. The approval formally sets public safety as the county's top priority for the next five years.

As part of the roadmap, the board established a goal of 1.2 sheriff's deputies per 1,000 residents within the next five years.

"If you don't have a safe community you won't locate jobs, and without jobs, property values don't increase," said 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone.

In 2009, the county's ratio of deputies to residents was 1.2. Once county revenues began declining in 2008, budget reductions have affected all county agencies, even the sheriff's department.

Last year, during Sheriff Stan Sniff's budget presentations, he discussed the consequences of falling deputy sheriff's staff. At that point, the number of deputy sheriffs had declined

to less than 0.7 per 1,000 residents. At that moment, the supervisors decided to change that direction.

They authorized the sheriff to begin recruiting additional staff. Sniff pointed out that it takes more than a year to recruit and train new deputies before they are on the street. The process has started and he expects a new class in early 2014.

Ashley is concerned that concomitant increasing crime statistics will derail the county's incipient economic recovery. "Opportunities [for economic revival] could be disrupted by worsening crime and public safety concerns," he lamented. "Riverside County shows an increase in violent and property crimes in unincorporated areas."

He and other supervisors were also worried about the safety of deputies responding without more backup. Stone stressed the need to improve safety for the officers involved in responses as well as for the public.

"As a resident of the unincorporated areas, it's really getting tough," said new 1st District Supervisor Kevin Jefferies. "I'd like to achieve this before five years if the revenue allows and before neighborhoods are lost."

"This is more than a symbolic message," stressed Stone. "The sheriff has to invest in these individuals. We need to boldly tell staff they need to start having more [deputy] academies and more people to staff new jails. The rate-limiting step is not construction costs. The rate-limiting step is [having] personnel when it's ready."

The vote was 5-0 to make public safety, including the offices of the district attorney and fire department, the county's first priority in the coming years. Public safety agencies presented their proposed 2013-14 budgets to the supervisors Monday, April 1.

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On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



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, April 3

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Kids Movement with Wendy Watts, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
Marshall Hawkins & Paul Carman 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
"Silver Linings Playbook" 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, April 4

Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck featuring "As Good As It Gets," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"The Silver Linings Playbook," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, April 5

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.- Noon, Krafty Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Call for movie info, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Willy B, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.
Don Reed & Tom McNeary, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
"That's All Folk," 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.
Aldo and Judith Mancinelli, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, April 6

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.

Live Music, 1-4 p.m. Lumber Mill.
Call for movie info, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Skelton Crew, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Rock Star Karaoke with Scott Foster, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, April 7

David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Call for movie info, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, April 8

Adult Yoga with Trine, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.
Call for movie info. 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, April 9

Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall
Opolo Wine Tasting, 6:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Call For Movie Info. 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, April 10

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Kids Movement with Wendy Watts, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.

Call For Movie Info. 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, April 11

ICRC Speaker Series, Wine & Cheese reception, 5 p.m.; Ken Young, Speaker Presentation, 5:30 p.m. The Rainbow Inn.
Call For Movie Info. 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, April 12

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.- noon, Kraft Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Willy B, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.
That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.

Saturday, April 13

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock" Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Rock Star Karaoke with Scott Foster, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, April 14

David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Community news from Idyllwild Arts

By LYDIA KREMER, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Idyllwild community and the campus have a unique symbiotic relationship which truly takes a village to be successful.



Solid gold efforts by Creative Writing students

The California Writing Project has announced that Ana Maria Garcia Lopez de Cardenas, and Luis Bermudez Ham, both Idyllwild Arts Creative Writing students, have won Gold Key Awards in the 2013 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. This is the top regional award, and their stories went on to be judged at a national level.

Ana, a junior, submitted a short story titled "Drowning Stories," and Luis, a sophomore, submitted a short story titled "Pencils Sharp as Knives."

Luis received a silver medal and is invited to Carnegie Hall to accept his award at an event in New York City on May 31.

The California Writing Awards are sponsored by the California Writing Project, California Writes! and the California Association of Teachers of English.

Summer Program receives distinction from regional Native American tribe

On March 26, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians recognized the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program's Native

American Arts Workshops and Festival. The honor was presented at the 2013 Forging Hope Luncheon, which the tribe hosted at the Orange Show Convention Center in San Bernardino, and more than 300 guests attended.

Idyllwild Arts Board Chair Faith Raiguel, Heather Companiott, director of the Idyllwild Arts' Summer Program Adult Arts Center and Native American Arts Program, and Gerald Clarke, consultant for the Native American Arts Festival and Visual Arts department chair, represented the school.

The tribe presented the school with the YAWA Award in the category of Special Projects. The word YAWA has special significance in the tribe's language and means "a smile, a hearty handshake and a call to manifest one's beliefs through action."

"To be recognized by my peers in the tribal community is especially meaningful to me and I humbly thank you for this award," Clarke said in accepting the exquisite glass award. Clarke is a member of the Cahuilla Band of Indians and serves on the tribal council as vice-chairman.

Guest artists Aldo and Judith Mancinelli will perform recital April 5

The celebrated husband and wife piano duo, Aldo and Judith Mancinelli, will perform a special recital 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, in Stephens Recital Hall and the public is invited. This is a rare treat to have these two internationally acclaimed artists perform here in our community.

Since his debut at age 11, Aldo has performed nearly 1,000 concerts throughout the world and was the first American to win the prestigious Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition. Judith Mancinelli, a

member of the Millikin University piano faculty since 1980, is known equally as a recitalist, accompanist, and chamber musician.

Architect carries on the legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright

The Idyllwild Arts' Sustainability Lecture Series continues with the presentation of Eric Lloyd Wright, architect and grandson of the renowned architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

The subject of Eric Wright's lecture, which is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, April 12, will be sustainable architecture. Following his talk, an informal reception will convene in the Fireside Room.

As an apprentice to his grandfather at Taliesin and Taliesin West, Wright worked on several notable projects alongside his famous grandfather, including the Guggenheim Museum in New York. After returning to the West Coast, he worked with his father Lloyd Wright, also an architect. The Wright family dynasty is alive and well with a third generation of innovative architecture.

As principal and founder of Eric Lloyd Wright & Associates, his focus is on the evolution of organic architecture and green building design. His design philosophy is rooted in the integration of ecology, social responsibility and beauty.

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Thursday, April 11th

Ken Young began performing in 1978 to inspire his students to learn about art history. He developed performances for many artists, including Rembrandt, Renoir, Degas and Picasso. He has offered several of his presentations to the Idyllwild community during the past few years. Unfortunately for us, Ken will be retiring after this performance. Refreshments will be provided by ICRC at 5 pm just before the program begins at 5:30.

by **KEN YOUNG**

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Casey Abrams will play at 2013 Jazz Festival

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The 20th Jazz in the Pines will feature Idyllwild's Casey Abrams on Sunday, Aug. 18. Abrams returns to his Idyllwild home and will perform in the Holmes Amphitheatre at noon, according to Jazz Chair Marsha Lytle.

The two-day jazz festival's schedule is nearly complete. Besides Abrams on Sunday, Izzy Chait and then the Amina Figarova Sextet will entertain the audience on the Amphitheatre's grassy slope.

Chait is a jazz vocalist, whose professional career began in the 1960s during his stint in the Marines. Then it was interrupted for 25 years as he developed his antique and auctioneer business. In 2001, he released his first album and now appears throughout Southern California belting out the classic jazz standards such as "All Of Me," "Blues In The Night," "All The Way" and Gershwin's songs.

The Amina Figarova Sextet will bring international jazz to the amphitheatre. Amina was born and raised in Baku, Azerbaijan, and her husband, Bart, a flutist, is from Belgium. They treat the audience to jazz's international feel, which they have shared with jazz fans at Newport, New Orleans, and New York,



Casey Abrams

FILE PHOTO



Denise Donatelli

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where they now reside.

Figarova is a pianist and composer of many jazz pieces.

Closing the festival and the amphitheatre will be San Diego's Euphoria Brass Band, which is only two years old. They combine New Orleans tradition with West Coast attitude. It's an eight-piece band with horns, percussion and reeds.

On Saturday, Harvey Mason's Chameleon Project takes the main stage. Mason, the original and current drummer in Fourplay, brings Chameleon to Idyllwild with Jimmy Haslip on bass, Patrice Rushen on keys, Bill Summers on percussion and one the best contemporary jazz saxophonists Azar Lawrence, who has been in Idyllwild before.

"We're definitely not stuck in a bebop or the smooth jazz zone," Mason says, then adds with a laugh, "The audiences come and don't know what they're going to hear but they've come to trust me."

On Saturday, vocalist Diane Schuur appears before Chameleon and the John Daversa Sextet follow.

Back for the third year will be guitarist Ray Goren and his band. Goren was only an 11-year-old when he first appeared in the Holmes Amphitheatre with the Deacon Jones Blues in 2011. Last year, he returned with his own quartet.

Both the Barn and the French Quarter will be filled with familiar



Trio Hot Club with Don Reed and Bill Saitta.

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Ray Goren picks the blues with members of his quartet.

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sounds and some new additions. Denise Donatelli and Clayton Cameron will return in 2013. Locals Rocky Zharp, Chuck Alvarez and Change Required will again fill the French Quarter and bring the dancers to the front.

Tickets for the festival can be purchased online. Through May, there are special prices.

Either go to Town Crier website, select Marketplace and then Jazz in the Pine tickets from the dropdown window or go directly at idyllwildtowncrier.com/jazz-in-the-pines-tickets.

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Percussionist Clayton Cameron

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Speaker

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unannounced, Young showed up in class in full costume as Vincent Van Gogh. Young talked, as if he were Van Gogh, about his loneliness and isolation and how that played out in and influenced his art. At the end of the class, his students stood and applauded. Young knew he was on to something valuable both in the classroom and later, after he retired as a teacher, on the road as a performance artist.

Audiences will find Seurat at an interesting subject — an iconoclast — who devised a new way of painting, combining science and art. The Paris art establishment initially shunned him because of these nontraditional methods, use of working class subjects and his inclination to paint on overly large canvases. But especially it was his belief and method of combining



Seurat as a young man.

ARCHIVAL PHOTO

At left, art educator and ICRC speaker Ken Young as Georges Seurat.

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science and art that contemporaries found off-putting. Other artists nicknamed him, in a not flattering way,

as the “mad scientist.”

Seurat’s early, somewhat mysterious death, at the age of 31, was followed shortly

thereafter by the death of his wife and young son, probably from the same illness. Much of his life remains unknown.

Perhaps his best known work, in the permanent collection of the Art Institute of Chicago, is “A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte.” This pointillist masterpiece shows members of a disparate mix of social classes mingling on a sunny summer afternoon at a popular Parisian gathering place.

The painting was the inspiration for Stephen Sondheim’s musical “Sunday in the Park with George,” that had successful runs in London and on Broadway. Sondheim’s lyrics have Georges constantly referring to the importance of “science and art,” as his way of working and his muse.

Seurat was dedicated to proving that a painter could

use color to create harmony and emotion in much the same way as a musician uses counterpoint and variations to create harmony in music. He believed that application of optical laws could be used to create a new language of art. Seurat once wrote, “Art is harmony. Harmony is the analogy of the contrary and of similar elements of tone, of color and of line, considered according to their dominance and under the influence of light, in gay, calm or sad combinations.

Although not universally admired within the Paris art salons, Seurat had his followers. One, Paul Signac, wrote of him, “He surveyed the scene and had made these very important contributions: his black and white, his harmony of lines, his composition, his contrast and harmony of color, even his frames. What more can you ask of a painter?”

San Bernardino National Forest announces new deputy forest supervisor

John Exline has been selected as the new deputy Forest Supervisor of the San Bernardino National Forest. He is currently the district ranger for the Hume Lake District of the Sequoia National Forest/Giant Sequoia National Monument in Dunlap, Calif.

“John’s extensive 32-year career in the Forest Service and his experience in California make him a great addition to the San Bernardino National Forest,” Forest Supervisor Jody Noiron said. “He has significant experi-

ence in forestry, fire and all Forest Service programs, and has a proven track record working with communities in California. We are pleased to welcome John to the forest.”

Exline, 55, received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in biology from Lycoming College in Williamsport, Penn., in 1979 and a master’s degree in Forest Resource Management from Duke University in 1980.

Exline began his Forest Service career in January of 1981 in the Sequoia National

Forest, working in timber management. He then did a stint as a firefighter on the Redding Hotshot crew before returning to timber management, a field that Exline has worked in for several years in the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.

In May 2001, Exline returned to the Sequoia National Forest as a district

ranger for the Hume Lake Ranger District, the position he has served in for the last 11 years. Exline has also served as acting Forest Supervisor for the Lassen National Forest as well as the Sierra National Forest.

John is married to Sue, who is currently the District Ranger for the Ojai Ranger District on the Los Padres


National Forest. They have two children, Erin, who recently graduated from California Lutheran University, and Brian, who is a freshman at Saint Mary’s College.

Exline reported for duty on March 24. He fills in behind former Deputy Supervisor Thomas F. Gillett, who retired in January.



John Exline, new deputy supervisor of the San Bernardino National Forest.

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The Idyllwild Master Chorale sings Mozart during its Spring Concert. At left, Conductor **Dwight "Buzz" Holmes** leads the choir as they sing "Mostly Mozart" during the first half of the performance Saturday at Idyllwild Arts.

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Wines of Paso Robles

BY CARLOS MUNOZ
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WINE SOMMELIER

For all of you fun loving, wine tasting, cork popping, adventure seeking wine enthusiasts, and Book Reading Educated Wino's (BREW), here's a little guide to the wines of Paso Robles — our neighbor along the Central Coast region of California.

Located in the county of San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles is home to one of the oldest wine growing regions in California. Grapes have been harvested there since circa 1797, and they haven't stopped since.

Today, Paso Robles has its own designated American Viticulture Area, established in 1983, with 666,620 acres of land. Home to more than 170 different wineries, this AVA has become a major player in the California wine industry.

Every year, because of its seasonably warm climate that has little to no coastal winds or marine fog penetration, the AVA produces several award-winning wines. For a vineyard owner, that means an additional

500-1,000 "degree days" of growing time for grapes to fully mature and ripen. This helps to make Paso Robles red wine country, especially for zinfandel and Rhone varieties of wine styles.

If you're ready to venture off the mountain and escape to this beautiful wine country, plan your route along the coast just north of Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. Enjoy the views and cool breezes of the Pacific Ocean along Highway 101, and in about 6 hours you'll find yourself in the middle of Paso Robles. You'll find a great selection of hotels, B&B's, and other accommodations to enjoy. But, most importantly, you'll find a variety of wine trails to explore, wineries to tour, and exceptional wines to taste!

Highway 101 divides Paso Robles to form an Eastside and Westside. Both have several different wine trails to enjoy. To the west, be sure to explore the tree lined, winding trail of Vineyard Drive. There you can visit Opolo Vineyards and taste some excellent sangiovese, zinfandel, and pinot noir wines. There's even a B&B

onsite. Also, along Vineyard Drive, you'll find the rustic Thacher Winery. Here you'll enjoy some wonderful red blends like the Rhone style grenache-syrah-mourvedre (GSM).

Also, on the westside, follow the Highway 46 West trail and visit Peachy Canyon. There you can enjoy a wonderful zinfandel while relaxing in their picnic area with a little cheese and fruit. Or, visit the oldest winery in Paso Robles, Rotta Vineyards. In operation since 1908, the original family descendants still run the winery and have many stories to share with you.

To the east of Highway 101, you can follow Highway 46 East and visit wonderful

wineries like Eberle Winery. There, be sure to take the wine cave tour just before tasting some excellent syrahs and other big reds. Be sure to visit Robert Hall Winery to experience a state of the art winery known for their estate vineyards of both Rhone and traditional style wines.

Not far from Eberle and Robert Hall, in the back roads of the Hidden Wineries Eastside trail, you'll find Cass Vineyards. As you enter the grounds near their tasting room and delicious Cass Café, you are greeted by a whimsical weathervane in the form of a flying nymph holding a glass of wine. Let this set the stage for another wonderful winery experience

as you enjoy their selection of estate grown Rhone varietals.

Don't forget to explore the many tasting rooms and wine bars located within the downtown area of Paso Robles. All have much to offer and may be near that nice hotel that you booked for your stay.

By now, you are probably envisioning yourself relaxing amongst one of these many vineyards enjoying the moment. But, maybe you're not able to get away just yet.

You can still enjoy many

of these wines right here on the Hill. The Idyllwild Wine Shoppe Bistro carries wines from Robert Hall, Thacher, Cass, Peachy Canyon, Powell Mountain and Opolo.

On Tuesday, April 9, there will be a wine tasting event featuring wines from Opolo Vineyards. You'll have an opportunity to taste their wines which may include: albarino, merlot, petite syrah, mountain zinfandel, cabernet sauvignon and sangiovese. Tasting time starts at 6:30 p.m., so mark your calendars.

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Hill children revel in Easter fun



On Easter Sunday the children were both focused and excited during the mad rush for eggs at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the American Legion.



Young Evelyn Teel discovers the goodies hidden inside her Easter eggs at the Annual Easter Egg hunt held Sunday at the American Legion.



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Worshippers gather for the Easter sunrise service at Inspiration Point, an Idyllwild tradition. PHOTO BY TERRY RICHARDSON

The Easter Bunny made an appearance at the ICC site during the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning.



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Jackie Franks (left) helps youngsters make Easter bunny picture frames during the Spring Festival at Town Hall Saturday. PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Kids and adults took the opportunity to have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny.

Steele recovers at Shell Open

By JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

One week after his first missed cut of the season, Brendan Steele was back in the money. Last week at the Shell Houston Open in Humble, Texas, his five-under-par 70-71-71-71 — 283 was enough to tie for 38th place and \$25,420 in official earnings.

The native Idyllwilder hit 75 percent of the greens in regulation, compared to the tournament field average of 70 percent, but his proximity to the hole was a foot longer and his putting average of 1.87 per hole for the tournament was a bit above the tournament field average and his own average for the season.

With the 2013 season already more than one-third over, Steele now has \$336,115 in official earnings. This is likely most of what he will need to finish this shortened season in the top-125 and earn his PGA Tour playing privileges for next year.

Steele also earned 30 more FedEx points last week, giving him a total of 239 for this season, probably about two-thirds of what he will need to earn next season's card via that alternative route.

This week Steele will return to the site of his 2011 victory on the PGA Tour when he plays in the \$6.2 million Valero Texas Open on the TPC San Antonio course in San Antonio. The winner's share in that tournament will be more than \$1.1 million.

Strange but true

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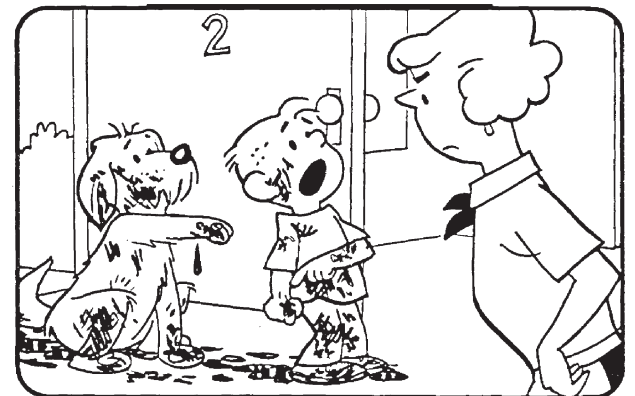
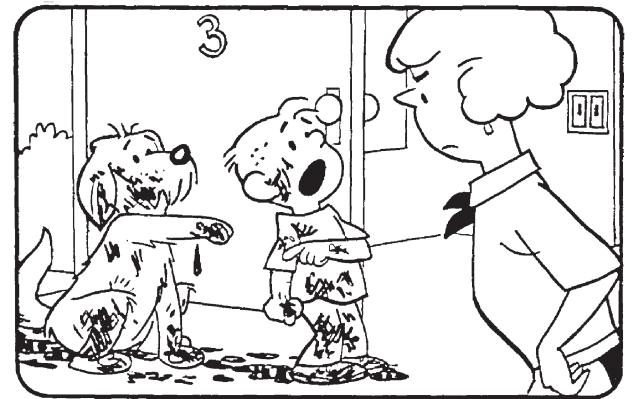
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Maytag side-by-side with water & ice in the door. White, in decent shape. \$50. (951) 659-1038. First one takes it!

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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
(Puzzle on next page)

Classifieds

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For Rent or Lease

Idyllwild Property Management
54960 Pine Crest Ave. Ste. 1
Office: (951) 659-4200
Fax: (951) 659-4206
Check out our website:
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25860 Shady View
Secluded two story 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA home in Fern Valley w/new carpet & paint. Lg. 2-car garage. Very private on cul-de-sac. \$1450/mo.

53405 Middle Ridge
Essence of Idyllwild house 1 BR, 1 BA, river rock FP, FA heating w/double pane windows, wood storage shed & 2 decks. Must see. \$800/mo.

52171 Acorn
Pine Cove cabin w/2 BR, 1 BA. Laundry & FP w/lg. yard & deck. \$850/mo.

26141 Hemstreet
Outstanding home in Fern Valley w/3 BR, 2 BA, 2-story & 2-car attached garage. Avail. soon. \$1300/mo.

26020 Hemstreet
Architect designed home w/ over 2400 sq. ft. Two story 4 BR, 3 BA w/decks & a 3-car detached garage w/guest quarters. Avail. April. \$1600/mo.

For Rent or Lease

Cabin for Rent: 2 BR, 2 BA. Located on 1.2 acres. Very private with view of the mountains. More info & pics at www.wouf.org. \$995/mo. (714) 307-4478.

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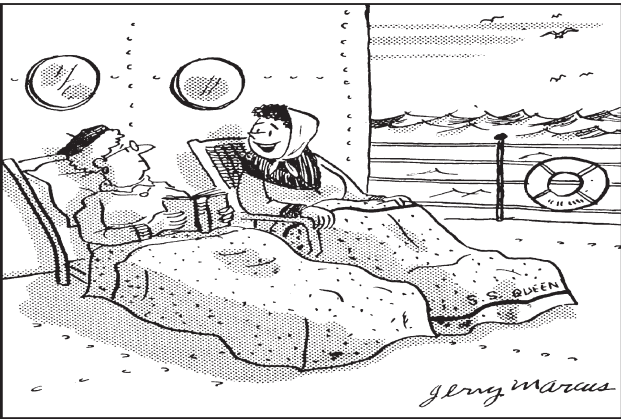
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SUDOKU

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CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**

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4 One of the Seven Dwarfs
7 Campus area, for short
11 Baghdad's nation
13 Gorilla
14 Cold War country (Abbr.)
15 List of options
16 — canto
17 Simple
18 Avid
20 Result of overspending
22 Piglet's mama
24 Mideastern marketplace
28 Donder's yokemate
- 32 Cut in two
33 Places
34 Rock band, — Leppard
36 Symbol of craziness
37 Know like —
39 Drop
41 Easter chapeau
43 Menagerie
44 "— Breckinridge"
46 Rudimentary
50 Midwestern state
53 One's years
55 — list
56 Burn somewhat
57 Poolroom stick
58 Calm before the storm
59 Part of NYC
- 60 Barbie's companion
61 Pod occupant

DOWN

1 Citrus fruit
2 Vicinity
3 Gunshot sound
4 Touch lightly
5 Newspaper page
6 Star, for short
7 Chief Aztec god
8 14-Across' foe
9 Fool
10 Parched
12 It shares a key with the slash
19 Cartoonist
21 "Humbug!"
23 Marry
- 25 Lotion additive
26 Shakespeare's river
27 Tear in two
28 Spill the beans
29 Timber wolf
30 PC picture
31 Actor Beatty
35 Tasseled hat
38 Crucial
40 Weep loudly
42 — and field
45 Chills and fever
47 Campbell's product
48 Not working
49 Soda flavor
50 Frigid
51 Discoverer's cry
52 Kids' card game
54 Still, in verse

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little woolgathering is OK. But don't let that dreamy state linger beyond midweek, when you'll want to be ready to take on new workplace responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Love rules the week for single Bovines seeking romance. Attached pairs also find new joy in their relationships. Friday should bring news about a business opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home becomes the center of a new social whirl, as you show your talent for hosting great parties. You can expect to impress a lot of people who've never seen this side of you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child might have to raise those powers of persuasion a notch to get a still-wary colleague to agree to go along. Finding more facts to back up your position helps.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Hold off trying to fix the blame for an apparent mishandling of a work situation. A full investigation could reveal surprising facts on how and why it really happened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your ability to find details others might overlook gives you an advantage in assessing a possibly too-good-to-be-true offer. A trusted colleague has advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to be called on once again to act as peace-

maker in a long-simmering dispute that suddenly flares up. Offer advice, but be careful to stay out of the fray.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your organizational skills help you line up your priorities so that you get things done without added pressure. The weekend could hold a special surprise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) New ventures are favored. But don't launch yours before rechecking all facts and sources. Also, be sure you can rely on support from certain people.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't be pushed into renegotiating an agreement, even though it might help avoid a potential impasse. Get legal advice before you sign or agree to anything.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Helping others is what Aquarians do so well. But this time, someone wants to help you. Expect to hear some news that will both surprise and delight you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things go so swimmingly that you're tempted to take on more tasks. Best advice: Finish what you have now, then enjoy a well-earned relaxing weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your understanding of human nature helps you make wise decisions that are appreciated by all. You would make a fine judge.

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Capital gains and losses

Capital gains and losses are areas that offer great tax planning opportunities, since in many situations, you control when the gains and losses will be realized.

Many taxpayers have incurred losses on stocks and mutual funds and selling them now can allow them to realize the loss and reduce their tax liability. Capital losses can be currently deducted to the extent of capital gains plus \$3,000.

Any nondeductible losses are carried over to future years.

Sometimes taxpayers will want to maintain their investment in a stock or mutual fund while taking a

tax loss when their values are down. This can be done by selling the investments and waiting 31 days before repurchasing them again.

An alternate strategy for those wanting to stay invested is to sell the stock or fund and immediately buy a similar stock or fund, e.g., sell Exxon and buy Chevron.

Capital gains are generally taxed at lower rates of 0 percent to the extent that the taxpayer is in the 10 percent and 15 percent brackets and for 15 percent for income falling into the higher brackets.

However, special rates apply to recapture of depreciation when selling business or rental assets

and collectibles. You will want to discuss situations involving these with a tax professional.

Bad debt rules are often misunderstood. Business bad debts are reported on Schedule C and must arise from cash actually loaned out or amounts previously included in income. Nonpayment of expected income does not qualify.

Nonbusiness bad debts

TAX TIPS

By STEPHEN T. PEPLER, EA, CFP



are reported as short-term capital losses and may be deducted only in the year that they become worthless. There are steps you must take to establish the worthlessness

of the obligation and documentation that should be attached to your tax return.

An important tax benefit we can receive is that when appreciated assets are inherited, the cost ba-

sis is adjusted to the fair market value at the date of death.

If an asset has gone up in value this results in a step-up in cost basis. When one of two joint owners dies, his or her half of the asset receives a step-up in cost basis. Many married taxpayers hold title to assets as community property, since when one spouse passes on, the property receives a 100 percent step-up in cost basis.

Sometimes when a person has a terminal illness they will gift their residence or other property to relatives to simplify their affairs. To do so can create a large future income tax liability for the heirs,

since the tax benefit of a step-up in cost basis will be lost. A living trust is one way title can be passed on without probate while still preserving the step-up in cost basis.

Installment sales allow the taxpayer to report the gain over several years, often resulting in less tax paid since a greater portion falls into the lower tax brackets. The gross profit percentage is calculated the initial year and applied to principal payments in subsequent years.

When depreciation is recaptured as ordinary income, it must be recognized in the year of sale, regardless of what, if any

See [Tax tips, page 22](#)

Public Notices

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Every day throughout the United States, newspapers publish thousands of public notices about events, conditions or actions that affect countless individuals, families, neighborhoods and businesses. Public notices cover many topics, including business matters, liquor licensing, public auctions and sales, estates, zoning, public meetings, bids to sell goods and services to the government, local government finances and state and local elections. Public notice is a fundamental component of our system of representative democracy, which depends upon the participation of educated, responsible citizens.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MESSINA WATER SERVICE, 54610 Jameson Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 4037, Idyllwild, CA 92549. DANIEL — MESSINA, 54610 Jameson Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on March 14, 2005.

Signed:
DANIEL MESSINA
Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 4, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-02220

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

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

Pub. TC: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CAMP IDYLLWILD, 54480 Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 74, Idyllwild, CA 92549. NORMA LEA MILLER, 54480 Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in 2008.

Signed:
NORMA LEA MILLER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 11, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-02561

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: R. Huerta, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD CHEVRON, IDYLLWILD GARAGE, 25015 Hwy 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 567, Idyllwild, CA 92549. IDY-GAR CORP. 25015 Hwy 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549, a California Corporation, CA 2016819.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in 2008.

Signed:
STEVE ALAN FRIEMOTH
CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 18, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-02887

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: R. Huerta, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as TAHQUITZ TRAVEL, IDYLLWILD TRAVEL, 24600 Mountain Avenue, Sp. 10, Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 427, Idyllwild, CA 92549-0427. ROBERT LAWRENCE LIPPERT, 24600 Mountain Avenue, Sp. 10, Hemet, CA 92544.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Dec. 15, 2012.

Signed:
ROBERT L. LIPPERT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 18, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-02895
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By: M. Llaneras, Deputy

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as STRINGFELLOW INSTRUMENTS, STRINGS WITH WINGS, 53150 Doubleview Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3222, Idyllwild, CA 92549. CHRISTOPHER JAMES TOTA, 53150 Doubleview 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:
CHRISTOPHER TOTA
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 19, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-02989

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: C. Berg, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2013.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

I, Corazon De La Cruz, hereby declare and publish this public notice regarding the writing of the Living Trust, Last Will and Testament of the Testatrix and my acceptance of my appointment as the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE [or EXECUTRIX] for the CORAZON DE LA CRUZ@[sic]. Estate whose expressed Will is that I revoke all other wills and codicils, powers of attorney of any every type, kind or nature heretofore made by or for the testatrix; no one other than those identified within the Living Trust, Last Will and Testament of the testatrix has the authority to speak or make decisions in regard to this estate. Anyone believing otherwise is hereby fired. That I have been granted power of attorney in fact to act in all commercial affairs and as such I am the superior claimant to right and the holder in due course of a duly perfected secured claim of title, lien, rights, and other interests that confers priority under UCC § 9-333, in peaceable possession with preservation of interest (Civil Code § 880.020) and to whom all communications must be served upon in regards to all property: (1) UCC 1-107-7105574703 201209278338129 •UCC 9334 (2) SSN:554 59 XXXX (3) Certificate of Naturalization 13841675 (4) Passport No. 037866290; (5) and other Doc No(s): •HEDO14878 •D262309. [Black's law dictionary, Revised 4th, Edition, Page 485, Executor de son tort; "of his own wrong. A stranger who takes upon him to act as an executor of his own wrong" and for the Criminal trespass including but not limited to a breach of lien and rescue is a felony and may be prosecuted under Title 18 USC §§ 241, 242 and 1346 and Title 42 USC 1983-1988. All Rights Reserved UCC 1-308.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as RJM SERVICES, 67155 Ontina Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. RUSSELL JOHN MYERS, 67155 Ontina Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234.

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

Signed:
RUSSELL JOHN MYERS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 19, 2013.

FILE NO.:
I-2013-00755

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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: A. Chavez, Deputy

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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ESTHER JUN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 25, 2013.

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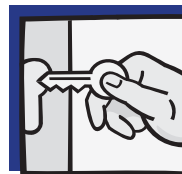
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Fire & forest

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fires burned across New South Wales, scorching over 500 square miles. Fires in Tasmania destroyed over 300 square miles.

Most significant was the background temperature. The Australian Bureau of Meteorology declared recently that this past season was the hottest summer on record. On Jan. 7 of this year, the average maximum for the country was 105 degrees Fahrenheit, which beat the old record of 104 set in 1972. Average temperature for the summer, comprising day and night temperatures, came in at 83 degrees Fahrenheit, beating the old record from 1997-1998.

"One might say this is the largest heat event in the country's recorded history," said David Jones, manager of climate monitoring prediction at the Bureau of Meteorology.

The Australian Climate Commission, a body formed to provide independent views on climate change, issued a report entitled, "The Angry Summer," and which states that temperature records were set in every state and territory, and that "no previous event has resulted in so many temperature records." The report indicates at least 123 temperature records fell during the summer.

Adding insult to injury, but consistent with the physics of warming temperatures, the east coast received record rainfall not long after the worst of the fires in January. In late January, 11 all-time records were set for daily rainfall in Queensland and New South Wales, causing billions of dollars in damage.

Climate scientists in general have been very cautious about linking particular weather events with climate change, but Australian researchers seemed generally agreed that significant change has taken place.

"I think one of the best ways of thinking about it is imagining that the base line has shifted," Tim Flannery, the commission's leader, told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. "If an athlete takes steroids, for example, their base line shifts. They'll do fewer slow times and many more record-breaking fast times."

"The same thing is happening with our climate system," he said. "As it warms up, we're getting fewer cold days and cold events and many more record hot events."

Some were very blunt. Elizabeth Hanna, a researcher at the Australian National University in Canberra, told The Sydney Morning Herald, "We are well past the time of niceties, of avoiding the dire nature of what is unfolding, and politely trying not to scare the public."

I don't think we should be scared, but we would be foolish to ignore what happened in Australia during their summer.

A large section of our West is in drought, snowpacks are down, and the predictions are not optimistic. Policy changes that would affect this change are beyond our local control of course, but planning for persistent threat from fire is not — that we can do something about.

Tax tips

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money is received. Special rules apply to sales involving related parties that can trigger early recognition of the total gain if the property is resold within two years.

Some taxpayers have incurred losses in their variable annuities after the financial crisis. If the annuity is surrendered, a loss is incurred.

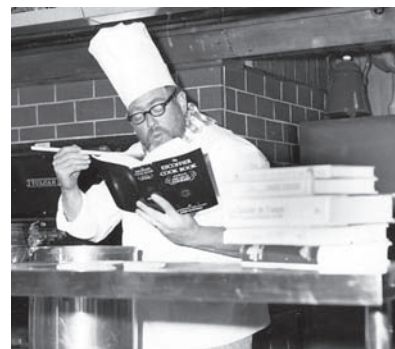
However, this is not a capital loss since annui-

ties are not capital assets. Reporting of the loss is currently an area open to interpretation. The IRS thinks the loss should be reported as a miscellaneous deduction on Schedule A for itemized deductions and subject to the 2 percent of adjusted gross income threshold.

There has been a tax court case where the loss on an annuity was determined to be an ordinary loss. Ordinary loss treatment is normally much more favorable to the taxpayer.

Before

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Warren Jacober,
Idyllwild's Chef in the Forest

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and comments. He has, however, decided to open the restaurant anyway."

For 29 short months "The Chef" was the place to eat in Idyllwild. European ambience, featuring tall-candled tables and live piano music ranging from classical to ragtime, was punctuated periodically by Jacober's bursting into song, solo or with wait staff. He rang a gong to announce friends.

His bushy beard and trademark starched white jacket, red-and-white checked napkin knotted around the neck, and red beret became a familiar sight around town. He organized his staff, wife Joyce, and six children to form a marching band in the 4th of July parade, led by a street-wide "No Ketchup" banner.

A small, weekly, tongue-in-cheek Town Crier ad bore a half-dozen cockeyed one-liners subtitled the restaurant name ("The Equal Opportunity Gourmatorium ... The Only Full-bearded Restaurant in Idyllwild ... The Restaurant They Couldn't Close"); offering come-ons ("ENJOY OUR MISSING JUKEBOX ... SEE OUR DANCING WATER CLOSET ... OUR BUSBOYS BELONG TO MENSA ... WATCH FOR (3RD ANNUAL) GRAND OPENING"); trumpeting the menu ("GENUINE NEW YORK PIZZA (WE FINANCE) ... MUTHA'S DAY DIN-DIN YUM ... HOT DRINKS FOR COLD TOESIES ... CHOCOLATE BUMPER STICKERS YUM"); or just nonsense ("PLASTIC PLANTS ARE FOREVER ... BLEEBER & FLONGOTZ THWOCK"). They invariably closed with "NO KETCHUP" or an occasional variant like "KETCHUP FOR PHILISTINES."

Where did this guy come from? A New York City native, raised in an affluent Westchester family, he actually worked his way through Middlebury College in the early 1940s before reaching draft age. He learned to cook in the army and took culinary training in Belgium before apprenticing at high-end New York restaurants such as the Four Seasons.

Meanwhile, Jacober cultivated a flair for theatrics. He acted in college and on TV in Buffalo, N.Y. In TV's early days he directed shows, including the 1940s the comedy quiz "It Pays To Be Ignorant," and was a writer and producer for Fred Allen and Kate Smith.

Then he abruptly headed for the rural West, first landing as cook at tiny, exclusive, unconventional Deep Springs College, isolated among desert mountains on the Nevada-California border. A short time later he was cooking at a Mammoth Mountain resort, when ski-vacationing teachers from Idyllwild met and recruited him to run the food service at Desert Sun School.

But Warren Jacober really needed his own restaurant.

As Chef in the Forest attracted Idyllwild visitors, his fame spread. He became a pioneer TV chef with a weekly gig in San Diego. He appeared on Gypsy Rose Lee's San Francisco talk show demonstrating cream of peanut soup.

Alas, returning from San Diego with Joyce and three of their children one July evening in 1968, the friend driving his camper truck became distracted, lost control, and struck a power pole. All aboard survived, except Warren Jacober, dead at the age of 41.

Joyce Jacober tried to keep the restaurant going, but after six months relinquished it to the Chart House chain. Thus ended a disappointingly brief chapter in Idyllwild's history.

Bob Smith is a researcher and archivist with the Idyllwild Area Historical Society. He welcomes comments, questions, corrections, and suggested topics for this column at rbsmith9@greencafe.com.

CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

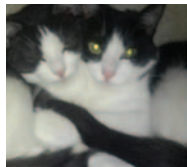
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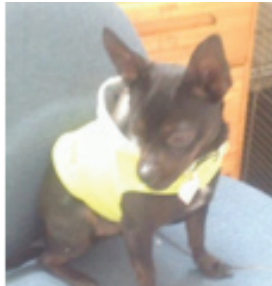


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60 years ago - 1953

Nearly 30 members had signed up for the newly organized Rifle and Pistol Club sponsored by the American Legion Post 800.

55 years ago - 1958

The Sikkings were about to open their new shop called The Grey Squirrel, featuring ceramics made in their studio.

50 years ago - 1963

The biggest social event of the season was the opening of the Tirol Restaurant. Two hundred guests were present for the event.

45 years ago - 1968

Idyllwild real estate brokers agreed not to post "For Sale" signs on property they were handling.

40 years ago - 1973

The Fern Valley Corners Restaurant offered a breakfast of three buttermilk hotcakes and two eggs for 69 cents.

35 years ago - 1978

Traces of bubonic plague were found in the Dark Canyon campground. The area

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30 years ago - 1983

The Easter Bunny would be the grand marshal of the Idyllwild Easter Parade sponsored by the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce.

25 years ago - 1988

An unusually warm and dry winter prompted fire officials to open fire season 45 days early.

20 years ago - 1993

A snowstorm interrupted work on the Strawberry Creek Bridge replacement project.

15 years ago - 1998

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10 years ago - 2003

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A Chef in the Forest ad published in the Town Crier April 1, 1966. Read more about the role the restaurant played in Idyllwild's history in Robert Smith's column on page 7.

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5 years ago - 2008

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1 year ago - 2012

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SADIE'S CLINIC

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Friday, April 5

659-1122 #2

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR MORE COMPLETE EXAMS!

HEARTWORM PREVENTION IS A YEAR-ROUND RESPONSIBILITY
TEST YOUR DOG
MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO REMEMBER ONE PILL A MONTH
AVAILABLE AT COST AFTER TESTING AT THE CLINIC
RESULTS IN 10 MINUTES

Roscoe

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There are also some excellent temporary storage systems out there if you are able considering sheltering-in-place for a forecasted disaster such as a hurricane. There is a "bag" that you can put into your bathtub and fill it from the faucet that holds up to 100 gallons.

While water does not expire, it can pick up the taste of the plastic or the containers that it is stored in. Also, if the water is not stored properly, in a cool area out of direct sunlight, it can develop algae and bacteria growth.

You should have some disinfecting tablets or drops on hand in case your water source should become contaminated, or you are not sure if it has become contaminated. You can also use basic household bleach, not the scented kind, as a disinfecting agent — only a few drops are needed.

You may also need to use a disinfecting agent for storing your water in large quantities, like the 55-gallon barrels. Boiling water for disinfecting is also an option but only if you have planned for a fuel source to do so in the case of a disaster.

Water filters can also be considered if they are rated to filter out the contaminants that could be found in the water that you may plan on using. Water filters may also

have limiting factors such as how much and how fast you can filter water.

It is important to know some other sources of water in the time of disaster. You should learn how to safely drain the water from your pipes and the hot water heater tank in your house. What other water sources might you have? Rain barrels? Solar panels for hot water?

Please keep in mind that this article is not meant to be an all-inclusive information source for water needs during a time of disaster. Rather, it is meant to get you thinking and encourage you to not only prepare but further research what you need to do to be properly prepared in the case of a disaster.

Coming up, we will discuss food, power, fuel, and even pets.

Get involved!

Here are some additional resources to consider:

- Mountain Disaster Preparedness, or MDP.
- Community Emergency Response Team or CERT
- American Red Cross (www.redcross.org/)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (www.fema.gov/)

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As always, I welcome your comments and questions. Please feel free to contact me care of the Town Crier or chief@idyllwildfire.com.

I've got some smells to sniff ...

Remember to play it safe in all that you do!



Pierce Ethan Pramuka is posing with the Idyllwild Town Crier, **Howard Dutton** (Pierce's great-grand-pappy), and a 25-pound catfish. This huge blue cat was caught via trotline on the Tuscaloosa River in Northport, Ala. "Later that day, it was deep fried and served up with hushpuppies. It was delicious!" wrote **Mika Pramuka**.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAELA "MIKA" PRAMUKA

TOWN HALL Idyllwild Recreation District

SCHEDULE

After School Open Recreation Monday-Friday

Kindergarten 12:30-3:30 p.m.;

1st-8th Grade 2:45-5:30 p.m.

Bus Passes available at
Idyllwild School office.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Forest Folk Pot Luck & Movie Night

"As Good As It Gets"

Thursday, April 4, at 5:30 p.m.

Mission San Juan Capistrano

Adult excursion to Mission San Juan
Capistrano! \$10 per person.

Space Limited.

Wednesday, April 17

CLASSES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN:

\$10 per class. Space still available.

MONDAY: 11 a.m.-Noon
Adult Yoga with Trine

TUESDAY: 10 a.m.-Noon
Free Senior Wii

WEDNESDAY: 9-10 a.m.
Adult Yoga with Trine
4-5 p.m.
Kids Movement with Wendy

FRIDAY: 11 a.m.-Noon
Adult Yoga with Trine
2:30-3:30 p.m.
Krafty Kids Art Class
with Wendy Watts

Town Hall is now accepting resumes for a
contractor to serve as sports coordinator.

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659-2638

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in Idyllwild. Also, all you off the Hill folks who have
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